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#### **Preface**

With Docker, containers are becoming mainstream and enterprises are ready to use them in production. This book is specially designed to help you get up to speed with Docker and give you the confidence to use it in production. This book also covers Docker use cases, orchestration, clustering, hosting platforms, security, and performance, which will help you understand the different aspects of production deployment.

With step-by-step instructions to practical and applicable recipes, *Docker Cookbook* will not only help you with the current version of Docker (18.06), but with the accompanying text, it will provide you with conceptual information to cope with the minor changes in future versions.

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#### Who this book is for

This book targets developers, system administrators, and DevOps engineers who want to use Docker in their development, QA, or production environments.

#### What this book covers

chapter 1, *Introduction and Installation*, compares containers with bare metal and virtual machines. It helps you understand Linux kernel features, that enable containerization; finally, we'll take a look at installation recipes.

chapter 2, Working with Docker Containers, explains the different operations you can perform with containers, such as starting, stopping, listing, and deleting.

chapter 3, *Working with Docker Images*, introduces you to Docker Hub and shows you how to share images through Docker Hub and how to host your own Docker registry. It will also show you the different ways to build your own image, along with a few Docker image housekeeping operations.

chapter 4, *Network and Data Management for Containers* teaches you how to access the container from the outside world, share external storage within the container, communicate with containers running on other hosts, and more.

**Chapter** 5, *Docker Use Cases*, explains most of the Docker use cases, such as using Docker for testing, CI/CD, and setting up a PaaS.

chapter 6, *Docker APIs and Language Bindings*, dives deep into the Docker API and shows how to work with Docker using the RESTful API and SDK. The curl command that ships with Ubuntu 18.04 has a bug; so, for this chapter, we are using Ubuntu 16.04 and Docker version 17.03.

chapter 7, *Docker Performance*, explains the approach one can follow to compare the performance of containers with bare metal and VMs. It also covers monitoring tools.

chapter 8, *Docker Orchestration and Hosting Platforms*, provides an introduction to Docker Compose and Swarm, and then we take a look at using Kubernetes for Docker Orchestration.

chapter 9, *Docker Security*, explains general security guidelines, SELinux for mandatory access controls, and other security features such as changing capabilities and sharing namespaces.

chapter 10, Getting Help and Tips and Tricks, provides tips and tricks and resources to help you in things related to Docker administration and development.

Chapter 11, *Docker on Cloud*, provides an introduction to Docker for AWS and Azure, along with how to install and deploy an application.

# To get the most out of this book

It is expected that the reader should have basic Linux/Unix skills, such as installing packages, editing files, and managing services.

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#### **Sections**

In this book, you will find several headings that appear frequently (*Getting ready*, *How to do it...*, *How it works...*, *There's more...*, and *See also*).

To give clear instructions on how to complete a recipe, use these sections as follows:

# **Getting ready**

This section tells you what to expect in the recipe and describes how to set up any software or any preliminary settings required for the recipe.

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This section contains the steps required to follow the recipe.

#### How it works...

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# There's more...

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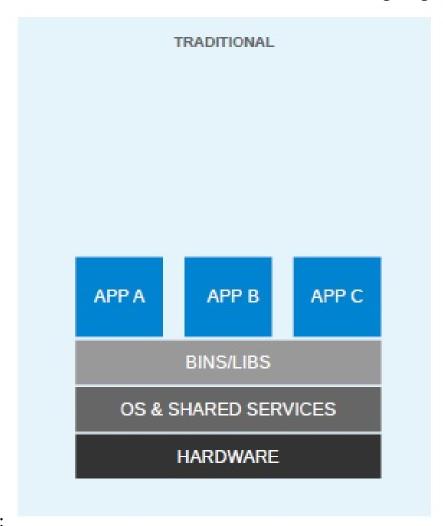
#### **Introduction and Installation**

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Verifying the requirements for Docker installation
- Installing Docker on Ubuntu
- Installing Docker on CentOS
- Installing Docker on Linux with an automated script
- Installing Docker for Windows
- Installing Docker for Mac
- Pulling an image and running a container
- Adding a nonroot user to administer Docker
- Finding help with the Docker command line

#### Introduction

At the very start of the IT revolution, most applications were deployed directly on physical hardware, over the host OS. Because of that single user space, runtime was shared between applications. The deployment was stable, hardware-centric, and had a long maintenance cycle. It was mostly managed by an IT department, and gave much less flexibility to developers. In such cases, the hardware resources were underutilized most of the time. The following diagram



depicts such a setup:

Traditional application deployment

For flexible deployments, and in order to better utilize the resources of the host

system, virtualization was invented. With hypervisors, such as KVM, XEN, ESX, Hyper-V, and so on, we emulated the hardware for **virtual machines** (VMs) and deployed a guest OS on each virtual machine. VMs can have a different OS than their host; this means that we are responsible for managing patches, security, and the performance of that VM. With virtualization, applications are isolated at VM level and are defined by the life cycle of VMs. This gives us a better return on our investment and higher flexibility at the cost of increased complexity and redundancy. The following diagram depicts a

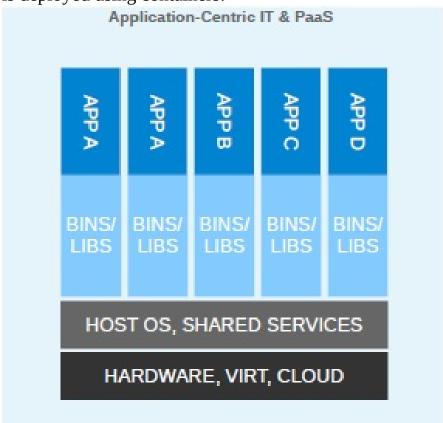
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APP A	APP A	APP B
BINS/ LIBS	BINS/ LIBS	BINS/ LIBS
GUEST OS	GUEST OS	GUEST OS
HYPERVISOR		
HOST OS		
SERVER		

typical virtualized environment:

Application deployment in a virtualized environment

Since virtualization was developed, we have been moving towards more application-centric IT. We have removed the hypervisor layer to reduce hardware emulation and complexity. The applications are packaged with their runtime environment, and are deployed using containers. OpenVZ, Solaris Zones, and LXC are a few examples of container technology. Containers are less flexible

compared to VMs; for example, we cannot run Microsoft Windows on Linux OS as of writing. Containers are also considered less secure than VMs, because with containers, everything runs on the host OS. If a container gets compromised, then it might be possible to get full access to the host OS. It can be a bit too complex to set up, manage, and automate. These are a few of the reasons why we have not seen the mass adoption of containers in the last few years, even though we had the technology. The following diagram shows how an application is deployed using containers:

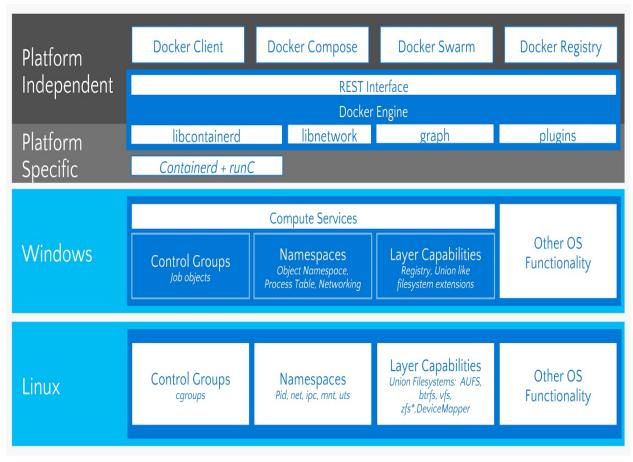


Application deployment with containers

With Docker, containers suddenly became first-class citizens. All big corporations, such as Google, Microsoft, Red Hat, IBM, and others, are now working to make containers mainstream.

Docker was started as an internal project by dotCloud founder Solomon Hykes. It was released as open source in March 2013 under the Apache 2.0 license. With dotCloud's platform as a service experience, the founders and engineers of Docker were aware of the challenges of running containers. So with Docker, they developed a standard way to manage containers.

Docker uses the operating system's underlying kernel features, which enable containerization. The following diagram depicts the Docker platform and the kernel features used by Docker. Let's look at some of the major kernel features that Docker uses:



Docker platform and the kernel features used by Docker

#### **Namespaces**

Namespaces are the building blocks of a container. There are different types of namespace, and each one of them isolates applications from the others. They are created using the clone system call. You can also attach to existing namespaces. Some of the namespaces used by Docker will be explained in the following sections.

## The PID namespace

The PID namespace allows each container to have its own process numbering. Each PID forms its own process hierarchy. A parent namespace can see the children namespaces and affect them, but a child can neither see the parent namespace nor affect it.

If there are two levels of hierarchy, then at the top level, we would see the process running inside the child namespace with a different PID. So a process running in a child namespace would have two PIDs: one in the child namespace and the other in the parent namespace. For example, if we run a program on the container.sh container, then we can see the corresponding program on the host as well.

On the container, the sh container.sh process has a PID of 8:

```
bash-4.3# ps aux | grep container
root 8 0.0 0.0 11664 2656 ? S 07:37 0:00 sh container.sh
root 80 0.0 0.0 9084 840 ? S+ 07:43 0:00 grep container
bash-4.3# |
```

On the host, the same process has a PID of 29778:

```
[root@dockerhost ~]# ps aux | grep container
root 29778 0.0 0.0 11664 2660 pts/3 S 07:37 0:00 sh container.sh
root 29912 0.0 0.0 113004 2160 pts/4 S+ 07:45 0:00 grep --color=auto container
[root@dockerhost ~]# [
```

## The net namespace

With the PID namespace, we can run the same program multiple times in different isolated environments; for example, we can run different instances of Apache on different containers. But without the net namespace, we would not be able to listen on port 80 on each one of them. The net namespace allows us to have different network interfaces on each container, which solves the problem I mentioned earlier. Loopback interfaces would be different in each container as well.

To enable networking in containers, we create pairs of special interfaces in two different net namespaces and allow them to talk to each other. One end of the special interface resides inside the container and the other resides on the host system. Generally, the interface inside the container is called eth0, and on the host system, it is given a random name, such as veth516cc56. These special interfaces are then linked through a bridge (docker0) on the host to enable communication between the containers and the route packets.

Inside the container, you will see something like the following:

```
|$ docker container run -it alpine ash
bash-4.3# ip a
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
269: eth0: <BROADCAST,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP group default
    link/ether 02:42:ac:11:00:0b brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.17.0.11/16 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 2001:db8:1::242:ac11:b/64 scope global
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
    inet6 fe80::42:acff:fe11:b/64 scope link
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
```

On the host, it would look like the following:

```
$ lssubsys -M
cpuset /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset
cpu,cpuacct /sys/fs/cgroup/cpu,cpuacct
blkio /sys/fs/cgroup/blkio
memory /sys/fs/cgroup/memory
devices /sys/fs/cgroup/devices
freezer /sys/fs/cgroup/freezer
net_cls,net_prio /sys/fs/cgroup/net_cls,net_prio
perf_event /sys/fs/cgroup/perf_event
hugetlb /sys/fs/cgroup/hugetlb
pids /sys/fs/cgroup/pids
rdma /sys/fs/cgroup/rdma
$ []
```

Also, each net namespace has its own routing table and firewall rules.

## The IPC namespace

The **inter-process communication** (**IPC**) namespace provides semaphores, message queues, and shared memory segments. It is not widely used these days, but some programs still depend on it.

If the IPC resource created by one container is consumed by another container, then the application running on the first container could fail. With the IPC namespace, processes running in one namespace cannot access resources from another namespace.

# The mnt namespace

Using only a chroot, you can inspect the relative paths of the system from a chrooted directory/namespace. The mnt namespace takes the idea of chroots to the next level. With the mnt namespace, a container can have its own set of mounted filesystems and root directories. Processes in one mnt namespace cannot see the mounted filesystems of another mnt namespace.

# The UTS namespace

With the UTS namespace, we can have different hostnames for each container.

# The user namespace

With user namespace support, we can have users who have a nonzero ID on the host, but who can have a zero ID inside the container. This is because the user namespace allows mappings of users and groups IDs per namespace.

There are ways to share namespaces between the host and container, and other containers as well. We'll see how to do this in subsequent chapters.

## **Cgroups**

Control groups (cgroups) provide resource limitations and accounting for containers. The following quote is from the Linux Kernel documentation:

"Control Groups provide a mechanism for aggregating/partitioning sets of tasks, and all their future children, into hierarchical groups with specialized behaviour."

In simple terms, they can be compared to the ulimit shell command or the setrlimit system call. Instead of setting the resource limit to a single process, cgroups allow you to limit resources to a group of processes.

Control groups are split into different subsystems, such as CPU, CPU sets, memory block I/O, and so on. Each subsystem can be used independently, or can be grouped with others. The features that cgroups provide are as follows:

- **Resource limiting**: For example, one cgroup can be bound to specific CPUs, so that all processes in that group would run on given CPUs only
- **Prioritization**: Some groups may get a larger share of CPUs
- **Accounting**: You can measure the resource usage of different subsystems for billing
- Control: You can freeze and restart groups

Some of the subsystems that can be managed by cgroups are as follows:

- **blkio**: Sets I/O access to and from block devices, such as disks, SSDs, and so on
- **Cpu**: Limits access to CPU
- **Cpuacct**: Generates CPU resource utilization
- **Cpuset**: Assigns CPUs on a multicore system to tasks in a cgroup
- **Devices**: Grants devices access to a set of tasks in a group
- Freezer: Suspends or resumes tasks in a cgroup
- **Memory**: Sets limits on memory use by tasks in a cgroup

There are multiple ways to control work with cgroups. Two of the most popular ones are accessing the cgroup virtual filesystem manually and accessing it with the libcgroup library. To use libcgroup on Linux, run the following command to

install the required packages on Ubuntu or Debian:

```
|$ sudo apt-get install cgroup-tools
```

To install the required packages on CentOS, Fedora, or Red Hat, use the following code:

#### \$ sudo yum install libcgroup libcgroup-tools



These steps are not possible on Docker for Mac and Windows, because you can't install the required packages on those versions of Docker.

Once installed, you can get the list of subsystems and their mount point in the pseudo filesystem with the following command:

```
$ lssubsys -M
cpuset /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset
cpu,cpuacct /sys/fs/cgroup/cpu,cpuacct
blkio /sys/fs/cgroup/blkio
memory /sys/fs/cgroup/memory
devices /sys/fs/cgroup/devices
freezer /sys/fs/cgroup/freezer
net_cls,net_prio /sys/fs/cgroup/net_cls,net_prio
perf_event /sys/fs/cgroup/perf_event
hugetlb /sys/fs/cgroup/hugetlb
pids /sys/fs/cgroup/pids
rdma /sys/fs/cgroup/rdma
$ []
```

Although we haven't looked at the actual commands yet, let's assume that we are running a few containers and want to get the cgroup entries for a container. To get those, we first need to get the container ID and then use the lscgroup command to get the cgroup entries of a container, which we can get using the following command:

```
$ docker container ps
  CONTAINER ID
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       STATUS
                                                                                                          TMAGE
                                                                                                                                                                                                                    COMMAND
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             CREATED
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         NAMES
   c3a45b05e3cf
                                                                                                         alpine
                                                                                                                                                                                                                       "ash"
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 $ lscgroup | grep c3a45b05e3cf
pids:/docker/c<mark>3a45b05e3cf</mark>c5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328c
  net_cls,net_prio:/docker/<mark>c3a45b05e3cf</mark>c5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328c
net_cls,net_prio:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53bafblkio:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328ccpuset:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cdevices:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cfreezer:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328chugetlb:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cperf_event:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328cmemory:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef
  cpu,cpuacct:/docker/c3a45b05e3cfc5e69bc03b45bd995ca0cf69a66f914ef099112d7a53baf8328c
```



For more details, visit https://docs.docker.com/config/containers/runmetrics/.

## The union filesystem

The union filesystem allows the files and directories of separate filesystems, known as layers, to be transparently overlaid to create a new virtual filesystem. While starting a container, Docker overlays all the layers attached to an image and creates a read-only filesystem. On top of that, Docker creates a read/write layer that is used by the container's runtime environment. You can read the *Pulling an image and running a container* recipe of this chapter for more details. Docker can use several union filesystem variants, including AUFS, Btrfs, zfs, overlay, overlay2, and DeviceMapper.

Docker also has a **virtual file system (VFS)** storage driver. A VFS doesn't support copy-on-write (COW) and is not a union filesystem. This means that each layer is a directory on the disk, and each time a new layer is created, it requires a deep copy of its parent layer. For these reasons, it has lower performance and requires more disk space, but it is a robust and stable option that works in every environment.

#### The container format

Docker Engine combines the namespaces, control groups, and UnionFS into a wrapper called a container format. In 2015, Docker donated its container format and runtime to an organization called the the **Open Container Initiative (OCI)**. The OCI is a lightweight, open-governance structure formed under the Linux Foundation by Docker and other industry leaders. The purpose of the OCI is to create open industry standards around container formats and runtimes. There are currently two specifications: the Runtime Specification and the Image Specification.

The Runtime Specification outlines how to run an OCI runtime filesystem bundle. Docker donated runC, (https://github.com/opencontainers/runc) its OCI-compliant runtime to the OCI, to serve as the reference implementation.

The OCI image format contains the information needed to launch the application on the target platform. The specification defines how to create the OCI image, and what the desired output would look like. The output would consist of an image manifest, a filesystem (layer) serialization, and the image configuration. Docker donated its Docker V2 image format to the OCI to form the basis of the OCI image specification.

There are currently two container engines that support the OCI Runtime and Image Specifications: Docker and rkt.

# Verifying requirements for Docker installation

Docker is supported on many Linux platforms, such as RHEL, Ubuntu, Fedora, CentOS, Debian, Arch Linux, among others. It is also supported on many cloud platforms, such as Amazon Web Services, Digital Ocean, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud. Docker has also released desktop applications for Microsoft Windows and Mac OS X that allows you to easily get Docker up and running directly on your local machine.

In this recipe, we will verify the requirements for Docker installation. We will look at a system with an Ubuntu 18.04 LTS installation, though the same steps should work on other Linux flavors as well.

# **Getting ready**

Log in as a root user on the system that has Ubuntu 18.04 installed.

#### How to do it...

Perform the following steps:

1. Docker is not supported on 32-bit architecture. To check the architecture on your system, run the following command:

```
$ uname -i
x86 64
```

2. Docker is supported on kernel 3.8 or later. It has been back-ported on some of the kernel 2.6, such as RHEL 6.5 and above. To check the kernel version, run the following command:

```
$ uname -r
4.15.0-29-generic
```

3. Running the kernel should support an appropriate storage backend. Some of the options for such a backend are VFS, DeviceMapper, AUFS, Btrfs, zfs, and Overlayfs.

For Ubuntu, the default storage backend or driver is overlay2, which has been available since Ubuntu 14.04. Another popular one is DeviceMapper, which uses the device-mapper thin provisioning module to implement layers. It should be installed by default on a majority of Linux platforms. To check for device-mapper, you can run the following command:

```
$ grep device-mapper /proc/devices
253 device-mapper
```

On most distributions, AUFS would require a modified kernel.

4. Support for cgroups and namespaces have been in the kernel for sometime, and should be enabled by default. To check for their presence, you can look at the corresponding configuration file of the kernel you are running. For example, on Ubuntu, I can do something like the following:

```
$ grep -i namespaces /boot/config-4.15.0-29-generic
CONFIG_NAMESPACES=y
```

#### 



The name of the config file is usually dependent on your kernel version. Your system might have a different filename. If this is the case, change the command accordingly.

## How it works...

Docker requires that the host system meets a basic set of requirements in order for it to run correctly. By running the preceding commands, we were able to confirm that our system meets those requirements.

## See also

Check out the installation document on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/install/.

## **Installing Docker on Ubuntu**

There are a few different versions of Ubuntu that are available. In this recipe, we will be installing Docker on Ubuntu 18.04, which is the latest LTS version as of writing. These same steps should also work with Ubuntu 16.04.

<strong> \$ sudo apt-get remove docker docker-engine docker.io</strong>

```
<strong> $ sudo apt-get install \</strong><br/><strong> apt-transport-https \
</strong><br/><strong> ca-certificates \</strong> cbr/><strong> curl \</strong>
<br/><strong>
```

<strong> \$ curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | sudo aptkey add -</strong> OK</strong>

<strong> \$ sudo add-apt-repository \</strong><br/><strong> "deb [arch=amd64] https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu \</strong><br/><strong> \$(lsb\_release -cs) \</strong><br/><strong>

<strong> \$ sudo apt-get update</strong>

<strong> \$ sudo apt-get install docker-ce</strong>

<strong> \$ sudo docker container run hello-world</strong>

## How it works...

The preceding command will install Docker on Ubuntu and all the packages required by it.

## There's more...

The default Docker daemon configuration file is located at /etc/docker, which is used while starting the daemon. Here are some basic operations:

To start the service, enter the following:

 \$ sudo systemctl start docker

 To verify the installation, enter the following:

 \$ docker info

 To update the package, enter the following:

 \$ sudo apt-get update

 To enable the start of the service at boot time, enter the following:

 \$ sudo systemctl enable docker

• To stop the service, enter the following:

\$ sudo systemctl stop docker

## See also

For more information, check out the Ubuntu installation document on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/install/linux/docker-ce/ubuntu/.

## **Installing Docker on CentOS**

Another popular Linux distribution is CentOS, which is a free, enterprise-class distribution that is compatible with Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL). Go through the following easy recipe to install Docker on CentOS 7.x.

## **Getting ready**

The centos-extra repository must be enabled. This is usually enabled by default, but if you disabled it, please enable it again.

Previously, the Docker package had a different name: It was called docker or docker-engine; it is now called docker-ce. We will need to remove any previous Docker versions in order to prevent any conflicts: \$ sudo yum remove docker \ docker-client \ docker-client-latest \ docker-client-latest \ docker-latest \ docker-latest-logrotate \ docker-latest-logrotate \ docker-selinux \ docker-selinux \ docker-engine-selinux \



It is OK if yum reports that none of these packages are installed.

```
<strong> $ sudo yum install -y yum-utils \</strong><br/><strong> device-mapper-persistent-data \</strong><br/><strong> lvm2</strong>
```

<strong> \$ sudo yum-config-manager \</strong> <br/> </strong> --add-repo \</strong> <br/> </strong> https://download.docker.com/linux/centos/docker-ce.repo</strong>

<strong> \$ sudo yum-config-manager --enable docker-ce-test</strong>

<strong> \$ sudo yum install docker-ce</strong>

<strong> Retrieving key from

https://download.docker.com/linux/centos/gpg</strong><br/>
Importing GPG key 0x621E9F35:</strong><br/>
strong> Userid: "Docker Release (CE rpm) <docker@docker.com>"</strong><br/>
strong> Fingerprint: 060a 61c5 1b55 8a7f 742b 77aa c52f eb6b 621e 9f35</strong><br/>
strong> From: https://download.docker.com/linux/centos/gpg</strong><br/>
strong> Is this ok [y/N]: y</strong>

<strong> \$ sudo systemctl start docker</strong>

<strong> \$ docker container run hello-world</strong>

## How it works...

The preceding recipe installs Docker on CentOS and all the packages required by it.

<strong> \$ sudo yum remove docker-ce</strong>

<strong> \$ sudo systemctl stop docker</strong>

## See also

For more information, check out the CentOS installation document on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/install/linux/docker-ce/centos/.

# Installing Docker on Linux with an automated script

In the previous two recipes, we went through the different steps required to install Docker on Ubuntu and CentOS. Those steps are fine when you are only installing it on a host or two, but what if you need to install it on a hundred? In that case, you would want something a little more automated to speed up the process. This recipe shows you how to install Docker on different Linux flavors using an install script that is provided by Docker.

## **Getting ready**

Like all scripts that you download off the internet, the first thing you should do is examine the script and make sure you know what it is doing before you use it. To do this, go through the following steps:

- 1. Visit https://get.docker.com in your favorite web browser to review the script, and make sure you are comfortable with what it is doing. If in doubt, don't use it.
- 2. The script needs to be run as root or with sudo privileges.
- 3. If Docker has already been installed on the host, it needs to be removed before running the script.

The script currently works with the following flavors of Linux: CentOS, Fedora, Debian, Ubuntu, and Raspbian.

## How to do it

To use the script, go through the following steps:

1. Download the script to the host system:

```
$ curl -fsSL get.docker.com -o get-docker.sh
```

2. Run the script:

```
$ sudo sh get-docker.sh
```

## How it works...

The preceding recipe used an automated script to install Docker on Linux.

#### There's more...

In order to upgrade Docker, you will need to use the package manager on your host. Rerunning the script can cause issues if it attempts to re-add repositories that were already added. See the previous recipes to learn how to upgrade Docker on CentOS and Ubuntu using their respective package managers.

## **Installing Docker for Windows**

Docker for Windows is a native application that is deeply integrated with Hyper-V virtualization and the Windows networking and filesystems. It is a full-featured development environment that can be used for building, debugging, and testing Docker apps on a Windows PC. It also works well with VPNs and proxies to make it easier when used in a corporate environment.

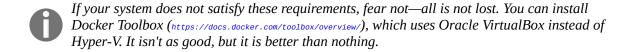
Docker for Windows supports both Windows and Linux containers out of the box, and it is easy to switch between the two to build your multiplatform applications. It comes with the Docker CLI client, Docker Compose, Docker Machine, and Docker Notary.

Recent releases have also added Kubernetes support so that you can easily create a full Kubernetes environment on your machine with just the click of a button.

## **Getting ready**

Docker for Windows has the following system requirements:

- 64-bit Windows 10 Pro, Enterprise, and Education (1607 Anniversary Update, Build 14393 or later)
- Virtualization must be enabled in BIOS and be CPU-SLAT-capable.
- 4 GB of RAM



<strong> \$ docker container run hello-world</strong>

## How it works...

This recipe will show you how to install a Docker development environment on your Windows machine.

#### There's more

Now that you have Docker for Windows installed, check out the following tips to get the most out of your installation:

• Docker for Windows supports both Windows and Linux containers. If you want to switch, you just need to right-click on the whale icon, select Switch to Windows containers..., and then click the Switch button:

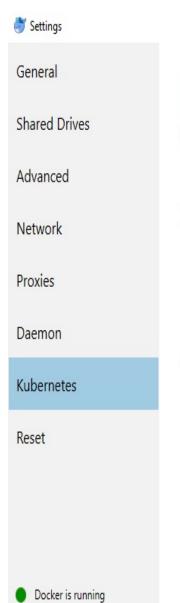


To switch back, do the same thing, except this time, select Switch to Linux containers....

Switch

Cancel

- Docker for Windows will automatically check for new updates and let you know when a new version is available to install. If you agree to upgrade, it will download the new version and install it for you.
- Kubernetes doesn't run by default. If you want to turn it on, you will need to right-click on the Docker whale icon in your task bar, then select Settings. Inside the Settings menu, there is a Kubernetes tab. Click on the tab, and then click the Enable Kubernetes option and hit the Apply button:



#### **Kubernetes**

Configure and manage the kubernetes cluster



✓ Enable Kubernetes

Starts a Kubernetes single-node cluster when starting Docker.

Default orchestrator for docker stack commands (changes ~/.docker/config.json):



Show kubernetes internal containers when using Docker commands.

Apply

## See also

For more information about Docker for Windows, and for links to labs and more examples, go to https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-windows/.

## **Installing Docker for Mac**

Docker for Mac is the fastest and most reliable way to run Docker on a Mac. It installs all of the tools required to set up a complete Docker development environment on your Mac. It includes the Docker command line, Docker Compose, and Docker Notary. It also works well with VPNs and proxies to make it easier when used in a corporate environment.

Recent releases have also added Kubernetes support so that you can easily create a full Kubernetes environment on your machine with just the click of a button.

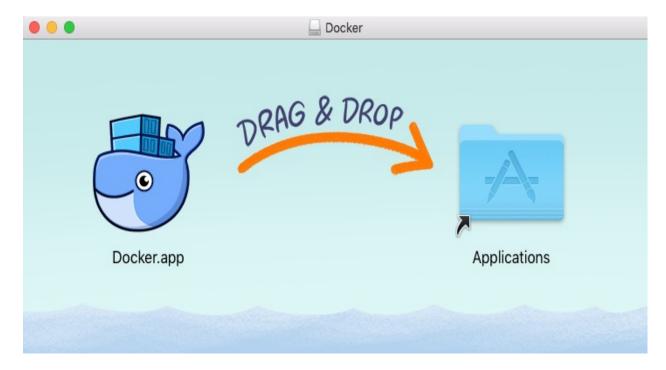
<span><strong> \$ sysctl kern.hv\_support</strong><br/><strong>
kern.hv\_support: 1</strong><br/><br/>><pan></pa>

If your system does not satisfy these requirements, fear not—all is not lost. You can install Docker Toolbox (<a href="https://docs.docker.com/toolbox/overview/">https://docs.docker.com/toolbox/overview/</a>), which uses Oracle VirtualBox instead of HyperKit. It isn't as good, but it is better than nothing.

## How to do it

To install Docker for Mac, go through the following steps:

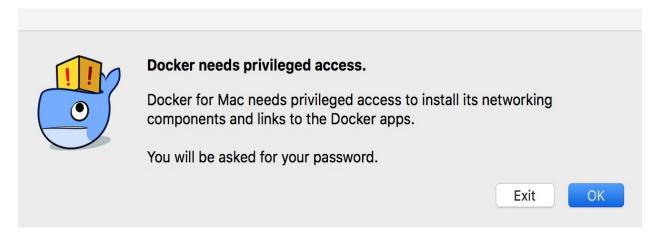
- 1. Download Docker for Mac from the Docker Store at https://store.docker.com/editions/community/docker-ce-desktop-mac. You will need to log in in order to download the installer. If you do not have a Docker account, you can create One at https://store.docker.com/signup.
- 2. Open the installation file that you downloaded from the store. It should be called something like <code>pocker.dmg</code>.
- 3. Drag and drop the whale icon into the Applications folder:



4. Double-click the Docker.app icon in the Applications folder to start Docker, as shown in the following screenshot:



5. You will be prompted to authorize Docker.app with your system password. This is normal—Docker.app needs privileged access to install some of its components. Click OK and enter your password so it can finish installing:



6. When Docker is finished, a little whale icon will show up in the status menu in the top right of your screen, as shown in the following screenshot:



- 7. If you click on the whale, you can access the application preferences and other options.
- 8. Select the About Docker button to verify that you have the latest version.
- 9. Check to make sure that it is installed and working. Open up a terminal window and type the following:

\$ docker container run hello-world

## How it works...

The preceding recipe will download and install a Docker development environment on your Mac.

#### There's more...

Now that you have Docker for Mac installed, here are a few more tips for getting started:

- Docker for Mac will automatically check for new updates and let you know when a new version is available for you to install. If you agree to upgrade, it will do all the work, downloading the new version and installing it for you.
- Kubernetes isn't running by default. If you want to turn it on, you will need to click on the Docker whale icon in your Status menu, then select Preferences. Inside of Preferences, there is a Kubernetes tab. Click on the tab, then click the Enable Kubernetes option, and hit the Apply button:



## See also

Visit the *Get Started with Docker for Mac* guide to help you learn about the application and how best to use it. You can find it at https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-mac/.

# Pulling an image and running a container

I am borrowing the following recipe from the next chapter to introduce some concepts. Don't worry if the recipe doesn't explain everything; we'll cover the topics in detail later in this chapter, or in the next few chapters. For now, let's pull an image and run it. We'll also get familiar with Docker architecture and its components in this recipe.

# **Getting ready**

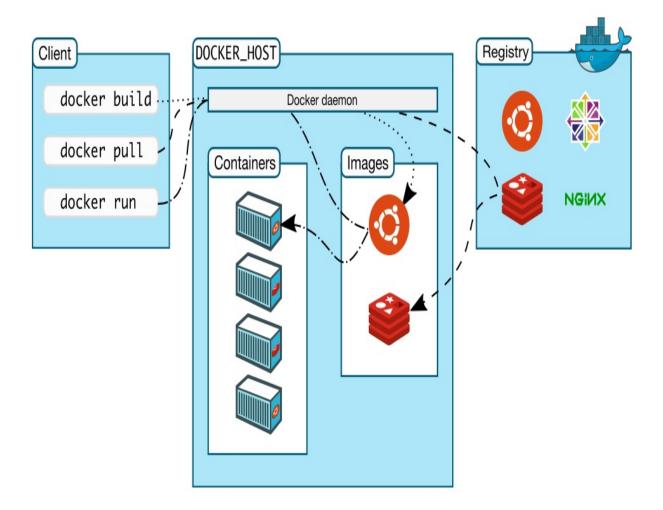
First, gain access to a system that has Docker installed.

#### <strong> \$ docker container run -id --name demo alpine ash</strong>

\$ docker contain	er run -idname	demo alpine ash				
c3a45b05e3cfc5e6	9bc03b45bd995ca0c	f69a66f914ef099112d7d	a53baf8328c			
\$ docker contain	er ps					
CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
c3a45b05e3cf	alpine	"ash"	5 seconds ago	Up 3 seconds		demo
\$ [						

#### How it works...

Docker has client—server architecture. Its binary consists of the Docker client and server daemon, and can reside on the same host. The client can communicate via sockets or a RESTful API to either a local or remote Docker daemon. The Docker daemon builds, runs, and distributes containers. As shown in the following diagram, the Docker client sends the command to the Docker daemon running on the host machine. The Docker daemon also connects to either a public or a local registry to get images requested by the client:

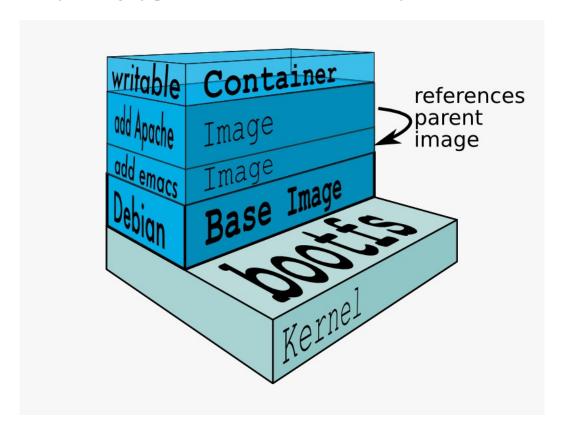


So in our case, the Docker client sends a request to the daemon running on the local system, which then connects to the public Docker registry and downloads the image. Once it is downloaded, we can run it.

#### There's more...

Let's explore some keywords that we encountered earlier in this recipe:

• Images: Docker images are read-only templates, and they give us containers during runtime. They are based on the idea of a base image and layers resting on top of it. For example, we can have a base image of Alpine or Ubuntu, and then we can install packages or make modifications over the base image to create a new layer. The base image and new layer can be treated as a new image. For example, in the following figure, Debian is the base image and then Emacs and Apache are the two layers added on top of it. They are highly portable and can be shared easily:



Layers are transparently laid on top of the base image to create a single coherent filesystem.

- **Registries**: A registry holds Docker images. It can be public or private, depending on the location from which you can download or upload images. The public Docker registry is called **Docker Hub**, which we will cover later.
- **Index**: An index manages user accounts, permissions, searches, tagging, and all that nice stuff that's in the public web interface of the Docker registry.
- **Containers**: Containers run images that are created by combining the base image and the layers on top of it. They contain everything that is needed to run an application. As shown in the preceding diagram, a temporary layer is also added while starting the container, and this will be discarded if it is not committed after the container is stopped and deleted. If it is committed, then it would create another layer.
- **Repository**: Different versions of an image can be managed by multiple tags, which are saved with different GUID. A repository is a collection of images tracked by GUIDs.

## See also

For more information, check out the documentation on the Docker website at htt ps://docs.docker.com/engine/docker-overview/.

# Adding a nonroot user to administer Docker

For ease of use, we can allow a nonroot user to administer Docker by adding it to a Docker group. This is not required when using Docker on Mac or Windows.

## **Getting ready**

To prepare to add a nonroot user to administer Docker, go through the following steps:

- 1. Create the Docker group, if it is not there already:
- \$ sudo groupadd docker
- 2. Create the user to whom you want to give permissions to administer Docker:
- \$ sudo useradd dockertest

### How to do it...

Run the following command to add the newly created user to administer Docker:

\$ sudo usermod -aG docker dockertest

### How it works...

The preceding command will add a user to the Docker group. The added user will thus be able to perform all Docker operations.

# Finding help with the Docker command line

Docker commands are well documented, and can be referred to whenever needed. Lots of documentation is available online as well, but it might differ from the documentation for the Docker version you are running.

# **Getting ready**

First, install Docker on your system.

#### How to do it...

- 1. On a Linux-based system, you can use the man command to find help, as follows:
- \$ man docker
- 2. Subcommand-specific help can also be found with either of the following commands:
  - \$ man docker ps \$ man docker-ps

## How it works...

The  ${\tt man}$  command uses the  ${\tt man}$  pages installed by the Docker package to provide help.

#### See also

For more information, see the documentation on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/cli/.

## **Working with Docker Containers**

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Listing/searching for an image
- Pulling an image
- Listing images
- Starting a container
- Listing containers
- Looking at the container logs
- Stopping a container
- Removing a container
- Removing all stopped containers
- Setting the restart policy on a container
- Getting privileged access inside a container
- Accessing the host device inside a container
- Injecting a new process into a running container
- Reading a container's metadata
- Labeling and filtering containers
- Reaping a zombie inside a container

#### **Introduction**

In the previous chapter, after installing Docker, we pulled an image and created a container from it. Docker's primary objective is running containers. In this chapter, we'll see the different operations we can perform with containers, such as starting, stopping, listing, deleting, and so on. This will help us use Docker for different use cases, such as testing, CI/CD, setting up PaaS, and so on, which we'll cover in later chapters. Before we start, let's verify the Docker installation by running the following command: \$ docker version

```
$ docker version
Client:
Version:
              17.06.0-ce
API version: 1.30
Go version:
              go1.8.3
Git commit:
              02c1d87
Built:
             Fri Jun 23 21:23:31 2017
OS/Arch:
             linux/amd64
Server:
Version:
              17.06.0-ce
API version: 1.30 (minimum version 1.12)
Go version:
              go1.8.3
Git commit:
              02c1d87
Built:
              Fri Jun 23 21:19:04 2017
OS/Arch:
             linux/amd64
 Experimental: false
```

This will give the Docker client and server version, as well as other details.



I am using Ubuntu 18.04 as my primary environment in which to run these recipes. They should also work with the other environments.

## Listing/searching for an image

We need an image to get the container started. Let's see how images are searched for on the Docker registry. As we have seen in <a href="https://chapter 1">chapter 1</a>, Introduction and Installation, a registry holds the Docker images, which can be both public and private. By default, the search happens on the default public registry, which is the Docker Hub and is located at <a href="https://hub.docker.com/">https://hub.docker.com/</a>.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client.

#### How to do it...

The docker search command lets you search an image on a Docker registry. The following is the syntax for this: **docker search [OPTIONS] TERM** 

The following is an example of searching for the alpine image:



The preceding screenshot lists the name, description, and number of stars awarded to the image. It also points out whether the image is official and automated or not:

- stars signify how many people liked the given image.
- The OFFICIAL column helps us identify whether the image is built from a trusted source or not.
- The AUTOMATED column is a way of telling whether an image is built automatically when pushed into GitHub or Bitbucket repositories. More details about AUTOMATED can be found in the next chapter.



The convention for an image name is <user>/<name>, but it can be anything.

#### How it works...

Docker searches for images on the Docker public registry, which has a repository for images at https://index.docker.io/v1/.

We can configure our private registry as well, so it can also search for images there.

<strong>\$ docker search \</strong> <-filter is-automated=true \
</strong> <strong> --filter stars=20 alpine</strong>

```
$ docker search --filter is-automated=true --filter stars=20 alpine

NAME DESCRIPTION STARS OFFICIAL AUTOMATED

anapsix/alpine-java Oracle Java 8 (and 7) with GLIBC 2.23 over... 231 [OK]

frolvlad/alpine-glibc Alpine Docker image with glibc (~12MB) 102 [OK]

kiasaki/alpine-postgres PostgreSQL docker image based on Alpine Linux 34 [OK]

zzrot/alpine-caddy Caddy Server Docker Container running on A... 32 [OK]
```

In <u>Chapter 3</u>, *Working with Docker Images*, we will see how to set up automated builds.

From Docker 1.3 onwards, the --insecure-registry option for the Docker daemon is provided, which allows us to search/pull/commit images from an insecure registry. For more details, look at <a href="https://docs.docker.com/registry/insecure/">https://docs.docker.com/registry/insecure/</a>.

#### See also

Look at the help on Docker search by running the following command:

\$ docker search --help

The documentation for this is on the Docker website here: https://docs.docker.com/edge/engine/reference/commandline/search/.

# Pulling an image

After searching for the image, we can pull it to the system by running the Docker daemon. Let's see how we can do that.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client.

#### How to do it...

To pull an image from the Docker registry, you can either run the following:

```
docker image pull [OPTIONS] NAME[:TAG|@DIGEST]
```

Or the legacy command:

```
docker pull [OPTIONS] NAME[:TAG|@DIGEST]
```

The following is an example of pulling the ubuntu image:

```
$ docker image pull ubuntu
```

```
$ docker image pull ubuntu
Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from library/ubuntu
d5c6f90da05d: Pull complete
1300883d87d5: Pull complete
c220aa3cfc1b: Pull complete
2e9398f099dc: Pull complete
dc27a084064f: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:34471448724419596ca4e890496d375801de21b0e67b81a77fd6155ce001edad
Status: Downloaded newer image for ubuntu:latest
```

#### How it works...

The pull command downloads all layers from the Docker registry that are required to create that image locally. We will see details about layers in the next chapter.

#### There's more...

Image tags group images of the same type. For example, CentOS can have images with tags such as centos6, centos7, and so on. To pull an image with a specific tag, for instance, run the following command: \$ docker image pull centos:centos7

By default, the image with latest tag gets pulled. To pull all images corresponding to all tags, use the following command:

```
|$ docker image pull --all-tags alpine
```

From Docker 1.6 (https://blog.docker.com/2015/04/docker-release-1-6/), we can build and refer to images by a new content addressable identifier called a digest. It is a very useful feature when we want to work with the specific images, rather than tags. To pull an image with a specific digest, we can use the following syntax: \$ docker image pull <image>@sha256:<digest>

The following is an example of using the preceding command:

|\$ docker image pull nginx@sha256:788fa27763db6d69ad3444e8ba72f947df9e7e163bad7c1f5614f8f

Digests are only supported with version 2 of the Docker registry.

Once an image gets pulled, it resides on the local cache (storage), so subsequent pulls will be very fast. This feature plays a very important role in building Docker layered images.

#### See also

Look at the help option for docker image pull:

```
$ docker image pull --help
```

• The relevant documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https:

//docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/image\_pull/.

## **Listing images**

We can list the images that are available on the system by running the Docker daemon. These images might have been pulled from the registry, imported through the docker image pull command, or created through a Dockerfile.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client.

## How to do it...

Run either one of the following commands to list the images:

\$ docker image ls
\$ docker images

\$ docker image	ls			
REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
ubuntu	latest	ccc7a11d65b1	2 weeks ago	120MB
centos	centos7	328edcd84f1b	3 weeks ago	193MB
alpine	edge	6ab1c97283af	4 weeks ago	3.95MB
nginx	<none></none>	b8efb18f159b	5 weeks ago	107MB
alpine	3.6	7328f6f8b418	2 months ago	3.96MB
alpine	latest	7328f6f8b418	2 months ago	3.96MB
alpine	3.5	074d602a59d7	2 months ago	3.99MB
alpine	3.4	f64255f97787	2 months ago	4.81MB
alpine	3.3	606fed0878ec	2 months ago	4.81MB
alpine	3.2	39be345c901f	2 months ago	5.26MB
alpine	3.1	00772ebf9244	2 months ago	5.04MB
alpine	2.7	93f518ec2c41	19 months ago	4.71MB
alpine	2.6	e738dfbe7a10	19 months ago	4.5MB

#### How it works...

The Docker client talks to the Docker engine and gets a list of images that are downloaded (pulled) to the Docker host.

#### There's more...

All the images with the same name but with different tags are downloaded. The interesting thing to note here is that they have the same name but different tags. Also, there are two different tags for the same IMAGE ID, which is 7328f6f8b418.

#### See also

Look at the help option of docker image 1s:

\$ docker image ls --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/image\_ls/.

# **Starting a container**

Once we have the images, we can use them to start containers. In this recipe, we will start a container with the ubuntu:latest image and see what happens behind the scenes.

## **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client.

#### How to do it...

We can start a container using either of the following syntaxes:

```
docker run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
docker container run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
```



The docker container run command is recommended over docker run because, in version 1.13, Docker logically grouped container operations under the docker container management command, and so docker run might be obsolete in the future.

Here is an example of using the docker container run command:

```
|$ docker container run -i -t --name mycontainer ubuntu /bin/bash
```

By default, Docker picks the image with the latest tag:

- The -interactive or -i option starts the container in interactive mode by keeping the Stdin open
- The --tty or -t option allocates a pseudo-tty and attaches it to the standard input

So, with the preceding command, we can start a container from the ubuntu:latest image, attach pseudo-tty, name it mycontainer, and run the /bin/bash command. If the name is not specified, then a random string will be assigned as the name.

Also, if the image is not available locally, then it will be downloaded from the registry first and then run.

#### How it works...

Under the hood, Docker will:

- Merge all the layers, that makeup that image using UnionFS.
- Allocate a unique ID to a container, which is referred to as the Container ID.
- Allocate a filesystem and mount a read/write layer for the container. Any changes on this layer will be temporary and will be discarded if they are not committed.
- Allocate a bridge network interface.
- Assign an IP address to the container.
- Execute the process specified by the user.

Also, with the default Docker configuration, it creates a directory (with the container's ID inside /var/lib/docker/containers), which has the container's specific information such as hostname, configuration details, logs, and /etc/hosts.

#### There's more...

To exit from the container, press Ctrl + D or type exit. It is similar to exiting from a shell, but this will stop the container. Alternatively, to detach from the container, press Ctrl + P + Q. The detached container will detach itself from the terminal, give control back to the Docker host shell, and wait for the docker container attach command to attach back to the container.

The run command creates and starts the container. With Docker 1.3 or later, it is possible to just create the container using the create command and run it later using the start command, as shown in the following example:

```
$ ID=$(docker container create -t -i ubuntu /bin/bash)
$ docker container start -a -i $ID
```

The container can be started in the background, and then we can attach to it whenever needed. We need to use the -d option to start the container in the background:

```
|$ docker container run -d -i -t ubuntu /bin/bash
| 0df95cc49e258b74be713c31d5a28b9d590906ed9d6e1a2dc75672aa48f28c4f
```

The preceding command returns the container ID of the container, which we can attach to later, as follows:

```
$ ID=$(docker container run -d -t -i ubuntu /bin/bash)`
$ docker attach $ID
```

In the preceding case, we chose /bin/bash to run inside the container. If we attach to the container, we will get an interactive shell. We can run a non-interactive process and run it in the background to make a deamonized container, like the following:

To remove the container after it exits, start the container with the --rm option, as follows:

```
|$ docker run --rm ubuntu date
```

As soon as the date command exits, the container will be removed.

The --read-only option of the run command will mount the root filesystem in read-only mode:

You can also set custom labels for containers, which can be used to group containers based on labels. Take a look at the *Labelling and filtering containers* recipe in this chapter for more details.



A container can be referred to in three ways: by name, by its short container ID (odf95cc49e25), and by its container ID (odf95cc49e258b74be713c31d5a28b9d590906ed9d6e1a2dc75672aa48f28c4f).

## See also

Look at the help option of docker run:

\$ docker container run --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_run/.

# **Listing containers**

We can list both running and stopped containers.

# **Getting ready**

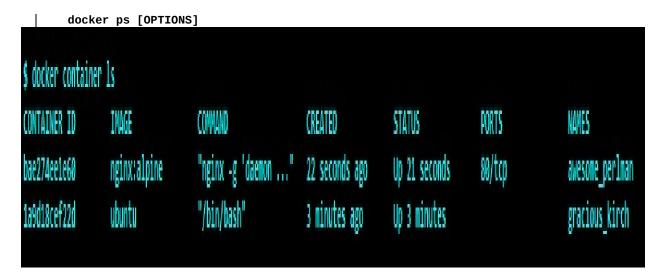
Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client. You will also need a few running and/or stopped containers.

#### How to do it...

To list the containers, either run the following command:

```
docker container ls [OPTIONS]
```

Or run the following legacy command:



#### How it works...

The Docker daemon will look at the metadata associated with the containers and list them. By default, the command returns the following:

- The container ID
- The image from which it was created
- The command that was run after starting the container
- The details about when it was created
- The current status
- The ports that are exposed from the container
- The name of the container

#### There's more...

To list both running and stopped containers, use the -a option as follows:

```
$ docker container ls -a

CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES

bae274ee1e60 nginx:alpine "nginx -g 'daemon ..." 4 minutes ago Up 4 minutes 80/tcp awesome_perlman
38c34651c8ca node:alpine "node" 5 minutes ago Exited (0) 5 minutes ago nifty_curran
1a9d18cef22d ubuntu "/bin/bash" 7 minutes ago Up 7 minutes ago gracious_kirch
```

To return just the container IDs of all containers, use the -aq option as follows:

```
$ docker container ls -aq
bae274ee1e60
38c34651c8ca
1a9d18cef22d
```

To show the last created container, including non-running containers, run the following command: \$ docker container ls -l

Using the --filter/-f option to ps, we can list containers with specific labels. Look at the *Labelling and filtering containers* recipe in this chapter for more details.

## See also

Look at the help option of docker container 1s:

```
$ docker container ls --help
```

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.c om/engine/reference/commandline/container\_ls/.

# Looking at the container logs

If the container emits logs or output on STDOUT/STDERR, then we can get them without logging into the container.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client. You will also need a running container, that emits logs/output on stdout.

#### How to do it...

To get logs from the container, run the following command: **docker container logs [OPTIONS] CONTAINER** 

Or run the following legacy command: docker logs [OPTIONS] CONTAINER

Let's take an example from the earlier section where we ran a daemonized container and looked at the logs: \$ docker container run -d ubuntu \ /bin/bash -c \ "while [ true ]; do date; sleep 1; done"

## How it works...

Docker will look at the container's specific log file from

/var/lib/docker/containers/<Container ID>/<Container ID>-json.log and show the results.

#### There's more...

## See also

Look at the help option of docker container logs:

```
$ docker container logs --help
```

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.c om/engine/reference/commandline/container\_logs/.

# **Stopping a container**

We can stop one or more containers at once. In this recipe, we will first start a container and then stop it.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client. You will also need one or more running containers.

<strong>docker container stop [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER...]
</strong>

<strong>docker stop [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER...]

<strong>\$ ID=\$(docker run -d -i ubuntu /bin/bash)</strong> <strong>\$ docker stop \$ID</strong>

## How it works...

This will move the container from a running state to a stop state by stopping the process running inside the container. A stopped container can be be started again, if needed.

#### There's more...

To stop a container after waiting for some time, use the --time/-t option.

To stop all running containers, run the following command:

\$ docker stop \$(docker ps -q)

## See also

Look at the help option of docker container stop:

\$ docker container stop --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.c om/engine/reference/commandline/container\_stop/.

# Removing a container

We can remove a container permanently, but before that, we have to stop the container or use the force option. In this recipe, we'll create and remove a container.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client. You will also need some containers in a stopped or running state to delete them.

#### How to do it...

Use the following command:

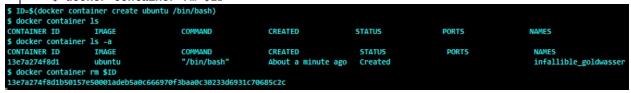
```
|$ docker container rm [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER]
```

Or run the following legacy command:

```
| $ docker rm [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER]
```

Let's first create a container, and then delete it using the following commands:

\$ ID=\$(docker container create ubuntu /bin/bash)
\$ docker container stop \$ID
\$ docker container rm \$ID



As we can see from the preceding screenshot, the container did not show up, which just entered the docker container 1s command after being stopped. We had to provide the -a option in order to list it.

#### There's more...

To remove a running container, it must be stopped first using the docker container stop command and then removed using the docker container rm command.

To forcefully remove a container without intermediate stop, use the -f option of the docker container rm command.

To remove all the containers, we first need to stop all running containers and then remove them. Be careful before running these commands as they will remove both running and stopped containers: \$ docker container stop \$(docker container ls -q) \$ docker container rm \$(docker container ls -aq)

There are options to remove a specified link and volumes associated with the container, which we will explore later.

## How it works...

The Docker daemon will remove the read/write layer, which was created while starting the container.

## See also

Look at the help option of docker container rm:

```
$ docker container rm --help
```

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.c om/engine/reference/commandline/container\_rm/.

## Removing all stopped containers

We can remove all stopped containers with a single command. In this recipe, we'll create a bunch of containers in a stopped state, and then delete all of them.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that Docker daemon 1.13 (and above) are running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client. You will also need some containers in a stopped or running state in order to delete them.

#### How to do it...

Use the following command:

\$ docker container prune [OPTIONS]

Let's first create a container, and then delete it using the following commands:

- \$ docker container create --name c1 ubuntu /bin/bash \$ docker container run --name c2 ubuntu /bin/bash
- **\$ docker container prune**

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\$ docker ps -a						
CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
3f1f7de6adc	ubuntu	"/bin/bash"	24 hours ago	Up 24 hours		nervous_swirles
docker contain	er createname	c1 ubuntu /bin/bash				
5b2e0b876bfe44a	d0625e7f2265c2050	79eafb92364aa4fe83631d	43d20a24b			
docker contain	ner runname c2	ubuntu /bin/bash				
docker contain	er ls -a					
CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
20a439fd9ad6	ubuntu	"/bin/bash"	10 seconds ago	Exited (0) 10 se	econds ago	C2
5b2e0b876bf	ubuntu	"/bin/bash"	24 seconds ago	Created		c1
3f1f7de6adc	ubuntu	"/bin/bash"	24 hours ago	Up 24 hours		nervous_swirle
docker contain	er prune					
WARNING! This wi	ll remove all sto	pped containers.				
are you sure you	want to continue	? [y/N] y				
Deleted Containe	ers:					
0a439fd9ad61a74	c6da1f17b40bc5278	03804f58024f67a2ed81e7	9e5b88775			
35b2e0b876bfe44a	d0625e7f2265c2050	79eafb92364aa4fe83631d	43d20a24b			
Total reclaimed	space: 0B					
docker contain						
CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
3f1f7de6adc	ubuntu	"/bin/bash"	24 hours ago	Up 24 hours		nervous swirles

#### There's more...

By default, the docker container prune command confirms prompts the user for confirmation before removing containers that are not in a running state.

You could avoid the aforementioned confirmation by using the -f or --force option of the docker container prune command.

## How it works...

The Docker daemon will iterate through containers that are not running and will remove them.

## See also

Look at the help option of docker container prune:

\$ docker container prune --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.c om/engine/reference/commandline/container\_prune/.

# Setting the restart policy on a container

Before Docker 1.2, when a container exited for any reason or the Docker host was rebooted, the container had to be manually restarted using the restart command. With the release of Docker 1.2, a policy-based restart capability was added to the Docker engine to automate restarting containers. This feature is activated using the --restart option of the run command and it supports container restart at Docker host boot time, as well as when container failures occur.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client.

<strong>\$ docker container run --restart=POLICY [OPTIONS] IMAGE[:TAG]
[COMMAND] [ARG...] </strong>

<strong>\$ docker container run --restart=always -d -i -t ubuntu
/bin/bash/strong>

There are three restart policies to choose from:

- no: This does not start the container if it dies
- on-failure: This restarts the container if it fails with a nonzero exit code
- always: This always restarts the container without worrying about the return code

## There's more...

You can also get an optional restart count with the on-failure policy as follows:

```
$ docker container run --restart=on-failure:3 \
-d -i -t ubuntu /bin/bash
```

The preceding command will only restart the container three times if any failure occurs.

#### See also

Look at the help option of docker container run:

|\$ docker container run --help

You can find help at Docker's website here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/conconcon\_run/, https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/run/#restart-policies-restart.

Docker's documentation on starting containers automatically can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/admin/start-containers-automatically/.

If restart policies do not meet your requirements, then use process managers such as systemd, supervisor, or upstart.

# Getting privileged access inside a container

Linux divides privileges that are traditionally associated with superusers into distinct units, known as capabilities (run man capabilities on a Linux-based system), which can be independently enabled and disabled. For example, the net\_bind\_service capability allows nonuser processes to bind the port below 1,024. By default, Docker starts containers with limited capabilities. With privileged access inside the container, we allocate more capabilities to perform operations that are normally done by the root user. In order to have a better understanding of privileged mode, let's first try a simple mount on an unprivileged container and observe the effect:

\$ docker container run -i -t --rm ubuntu
root@2b18ef56877f:/# mount --bind /home/ /mnt/
mount: permission denied

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client.

#### How to do it...

To use privileged mode, use the following command:

```
$ docker container run --privileged [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
```

Now, let's try the preceding example with privileged access:

```
$ docker container run --privileged -i -t ubuntu /bin/bash
```

```
$ docker container run -it --rm --privileged ubuntu
root@7ea970a93921:/# mount --bind /home/ /mnt/
root@7ea970a93921:/# ls /mnt/
root@7ea970a93921:/# touch /home/file-in-home
root@7ea970a93921:/# ls -l /mnt/
total 0
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 3 15:56 file-in-home
```

## How it works...

This provides almost all capabilities inside the container.

Refer to Chapter 9, Docker Security, for more details.

#### See also

Look at the help option of docker container run:

\$ docker container run --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here:

- https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_run/
- https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/run/#runtime-privilege-and-linux-capabiliti es

The Docker 1.2 release announcement can be found here: http://blog.docker.com/20 14/08/announcing-docker-1-2-0/.

# Accessing the host device inside a container

From Docker 1.2 onwards, we can give access of the host device to a container with the --device option, following the run command. Earlier, you had to bindmount it with the -v option, and that had to be done with the --privileged option.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client. You will also need a device to pass the container to.

## How to do it...

You can give access of a host device to the container using the following syntax:

```
docker container run --device=<Host Device>:<Container Device Mapping>:<Permissions>
```

Here is an example of using the preceding command:

## How it works...

The preceding command will access /dev/sdc inside the container.

## See also

Look at the help option of docker container run:

\$ docker container run --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.c om/engine/reference/commandline/container\_run/.

# Injecting a new process into a running container

While doing development and debugging, we might want to look inside an already running container. There are a few utilities, such as nsenter (https://github.com/jpetazzo/nsenter), which allow us to enter the namespace of the container to inspect its state. With the exec option, which was added in Docker 1.3, we can inject a new process inside a running container.

# **Getting ready**

Make sure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and that you can connect through the Docker client. You might also need a running container to inject a process into.

#### How to do it...

You can inject a process inside a running container with the following command:

```
$ docker exec [OPTIONS] CONTAINER COMMAND [ARG...]
```

Let's start an nginx container and then inject bash into it:

```
$ ID=$(docker container run -d redis)
$ docker container exec -it $ID /bin/bash
```

```
$ ID=$(docker container run -d redis)
$ docker container exec -it $ID /bin/bash
root@142f21ef5428:/data# ps aux
          PID %CPU %MEM
                                 RSS TTY
                                              STAT START
                                                          TIME COMMAND
                                                          0:00 redis-server *:6379
redis
            1 0.2 0.4 41640
                               9604 ?
                                              Ssl 16:37
                                                          0:00 /bin/bash
root
           17 0.2 0.1 20248
                                3236 pts/0
                                              SS
                                                   16:37
root
           21 0.0 0.1 17500
                               2072 pts/0
                                                  16:37
                                                          0:00 ps aux
                                             R+
```

## How it works...

The  $_{\mbox{\scriptsize exec}}$  command enters the namespace of the container and starts the new process.

## See also

Look at the help option of Docker inspect:

\$ docker container exec --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_exec/.

# Reading a container's metadata

While doing debugging, automation, and so on, we will need the container's configuration details. Docker provides the container inspect command to get those easily.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client.

### How to do it...

To inspect a container, run the following command:

```
$ docker container inspect [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER...]
```

We'll start a container and then inspect it, like so:

```
$ ID=$(docker container run -d -i ubuntu /bin/bash)
$ docker container inspect $ID
```

```
"Id": "63f1f7de6adc1c31e2d47d23d5cb8e30c2a5b2727e48bb6a855a5bb2b3e90d51",
"Created": "2017-09-02T18:23:50.197216317Z",
"Path": "/bin/bash",
"Args": [],
"State": {
   "Status": "running",
   "Running": true,
    "Paused": false,
    "Restarting": false,
    "OOMKilled": false,
    "Dead": false,
    "Pid": 21116,
    "ExitCode": 0,
   "Error": "",
    "StartedAt": "2017-09-02T18:23:50.439630217Z",
    "FinishedAt": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
"Image": "sha256:ccc7a11d65b1b5874b65adb4b2387034582d08d65ac1817ebc5fb9be1baa5f88",
```

### How it works...

Docker will look into the metadata and configuration for the given container and present it in JSON format. Using tools like  $_{\rm Jq}$ , this JSON formatted output can be further post-processed.

## There's more...

With the -f | --format option, we can use the Go (programming language) template to get this specific information. The following command will give us an IP address for the container:

## See also

Look at the help option of docker container inspect:

\$ docker container inspect --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_inspect/.

## Labeling and filtering containers

With Docker 1.6, a feature has been added so that we can label containers and images through which we can attach arbitrary key-value pairs as metadata. You can think of them as environment variables, that are not available for applications running inside containers, but they are available to Docker clients that manage the images and containers. Labels attached to images also get applied to containers that are started using those images. We can also attach labels to containers while starting them. Having labeled an image or a container, the labels can later be used for filtering or selection purposes.

For this recipe, let's assume that we have an image with the label <code>com.example.image=docker-cookbook</code>. We will see how to assign a label to an image in the next chapter:

\$ docker image ]	S								
REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE					
label-demo	latest	137e19689995	About a minute ago	120MB					
ubuntu	latest	ccc7a11d65b1	3 weeks ago	120MB					
nginx	latest	b8efb18f159b	5 weeks ago	107MB					
redis	latest	d4f259423416	5 weeks ago	106MB					
fedora	latest	49236bc2f0da	6 weeks ago	231MB					
nginx	alpine	ba60b24dbad5	7 weeks ago	15.5MB					
alpine	latest	7328f6f8b418	2 months ago	3.97MB					
<pre>\$ docker image lsfilter label=com.example.image=docker-cookbook</pre>									
REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE					
label-demo	latest	137e19689995	2 minutes ago	120MB					

As you can see from the preceding screenshot, if we use filters with the docker image 1s command, we only get the image where the corresponding label is found in the image's metadata.

## **Getting ready**

Ensure that Docker daemon 1.6 or above is running on the host and can be connected to through the Docker client.

#### How to do it...

Add labels to the container's metadata by using the --label or -1 option of the docker container run command, as follows: \$ docker container run \ --label com.example.container=docker-cookbook \ label-demo date

Let's start a container without a label and start two others with the same label:

```
$ docker container run --name container1 label-demo date
Mon Sep  4 16:55:31 UTC 2017
$ docker container run --name container2 --label com.example.container=docker-cookbook label-demo date
Mon Sep  4 16:56:05 UTC 2017
$ docker container run --name container3 --label com.example.container=docker-cookbook label-demo date
Mon Sep  4 16:56:13 UTC 2017
```

Now, if we run docker container 1s -a without any filter, it will list all the containers. However, we can limit the list of containers to those we labelled by applying filtering to the docker container 1s -a command by using the --filter or -f option:

\$ docker container	· ls -a							
CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES		
24cc2ca3070f	label-demo	"date"	12 seconds ago	Exited (0) 11 seconds ago	)	container3		
f5c94b2c23db	label-demo	"date"	19 seconds ago	Exited (0) 18 seconds ago	)	container2		
42810926fc8c	label-demo	"date"	53 seconds ago	Exited (0) 52 seconds ago	)	container1		
63f1f7de6adc	ubuntu	"/bin/bash"	47 hours ago	Up 47 hours		nervous_swirles		
<pre>\$ docker container ls -afilter label=com.example.image=docker-cookbook</pre>								
CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES		
24cc2ca3070f	label-demo	"date"	2 minutes ago	Exited (0) 2 minutes ago		container3		
f5c94b2c23db	label-demo	"date"	3 minutes ago	Exited (0) 3 minutes ago		container2		
42810926fc8c	label-demo	"date"	3 minutes ago	Exited (0) 3 minutes ago		container1		
<pre>\$ docker container ls -afilter label=com.example.container=docker-cookbook</pre>								
CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES		
24cc2ca3070f	label-demo	"date"	2 minutes ago	Exited (0) 2 minutes ago		container3		
f5c94b2c23db	label-demo	"date"	2 minutes ago	Exited (0) 2 minutes ago		container2		

### How it works...

Docker attaches label metadata to containers while starting them and matches the label while listing them or performing other related operations.

#### There's more...

All the labels attached to a container can be listed through the docker container inspect command. As we can see, the inspect command returns both the image and the container labels that are attached to the container:

```
$ docker container inspect --format '{{json .Config.Labels}}' container2 | jq "."
{
   "com.example.image": "docker-cookbook",
   "com.example.container": "docker-cookbook"
}
```

You can apply labels to a container from a file by using the --label-file option. The file should have a list of labels separated by a new EOL.

These labels are different from Kubernetes labels, which we will explore in chapt er 8, Docker Orchestration and Hosting Platform.

#### See also

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_run/.

Labeling key format recommendations can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/labels-custom-metadata/#key-format-recommendations.

Labeling value guidelines can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguidelines.elabels-custom-metadata/#value-guidelines.

Details on adding label support to Docker can be found here: http://rancher.com/docker-labels/.

## Reaping a zombie inside a container

On Linux (and all Unix-like) operating systems, when a process exits, all the resources associated with that process are released with the exception of its entry in the process table. This entry in the process table is kept until the parent process reads the entry to learn about the exit status of its child. This transient state of a process is called a **zombie**. As soon as the parent process reads the entry, the zombie process is removed from the process table, and this is called reaping. If the parent process exits before the child process, the <code>init</code> process (PID 1) adopts the child process (PID 1) and it eventually reaps adopted child processes when they exit:

```
$ pstree -p
init(1) --acpid(1121) --accounts-daemon(1117) --(gdbus)(1135)
--atd(1123) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075)
--dbus-daemon(898) --agetty(1244)
--dhclient(579) --agetty(1247)
--getty(1067) --atd(1108)
--getty(1078) --accounts-daemon(1117) --(gdbus)(1135)
--acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075)
--acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1075) --acpid(1
```

In the preceding screenshot, we snipped the process tree for Ubuntu 14.04 on the left-hand side and Ubuntu 18.04 on the right-hand side. As we can see, both process trees have the <code>init</code> process at PID 1 on the left-and right-hand sides.



systemd is a variant of the init system and is adopted by many Linux distributions.

If we go back to our namespace discussion of Docker, the Docker engine creates a new PID namespace for each docker container, thus the first process inside the container is mapped to PID 1. Docker is designed to run one process per container and usually the process running inside the containers doesn't create child processes. However, if the process inside the container creates child processes, then an init system is needed to reap zombie processes. In this recipe, we will look at how to configure an init process for our container to reap zombie processes.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that Docker daemon 1.13 or above is running on the host and can be connected through the Docker client.

#### How to do it...

You can launch a container with the init process using the --init option of the Docker container run command, as shown in the following syntax:

```
|docker container run --init [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
```

Let's create four containers, two without the --init option and another two with the --init option, and compare the process tree by using the pstree command:

```
$ docker container run --rm alpine pstree -p
pstree(1)
$ docker container run --rm alpine sh -c "pstree -p"
sh(1)---pstree(6)
$ docker container run --rm --init alpine pstree -p
init(1)---pstree(5)
$ docker container run --rm --init alpine sh -c "pstree -p"
init(1)---sh(6)---pstree(7)
```

## There's more...

By default, the docker container run --init command uses tini (https://github.com/krallin/tini) as the init process.

The daemon flag --init-path allows you to configure your own init process.

# How it works...

The Docker daemon will launch the containers with <code>init</code> as the first process, followed by the specified command.

## See also

Look at the help option of docker container run:

\$ docker container run --help

The documentation on the Docker website can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_run/.

# **Working with Docker Images**

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Creating an image from a container
- Creating an account with Docker Hub
- Logging in and out of a Docker image registry
- Publishing an image to a registry
- Looking at the history of an image
- Removing an image
- Exporting an image
- Importing an image
- Building an image using a Dockerfile
- Building an Apache image a Dockerfile example
- Setting up a private index/registry
- Automated builds with GitHub and Bitbucket
- Creating a custom base image
- Creating a minimal image using a scratch base image
- Building images in multiple stages
- Visualizing the image hierarchy

### Introduction

Docker images are the essential building blocks of the Docker-inspired containerization paradigm. As you are already aware, Docker containers are created from Docker images. According to your application requirements, you can choose to create complex services using the Docker images that are built and offered by the folks at Docker or third parties. If the existing images don't fit your requirements, you can also extend the existing images or custom-build your own images.

In this chapter, we will introduce you to Docker Hub, and will show you how to share images through Docker Hub and how to host your own Docker registry. We will also show you different ways to build your own image, along with a few Docker image housekeeping operations.



We are using Ubuntu 18.04 as our primary environment on which to run the z=zx. They should also work with other environments.

<strong>\$ docker container commit [OPTIONS] CONTAINER
[REPOSITORY[:TAG]]

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that the Docker daemon is running and has access to the Ubuntu image.

### How to do it...

Perform the following steps:

1. Let's start a container from an ubuntu image using the docker container run command:

```
$ docker container run -i -t ubuntu /bin/bash
root@6289e32373bf:/#
```

2. Having launched the container, issue apt-get update from the container prompt to sync the package list, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
root@6289e32373bf:/# apt-get update
Get:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial InRelease [247 kB]
Get:2 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security InRelease [102 kB]
Get:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-updates InRelease [102 kB]
```

3. Install the apache2 package using the apt-get install command:

```
root@6289e32373bf:/# apt-get install -y apache2
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
```

4. Now, open another terminal and create an image using the docker container run command:

```
$ docker container ls
                    IMAGE
                                        COMMAND
                                                            CREATED
                                                                                STATUS
CONTAINER ID
                                                                                                    PORTS
6289e32373bf
                    ubuntu
                                        "/bin/bash"
                                                            38 minutes ago
                                                                                Up 38 minutes
$ docker container commit --author "Jeeva S. Chelladhurai" \
                          --message "Ubuntu with apache2 package" \
                          6289e32373bf myapache2
sha256:061058607f399d7f3b1d72934725e4be4a2fc17a84105f944a519d5a7a3b3a07
$ docker image 1s
REPOSITORY
                    TAG
                                        IMAGE ID
                                                            CREATED
                                                                                SIZE
myapache2
                    latest
                                        061058607f39
                                                            15 seconds ago
                                                                                258MB
ubuntu
                    latest
                                                            4 weeks ago
                                                                                120MB
                                        ccc7a11d65b1
centos
                                        328edcd84f1b
                                                            3 weeks ago
                    centos7
                                                                                193MB
                                                            4 weeks ago
alpine
                                        6ab1c97283af
                    edge
                                                                                3.95MB
```

As you can see, the new image is now being committed to the local repository with myapache2 as the name and latest as the tag.

### How it works...

In chapter 1, *Introduction and Installation*, we learned that Docker images are layered and that each layer is stacked on top of its parent image. When we start a container, a read/write ephemeral filesystem layer gets created. The changes to the filesystem (that is, the addition, modification, or deletion of files) through the apt-get update and install commands are preserved in this read/write ephemeral filesystem layer. If we stop and delete the container, the ephemeral layer associated with that container is removed and, essentially, we lose all the changes we applied to the container.

In this recipe, we persisted the container's ephemeral layer by using the docker container commit command. In effect, the commit operation creates another image layer and saves it along with other images in the Docker host.

<strong>\$ docker diff 6289e32373bf</strong>

<strong>...OUTPUT SNIPPED...</strong> <strong>C /var/log</strong>

<strong>C /var/log/alternatives.log</strong> <strong>A
/var/log/apache2</strong>

<strong>A /var/log/apache2/access.log</strong> <strong> A
/var/log/apache2/error.log</strong> <strong> A
/var/log/apache2/other\_vhosts\_access.log</strong> <strong> ... OUTPUT
SNIPPED...</strong>

We can see that there is a prefix before each entry of the output. The following is a list of those prefixes:

- A: This is for when a file/directory has been added
- c: This is for when a file/directory has been modified
- D: This is for when a file/directory has been deleted

By default, a container gets paused while doing the commit. You can change its behavior by passing --pause=false to commit.

## See also

Refer to the help option for docker container commit:

\$ docker container commit --help

For more information, you can read the documentation on the Docker website at <a href="https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_commit/">https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_commit/</a>.

# Creating an account with Docker Hub

Docker Hub is a cloud-based public registry service to host both public and private images, share them, and collaborate with others. It has integration with GitHub and Bitbucket, and can trigger automated builds.

To host your image in Docker Hub, you need to create your Docker ID. This gives you the ability to create any number of public repositories in Docker Hub.



Docker Hub also gives you one free private repository. If you need more than one private repository, you can upgrade to a paid plan. A repository can hold different versions of an image.

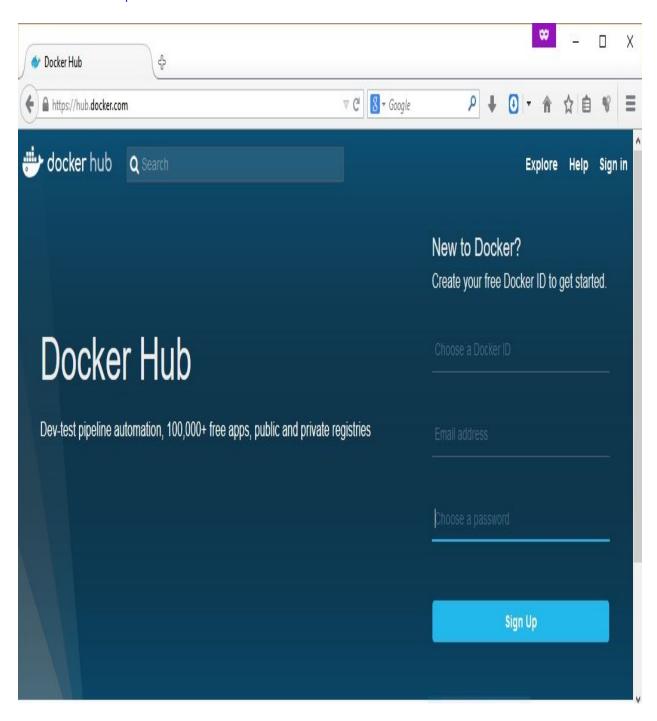
# **Getting ready**

To sign up, you need access to any standard web browser.

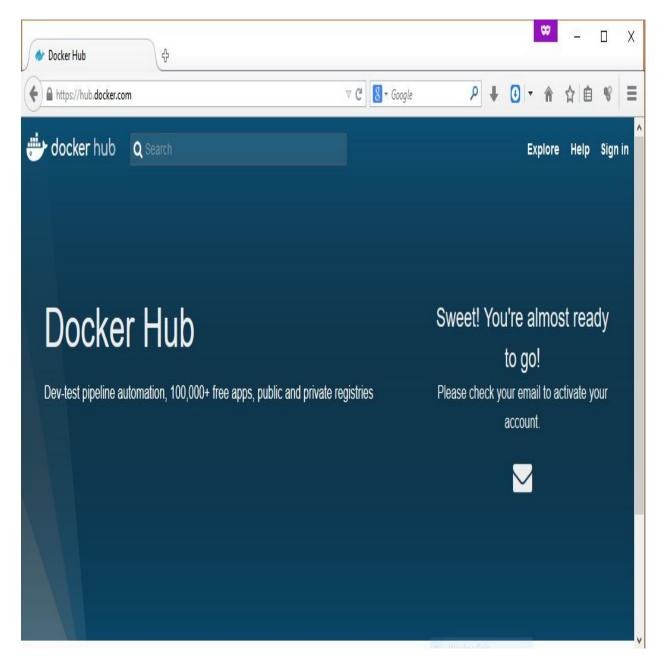
### How to do it...

Perform the following steps:

1. Go to https://hub.docker.com:



- 2. Enter your preferred Docker ID, a valid email address, and password in the fields in the sign up section and then click the Sign Up button.
- 3. Upon successful creation of the account, Docker Hub will display the following information:



4. As shown in the preceding screenshot, your account is not activated yet. In order to activate your account, you have to confirm your email by pressing the Confirm Your Email button in the email from Docker that you will have received in the inbox of the email account that you provided, as shown in

the following screenshot:



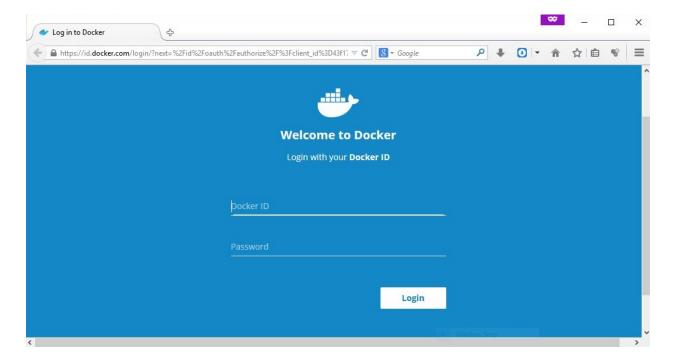
#### Please confirm your email address

You have created a Docker ID with the username: cookbook

Confirm Your Email

(This link will expire in 2 days.)

5. As soon as you confirm your email, you will land on the Welcome to Docker page, as shown in the following screenshot:



Now, you have successfully created and activated your Docker Hub account.

### How it works...

The preceding steps will have created a Docker Hub account for you. Once the account is created, you'll get a confirmation email, through which you need to confirm your identity.

# See also

- The documentation at the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/docker-hub
  - https://docs.docker.com/docker-hub/accounts
  - https://hub.docker.com/help

# Logging in and out of the Docker image registry

In your journey through the world of containerization, oftentimes you will be publishing your images for public consumption or privately sharing images using a Docker registry. To push an image to a public repository, you must log in to a Docker registry and you must be the owner of that repository. In the case of a private repository, both pulling and pushing are allowed, but only once you are logged in. In this recipe, we will see how to log in and log out of a Docker registry.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that you have a valid Docker ID or GitLab account.

#### How to do it...

The docker login command lets you log in to more than one Docker registry at the same time. Similarly, the docker logout command lets you log out from the specified server. Here is the syntax for the Docker login and logout commands: \$ docker login [OPTIONS] [SERVER]
\$ docker logout [SERVER]

By default, both the docker login and docker logout commands assume https://hub.docker.com/ as the default registry, but this can be changed.

Let's learn a little more about this process by experimenting with the following, as depicted in the following screenshot:

- Logging into the default Docker registry
- Logging into the registry hosted at https://about.gitlab.com/
- Reading out the persisted login details
- Logging out from all these registrie

```
$ docker login
Login with your Docker ID to push and pull images from Docker Hub. If you don't have a Docker ID,
head over to https://hub.docker.com to create one.
Username: cookbook
Password:
Login Succeeded
$ docker info | egrep ^\(Username\\Registry\)
Username: cookbook
Registry: https://index.docker.io/v1/
$ docker login registry.gitlab.com
Username: sjeeva@gmail.com
Password:
Login Succeeded
$ cat ~/.docker/config.json
        "auths": {
                "https://index.docker.io/v1/": {
                        "auth": "Y29va2Jvb2s6c29zZWN1cmU="
                "registry.gitlab.com": {
                        "auth": "c2plZXZhQGdtYWlsLmNvbTpzb3NlY3VyZQ=="
                }
}$
$ echo -n Y29va2Jvb2s6c29zZWN1cmU= | base64 -d
cookbook:sosecure$
$ docker logout
Removing login credentials for https://index.docker.io/v1/
$ docker logout
Not logged in to https://index.docker.io/v1/
$ docker logout registry.gitlab.com
Removing login credentials for registry.gitlab.com
$ cat ~/.docker/config.json
        "auths": {}
```

### How it works...

In this recipe, we logged into two registries by using the docker login command, and then explored how the login information is stored. We also used base64 to retrieve the logged-in user ID, whereas it also displayed the stored password. Then we continued to log out from both the registries by using the docker logout command.

### There's more...

By default, the docker login command interactively prompts the user for their username and password. You can change this interactive behavior to batch mode by supplying the username using the -u or --username option and the password using the -p or --password option.



In the preceding recipe, the password stored in the \$home/.docker/config.json file can be easily decoded using base64. This is not desirable in all environments, however; in other scenarios, you could resort to tools such as docker-credential-helpers.

### See also

• The help option for the docker login and docker logout options:

```
$ docker login -help
$ docker logout --help
```

- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/login/
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/logout/
- The GitHub repository for the Docker credential helpers:
  - https://github.com/docker/docker-credential-helpers

# Publishing an image to the registry

As mentioned in the previous recipe, Docker image registries act as hubs to store and share images. In this recipe, we'll see how to push the image to the registry using the docker image push command. Later in this chapter, we'll cover how to set up the private registry.

# **Getting ready**

Ensure that you have successfully logged in to hub.docker.com because, in this recipe, we will be pushing an image to hub.docker.com. Alternatively, you could use a private or third-party Docker image registry.

### How to do it...

The following are two syntaxes for the command that is used to push a Docker image to a registry:

```
|$ docker image push [OPTIONS] NAME[:TAG]
| $ docker push [OPTIONS] NAME[:TAG]
```

To push an image to a Docker registry, go through the following steps:

1. Begin by tagging the image using the docker image tag command with the appropriate user or organization in the Docker hub, as shown in the following code:

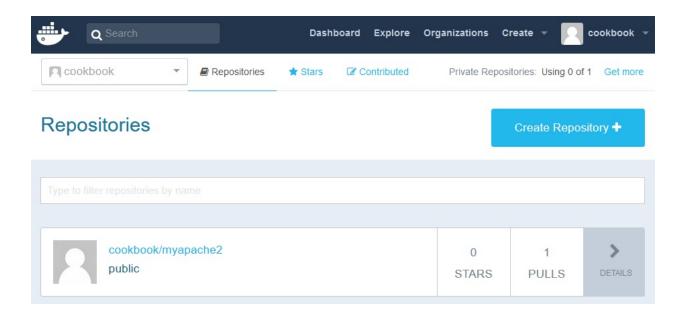
```
|$ docker image tag myapache2 cookbook/myapache2
```

Here, the image is tagged as cookbook/myapache2 because, in the next step, we will be pushing this image to the Docker Hub user cookbook.

2. Now, let's push the image to the Docker Hub using docker image push, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker image push cookbook/myapache2
The push refers to a repository [docker.io/cookbook/myapache2]
65a92f0adf3a: Pushed
a09947e71dc0: Pushed
9c42c2077cde: Pushed
625c7a2a783b: Pushed
25e0901a71b8: Pushed
8aa4fcad5eeb: Pushed
latest: digest: sha256:e737800457b655c783d945ef3423d425b506af2585476761c6ad004cacbd3cce size: 1569
```

3. Having pushed the image to the Docker Hub, we can log in to the Docker Hub and verify the image, as shown in the following screenshot:



### How it works...

The docker image push command identifies all the image layers that make up the image that is to be pushed, and check whether any of those images are already available in the registry. Then the push command uploads all the images that are not present in the registry.

### There's more...

Let's say you want to push the image to a registry that is hosted locally. To do this, you first need to tag the image with the registry host's name or IP address with the port number on which the registry is running, and then push the images.

For example, let's say our registry is configured on <code>shadowfax.example.com</code>. To tag the image, we would use the following command: \$ docker tag myapache2 \ shadowfax.example.com:5000/cookbook/myapache2

Then, to push the image, we would use the following command:

\$ docker push shadowfax.example.com:5000/cookbook/myapache2

# See also

- ullet The help option of docker image push:
- \$ docker push --help
- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/image\_push/

# Looking at the history of an image

It is imperative for us to have a deeper understanding of the Docker image we are using. The docker image history command helps us find all the layers in the image, its image ID, when it was created, how it was created, the size, and any additional comments associated with that layer.

# **Getting ready**

Before we begin the next recipe, first pull or import any Docker image.

### How to do it...

To look at the history of the image, consider the following syntax:

\$ docker image history [OPTIONS] IMAGE

Here's an example using the preceding syntax:

\$ docker image history myapache2

IMAGE	CREATED	CREATED BY	SIZE
061058607f39	6 hours ago	/bin/bash	138MB
ccc7a11d65b1	4 weeks ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) CMD ["/bin/bash"]	0B
(missing)	4 weeks ago	/bin/sh -c mkdir -p /run/systemd && echo '	7B
(missing)	4 weeks ago	/bin/sh -c sed -i 's/^#\s*\(deb.*universe\	2.76kB
(missing)	4 weeks ago	/bin/sh -c rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*	ØB
(missing)	4 weeks ago	/bin/sh -c set -xe && echo '#!/bin/sh' >	745B
(missing)	4 weeks ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) ADD file:39d3593ea220e68	120MB

## How it works...

When we build a Docker image, the Docker engine preserves the build instruction in the image metadata. Later, the docker image history command recursively gathers these build instruction from the prescribed image to the base image and presents it in a nice format.

<strong>\$ docker image inspect --format='{{.Comment}}' myapache2</strong>
<strong>Ubuntu with apache2 package</strong>

Well! The docker image inspect command can work with only one image at a time, but if you want to see the comments of all the image layers, then you have to go through each image or automate the operation through some scripts. By the way, the comment is optional, and so you might not find comments on all the images.

## See also

- The help option of docker image history:
- \$ docker image history --help
- The documentation on the Docker website:

https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/image\_history/

# Removing an image

The docker image rm command lets you remove images from the Docker host. This command can remove one or more images, and you can specify images using one of the following identifiers:

- The image's short ID.
- The image's long ID.
- The image's digest.
- The image's name along with its tag. If the tag is not specified, then the latest tag is assumed by default.

If the image happens to have more than one tag associated with it, then those tags must be removed before removing the image. Alternatively, you can forcefully remove them using the -f or --force option of the docker image rm command. In such a case, all the tags will also be automatically removed.

Here is the syntax for the docker image rm command: docker image rm [OPTIONS] IMAGE [IMAGE...]

In this recipe, we will create multiple tags for an image and demonstrate how to remove them.

# **Getting ready**

One or more Docker images should be locally available in the Docker host.

### How to do it...

#### Perform the following steps:

1. Let's choose one of the existing images and add multiple tags to it, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker image tag centos:latest centos:tag1
$ docker image tag centos:latest centos:tag2
$ docker image tag centos:latest centos:tag3
$ docker image 1s
REPOSITORY
                     TAG
                                        IMAGE ID
                                                             CREATED
                                                                                SIZE
cookbook/myapache2
                                                            2 weeks ago
                    latest
                                        061058607f39
                                                                                 258MB
myapache2
                     latest
                                        061058607f39
                                                            2 weeks ago
                                                                                 258MB
ubuntu
                                                            6 weeks ago
                    latest
                                        ccc7a11d65b1
                                                                                120MB
centos
                     latest
                                        328edcd84f1b
                                                            7 weeks ago
                                                                                193MB
centos
                     tag1
                                                            7 weeks ago
                                        328edcd84f1b
                                                                                193MB
                     tag2
                                        328edcd84f1b
                                                            7 weeks ago
centos
                                                                                193MB
                     tag3
                                        328edcd84f1b
                                                            7 weeks ago
centos
                                                                                 193MB
alpine
                                                             2 months ago
                     latest
                                         7328f6f8b418
                                                                                 3.97MB
```

Here, we have selected the centos image with the image ID 328edcd84f1b and added another three tags: tag1, tag2, and tag3. All the tags have the same image ID of 328edcd84f1b.

2. Now, let's make an attempt to delete the image with the ID 328edcd84f1b and observe the outcome:

```
$ docker image rm 328edcd84f1b
Error response from daemon: conflict: unable to delete 328edcd84f1b (must be forced) - image is
referenced in multiple repositories
```

Clearly, the docker image rm failed to remove the image because there are four tags referring to the same image ID.

3. Remove the tags from the image until all the tags are removed and the image is deleted, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker image rm centos:tag3
$ docker image rm centos:tag2
Untagged: centos:tag2
$ docker image rm centos:tag1
Untagged: centos:tag1
$ docker image rm centos
Untagged: centos:latest
Untagged: centos:latest
Untagged: centos:@sha256:26f74cefad82967f97f3eeeef88c1b6262f9b42bc96f2ad61d6f3fdf544759b8
Deleted: sha256:328edcd84f1bbf868bc88e4ae37afe421ef19be71890f59b4b2d8ba48414b84d
Deleted: sha256:b362758f4793674edb79ec5c7192074b2eacf200c006e127069856484526ccf2
```

Clearly, the docker image rm command removed the tags, and finally removed the image when there were no more tags.

<strong>\$ docker container stop \$(docker container ls -q) </strong>

<strong>\$ docker container rm \$(docker container ls -a -q)` </strong>

<strong>\$ docker image rm \$(docker image ls -q)</strong>

## See also

• The help option of docker image rm:

```
$ docker image rm --help
```

• The documentation on the Docker website:

https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/image\_rm/

# **Exporting an image**

Let's say you have a customer who has very strict policies that do not allow them to use images from the public domain. In such cases, you can share one or more images through tarballs, which can then later be imported on another system.

The docker image save command lets you save or export images as tarballs. The command syntax is as follows: **docker image save [-o|--output]=file.tar IMAGE [IMAGE...]** 

In this recipe, we will learn how to export an image using the docker image save command.

# **Getting ready**

Before you begin, first pull or import one or more Docker images on the Docker host.

<strong>\$ docker image save --output=myapache2.tar myapache2</strong>

The preceding command generates the myapache2.tar file, which can be imported as described in the next recipe.

# There's more...

You can also export the container's filesystem using the following command:

\$ docker container export --output=myapache2\_cont.tar c71ae52e382d

## See also

ullet The help option of docker image save and docker container export:

```
$ docker image save -help
$ docker container export --help
```

• The documentation on the Docker website:

https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/image\_save/

https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/container\_export/

<strong>docker image import [OPTIONS] file|URL|- [REPOSITORY[:TAG]]
</strong>

# **Getting ready**

Before you begin, you need a local copy of the exported Docker image.

<strong> \$ docker image import myapache2.tar apache2:imported</strong>

3. Here, we have imported our myapache2.tar file as an apache2:imported image.

# There's more...

You can also import TAR files stored in a remote location by specifying their URL.

## See also

- ullet The help option of docker image import:
- \$ docker image import --help
- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/image\_import/

# Building an image using a Dockerfile

The Dockerfile is a text-based build instruction file that enables us to define the content of the Docker image and automate image creation. The Docker build engine reads the instruction in the <code>Dockerfile</code> line by line and constructs the image as prescribed. In other words, <code>Dockerfile</code> helps us to craft an image repeatedly in an automated fashion. The images created using <code>Dockerfiles</code> are considered immutable.

```
<strong>$ mkdir sample_image</strong>
    <strong>$ cd sample_image</strong>
<strong>$ cat Dockerfile</strong>
    <strong># Use ubuntu as the base image </strong> <strong> FROM ubuntu </strong>
    <strong># Add author's name </strong> <strong> LABEL maintainer="Jeeva S. Chelladhurai" </strong>
```

<strong># Add the command to run at the start of container </strong>
<strong>CMD date</strong>

### How to do it...

#### Perform the following steps:

1. Run the following command inside the directory where we created the Dockerfile to build the image:

\$ docker image build .

\$ docker image build .

\$ ending build context to Docker daemon 2.048kB

\$ tep 1/3 : FROM ubuntu
---> ccc7a11d65b1

\$ tep 2/3 : LABEL maintainer 'Jeeva 5. Chelladhurai'
---> Running in 485ee5672232
---> 1de70fbc6ca7

Removing intermediate container 485ee5672232

\$ tep 3/3 : CMD date
---> Running in d65b84327af5
---> f080d4c18a50

Removing intermediate container d65b84327af5

Successfully built f080d4c18a50



In the preceding setup, we did not specify any repository and tag name while building the image. It is always recommended that you build the image with a repository name for easy reference in the future.

2. Now, let's proceed to create our own repository name using the -t option of the docker image build command, as follows:

|\$ docker image build -t sample .

```
$ docker image build -t sample .

Sending build context to Docker daemon 2.048kB

Step 1/3 : FROM ubuntu
---> ccc7a11d65b1

Step 2/3 : LABEL maintainer 'Jeeva 5. Chelladhurai'
---> Using cache
---> fb4796f8aa30

Step 3/3 : CMD date
---> Using cache
---> 434ff8ff128f

Successfully built 434ff8ff128f

Successfully tagged sample:latest
```

If you compare the output of step 1 and step 2, you can notice a subtle difference. In the output of step 1, you can see the text Running after the LABEL and CMD instructions, whereas for step 2, it is printed as Using Cache. This indicates that Docker is reusing the intermediate layers from the image that was built in step 1. The Docker build system always reuses the layers from the previously built image if there is no change on that layer. If you don't want the build system to reuse the intermediate layers, then add the --no-cache option to the build.

### How it works...

When we build a Docker image using the docker image build command, we specify a directory. This command bundles the entire directory tree as the build context and transfers it to the Docker engine to create the Docker image. This is evident from the build output sending build context to Docker daemon 2.048 kB message. If there is a file named .dockerignore in the current working directory with the list of files and directories (new-line separated), then those files and directories will be ignored in the build context. More details about .dockerignore can be found at https://docs.docker.com/reference/builder/#the-dockerignore-file.

Now, the Docker build system will read each instruction in the Dockerfile, launch an intermediate container, execute the instruction inside the container or update the metadata, commit the intermediate container as an image layer, and remove the intermediate container. This process is continued until all the instructions in the Dockerfile are executed.

### There's more...

The format for the Dockerfile is as follows:

```
INSTRUCTION arguments
```

Generally, instructions are given in uppercase, but they are not case-sensitive. They are evaluated in order. The # code phrase in the beginning is treated like a comment.

Let's take a look at the different types of instruction:

• FROM: This must be the first instruction of any Dockerfile, and sets the base image for subsequent instructions. By default, the latest tag is assumed to be the following:

```
FROM <image>
```

Alternatively, consider the following tag:

```
FROM <images>:<tag>
```

There can be more than one FROM instruction in one Dockerfile to create multiple images.

If only the image names, such as fedora and ubuntu, are given, then the images will be downloaded from the default Docker registry (Docker Hub). If you want to use private or third-party images, then you have to include them as follows:

```
[registry_hostname[:port]/][user_name/](repository_name:version_tag)
```

The following is an example using the preceding syntax:

```
FROM registry-host:5000/cookbook/apache2
FROM <images>:<tag> AS <build stage>
```

You can also prescribe a build stage to be used for multistage image building, as you will see in the *Building images in multiple stages* recipe.

• RUN: We can execute the RUN instruction in two ways. First, we can run it in the shell (sh -c):

```
RUN <command> <param1> ... <pamamN>
```

Second, we can directly run an executable:

```
RUN ["executable", "param1",..., "paramN"]
```

As we know, with Docker we create an overlay—a layer on top of another layer—to make the resulting image. Through each RUN instruction, we create and commit a layer on top of the earlier committed layer. A container can be started from any of the committed layers.

By default, Docker tries to cache the layers committed by different RUN instructions so that they can be used in subsequent builds. However, this behavior can be turned off using --no-cache flag while building the image.

- LABEL: Docker 1.6 added a new feature to the attached arbitrary key—value pair of Docker images and containers. We covered part of this in the *Labeling and filtering containers* recipe in chapter 2, *Working with Docker Containers*. To give a label to an image, we use the LABEL instruction in the Dockerfile—for example, LABEL distro=ubuntu.
- CMD: The CMD instruction provides a default executable while starting a container. If the CMD instruction does not have any executable (parameter 2), then it will provide arguments to ENTRYPOINT:

```
CMD ["executable", "param1",...,"paramN"]

CMD ["param1", ..., "paramN"]

CMD <command> <param1> ... <pamamN>
```

Only one cmd instruction is allowed in Dockerfile. If more than one is specified, then only the last one will be honored.

• ENTRYPOINT: This helps us configure the container as an executable. Similar to

CMD, there can be a maximum of one instruction for ENTRYPOINT; if more then one is specified, then only the last one will be honored:

```
ENTRYPOINT ["executable", "param1",...,"paramN" ]
ENTRYPOINT <command> <param1> ... <pamamN>
```

Once the parameters are defined with the ENTRYPOINT instruction, they cannot be overwritten at runtime. However, ENTRYPOINT can be used as CMD, if we want to use different parameters for ENTRYPOINT.

• EXPOSE: This exposes network ports on the container, on which it will listen at runtime:

```
|EXPOSE <port> [<port> ... ]
```

We can also expose a port while starting the container. We covered this in the *Exposing a port while starting a container* recipe in chapter 2, *Working with Docker Containers*.

• ENV: This will set the environment variable <key> to <value>. It will be passed to all the subsequent instructions and will persist when a container is run from the resulting image:

```
ENV <key> <value>
```

• ADD: This copies files from the source to the destination:

```
|ADD <src> <dest>
```

The following ADD instruction is for a path containing white spaces:

```
| ADD ["<src>"... "<dest>"]
```

- <src>: This must be the file or directory inside the build directory from which we are building an image, which is also called the context of the build. A source can be a remote URL as well.
- <dest>: This must be the absolute path inside the container in which files/directories from the source will be copied.

• copy: This is similar to ADD. COPY <src> <dest>:

```
COPY ["<src>"... "<dest>"]
```

The copy instruction optionally supports a --from option for multistage building.

• VOLUME: This instruction will create a mount point with the given name and flag it as mounting the external volume using the following syntax:

```
VOLUME ["/data"]
```

Alternatively, you can use the following code:

#### **VOLUME** /data

• USER: This sets the username for any of the following run instructions using the following syntax:

```
USER <username>/<UID>
```

• WORKDIR: This sets the working directory for any RUN, CMD, and ENTRYPOINT instructions that follow it. It can have multiple entries in the same Dockerfile. A relative path can be given that will be relative to the earlier WORKDIR instruction using the following syntax:

#### |WORKDIR <PATH>

• ONBUILD: This adds trigger instructions to the image that will be executed later, when this image will be used as the base image for another image. This trigger will run as part of the FROM instruction in a downstream Dockerfile using the following syntax:

ONBUILD [INSTRUCTION]

## See also

- ullet The help option of docker image build:
- \$ docker image build --help
- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/

# Building an Apache image – a Dockerfile example

Now that we're armed with a good understanding of the <code>Dockerfile</code> constructs, in this recipe we will build a very simple Docker image that bundles the <code>apache2</code> web server and also adds metadata to launch the <code>apache2</code> application inside the container whenever a new container is created from this image.

<strong>\$ docker image build -t apache2 .</strong> <strong>Sending build context to Docker daemon 52.74kB</strong> <strong>Step 1/5 : FROM alpine:3.6</strong> <strong>3.6: Pulling from library/alpine</strong> <strong>88286f41530e: Pull complete</strong> <strong>Digest: sha256:f006ecbb824d87947d0b51ab8488634bf69fe4094959d935c0c103f4820a4 <strong>Status: Downloaded newer image for alpine:3.6</strong> <strong> ---> 76da55c8019d</strong> <strong>Step 2/5 : LABEL maintainer "Jeeva S. Chelladhurai <sjeeva@gmail.com>"</strong> <strong> ---> Running in 83e2c061c956</strong> <strong> ---> f77381e55873</strong> <strong>Removing intermediate container 83e2c061c956</strong> <strong>Step 3/5 : RUN apk add --no-cache apache2 && </strong> <strong> mkdir -p /run/apache2 && </strong> <strong> echo "<html><h1>Docker Cookbook</h1></html>"></strong> <strong> /var/www/localhost/htdocs/index.html</strong> <strong> ---> Running in 3abde4480544</strong> <strong>fetch http://dlcdn.alpinelinux.org/alpine/v3.6/main/x86\_64/APKINDEX.tar.gz</strong> <strong>fetch http://dlcdn.alpinelinux.org/alpine/v3.6/community/x86\_64/APKINDEX.tar.gz</strong> <strong>(1/6) Installing libuuid (2.28.2-r2)</strong> <strong>(2/6) Installing apr (1.5.2-r1)</strong> <strong>(3/6) Installing expat (2.2.0-r1)</strong> <strong>(4/6) Installing apr-util (1.5.4-r3)</strong> <strong>(5/6) Installing pcre (8.41-r0)</strong> <strong>(6/6) Installing apache2 (2.4.27-r1)</strong> <strong>Executing apache2-2.4.27-r1.pre-install</strong> <strong> Executing busybox-1.26.2r5.trigger</strong> <strong> OK: 7 MiB in 17 packages</strong>

<strong> ---> d7585e779ee8</strong>

<strong>Removing intermediate container 3abde4480544</strong>

## How it works...

The build process pulls the alpine base image from Docker Hub, installs the apache2 package, and creates a simple HTML page. Then it continues, adding port 80 as a piece of metadata to the image, and finally sets the instructions to start the Apache application at the start of the container.

# There's more...

Let's run an apache2 container from the created image, get its IP address, and access the web page from it:

```
$ ID=$(docker container run -d -p 80:80 apache2)
$ IP=$(docker container inspect --format='{{.NetworkSettings.IPAddress}}' $ID)
$ curl $IP
<html><html><h1>Docker Cookbook</h1></html></html>
```

## See also

- The help option of docker image build:
  - \$ docker image build --help
- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/imaim\_build/

# Setting up a private index/registry

Earlier, we used a Docker-hosted registry (https://hub.docker.com) to push and pull images. Nonetheless, quite often you will come across use cases where you will have to host a private registry in your infrastructure. In this recipe, we will host our own private registry using Docker's registry:2 image.

# **Getting ready**

Make sure that Docker daemon version 1.6.0 or above is running on the host.

<strong>\$ docker container run -d -p 5000:5000 \</strong> <strong> --name
registry registry:2</strong>

<strong>\$ docker tag apache2 localhost:5000/apache2</strong>

Here, we will reuse the apache2 image we built in the previous recipe.

3. Now, let's push the image to the local registry using the docker image push command, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker image push localhost:5000/apache2
The push refers to a repository [localhost:5000/apache2]
58ddd35fd6c0: Pushed
5bef08742407: Pushed
latest: digest: sha256:f00e1c2634fccd5e97870fd639f91faed6029ca3616a3068ccd8358cee9b210c size: 739
```

### How it works...

The preceding command to pull the image will download the official registry image from Docker Hub and run it on port 5000. The -p option publishes the container port to the host system's port. We will explore details about port publishing in the next chapter.

# There's more...

The registry has a notification framework that can invoke WebHooks when it receives a push or pull request. These WebHooks can be chained with your DevOps flow.

## **See also**

- The documentation on GitHub:
  - https://github.com/docker/docker-registry

# Automated builds – with GitHub and Bitbucket

We saw earlier how to push Docker images to Docker Hub. Docker Hub allows us to create automated images from a GitHub or Bitbucket repository using its build clusters. The GitHub/Bitbucket repository should contain the Dockerfile and also the content that is to be copied/added inside the image. We will be looking at a GitHub example in upcoming sections.

# **Getting ready**

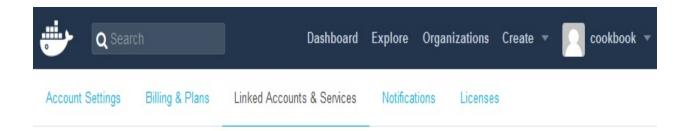
For this you, will need a valid Docker ID and GitHub account.

Also, visit https://github.com/docker-cookbook/apache2 for the apache2 Dockerfile.

### How to do it...

Perform the following steps:

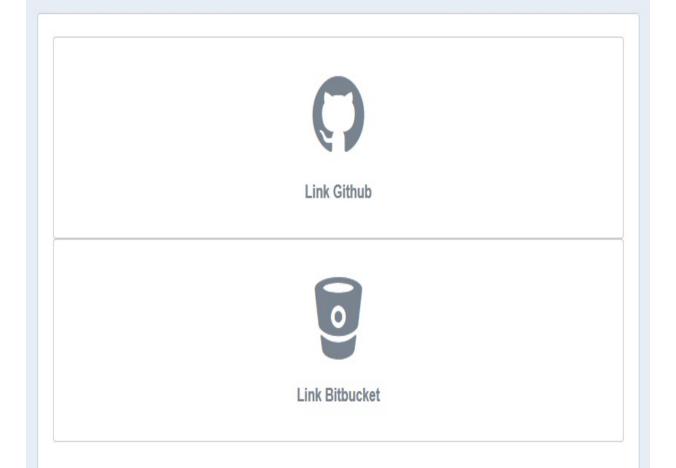
- 1. Log in to Docker Hub (https://hub.docker.com/).
- 2. The first step to create an automated build is to link your GitHub or Bitbucket account. The account-linking feature is available in the Linked Accounts & Services web wizard. You can reach this wizard either by navigating through the Settings menu or via Create Automated Build menu in the Create dropdown. Here, we will choose the former option—that is, the Settings menu—which is accessible from the rightmost drop-down menu:



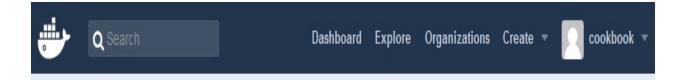
### Linked Accounts & Services

#### **Linked Accounts**

These account links are currently used for Automated Builds, so that we can access your project lists and help you configure your Automated Builds. Please note: A github/bitbucket account can be connected to only one docker hub account at a time.



3. In the preceding wizard, click the Link Github option; in the next screen, you will be presented with two options, as shown in the following screenshot. Here, let us click the Select button under the Public and Private (Recommended) option:



#### Connect to GitHub

We let you choose how much access we have to your GitHub account.

#### Public and Private (Recommended)

- Read and Write access to public and private repositories. (We only use write access to add service hooks and add deploy keys)
- Required if you want to setup an Automated Build from a private GitHub repository.
- Required if you want to use a private GitHub organization.
- · We will automatically configure the service hooks and deploy keys for you.

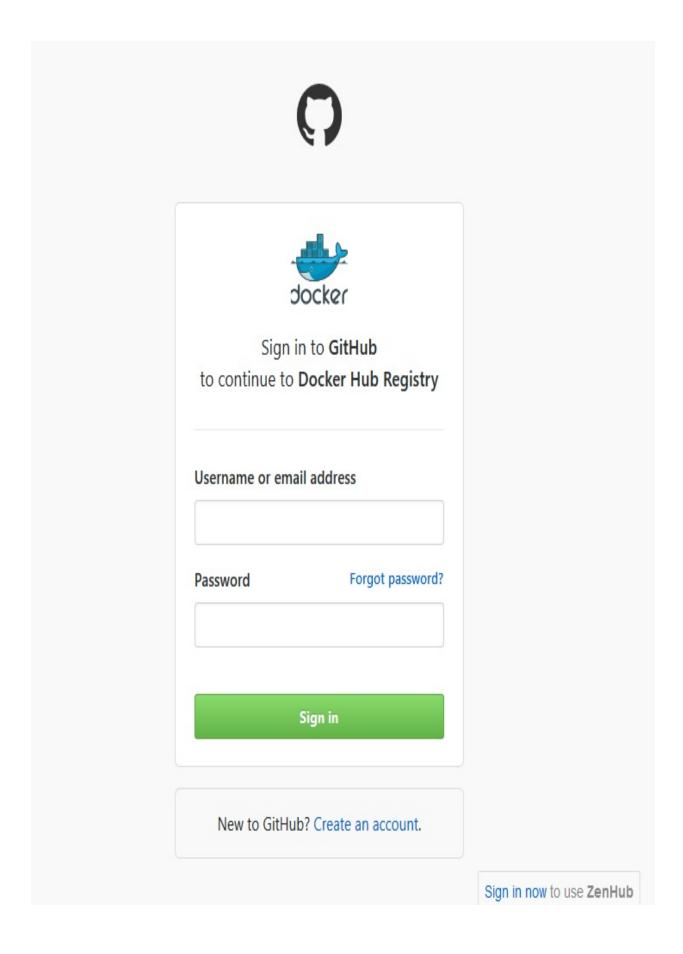
Select

#### Limited Access

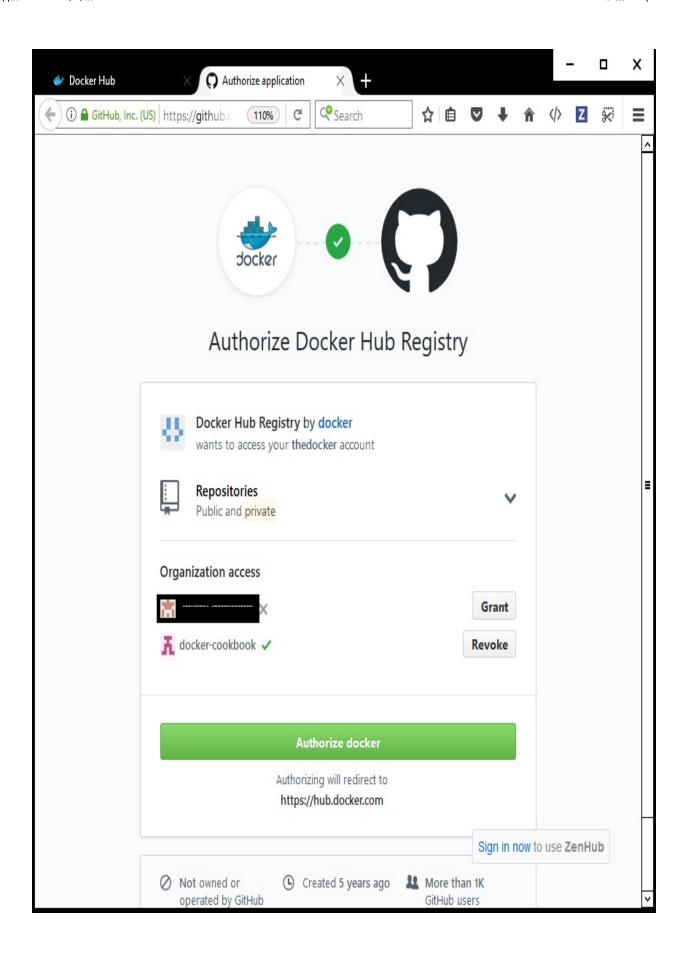
- · Public read only access.
- Only works with public repositories and organizations.
- You will need to manually make changes to your repositories in order to use Automated Build.

Select

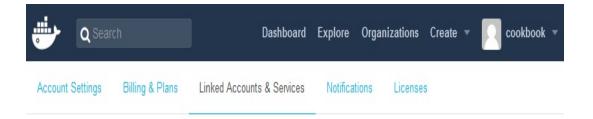
4. A new window or tab will open for you to key in your GitHub credentials, as shown in the following screenshot:	



5. Having successfully logged in to your GitHub account, continue to Grant permission to the organizations in your GitHub account. In this example, we have granted permission to the docker-cookbook organization. Click the Authorize docker button:



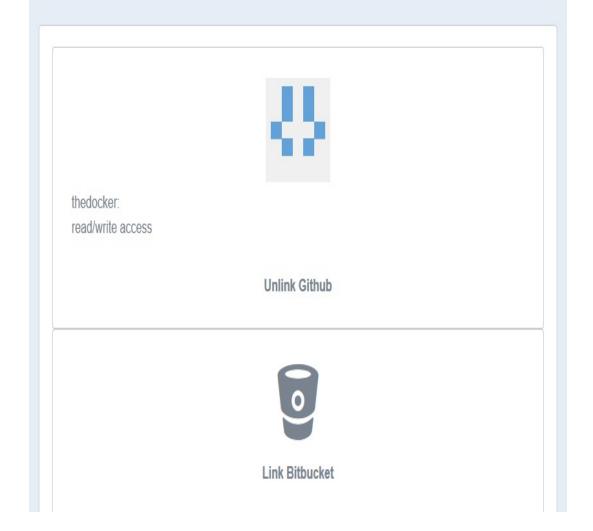
As you can see in the following screenshot, now the Docker Hub account is linked to the GitHub account:



#### **Linked Accounts & Services**

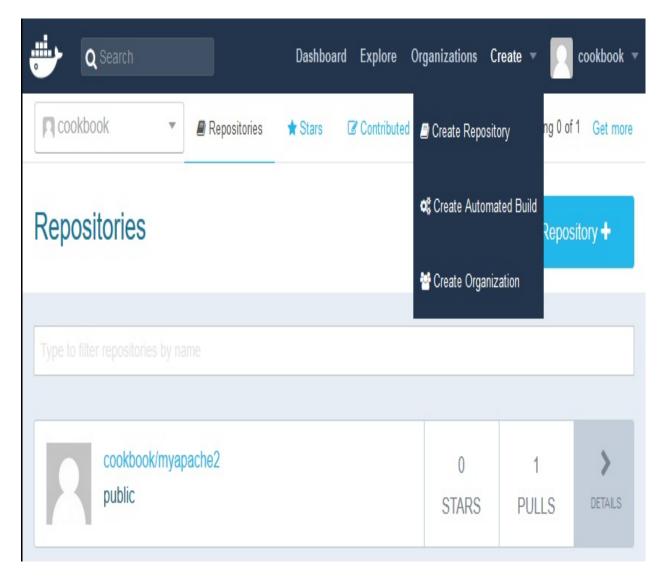
#### Linked Accounts

These account links are currently used for Automated Builds, so that we can access your project lists and help you configure your Automated Builds. Please note: A github/bitbucket account can be connected to only one docker hub account at a time.

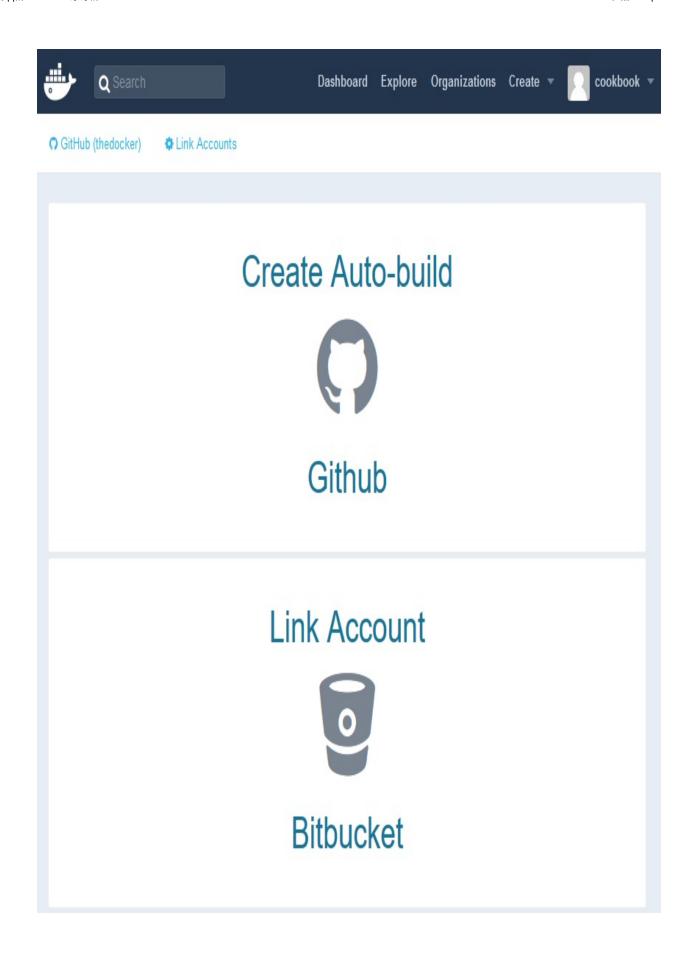


As we can see in the preceding screenshot, the GitHub account is successfully linked to the Docker Hub account. Now, we can proceed to configure the automated build.

6. Select the Create Automated Build option from the Create drop-down menu, as shown in the following screenshot:

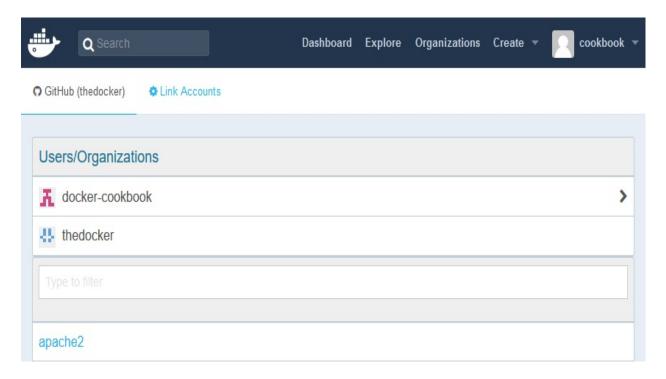


7. You will be presented with two options: Create Auto-Build for Github and Link Account to link your account to Bitbucket, as shown in the following screenshot:



We will be linking our account with Bitbucket because we have not yet linked any Bitbucket account.

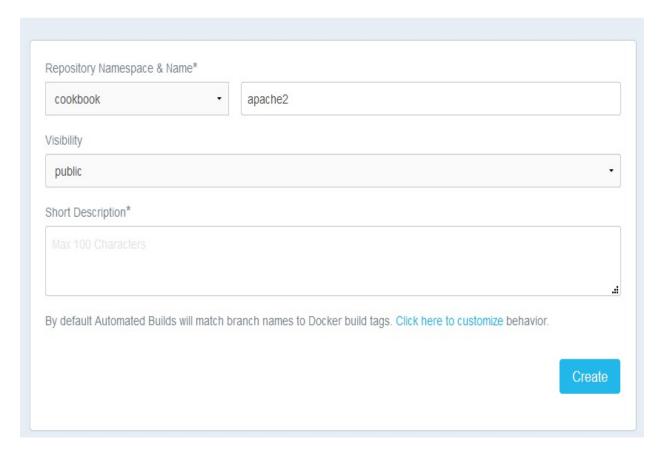
8. Click on the Create Auto-build option:



9. Click on the apache2 option, which is the fork of https://github.com/docker-cookbook/apache2:



#### Create Automated Build

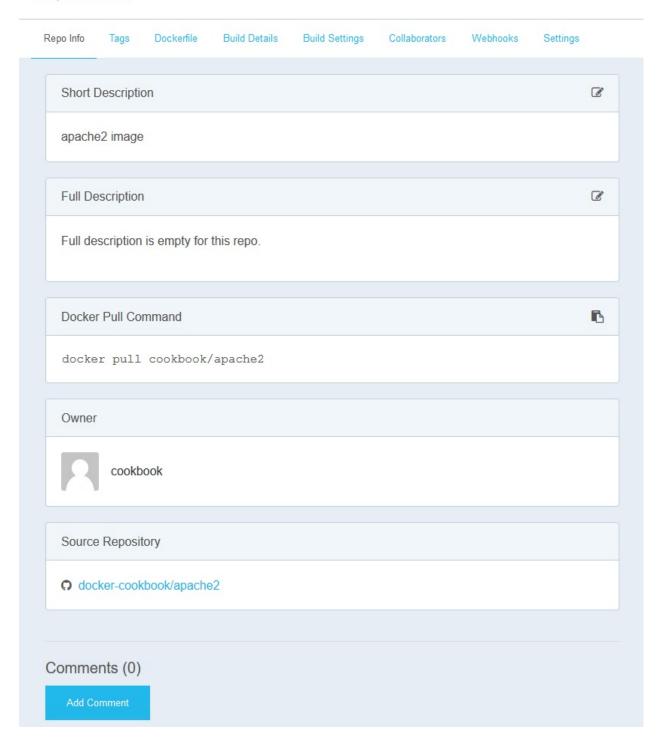


10. Provide a short description and click Create:

#### PUBLIC | AUTOMATED BUILD

## cookbook/apache2 ☆

Last pushed: never

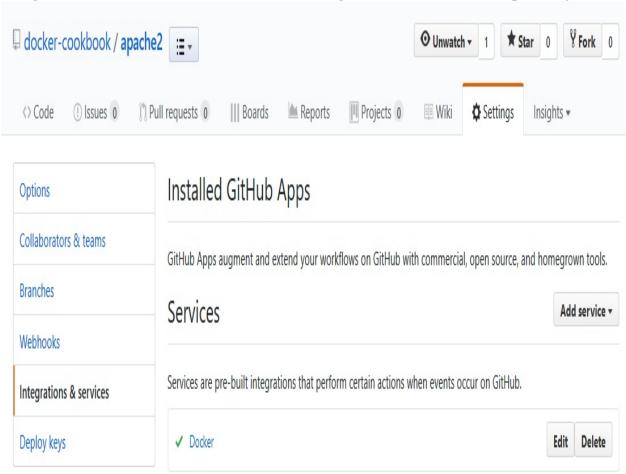


Hurray! You have successfully automated the build process, and the image build process will get triggered when you make any change in your forked repository.

11. Now, you can navigate to the Build Details tab to see the build status.

### How it works...

When we select a GitHub repository for an automated build, GitHub enables the Docker service for that repository. You can confirm this by looking at the Integrations & services section of the Settings tab in the GitHub repository:



Whenever we make any changes to any source code and commit to the GitHub repository, the automated build gets triggered and builds the Docker image using the Dockerfile that resides in the GitHub repository.

### There's more...

You can view the Dockerfile by navigating to the Dockerfile tab in your repository.

You can also have your build triggered when another Docker Hub repository is updated by linking the other repository in the Build Settings tab of your repository.

The steps for setting up an automated build with Bitbucket are almost identical. The hook for an automated build gets configured under the Hooks section of the Bitbucket repository's Settings section.

# See also

- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/docker-hub/builds/

# **Creating a custom base image**

Docker has a rich library of base images, and we strongly recommend that you select a lean image that fits your application well. However, you may choose to custom-build your base image from the get go. Here, in this recipe, we will use debootstrap to create our Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (Xenial Xerus) base image. The debootstrap utility can create any Debian-based system by downloading it from the appropriate repository.

# **Getting ready**

Install debootstrap on any Debian-based system using the following command:

\$ apt-get install debootstrap

- <strong>\$ mkdir xenial</strong>
- <strong>\$ sudo debootstrap xenial ./xenial </strong>
- <strong>\$ ls ./xenial</strong> <strong>bin boot dev etc home lib lib64 media
  mnt opt proc <br/> root run sbin srv sys tmp usr var </strong>
- <strong>\$ sudo tar -C xenial/ -c . | docker image import xenial</strong>
  - 4. Look at the docker image 1s output. You should have a new image with xenial as the name.

### How it works...

The debootstrap command pulls all the Ubuntu 18.04 (Xenial Xerus) packages to the directory from the package repository. Then they are bundled as a TAR file and pushed to the Docker image import command to create the Docker image.

### **See also**

- The debootstrap wiki page:
  - https://wiki.debian.org/Debootstrap.
- Alternative approaches to creating base images:
  - https://docs.docker.com/articles/baseimages/.

# Creating a minimal image using a scratch base image

In the previous recipe, we custom-created a base image without any parent image. However, that image is bloated with all the binaries and libraries that are shipped with the Ubuntu 18.04 distribution. Typically, to run an application, we don't need the majority of the binaries and libraries we have bundled in the image. Besides, it leaves a large image footprint, and thus becomes a portability problem. To overcome this issue, you can diligently hand-pick the binaries and libraries that will constitute your image and then bundle the Docker image. Alternatively, you can build using Docker's reserved image, called a scratch image. This scratch image is explicitly an empty image, and it does not add any additional layer to your image. Furthermore, unlike the previous recipe, you can automate image creation using a Dockerfile. In this recipe, we will use a simple builder pattern to create a statically linked binary and create a Docker image using a scratch base image.

# **Getting ready**

First, ensure that the Docker daemon is running and has access to the gcc and scratch images. You should also ensure that you have a clone of https://github.com/docker-cookbook/scratch.git, and that the repository contains demo.c and a Dockerfile.

The content of demo.c should be as follows:

```
#include <stdio.h> void main()
}
```

The content of the Dockerfile should be as follows:

```
FROM scratch
ADD demo /
CMD ["/demo"]
```

```
<strong>$ cd scratch</strong>
```

```
<strong> $ docker container run --rm \ </strong><br/><strong> -v ${PWD}:/src \</strong><br/><strong> gcc:7.2 \</strong> <br/><strong> gcc:7.2 \</strong>
```

3. Having built the statically linked executable lets quickly verify the binary:

```
$ ls -lh demo
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 928K Oct 14 18:29 demo
$ file -b demo
ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (GNU/Linux), statically linked, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, not stripped
```

4. Continue to build an image from the scratch base image with the executable demo created in the previous step, as shown in the following code:

```
$ docker image build -t scratch-demo .

Sending build context to Docker daemon 1.026MB

Step 1/3 : FROM scratch
--->

Step 2/3 : ADD demo /
---> 4c5ae0859fca

Step 3/3 : CMD /demo
---> Running in 6a6edc94008b
---> e4c65195b92a

Removing intermediate container 6a6edc94008b

Successfully built e4c65195b92a

Successfully tagged scratch-demo:latest
```

5. Finally, let us verify the image by spinning a container from the preceding image and checking the image size:

```
$ docker container run --rm scratch-demo
Statically built for demo
$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED SIZE
scratch-demo latest e4c65195b92a 9 minutes ago 949kB
```

Evidently, this image is much smaller, and the Docker image is just 20 bytes larger than the executable demo.

### How it works...

The Docker build system intuitively understands the reserved image name scratch in the FROM instruction and starts bundling the image without any additional layer for the base image. So, in this recipe, the Docker build system just bundled the statically linked executable demo and the metadata for the image.

### There's more...

As mentioned earlier, the scratch image doesn't add any additional layer to the image. The docker image history command comes in handy here to list the layers in the image, as shown in the following code:

As we can see, there is no additional layer for the base image scratch.

## See also

- The documentation at the Docker Hub:
  - https://hub.docker.com/\_/scratch/
- Alternative approaches to creating base images:
  - https://docs.docker.com/articles/baseimages/

## **Building images in multiple stages**

In the previous recipe, we created a statically linked executable using the <code>gcc</code> builder container and then bundled the executable using the <code>scratch</code> image. Build pipelines with the builder pattern are very common because, during the build time, you will need heavyweight building and supporting tools. However, the resulting artifacts usually don't need those tools during execution time. Therefore, the artifacts are usually built using the appropriate runtime with additional capability and then the resulting artifacts are packaged with the runtime just enough to run the artifacts. Though this solution works very well, the complexity of this build pipeline is managed outside the Docker ecosystem through scripts. To address this complexity, Docker introduced a cool feature called multistage builds in version <code>17.05</code>.

Docker's multistage build enables us to orchestrate complex building stages in a single Dockerfile. In the Dockerfile, we can define one or more intermediate stages with the appropriate parent image and the build ecosystem to build the artifact. The Dockerfile provides the essential previously mentioned primitives in building the image using Dockerfile to copy the artifacts to subsequent stages and finally compose a Docker image with just enough runtime and artifacts.

FROM gcc:7.2 AS builder<br/>
Scopy src/src<br/>
FROM gcc -static -o /src/app /src/app.c && strip -R .comment -s /src/app<br/>
FROM scratch<br/>
FROM scratch<br/>
Scopy -- from=builder /src/app .<br/>
Scopy -- from=builder /src/app .

#### <strong> \$ cd multistage</strong>

2. Build the image using the Docker image build command, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker build -t multistage .
Sending build context to Docker daemon 963.6kB
Step 1/6: FROM gcc:7.2 AS builder
 ---> 7d9419e269c3
Step 2/6 : COPY src /src
 ---> b6dfc2487054
Step 3/6 : RUN gcc -static -o /src/app /src/app.c && strip -R .comment -s /src/app
 ---> Running in b6c7cbfc825a
 ---> aa3907fd0bee
Removing intermediate container b6c7cbfc825a
Step 4/6: FROM scratch
 --->
Step 5/6 : COPY --from=builder /src/app .
 ---> 39902cec4f7f
Step 6/6 : CMD ./app
 ---> Running in 7bcb87c7d0bb
 ---> 694221dbed@2
Removing intermediate container 7bcb87c7d0bb
Successfully built 694221dbed02
Successfully tagged multistage:latest
```

3. Now that the image is successfully built, let's proceed to spin a container from the image we created in the previous step, as shown in the following screenshot:

\$ docker run --rm multistage This is a Docker multistage build demo

### How it works...

The Docker build system intuitively understands the reserved image name scratch in the FROM instruction and starts bundling the image without any additional layer for the base image. So in this recipe, the Docker build system just bundled the statically linked executable demo and the metadata for the image.

### There's more...

As mentioned earlier, the scratch image doesn't add any additional layer to the image. The docker image history command comes in handy here to list the layers in the image, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker image history scratch-demo

IMAGE CREATED CREATED BY SIZE
e4c65195b92a 16 hours ago /bin/sh -c #(nop) CMD ["/demo"] 0B
4c5ae0859fca 16 hours ago /bin/sh -c #(nop) ADD file:583335d88ee487f... 949kB
```

As we can see, there is no additional layer for the base image scratch.

## See also

• The documentation at Docker Hub:

https://hub.docker.com/\_/scratch/

## Visualizing the image hierarchy

Docker provides multiple commands to learn about its images in a textual format. However, a picture is worth a thousand words, so it is imperative that we can visualize the image hierarchy through graphs. While Docker doesn't support any image visualization tool, numerous solutions are available to visualize the image hierarchy. In this recipe, we will visualize the image hierarchy using a <code>nate/dockviz</code> container and <code>Graphviz</code>.

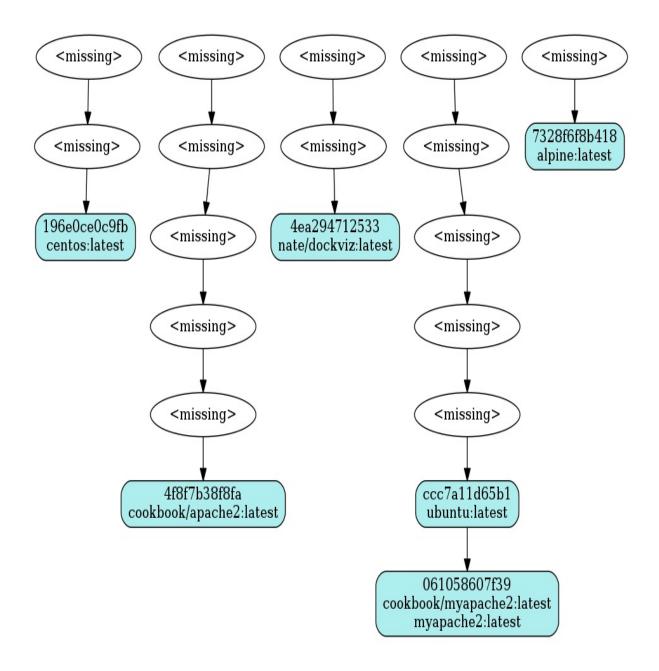
## **Getting ready**

Before we begin, we need one or more Docker images on the host to be running a Docker daemon. We also need to ensure that <code>Graphviz</code> is installed.

### How to do it...

Run the nate/dockviz container by supplying images --dot as a command-line argument and pipe the output to the dot (Graphviz) command, as shown in the following code, to generate the image hierarchy:

The following is a graphic view of the images in the Docker host:



Here, in the graphic view, nodes with <missing> are layers within an image.

### How it works...

The nate/dockviz tool is written in go, and iterates through the Docker images' metadata and generates a Graphviz dot output that is converted to a png image using Graphviz.

### There's more...

You could also use nate/dockviz to visualize the dependency between linked containers. The following is the command for visualizing the container dependencies:

## See also

• The documentation on nate/dockerviz:

https://github.com/justone/dockviz

# Network and Data Management for Containers

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Accessing containers from outside
- Attaching containers to a host network
- Launching containers with no network
- Sharing IP addresses with other containers
- Creating a user-defined bridge network
- Discovering and load balancing containers
- Persisting data using volumes
- Sharing data between the host and the container

### Introduction

Until now, we have worked with a single container and accessed it locally. But as we move to more real-world use cases, we will need to access the container from the outside world, share external storage within the container, communicate with containers running on other hosts, and so on. In this chapter, we'll learn how to fulfill some of those requirements. Let's start by understanding Docker's default networking setup and then move on to advanced use cases.

When the Docker daemon starts, it creates a virtual Ethernet bridge with the name docker0. Perhaps we can glean more insight into docker0 using the ip addr command on the system that runs the Docker daemon:

```
$ ip addr show docker0
3: docker0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP group default
    link/ether 02:42:d9:c3:e8:af brd ff:ff:ff:ff:
    inet 172.17.0.1/16 scope global docker0
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::42:d9ff:fec3:e8af/64 scope link
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

As we can see, docker0 has the IP address of 172.17.0.1/16. Docker randomly chooses an address and subnet from a private range defined in RFC 1918 (https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1918). Using this bridged interface, containers can communicate with each other and with the host system.

By default, every time Docker starts a container, it creates a pair of virtual run on Ethernet interfaces and then performs the following with the pair:

• Ties one end of the veth pair to the dockero bridge interface in the Docker

- host—let's call this end the host end
- Ties the other end of the veth pair to the newly created container as its etho interface—let's call this end of the veth pair the container end

Let's start a container and examine its network interface IP addresses:

```
$ docker container run --rm -it alpine
/ # ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
16: etho@if17: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP,M-DOWN> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP
    link/ether 02:42:ac:11:00:03 brd ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.17.0.3/16 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

In the preceding screenshot, the container end of the veth pair is named etho@if17, where 17 is the interface index of the host end of the veth pair. We can use this index to identify the host end of the veth pair in the Docker host. The etho of the container is assigned the IP address 172.17.0.3, which belongs to the docker0 subnet —that is, 172.17.0.1/16.

Now, let's take a peek at the interface at the seventeenth index:

```
17: vethe8b40b8@if16: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue master docker0 state UP group default link/ether 32:8b:2a:e1:cb:c7 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff link-netnsid 1 inet6 fe80::308b:2aff:fee1:cbc7/64 scope link valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Here, the host end of the veth interface is named vethe8b40b8@if16, wherein 16 is the interface index of the container end of the veth pair. Since the interface at index 16 is assigned to the container's network namespace, it is not displayed in the Docker host. The Docker Engine autogenerates the name of the host end veth pair by generating a seven-digit hex number and then appends it to the string veth. In this example, e8b40b8 is the random number generated by the Docker Engine. The Docker Engine also ensures that this random number is unique inside the Docker host. If you look closely, you might also notice that the host end of the veth interface is bound to the docker0 bridge.

Now let's create a few more containers and look at the docker0 bridge using the Linux Ethernet bridge administration command, brctl.



The Ubuntu Linux distribution does not usually carry the brct1 tool, so we have to either install the bridge-utils package or leverage one of Docker's nifty features that lets you share the Docker host's network stack with the Docker container, as described in the Attaching container to the host network recipe.

Here, we are using the --network=host option of the docker container run command to connect to the Docker host's network stack. Since the alpine image is packed with the brctl utility command, we will choose to spin our container with the alpine image and run the brctl show command to display the bridge details, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container run --rm --network=host alpine brctl show
bridge name bridge id STP enabled interfaces
docker0 8000.0242d9c3e8af no vethc48c41e
vethe8b40b8
vethbd93f33
```

Evidently, all the host ends of the veth pairs are bound to the default Docker bridge docker0. Apart from setting up the docker0 bridge, Docker also creates iptables NAT rules, so that all containers can talk to the external world by default, but the external world cannot talk to the containers. Let's look at the NAT rules on the Docker host:

	tables -t nat -L -n ROUTING (policy ACCEPT)			
	prot opt source	destination		
DOCKER	all 0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	ADDRTYPE match dst-type LOCAL	
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)				
	prot opt source	destination		
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)				
target	prot opt source	destination		
DOCKER	all 0.0.0.0/0	!127.0.0.0/8	ADDRTYPE match dst-type LOCAL	
Chain POSTROUTING (policy ACCEPT)				
target	prot opt source	destination		
MASQUERAD	E all 172.17.0.0/16	0.0.0.0/0		
Chain DOC	KER (2 references)			
	prot opt source	destination		
_	all 0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0		

In the preceding output, a postrouting rule is configured for the 172.17.0.0/16 subnet. The sole purpose of this rule is to change the source IP address of the data packets that originated from the 172.17.0.0/16 subnet to the host IP address. Apparently, the 172.17.0.0/16 subnet is assigned to our docker0 bridge. Essentially, this postrouting rule enables the Docker containers to connect to the external world, as you can see in the following traceroute output:

```
$ docker run --rm alpine traceroute -m 3 -n 8.8.8.8
traceroute to 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8), 3 hops max, 46 byte packets

1 172.17.0.1 0.005 ms 0.002 ms 0.001 ms

2 216.182.226.48 12.345 ms 216.182.224.116 11.969 ms 216.182.224.136 52.945 ms

3 100.66.8.42 12.614 ms 21.937 ms 100.66.12.74 16.911 ms
```

Cool, isn't it? Nonetheless, by default, Docker doesn't do any network plumbing for the external world to connect to the containers. However, when you host a service inside the container, it must be reached from the external world. The *Accessing containers from outside* recipe demonstrates how to open up the service running inside the container to the external world. In addition, we have other recipes that focus on various aspects of single-host container networking.



For more information about the different kinds of networking we discussed in the preceding section, visit: https://docs.docker.com/network/.

In this chapter, we focused only on single-host container networking. Along with single-host container networks, we will also look at how to share and persist data in the container paradigm.

## Accessing containers from outside

In the microservice architecture, multiple smaller services are used to provide a meaningful enterprise-grade application. The Docker-inspired containerization technology is inherently very lightweight, and hence it plays a vital role in enabling the microservice architecture. By default, the Docker container allows outgoing data traffic, but there is no path for the external world to connect to the services running inside the container. Nonetheless, Docker provides an elegant solution to selectively enable the external world to communicate with the service running inside the container, using the following options of the docker container command:

publish, -p	Publish a container's port to the host
publish-all, -P	Publish all exposed ports to random ports

Both these options allow the external world to connect to the services running inside the containers through the ports of the Docker host.

## **Getting ready**

Before we begin, make sure the Docker daemon is running on the Docker host.

<strong> \$ docker container run -d -p 80:80 cookbook/apache2</strong><br/><strong>a101ac9009f2237a2e4356e9caed6d0cf1666b5b86768f559a629d39034b

<strong>\$ docker container port a101ac9009f2</strong> <strong>80/tcp ->
0.0.0.0:80</strong>

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### How it works...

When a container is launched with -p <host port>:<container port>, the Docker Engine configures the iptables destination NAT rule. This destination NAT rule is responsible for forwarding all the packets it receives on the Docker host port to the container's port:

```
$ sudo iptables -t nat -L -n
Chain PREROUTING (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source
                                       destination
          all -- 0.0.0.0/0
DOCKER
                                       0.0.0.0/0
                                                           ADDRTYPE match dst-type LOCAL
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
         prot opt source
                                       destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
       prot opt source
                                       destination
DOCKER
          all -- 0.0.0.0/0
                                      127.0.0.0/8
                                                           ADDRTYPE match dst-type LOCAL
Chain POSTROUTING (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source
                                       destination
MASQUERADE all -- 172.17.0.0/16
                                        0.0.0.0/0
MASQUERADE tcp -- 172.17.0.2
                                        172.17.0.2
                                                            tcp dpt:80
Chain DOCKER (2 references)
target
          prot opt source
                                       destination
          all -- 0.0.0.0/0
                                       0.0.0.0/0
                                                           tcp dpt:80 to:172.17.0.2:80
DNAT
          tcp -- 0.0.0.0/0
                                       0.0.0.0/0
```

Noticeably, the Docker Engine has inserted a destination NAT rule with the following configurations:

- **Source address** 0.0.0.0/0: A wild card address that means that this rule is applicable to packets received from any source
- **Destination address** 0.0.0.0/0: A wild card address that means that this rule is applicable to the packets received on any network interface of the Docker host
- **Destination port** dpt:80: One of the key attributes in this rule, which enables the iptables to selectively apply the rule to the packets that are sent only to port 80 of the Docker host
- **Forwarding address** 172.17.0.2:80: The container's IP address and port to which the iptables forward the packets when the aforementioned criteria are met

### There's more...

The -p (--publish) option of the docker container run command supports four configurations that you can use to publish your containerized service to the external world, as shown in the following list:

- 1. <hostport>:<containerPort>: This configuration was addressed in an earlier recipe.
- 2. <containerPort>: In this configuration, we just specify the container port and let the Docker Engine select the Docker host port. The typical port range is from 32768 to 61000, which is defined in /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip\_local\_port\_range.
- 3. <ip>:<hostPort>:<containerPort>: This configuration is very similar to <hostPort>:
   <containerPort>; however, here you are specifying a particular IP interface of
   the Docker host.
- 4. <ip>::<containerPort>: This configuration is very similar to <containerPort>; however, here you are specifying a particular IP interface of the Docker host.

The -P (--publish-all) option of the docker container run command reads out the container port from the image metadata and maps it to a random higher-order port (32768 to 61000) in the Docker host. The EXPOSE instruction of Dockerfile adds the port information to the image metadata.

### See also

- The help option of docker container run:
  - \$ docker container run --help
- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/default\_network/binding/

# Attaching containers to a host network

In the previous recipe, Docker by default attached our container to the default bridge network <code>docker0</code> and then leveraged the <code>docker0</code> are trule of <code>iptables</code> to allow TCP connection from the external world. However, there are many use cases wherein the container needs full access to the host network namespace, such as the <code>brctlshow</code> scenario in the introduction section of this chapter. In this recipe, we will attach one container to the default bridge network and another one to the host network and compare the differences.

## **Getting ready**

Before we begin, ensure that the Docker daemon is running and has access to the alpine image.

### How to do it...

#### Perform the following steps:

1. First, let's launch an alpine container without prescribing any network option and invoke the <code>ip address</code> command, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container run -it --rm alpine sh
/ # ip address
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
9: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP
    link/ether 02:42:ac:11:00:02 brd ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.17.0.2/16 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::42:acff:fe11:2/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

2. Now, let's continue to launch an alpine container by attaching it to the Docker host's network stack by using --net=host as an argument and executing the ip address command, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container run -it --rm --net=host alpine sh
/ # ip address
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid Ift forever preferred Ift forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid Ift forever preferred Ift forever
2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP glen 1000
    link/ether 02:50:7f:03:3f:72 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.0.2.15/24 brd 10.0.2.255 scope global enp0s3
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
    inet6 fe80::50:7fff:fe03:3f72/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: docker0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 1500 gdisc noqueue state UP
    link/ether 02:42:d8:87:da:01 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.17.0.1/16 scope global docker0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::42:d8ff:fe87:da01/64 scope link
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
7: vethf4cdb6e@if6: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP,M-DOWN> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue master docker0 state UP
    link/ether 96:1a:98:bb:1e:8e brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet6 fe80::941a:98ff:febb:1e8e/64 scope link
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
```

Evidently, in step 1, Docker created a network namespace for the container and assigned an IP address for the container, whereas, in step 2, Docker attached the container to the host network stack, hence the container has full access to the host's network stack.

### How it works...

The Docker Engine launches the new container by attaching the container to the Docker host's network stack, thereby allowing the container full access to the host's network stack.

### See also

- The help option of docker container run:
- \$ docker container run --help
- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/default\_network/binding/

# Launching containers with no network

Docker inherently supports three types of network (bridge, hosts, and none), as is evident in the following docker network 1s command output:

```
$ docker network ls

NETWORK ID NAME DRIVER SCOPE
b03d598a7cda bridge bridge local
1078a3d65769 host host local
9144587f4b78 none null local
```

In the previous recipes, we discussed the bridge and host networking capability. Nonetheless, the none network mode comes in handy when you package any utility inside the container that doesn't need any network connectivity. Besides, the none network mode can also be used to do your custom network plumbing without involving the Docker. In this recipe, we will launch a container with the none network mode and explore the container's network details.

# **Getting ready**

Before we begin, ensure that the Docker daemon is running and has access to the alpine image.

### How to do it...

Launch a container with no network by using the --net none argument in the docker container run command, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container run --rm --net=none alpine ip address
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Apparently, when we launch a container with the network mode set to none, Docker only creates a loopback interface for that container. Since there is no Ethernet interface defined for this container, the container is isolated from the network.

### How it works...

When a container is launched with the none network mode, the Docker Engine creates a network namespace for the container. However, it doesn't configure any network for that container.

## See also

• The help option of docker container run:

\$ docker container run --help

• The documentation on the Docker website:

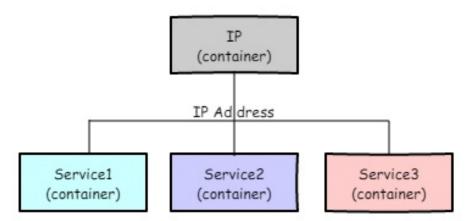
https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/

https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/default\_network/bindi
ng/

# Sharing IP addresses with other containers

Typically, when we launch a container, the Docker Engine assigns an IP address to that container. Of course, we can use the host network mode to attach the container to the Docker host's IP address, or use the none network mode to launch a container without any IP address assigned to it. However, you might come across scenarios wherein multiple services have to share the same IP address. In such situations, you can run multiple services inside a container; however, such a practice is deemed as anticontainer-pattern.

The better alternative is to run each service inside separate containers, but share the IP address, as shown in the following topology:



In essence, the Docker Engine assigns an IP address for the IP container and then the IP address is inherited by the **Service1**, **Service2**, and **Service3** containers. In this recipe, we will launch one container and share the IP address with another container.

# **Getting ready**

Before we begin, ensure that the Docker daemon is running and has access to the alpine image.

#### How to do it...

Perform the following the steps:

1. Firstly, launch a container in the background, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container run -itd --name=ipcontainer alpine
f1c34069d882c16292554f3f68b97e2828b549c09f41ec13d13344b64e18f615
```

Here, the container is named as ipcontainer.

2. Look at the IP address of the ipcontainer, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container exec ipcontainer ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
4: eth0@if5: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP,M-DOWN> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP
    link/ether 02:42:ac:11:00:02 brd ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.17.0.2/16 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

3. Finally, let's launch a container by attaching its network to the ipcontainer and display the IP addresses attached to this container:

```
$ docker container run --rm --net container:ipcontainer alpine ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
4: eth0@if5: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP,M-DOWN> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP
    link/ether 02:42:ac:11:00:02 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:
    inet 172.17.0.2/16 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

As is evident in step 2 and step 3, etho of ipcontainer in step 2 and the transient container in step 3 have the same interface index of 4 and IP address of 172.17.0.2.

## How it works...

In this recipe, we created one container and then created subsequent containers to use the network of the first container. In this case, the Docker Engine would create a network namespace for the first container and then assign the same namespace for the other containers too.

#### There's more...

When containers share the network namespace, the original container that created the namespace must be in a running state until the other containers are running. If the original container is stopped before the other containers, it will put the other containers in an unusable state, as shown in the following code:

```
$ docker container run -itd --net container:ipcontainer --name service1 alpine
c659e7e2cf7b352c13600362ebd7213eaa4b8c2c9845596ac129be648f1eb62f
$ docker stop ipcontainer
ipcontainer
$ docker container exec service1 ip addr
rpc error: code = 2 desc = oci runtime error: exec failed: container linux.go:255: creating new parent
process caused "container_linux.go:1462: running lstat on namespace path \"/proc/2864/ns/net\" caused \"
lstat /proc/2864/ns/net: no such file or directory\""
$ docker container ps -a
CONTAINER ID
                    IMAGE
                                        COMMAND
                                                            CREATED
                                                                                 STATUS
    PORTS
                        NAMES
c659e7e2cf7b
                    alpine
                                        "/bin/sh"
                                                            About a minute ago
                                                                                 Up About a minute
                        service1
f1c34069d882
                                        "/bin/sh"
                                                            3 minutes ago
                                                                                 Exited (137) 33 seconds
                    alpine
                        ipcontainer
```

Containers in a Kubernetes (http://kubernetes.io/) pod use this trick to share the IP address between the containers in a pod. We will revisit this in chapter 8, *Docker Orchestration and Hosting Platform*.

#### See also

- The help option of docker container run:
- \$ docker container run --help
- The documentation on the Docker website:
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/default\_network/binding/

# Creating a user-defined bridge network

In the previous recipes, we used the default bridge that gets activated when we install Docker. The containers that are connected through the default bridge can communicate with each other using the IP address, but not the container's name. In microservice architecture, multiple containers are orchestrated to provide a meaningful higher-level service, and it is imperative that these containers communicate with each other effectively. The container IP address is assigned during the container start time, and hence it does not work well for multicontainer orchestration. Docker made an attempt to address this issue by linking containers statically using the --link option of the docker container run command. Unfortunately, the linked containers have a tightly coupled container life cycle, so a restart of a container might impede the complete solution, and it will also not be scalable. Later, between versions 1.9 and 1.12, Docker introduced a series of new capabilities through a user-defined network that solves many of the aforementioned shortcomings of multicontainer orchestration and communication.

The user-defined bridge network is functionally very much akin to the default bridge; however, it provides the following additional features:

- Service discovery through an embedded DNS server, which is an excellent fit for multicontainer orchestration and communication.
- DNS-based load balancing, another cool feature that complements multicontainer orchestration and communication. Notably, this feature allows us to seamlessly and transparently scale containers.
- Optionally, we can configure our own subnet to the bridge.
- Optionally, we can manually assign an IP address to the containers from the bridge's subnet.

In this recipe, we will create a user-defined network and scrutinize some of its fundamental constructs. In the following recipe, we will create containers in the user-defined bridge and demonstrate the capabilities of a user-defined bridge network.

# **Getting ready**

Before we begin, ensure that the Docker daemon is running.

#### How to do it...

1. Let's begin by creating a new user-defined bridge network using the docker network create command, as shown in the following screenshot:

\$ docker network create cookbook
408276d6b1f2329c95e8274bee2f8c01f363e0ef1b0f5bab70644ca6a56942d7

Here, the user-defined bridge network is named cookbook.

2. Inspect the user-defined bridge network cookbook using the docker network inspect command:

```
$ docker network inspect cookbook
   {
        "Name": "cookbook",
        "Id": "408276d6b1f2329c95e8274bee2f8c01f363e0ef1b0f5bab70644ca6a56942d7",
       "Created": "2017-11-03T18:55:21.759438958Z",
        "Scope": "local",
        "Driver": "bridge",
        "EnableIPv6": false,
        "IPAM": {
           "Driver": "default",
           "Options": {},
            "Config": [
               {
                    "Subnet": "172.18.0.0/16",
                    "Gateway": "172.18.0.1"
       "Internal": false,
       "Attachable": false,
       "Ingress": false,
       "ConfigFrom": {
           "Network": ""
      "ConfigOnly": false,
       "Containers": {},
      "Options": {},
      "Labels": {}
```

Here, the  $_{172.18.0.0/16}$  subnet is assigned to the user-defined bridge networ cookbook and the  $_{172.18.0.1}$  IP address is assigned to the gateway.

3. Let's now look at the interface details of the Docker host:

```
$ ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 02:50:7f:03:3f:72 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.0.2.15/24 brd 10.0.2.255 scope global enp0s3
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
    inet6 fe80::50:7fff:fe03:3f72/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: docker0: <NO-CARRIER, BROADCAST, MULTICAST, UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state DOWN group default
    link/ether 02:42:a7:08:d4:20 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.17.0.1/16 scope global docker0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::42:a7ff:fe08:d420/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
10: br-408276d6b1f2: <NO-CARRIER, BROADCAST, MULTICAST, UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state DOWN group default
    link/ether 02:42:c4:1d:13:81 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.18.0.1/16 scope global br-408276d6b1f2
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Apparently, a new Linux bridge interface, <code>br-408276d6b1f2</code>, is created, and is assigned the address <code>172.18.0.1/16</code>. The bridge name is derived by concaten the <code>br-</code> string with the first twelve digits of the network ID.

4. Finally, let's look at the iptables to understand the NATing behavior of the user-defined bridge:

```
$ sudo iptables -t nat -L -n
Chain PREROUTING (policy ACCEPT)
target
           prot opt source
                                         destination
DOCKER
           all -- 0.0.0.0/0
                                                              ADDRTYPE match dst-type LOCAL
                                         0.0.0.0/0
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
           prot opt source
                                         destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
          prot opt source
                                         destination
DOCKER
           all -- 0.0.0.0/0
                                        127.0.0.0/8
                                                              ADDRTYPE match dst-type LOCAL
Chain POSTROUTING (policy ACCEPT)
target
          prot opt source
                                         destination
MASQUERADE all -- 172.18.0.0/16
MASQUERADE all -- 172.17.0.0/16
                                          0.0.0.0/0
                                          0.0.0.0/0
Chain DOCKER (2 references)
target
           prot opt source
                                         destination
RETURN
           all -- 0.0.0.0/0
                                         0.0.0.0/0
RETURN
           all -- 0.0.0.0/0
                                         0.0.0.0/0
```

As highlighted in the preceding screenshot, a NAT postrouting rule has been added for the 172.18.0.0/16 subnet, like the default bridge.

## How it works...

When we create a user-defined bridge, Docker creates a Linux bridge interface and creates the necessary NAT rules in the <code>iptables</code>.

## There's more...

The docker network create command provides over a dozen options to customize your network according to your business requirements. In the following example, we are creating a user-defined network on a 10.1.0.0/16 subnet:

|\$ docker network create 10dot1net --subnet 10.1.0.0/16

#### See also

• The help option of docker network create:

\$ docker network create --help

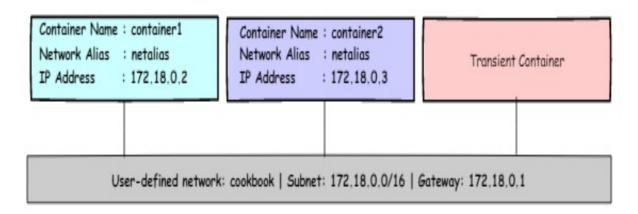
• The documentation on the Docker website:

https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/

https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/default\_network/binding/

# Discovering and load balancing containers

In the previous recipe, we looked at the benefits of a user-defined bridge network and the steps to create and examine a user-defined bridge network. In this recipe, we will build a container topology, as depicted in the following diagram:



In this topology, we will launch containers and containers like a service and use a transient container to demonstrate the following capabilities of the user-defined bridge network:

- Service discovery through an embedded DNS server
- DNS-based load balancing

# **Getting ready**

Before we begin, ensure that the Docker daemon is running.

#### How to do it...

Perform the following the steps:

1. Let's start off by spinning two containers, container1 and container2, by connecting them to the user-defined bridge network cookbook using the docker container run command, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container run -itd --name container1 --network-alias netalias --net cookbook alpine
e6bad4090e6a1d6fb97a3e98c15e82355cc716b9c40f6618763c6bb1c5cebd05
$ docker container run -itd --name container2 --network-alias netalias --net cookbook alpine
61a73938290a3218d58bc01a4102df5ce6942ca1baac2a116e7ff1e7e4f19d68
```

Here, the --network-alias option helps us to group multiple containers we single alias name and load balance using the embedded DNS. The eml DNS provides round-robin load balancing.

2. Look at the IP address of both container1 and container2 using the docker container inspect command:

```
$ docker container inspect --format '{{ .NetworkSettings.Networks.cookbook.IPAddress }}' container1
172.18.0.2
$ docker container inspect --format '{{ .NetworkSettings.Networks.cookbook.IPAddress }}' container2
172.18.0.3
```

Here, the .NetworkSettings.Networks.cookbook.IPAddress filter is applied to the option because we know that the containers are connected to the user-bridge network cookbook.

3. Now, let's use transient containers to understand the service discovery capability of user-defined networks, as demonstrated in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container run --rm --net cookbook alpine ping -c1 container1
PING container1 (172.18.0.2): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.18.0.2: seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.097 ms

--- container1 ping statistics ---
1 packets transmitted, 1 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.097/0.097/0.097 ms
$ docker container run --rm --net cookbook alpine ping -c1 container2
PING container2 (172.18.0.3): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.096 ms

--- container2 ping statistics ---
1 packets transmitted, 1 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.096/0.096/0.096 ms
```

Cool, isn't it! Now the containers can communicate with each other by using the containers' names. This service discovery capability simplifies the multicontainer orchestration a great deal.

4. Having delved into the service discovery capability, let's gain more understanding of the DNS load balancing capability of the user-defined network by pinging the network alias netalias, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker container run --rm --net cookbook alpine ping -c1 netalias
PING netalias (172.18.0.3): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.217 ms

--- netalias ping statistics ---
1 packets transmitted, 1 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.217/0.217/0.217 ms
$ docker container run --rm --net cookbook alpine ping -c1 netalias
PING netalias (172.18.0.2): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.18.0.2: seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.292 ms

--- netalias ping statistics ---
1 packets transmitted, 1 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.292/0.292/0.292 ms
```

As we can discern from the preceding screenshot, the first ping on netalias got a response from the IP address 172.18.0.3, which is container2, and the second ping on netalias got a response from 172.18.0.2, which is container1. In essence, the embedded DNS load balancer resolved the netalias using a round-robin algorithm.

### How it works...

When a container is connected to a user-defined network, the Docker Engine adds the container's name and its network alias (if present) to the user-defined network's DNS record. Then Docker shares these details to the other containers connected to the same user-defined network through the embedded DNS hosted at 127.0.0.11.

#### There's more...

• Like any DNS server, we can query our embedded DNS server for the DNS records using dig or nslookup. Here, we are using a third-party image called sequenceiq/alpine-dig to query the DNS record because this image is shipped with the dig command, rather than the official alpine image that does not have the dig command:

```
$ docker container run --rm --net cookbook sequenceiq/alpine-dig dig netalias
; <<>> DiG 9.10.2 <<>> netalias
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 47862
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; QUESTION SECTION:
netalias.
                                ΙN
                                        A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
netalias.
                                                172,18,0,3
netalias.
                        600
                                ΙN
                                        Δ
                                                172.18.0.2
;; Query time: 0 msec
;; SERVER: 127.0.0.11#53(127.0.0.11)
 ;; WHEN: Sun Nov 05 08:30:36 UTC 2017
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 74
```

Evidently, the DNS entry netalias has two IP addresses, 172.18.0.3 and 172.18.0.2, as its A record.

Applications, such as nginx, usually cache the IP addresses, and so DNS-based load-balancing solutions usually don't work well with such

applications.

### See also

• The help option of the docker network create command:

\$ docker network create -help

• The n option of the dig command:

|\$ dig -h

• The documentation on the Docker website:

https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/

https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/networking/default\_network/binding/

## Persisting data using volumes

As we are aware, the container's read—write layer is temporary, and is destroyed when the container is removed. However, there are use cases wherein you will have to preserve the application data beyond the life cycle of the container. For instance, a Docker registry container holds all the images that are pushed to it. If this container is deleted, then we will lose all the images that it was holding. Perhaps, we can resort to the container's commit flow to preserve the data, but it will bloat the image and complicate the container deployment process. The recommended alternative is to persist the application data outside of the container's filesystem, using volumes or a bind mount. We will discuss bind mounts in the next recipe.

Docker volumes are a special directory in the Docker host, and are created and managed by Docker itself. We can mount these volumes to our container and have the application store its data to the volume. The Docker volumes are either named or anonymous. Functionally, the anonymous volumes are the same as named volumes; however, the anonymous volume name is randomly generated. Docker also supports the volume plugin to address advanced storage needs, which is outside the scope of this book.

In this recipe, we will demonstrate data persistence using one named volume and two containers.

# **Getting ready**

Before we begin, ensure that the Docker daemon is running.

#### How to do it...

Perform the following the steps:

1. Let's begin by creating a named volume using the docker volume create command, as shown in the following code:

```
$ docker volume create datavol
datavol
```

2. List the volume using the docker volume 1s command, as shown in the following code:

```
$ docker volume create ls
DRIVER VOLUME NAME
local datavol
```

3. Launch an interactive container using the docker container run command and v option to mount the datavol volume to the container, as shown in the following code:

```
$ docker container run -it --rm -v datavol:/data alpine / #
```

4. Now, let's create a new file at the /data directory of the container and write some text to it:

```
/ # echo "This is a named volume demo" > /data/demo.txt / #
```

- 5. Exit from the preceding container and remove the container using the docker container rm command.
- 6. Now, launch a new container by mounting the datavol volume again and print the content of the demo.txt, as shown in the following code. Here, we are intentionally choosing an ubuntu image just to stress that the Docker volume functions the same way irrespective of the Docker image from which the container is created:
- \$ docker container run --rm \ -v datavol:/data ubuntu cat /data/demo.txt
  This is a named volume demo. Evidently, the text we wrote from the f
  container is persisted in the datavol volume, and later it is retrieved by

container.

#### How it works...

The default docker volume create command creates a directory for the volume under the /var/lib/docker/volumes/ directory of the Docker host. For instance, in this recipe, a datavol directory is created under /var/lib/docker/volumes/. Furthermore, Docker internally creates one more directory called \_data for each volume under the directory it created for that volume. We can confirm the directory path by running the docker volume inspect command, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ docker volume inspect datavol
[
    "Driver": "local",
    "Labels": {},
    "Mountpoint": "/var/lib/docker/volumes/datavol/_data",
    "Name": "datavol",
    "Options": {},
    "Scope": "local"
}
```

When we mount the volume to a container, Docker internally bind mounts the \_data directory of the volume to the container.

We will learn more about bind mounting in the next recipe.

In the current recipe, the /var/lib/docker/volumes/datavol/\_data directory gets bind mounted while launching the container, and any file operations on the volume are preserved in this directory, as is evident in the following tree output:

```
$ sudo tree -a /var/lib/docker/volumes/datavol
/var/lib/docker/volumes/datavol
____data
____ demo.txt

1 directory, 1 file
$
```

Since the file operation is externalized from the container, the life cycle of the volume is separated from the container.

# There's more...

Docker allows us to share the volume with more than one container, and so the volumes can also be used as an effective vehicle to share data between containers.

# See also

• The help option of the docker volume create command:

```
$ docker volume create -help
```

• The help option of the docker volume 1s command:

```
|$ docker volume ls -help
```

• The help option of the docker volume inspect command:

```
|$ docker volume inspect -help
```

• The documentation on the Docker website:

```
https://docs.docker.com/engine/admin/volumes/volumes/
https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/volume_create/
https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/volume_ls/
https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/volume_inspect/
```

# Sharing data between the host and the container

In the previous recipe, we used a named volume to persist application data. We also learned that named volumes can be used to share data between containers. In this recipe, we will use bind mounting to mount a Docker host directory to a container and then share data between the Docker host and container using that mount point.

# **Getting ready**

Before we begin, ensure that the Docker daemon is running.

# How to do it...

#### Perform the following steps:

1. Let's begin by creating a new directory called data\_share in our home directory, as shown in the following code:

```
$ mkdir $HOME/data_share
```

2. Create a new file in the \$HOME/data\_share directory of the Docker host and write some text in it:

```
$ echo "data sharing demo" > $HOME/data_share/demo.txt
```

3. Now, launch a container by mounting the \$HOME/data\_share directory and then print the content of the demo.txt:

In this recipe, we effectively shared a file from the Docker host to the container. Though this is a very simple example, it is a very powerful mechanism to share your application configuration, as well as other details.

# How it works...

When a container is launched with the -v <host path>:<container path> option, the Docker Engine bind mounts the host path into the container filesystem on the specified container path. The bind mount is a Linux capability that is used to take an existing directory structure and map it to a different location.

\$ docker container run --rm \<br/>-v \$(HOME)/data\_share/demo.txt:/demo.txt \ <br/>br/> ubuntu cat /demo.txt <br/>data sharing<span> demo</span>

By default, when we mount a directory or a file into a container, it gets mounted in read—write mode, so that the container can alter the content of the mounted directory or file. We can prevent the containers from modifying the content of the mounted directory or file using the ro flag, as demonstrated in the following code:

Apparently, the write operation failed when we mounted the file as read-only.

# See also

• The help option of the docker container run command:

|\$ docker container run -help

• The documentation on the Docker website:

https://docs.docker.com/engine/admin/volumes/volumes/

# **Docker Use Cases**

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Testing with Docker
- Performing CI/CD with Shippable and Heroku
- Performing CI/CD with TravisCI
- Setting up PaaS with OpenShift Origin
- Building and deploying an app on OpenShift from the source code

# Introduction

Now we know how to work with containers and images. In the last chapter, we also saw how to link containers and share data between the host and other containers. We also saw how containers from one host can communicate with containers from other hosts.

Now, let's look at different use cases of Docker. Let's list a few of them here:

- Quick prototyping of ideas: This is one of my favorite use cases. Once we have an idea, it is very easy to prototype it with Docker. All we have to do is set up containers to provide all the backend services we need and connect them together. For example, to set up a LAMP application, get the web and DB server and link them, as we saw in the previous chapter.
- Collaboration and distribution: Git is one of the best examples of collaborating and distributing code. Similarly, Docker provides features such as Dockerfile, registries, and import/export to share and collaborate with others. We have covered all this in earlier chapters.
- **Continuous Integration** (**CI**): The following definition on the Martin Fowler website (http://www.martinfowler.com/articles/continuousIntegration.html) covers it all:

Continuous Integration is a software development practice where members of a team integrate their work frequently, usually each person integrates at least daily - leading to multiple integrations per day. Each integration is verified by an automated build (including test) to detect integration errors as quickly as possible. Many teams find that this approach leads to significantly reduced integration problems and allows a team to develop cohesive software more rapidly. Using recipes from other chapters, we can build an environment for CI using Docker. You can create your own CI environment or get services from companies such as Shippable and TravisCI. We'll see how Shippable and TravisCI can be used for CI work later in this chapter. I thought it would be helpful if I talk about both of them here:

- **Continuous Delivery** (**CD**): The next step after CI is Continuous Delivery, through which we can deploy our code rapidly and reliably to our customer, the cloud, and other environments without any manual work. In this chapter, we'll see how we can automatically deploy an app on Heroku through Shippable CI.
- **Platform-as-a-Service** (**PaaS**): Docker can be used to build your own PaaS. It can be deployed using tools/platforms such as OpenShift, CoreOS, Atomic, and so on. Later in this chapter, we'll see how to set up PaaS using

OpenShift Origin (https://www.okd.io).

# **Testing with Docker**

While doing development or QA, it will be helpful if we can check our code against different environments. For example, we may need to check our Python code between different versions of Python, or on different Linux distributions such as Fedora, Ubuntu, CentOS, and so on. For this recipe, we will use Flask, which is a microframework for Python (https://www.palletsprojects.com/p/flask/). We will use the sample code from Flask's GitHub repository. I chose this to keep things simple, and it is easier to use for other recipes as well.

For this recipe, we will create images with one container with Python 2.7 and another with Python 3.7. We'll then use sample Python test code to run against each container.

<strong> \$ cd /tmp</strong><br/><strong> \$ git clone https://github.com/pallets/flask</strong>

<strong> \$ cat /tmp/Dockerfile\_2.7</strong><br/><strong> FROM
python:2.7</strong><br/><strong> RUN pip install flask pytest</strong><br/><strong> ADD flask/ /flask</strong><br/><strong> WORKDIR
/flask/examples/tutorial</strong><br/><strong> RUN pip install -e .</strong>
<br/><br/><strong> CMD ["/usr/local/bin/pytest"]</strong>

<strong> \$ docker image build -t python2.7test -f /tmp/Dockerfile\_2.7 . </strong>

<strong> \$ cat /tmp/Dockerfile\_3.7</strong><br/><strong> FROM
python:3.7</strong><br/><strong> RUN pip install flask pytest</strong><br/><strong> ADD flask/ /flask</strong><br/><strong> WORKDIR
/flask/examples/tutorial</strong><br/><strong> RUN pip install -e .</strong>
<br/><br/><strong> CMD ["/usr/local/bin/pytest"]</strong>

<strong> \$ docker image build -t python3.7test -f /tmp/Dockerfile\_3.7 . </strong>

<strong> \$ docker image ls</strong>

<pre>\$ docker image ls</pre>				
REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
python3.7test	latest	c66a0d9cf7c6	4 minutes ago	936MB
python2.7test	latest	f14bb76061f3	7 minutes ago	917MB

#### How to do it...

Now, using the two images we created, let's run them, to see the results.

To test with Python 2.7, run the following command:

Similarly, to test with Python 3.7, run the following command:

```
|$ docker container run python3.7test
```

# How it works...

As you can see from the two Dockerfiles, before running the CMD, which runs the pytest binary, we add the Flask source code to the image, change our working directory to the tutorial example directory, /flask/examples/tutorial, and install the app. So, as soon as the container starts, it will run the pytest binary on our tests.

# There's more...

- In this recipe, we have seen how to test our code with different versions of Python. Similarly, you can pick up different base images from Fedora, CentOS, and Ubuntu, and test them on different Linux distributions.
- If you use Jenkins in your environment, then you can use its Docker plugin to dynamically provision a slave, run a build, and tear it down on the Docker host.



More details about this can be found at https://plugins.jenkins.io/docker-plugin.

# Performing CI/CD with Shippable and Heroku

In the preceding recipe, we saw an example of how Docker can be used for testing in a local Dev and QA environment. Let's look at an end-to-end example to see how Docker is now used in CI/CD environments. In this recipe, we'll see how we can use Shippable (https://www.shippable.com) to perform CI/CD and deploy it on Heroku (https://www.heroku.com).

Shippable is a SaaS platform that lets you easily add Continuous Integration/Deployment to your GitHub and Bitbucket (Git) repositories, and is completely built on Docker. Shippable uses build minions, which are Docker-based containers, to run workloads. Shippable supports many languages, such as Ruby, Python, Node.js, Java, Scala, PHP, Go, and Clojure. The default build minions are of Ubuntu 14.04 LTS and Ubuntu 16.04. They have also added support to use custom images from Docker Hub as minions. Shippable CI needs information about the project and build instructions in a YAML file called shippable.yml, which you have to provide in your source code repo. The yaml file contains the following instructions:

- language: This will show the programming language
- python: With this, you can specify different versions of the language to get test in a single build instruction
- build: This is the build pipeline
- ci: These are the instructions for running the build
- on\_success: These are instructions after the build succeeds, used to perform deployment on PaaS such as Heroku, Amazon Elastic Beanstalk, AWS OpsWorks, Google App Engine, and others

Heroku is a **Platform-as-a-Service** (**PaaS**) that enables developers to run and operate applications entirely in the cloud.

For this recipe, we will use the same example code we used in the previous recipe, to first test it on Shippable and then deploy it on Heroku.

# **Getting ready**

Follow the following prerequisites:

- 1. Create an account on Shippable (https://www.shippable.com).
- 2. Fork the flask example from https://github.com/kencochrane/heroku-flask-example and clone it to your local machine.
- 3. Create an app on Heroku for the forked repository with the following steps:

Create an account (https://signup.heroku.com) on Heroku, install the Heroku application, and log in: **\$ heroku login** 

```
$ heroku login
heroku: Enter your login credentials
Email [kencochrane@gmail.com]: kencochrane@gmail.com
Password: ******
Logged in as kencochrane@gmail.com
$ \bilde{\textbf{I}}
```

Change your directory to where you cloned your fork from Step 2, and create an app on Heroku: **\$ heroku create --ssh-git** 

```
$ heroku create --ssh-git
Creating app... done, ● blooming-mountain-58044
https://blooming-mountain-58044.herokuapp.com/ | git@heroku.com:blooming-mountain-58044.git
$ ■
```

Push your code to Heroku to deploy your application:

```
$ git push heroku master
```

```
$ git push heroku master
Counting objects: 21, done.
Delta compression using up to 8 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (17/17), done.
Writing objects: 100% (21/21), 6.82 KiB | 3.41 MiB/s, done.
Total 21 (delta 5), reused 4 (delta 0)
remote: Compressing source files... done.
remote: Building source:
remote: ----> Python app detected
```

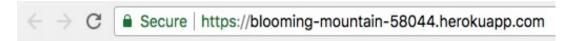
After a minute, your application will be deployed:

```
remote: ----> Launching...
remote: Released v3
remote: https://blooming-mountain-58044.herokuapp.com/ deployed to Heroku remote:
remote: Verifying deploy... done.
To heroku.com:blooming-mountain-58044.git
* [new branch] master -> master
$
```

Make sure your application has at least one dynamo, and open the app in your browser, to make sure it is working: \$ heroku ps:scale web=1
\$ heroku open

```
$ heroku ps:scale web=1
Scaling dynos... done, now running web at 1:Free
$ heroku open
$ [
```

Your browser should open and load the page for your application. If the result worked, it should look something like the following:



# Hello Heroku!

The time is currently: Thursday, 16 Aug 2018 4:31 PM.

4. Update the shippable.yml file in your fork to use your Heroku application's Git URL:

```
language: python
python:
  - 3.7
build:
  ci:
    - shippable_retry pip install -r requirements.txt
    # Create folders for test and code coverage

    mkdir -p shippable/testresults

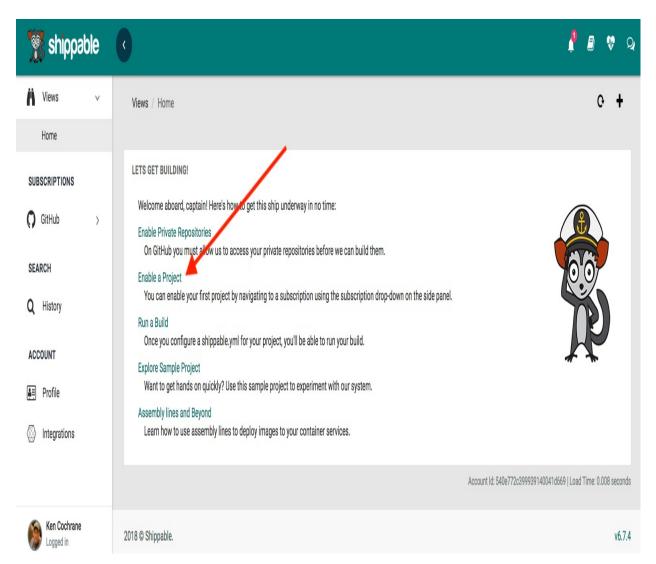
    - mkdir -p shippable/codecoverage
    # run tests
    - pytest
  on_success:
    # my heroku app git urls:
    # http url: https://git.heroku.com/blooming-mountain-58044.git
    # git url: git@heroku.com:blooming-mountain-58044.git
    # use git url not http.
    # change this value to the value of your app.
    - git push git@heroku.com:blooming-mountain-58044.git
```

5. Commit the changes to your code, and push it to your forked repository.

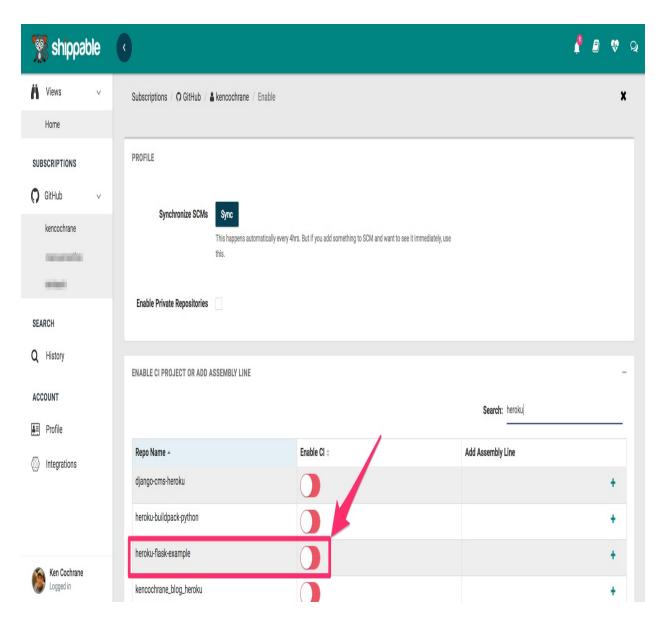
# How to do it...

Perform the following steps:

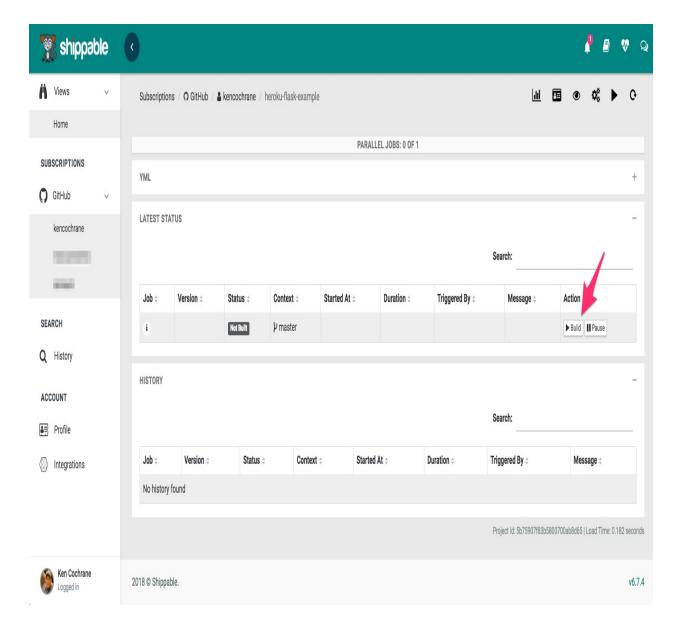
1. Log in to Shippable, and select the Enable a Project link:



2. Then, select the correct subscription on the left, and it will show you a list of your repos below. Select the heroku-flask-example repo:



3. Click on the Play button and select Branch to build. For this recipe, I chose master:

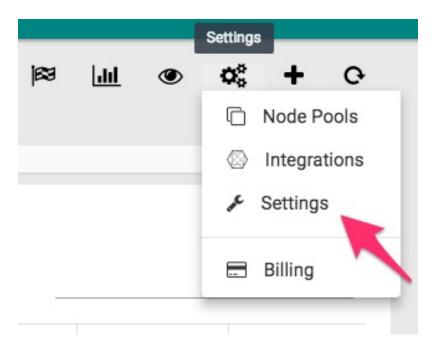


If the build is successful, you will see the success icon.

Next time, if you do a commit in your repository, a build on Shippable will be triggered and the code will be tested. Now, to perform Continuous Deployment on Heroku, let's follow the instructions provided on the Shippable website (http://docs.shippable.com/ci/deploy-to-heroku/). Shippable will need to have permission to make changes to our Heroku application; we grant it permission by adding its deployment SSH key to our Heroku account.

4. Get the deployment key from your Shippable dashboard by clicking the

little gears icon, and selecting Settings:



5. Toward the bottom of the page, there is a Deployment Key section. Copy the key:

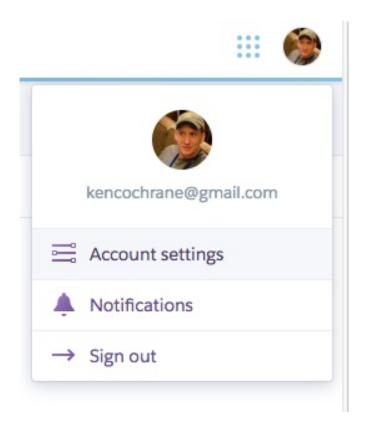
#### DEPLOYMENT KEY

This key is initialized in the session in which your job is executing. It can be used to initialize connections to external entities using SSH protocol.

#### SSH public key

ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaClyc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCwx00AlKZX19bZSkmbO2/y7DTB0sGEFBD3SxZMdgD17JZcr/WqP7pRX2qLbgnWlJpNIhS5Hd7511QO1f13Ri0mfv
72gWRMx6+cWJnBykvriLg3Mp4/ZQJEb+3ZSGhGUOvdLaY8xAQC1Vh1/j2s/2IHDzqtrNgn53BSdFebtkqqblqWO+AryRjN4b/pFZvFBc4205UcvbE020Yz

6. Now that you have the key, go to your Account settings in Heroku:



7. Scroll down until you see the SSH Keys section, and hit the Add button.



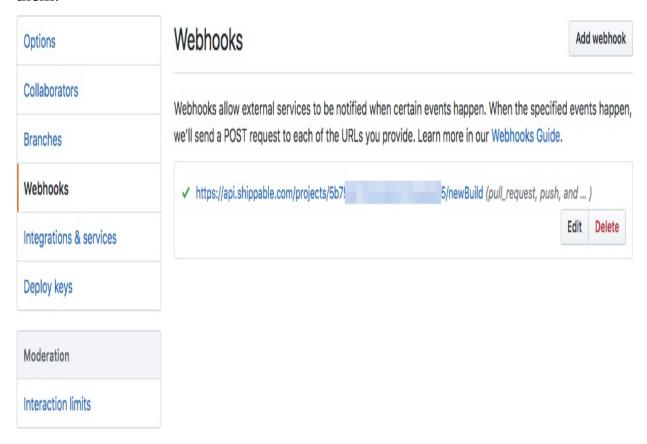
8. A window will pop up where you will be able to add the SSH key that you copied from Shippable. Paste the key, and hit Save changes:

# New SSH Key SSH Key ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCwx00AlKZX19bZSkmbO2/y7D Save changes

We have now made it so that, when a build is successful, Shippable is able to push changes to Heroku.

#### How it works...

At every build instruction, Shippable spins up a new container depending on the image and language type specified in the <code>shippable.yml</code> file, and runs the build to perform testing. Shippable knows when to start a build, because it adds a webhook to your GitHub repository when you register your application with them:



So, every time a change is committed to GitHub, a build on Shippable gets triggered, and after the build is successful, it is deployed to Heroku.

# **See also**

• Detailed documentation is available on the Shippable website at http://docs.shippable.com.

# **Performing CI/CD with TravisCI**

As mentioned on the TravisCI website (https://travis-ci.org), TravisCI is a hosted Continuous Integration service. It enables you to conveniently set up projects to automatically build, test, and deploy them as you make changes to your code. As of now, they support over 30 languages such as C/C++, Dart, Go, Haskell, Groovy, Java, Node.js, PHP, Python, Ruby, and Scala. Using TravisCI, you can deploy your application on platforms such as Heroku, Google App Engine, AWS, and Azure.

For this recipe, let's use the same example that we used in earlier recipes.

<strong>\$ cat .travis.yml</strong><br/><strong>language: python</strong><br/><br/><strong>python:</strong><br/><strong> - "3.6"</strong><br/><strong>install:</strong><br/><strong> - pip install -r requirements.txt</strong><br/><strong>script:</strong><br/><strong> - pytest</strong>

#### How to do it...

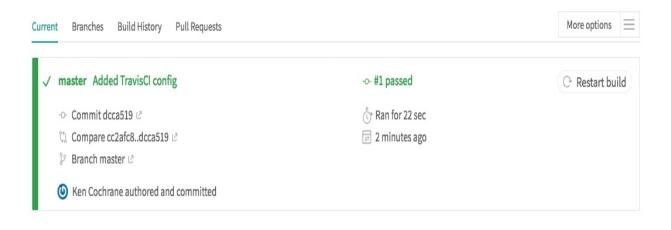
Follow the following steps:

1. Trigger a manual build by clicking on More options and then Trigger build, as shown in the following screenshot:



2. If all went well, you should be able to see the results of your build, with the logs:

# 📱 kencochrane / heroku-flask-example 🔘 🕒 🛍 unknown



Job log View config X Remove log JE Raw log Worker information worker\_info **Build** system information 404 Network availability confirmed. 407 \$ git clone --depth=50 --branch=master https://github.com/kencochrane/heroku-flask-example.git git.checkout 416 \$ source ~/virtualenv/python3.6/bin/activate 0.018 418 \$ python --version 419 Python 3.6.3 420 \$ pip --version 421 pip 9.0.1 from /home/travis/virtualenv/python3.6.3/lib/python3.6/site-packages (python 3.6) 422 \$ pip install -r requirements.txt 6.27s 452 \$ pytest 0.56s === test session starts === 454 platform linux -- Python 3.6.3, pytest-3.3.0, py-1.5.2, pluggy-0.6.0 455 rootdir: /home/travis/build/kencochrane/heroku-flask-example, inifile: 456 collected 1 item 458 tests/test\_home.py . [100%] ======== 1 passed in 0.02 seconds ======== 463 The command "pytest" exited with 0. 465 Done. Your build exited with 0.

# How it works...

The build process starts a new container, clones the source code repository, and runs the commands that we specified in the script section of our <code>.travis.yml</code> file, inside of our test container.

# There's more...

- TravisCI also adds a webhook in GitHub; thus, the next time you commit the changes in the repository, a build will be triggered.
- TravisCI also supports Continuous Deployment to different cloud environments, as we have seen in the earlier recipe. To set that up, you would need to add more information to the .travis.yml file. For more details, check out the deployment documentation (https://docs.travis-ci.com/user/deployment/).

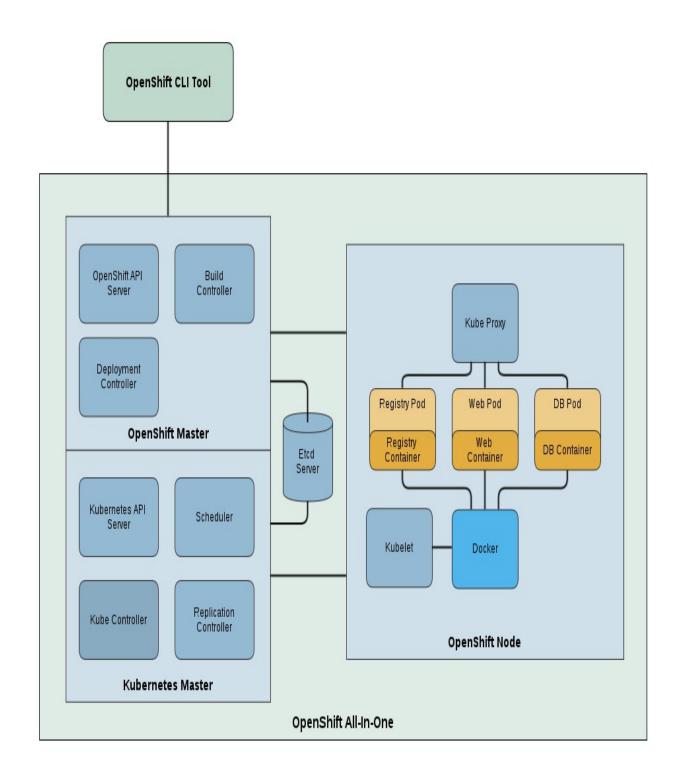
# See also

The TravisCI documentation at https://docs.travis-ci.com.

# Setting up PaaS with OpenShift origin

**Platform-as-a-Service** (**PaaS**) is a type of cloud service where the consumer controls software deployments and configuration settings for applications (mostly web), and the provider provides servers, networks, and other services to manage those deployments. The provider can be external (public provider) or internal (IT department in an organization). There are many PaaS providers, such as Amazon (https://aws.amazon.com), Heroku (https://www.heroku.com), OpenShift (https://www.openshift.com), and so on. In the recent past, containers seem to have become the natural choice for applications to get deployed to.

Earlier in this chapter, we looked at how we can build a CI/CD solution using Shippable and Heroku, where we deployed our app using the Heroku PaaS. Heroku is a public cloud service, hosted on **Amazon Web Service** (**AWS**). OpenShift (https://github.com/openshift/origin) is a PaaS that leverages technologies such as Docker and Kubernetes (https://kubernetes.io) among others, providing a complete ecosystem to service your cloud-enabled apps. As we talked about Kubernetes in Chapter 8, *Docker Orchestration and Hosting* Platform, it is highly recommended you read that first before continuing into this recipe. I am going to borrow some of the concepts from that chapter. Lets look at the following diagram:



Kubernetes provides container cluster management with features such as scheduling pods and service discovery, but it does not have the concept of a complete application, nor does it build and deploy Docker images from the source code. OpenShift extends the base Kubernetes model and fills those gaps.

If we fast-forward and look at Chapter 8, *Docker Orchestration and Hosting Platform*, for the Kubernetes section, you will notice that to deploy an app, we need to define Pods, Services, and Replication-Controllers. OpenShift tries to abstract all that information and let you define one configuration file that takes care of all the internal wiring. Further, OpenShift provides other features such as automated deployment through source code push, centralized administration and management of applications, authentication, team and project isolation, and resource tracking and limiting, all of which are required for enterprise deployment.

In this recipe, we will set up all-in-one OpenShift Origin on a VM and start a pod. In the next recipe, we will see how to build and deploy an app through source code using the **Source-to-image** (**S2I**) build feature. The example can be found at https://github.com/openshift/origin/tree/master/examples/sample-app.

```
<strong> $ curl https://get.docker.com | bash</strong>
```

\$ cat /etc/docker/daemon.json<br/> {<br/> "insecure-registries": [<br/> "172.30.0.0/16"<br/> }

<strong> \$ systemctl start docker</strong>

<strong> \$ yum install -y wget</strong>

<strong> \$ cd /tmp</strong><br/><strong> \$ wget
https://github.com/openshift/origin/releases/download/v3.10.0/openshift-originclient-tools-v3.10.0-dd10d17-linux-64bit.tar.gz</strong>

<strong> </strong> \$ tar -xvzf openshift-origin-client-tools-v3.10.0-dd10d17-linux-64bit.tar.gz</strong> \$ cd openshift-origin-client-tools-v3.10.0-dd10d17-linux-64bit</strong> \$ sudo cp oc /usr/local/bin<br/> \$ cd  $\sim$ <br/> \$ cd  $\sim$ <br/> \$ cd  $\sim$ <br/> \$ cd  $\sim$ <br/> \$ rong><br/> \$ sudo cp oc /usr/local/bin<br/> \$ cd  $\sim$ <br/> \$ cd  $\sim$ <br/> \$ rong>

## How to do it...

Now that we have a VM set up with Docker running and the OpenShift binaries installed, we can start up our cluster using the oc binary. OpenShift has a web console that you can log into, but in order for it to work correctly, OpenShift will need to be able to determine your IP address. If your VM has more than one, you might need to explicitly tell OpenShift which one to use when starting the cluster. In the example here, my public IP address is 142.93.14.79; your IP will be different: \$ oc cluster up --public-hostname=<your ip>

```
$ oc cluster up --public-hostname=142.93.14.79
Getting a Docker client ...
Checking if image openshift/origin-control-plane:v3.10 is available ...
Checking type of volume mount ...
Determining server IP ...
Using public hostname IP 142.93.14.79 as the host IP
Checking if OpenShift is already running ...
Checking for supported Docker version (=>1.22) ...
Checking if insecured registry is configured properly in Docker ...
Checking if required ports are available ...
Checking if OpenShift client is configured properly ...
Checking if image openshift/origin-control-plane:v3.10 is available ...
Starting OpenShift using openshift/origin-control-plane:v3.10 ...
I0816 00:28:00.262155 30376 config.go:42] Running "create-master-config"
```

After a few minutes, the cluster is up and running, and you will see something like this:

```
Login to server ...
Creating initial project "myproject" ...
Server Information ...
OpenShift server started.
The server is accessible via web console at:
    https://142.93.14.79:8443
You are logged in as:
              developer
    User:
    Password: <any value>
To login as administrator:
    oc login -u system:admin
$ oc cluster status
Web console URL: https://142.93.14.79:8443/console/
Config is at host directory
Volumes are at host directory
Persistent volumes are at host directory /root/openshift/openshift.local.clusterup/openshift.local.pv
Data will be discarded when cluster is destroyed
```

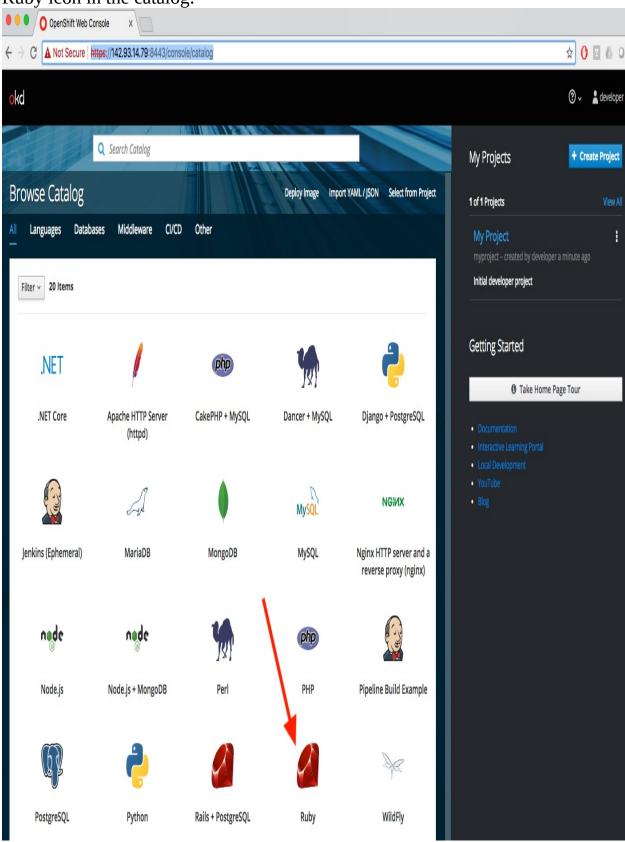
At this point, we have two options; we can either install our application via the SSH shell, or we can use the web console. Let's try with the web console first, and make sure that is working correctly. Open the web console URL in your browser, and log in using the credentials shown in the output when starting your cluster.



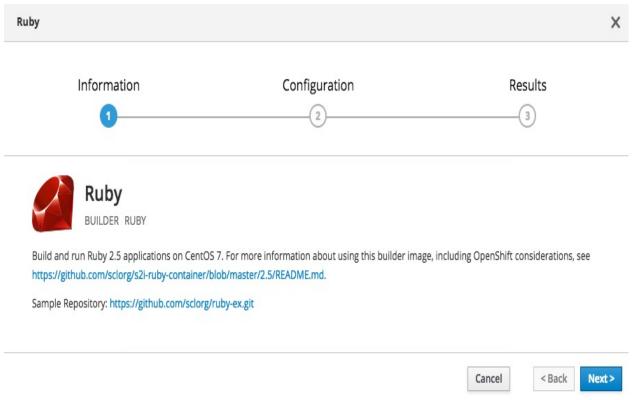
You will probably get a warning from your browser that the SSL/TLS certificate doesn't match. That is fine, and expected; you can bypass this warning and continue.

Now that you are logged in, let's deploy an example application. Click on the

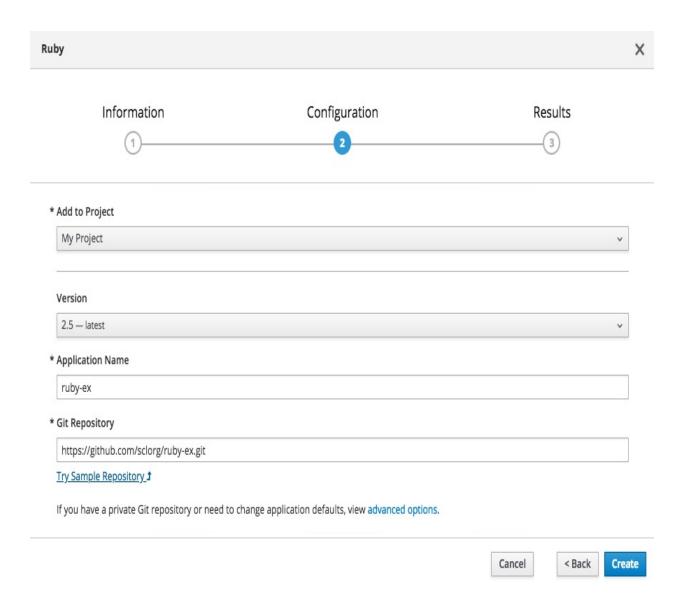
Ruby icon in the catalog:



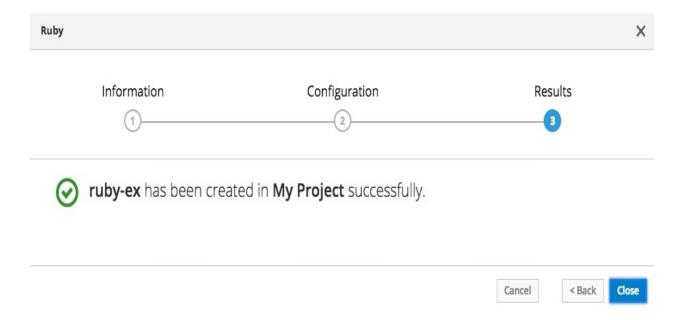
This brings up a wizard, that will help us add our application to the cluster. Click the Next button:



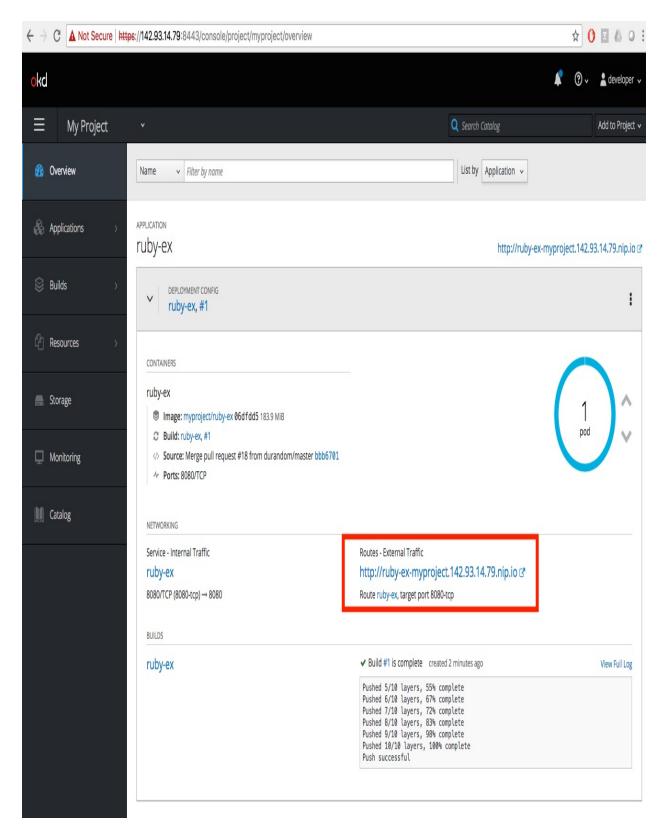
Click the Try Sample Repository link, and it will auto-populate the form for us; then, click the Create button:



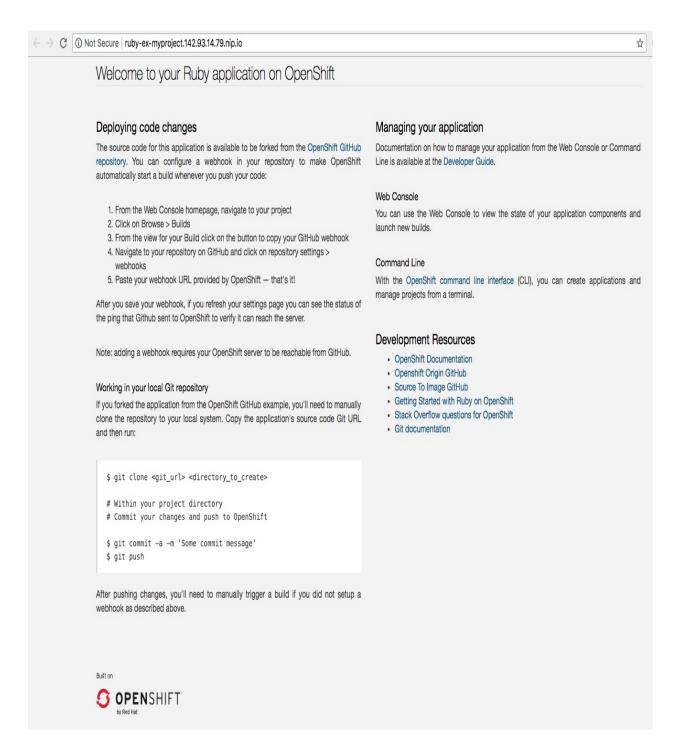
Just like that, our ruby-ex application was created. Click the Close button:



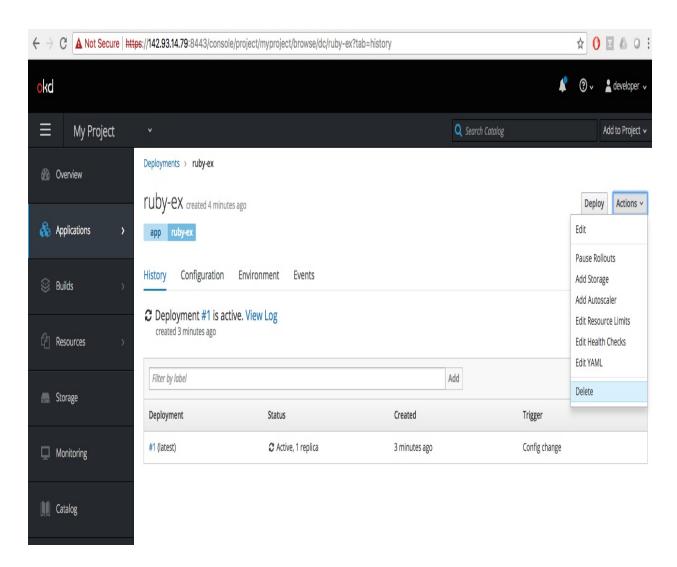
You should now see the application listed in the web console; once the application is up and running, you will watch a URL where you can see the application in action:



Open the application URL in your browser, and you should see something like the following:



Now that we have the example Ruby application up and running, let's delete it, and do the same thing, but using the SSH shell. Under applications, you can click the Actions option and select Delete. This will delete the application for us:



Go back to the SSH shell, and let's create a new application, but this time using the oc binary. For this example, we will be using one of the other built-in examples that comes with OpenShift. We will use the django-psql-persistent example, which has two services, a Django web service and a PostgreSQL database service: \$ oc new-app django-psql-persistent

```
$ oc new-app django-psql-persistent
warning: Cannot find git. Ensure that it is installed and in your path. Git is required to work with git repositories.
--> Deploying template "openshift/django-psql-persistent" to project myproject

Django + PostgreSQL
-------
An example Django application with a PostgreSQL database. For more information about using this template, including OpenShift considerations, see https://github.com/openshift/django-ex/blob/master/README.md.

The following service(s) have been created in your project: django-psql-persistent, postgresql.

For more information about using this template, including OpenShift considerations, see https://github.com/openshift/django-ex/blob/master/README.md.
```

After a few minutes, your application is created, and you should see something like the following:

```
--> Creating resources ...

secret "django-psql-persistent" created

service "django-psql-persistent" created

route "django-psql-persistent" created

imagestream "django-psql-persistent" created

buildconfig "django-psql-persistent" created

deploymentconfig "django-psql-persistent" created

persistentvolumeclaim "postgresql" created

service "postgresql" created

deploymentconfig "postgresql" created

--> Success

Access your application via route 'django-psql-persistent-myproject.142.93.14.79.nip.io'

Build scheduled, use 'oc logs -f bc/django-psql-persistent' to track its progress.

Run 'oc status' to view your app.
```

When we run the oc status command, we can see the URL for our project:

#### \$ oc status

```
$ oc status
In project My Project (myproject) on server https://142.93.14.79:8443
http://django-psql-persistent-myproject.142.93.14.79.nip.io (svc/django-psql-persistent)
    dc/django-psql-persistent deploys istag/django-psql-persistent:latest <-
        bc/django-psql-persistent source builds https://github.com/openshift/django-ex.git on openshift/python:3.6
    deployment #1 deployed 27 seconds ago - 1 pod

svc/postgresql - 172.30.233.156:5432
    dc/postgresql deploys openshift/postgresql:9.6
    deployment #1 deployed about a minute ago - 1 pod</pre>
```

When we open that URL in our browser, you can see the application is up and running:





### Welcome to your Django application on OpenShift

#### How to use this example application

For instructions on how to use this application with OpenShift, start by reading the Developer Guide.

#### Deploying code changes

The source code for this application is available to be forked from the OpenShift GitHub repository. You can configure a webhook in your repository to make OpenShift automatically start a build whenever you push your code:

- 1. From the Web Console homepage, navigate to your project
- 2. Click on Browse > Builds
- 3. Click the link with your BuildConfig name
- 4. Click the Configuration tab
- 5. Click the "Copy to clipboard" icon to the right of the "GitHub webhook URL" field
- Navigate to your repository on GitHub and click on repository settings > webhooks > Add webhook
- 7. Paste your webhook URL provided by OpenShift
- 8. Leave the defaults for the remaining fields that's it!

After you save your webhook, if you refresh your settings page you can see the status of the ping that Github sent to OpenShift to verify it can reach the server.

Note: adding a webhook requires your OpenShift server to be reachable from GitHub.

#### Working in your local Git repository

If you forked the application from the OpenShift GitHub example, you'll need to manually clone the repository to your local system. Copy the application's source code Git URL and then run:

- \$ git clone <git\_url> <directory\_to\_create>
- # Within your project directory
- # Commit your changes and push to OpenShift
- \$ git commit -a -m 'Some commit message'
- \$ git push

#### Managing your application

Documentation on how to manage your application from the Web Console or Command Line is available at the Developer Guide.

#### Web Console

You can use the Web Console to view the state of your application components and launch new builds.

#### Command Line

With the OpenShift command line interface (CLI), you can create applications and manage projects from a terminal.

#### Development Resources

- · OpenShift Documentation
- · Openshift Origin GitHub
- Source To Image GitHub
- · Getting Started with Python on OpenShift
- · Stack Overflow questions for OpenShift
- Git documentation

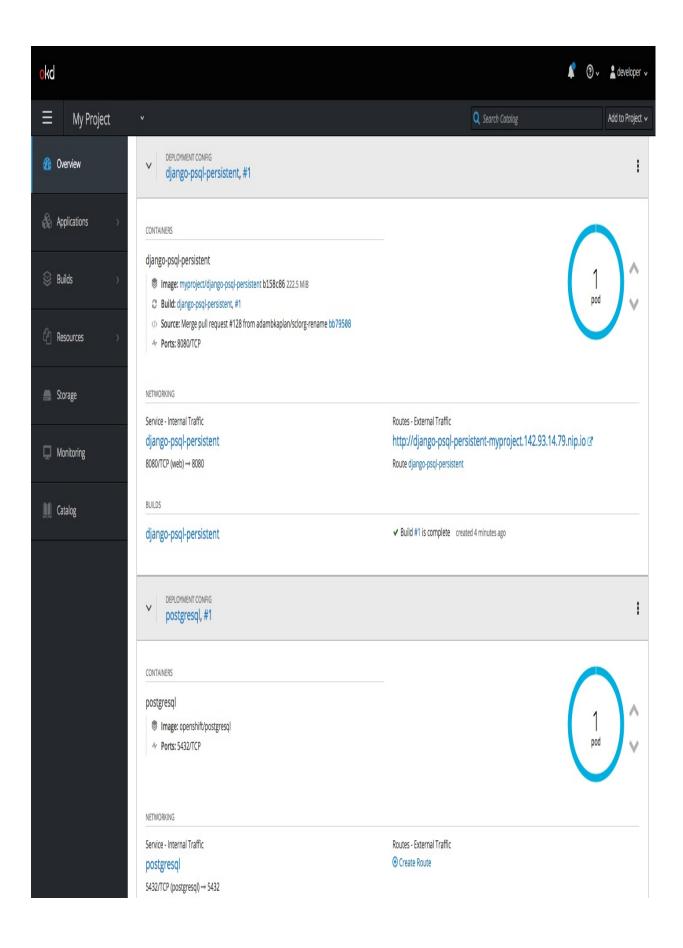
#### Request information

Server hostname: django-psql-persistent-1-xp2vn

Database server: PostgreSQL (172.30.233.156:5432/default)

Page views: 1

When you go back to the web console, you can see the details of the application you just deployed:



If we want to delete the application using the oc binary, it is pretty easy. We just need to use the delete command: \$ oc delete dc/django/psql-persistent \$ oc delete dc/postgresql

```
$ oc delete dc/django-psql-persistent
deploymentconfig.apps.openshift.io "django-psql-persistent" deleted
$ oc delete dc/postgresql
deploymentconfig.apps.openshift.io "postgresql" deleted
$ ■
```

## How it works...

When OpenShift starts, all Kubernetes services start as well. Then, we connect to the OpenShift master through CLI and request it to start a pod. That request is then forwarded to Kubernetes, which starts the pod. OpenShift acts as the middleman between you and Kubernetes.

## There's more...

- If you run the docker container is command, you will see the corresponding containers running
- If you want to stop the OpenShift cluster, you can run the following command:

\$ oc cluster down

## See also

- The Learn More section on https://github.com/openshift/origin.
- OpenShift documentation at https://docs.okd.io/latest/welcome/index.html.

# Building and deploying an app on OpenShift from the source code

OpenShift provides the build process to build an image from source code. The following are build strategies that you can follow to build images:

- **Docker build**: In this, users will supply to Docker context (Dockerfile and support files), which can be used to build images. OpenShift just triggers the docker build command to create the image.
- **Source-to-image (S2I) build**: In this, the developer defines the source code repository and the builder image, which defines the environment used to create the app. S2I then uses the given source code and builder image to create a new image for the app. More details about S2I can be found at https://github.com/openshift/source-to-image.
- **Custom build**: This is similar to the Docker build strategy, but users might customize the builder image that will be used for build execution.

In this recipe, we are going to look at the S2I build process. We are going to look at sample-app from the OpenShift Origin repo (https://github.com/openshift/origin/t ree/master/examples/sample-app). The corresponding S2I build file is located at https://github.com/openshift/origin/tree/master/examples/sample-app/application-template-stibuild.json.

In the BuildConfig section, we can see that the source is pointing to a GitHub repo (https://github.com/openshift/ruby-hello-world) and the image under the strategy section is pointing to the centos/ruby-22-centos7 image. So, we will use the centos/ruby-22-centos7 image and build a new image using the source from the GitHub repo. The new image, after the build is pushed to the local or third-party Docker registry, depends on the settings. The BuildConfig section also defines triggers on when to trigger a new build, for instance, when the build image changes.

In the same S2I build file (application-template-stibuild.json), you will find multiple DeploymentConfig sections, one for each pod. The DeploymentConfig section has information such as exported port, replicas, environment variables for pod,

and other info. In simple terms, you can think of <code>peploymentConfig</code> as an extended replication controller for Kubernetes. It also has triggers to trigger new deployments. Each time a new deployment is created, the <code>latestversion</code> field of <code>peploymentConfig</code> is incremented. A <code>deploymentCause</code> is also added to the <code>peploymentConfig</code>, describing the change that led to the latest deployment.

ImageStream is a stream of related images. Buildconfig and Deploymentconfig watch Imagestream to look for image changes and react accordingly, based on the respective triggers.

Other sections that you will find in the S2I build file are services for pods (database and frontend), routes for the frontend service through which the app can be accessed, and templates. A template describes a set of resources intended to be used together that can be customized and processed to produce a configuration. Each template can define a list of parameters that can be modified for consumption by containers.

Similar to the S2I build, there are examples of Docker and custom builds in the same sample-app example folder. I am assuming you have the earlier recipe, so we will continue from there.

# **Getting ready**

You should have completed the earlier *Setting up PaaS with OpenShift Origin* recipe.

Make sure your cluster is up and running: \$ oc cluster status

Clone the OpenShift Git repo into the /opt/openshift/origin directory: \$ mkdir -p /opt/openshift

- \$ cd /opt/openshift
- \$ git clone https://github.com/openshift/origin.git
- \$ cd origin/examples/sample-app

Your current working directory should be /opt/openshift/origin/examples/sample-app inside the VM.

# How to do it...

Submit the application template for processing using the  $\infty$  command: \$ oc newapp application-template-stibuild.json

```
$ oc new-app application-template-stibuild.json
--> Deploying template "myproject/ruby-helloworld-sample" for "application-template-stibuild.json" to project myproject
     ruby-helloworld-sample
     This example shows how to create a simple ruby application in openshift origin v3
     * With parameters:
        * MYSQL_USER=userQI4 # generated
        * MYSQL_PASSWORD=pjPgVv00 # generated
        * MYSOL_DATABASE=root
--> Creating resources ...
    secret "dbsecret" created
   service "frontend" created
   route "route-edge" created
    imagestream "origin-ruby-sample" created
    imagestream "ruby-22-centos7" created
   buildconfig "ruby-sample-build" created
    deployment config "frontend" created
    service "database" created
   deploymentconfig "database" created
--> Success
   Access your application via route 'www.example.com'
    Build scheduled, use 'oc logs -f bc/ruby-sample-build' to track its progress.
    Run 'oc status' to view your app.
```

Monitor the build and wait for the status to go to complete (this can take a few minutes): \$ oc get builds

<pre>\$ oc get builds</pre>					
NAME	TYPE	FROM	STATUS	STARTED	DURATION
ruby-sample-build-1	Source	Git@7ccd324	Complete	3 minutes ago	58s
\$					

## Get a list of pods:

\$ oc get pods

\$ oc get pods				
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
database-1-bxw89	1/1	Running	0	2m
frontend-1-4tm8z	1/1	Running	0	<b>1</b> m
frontend-1-6vbth	1/1	Running	0	<b>1</b> m
ruby-sample-build-1-build	0/1	Completed	0	2m

#### Get a list of services:

\$ oc get services

<pre>\$ oc get</pre>	services				
NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
database	ClusterIP	172.30.239.31	<none></none>	5434/TCP	6m
frontend	ClusterIP	172.30.1.2	<none></none>	5432/TCP	6m
\$					

## How it works...

In the BuildConfig (ruby-sample-build) section, we specified our source as the ruby-hello-world Git repo (git://github.com/openshift/ruby-hello-world.git) and our image as centos/ruby-22-centos7. So, the build process takes that image, and with S2I builder, a new image called origin-ruby-sample is created after building our source on centos/ruby-22-centos7. The new image is then pushed to the Docker registry that is built into OpenShift.

With the DeploymentConfig, the frontend, and backend pods are also deployed and linked to the corresponding services.

## There's more...

• In a multiple node setup, your pods can be scheduled on different systems. OpenShift connects pods through the overlay network, so a pod running on one node can access another. It is called <code>openshift-sdn</code>. For more details, <code>please visit https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/3.10/architecture/networking/sdn.html</code>.

## See also

- $\bullet \ \ The \ Learn \ More \ section \ at \ {\tt https://github.com/openshift/origin.}$
- OpenShift documentation at https://docs.openshift.com.

## **Docker APIs and SDKs**

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Working with images using APIs
- Building images using APIs
- Launching containers using APIs
- Performing container operations using APIs
- Exploring Docker remote API client libraries
- Configuring the Docker daemon for remote connectivity
- Securing the Docker daemon's remote connectivity

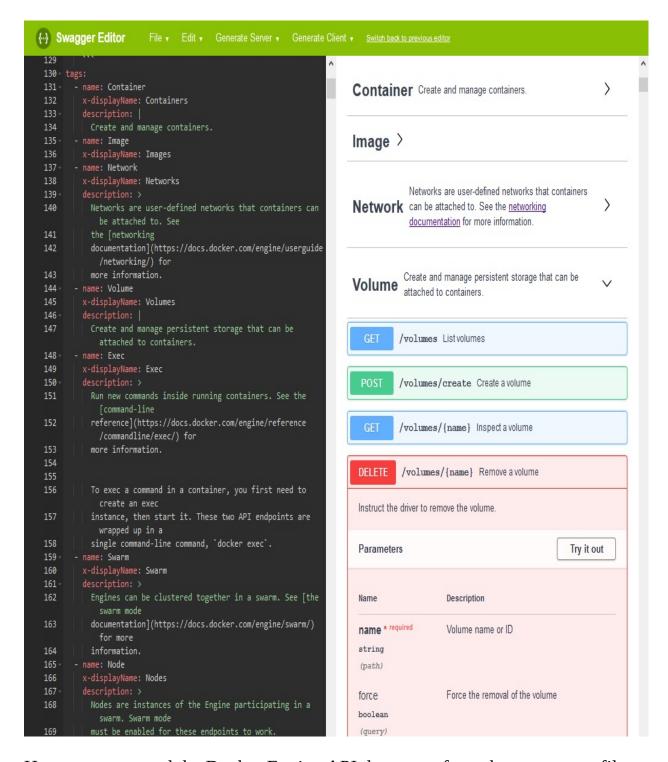
## Introduction

In previous chapters, we have been fiddling a lot with Docker commands to work with Docker images, containers, volumes, and networks. One of the hallmarks of Docker is the amazing user experience it provides through its easy-to-remember and well-structured commands. With a single Docker command, we can spin a very useful microservice or utility container. However, behind the scenes, the Docker client translates our request into multiple API calls in order to fulfill it. These APIs are called Docker Engine APIs, and they are designed using the REST paradigm.



Note: **REST** (aka **RESTful**) stands for **REpresentational State Transfer**, which is a web standard for data communication over the HTTP protocol.

The Docker Engine API is documented using the OpenAPI (formerly known as **Swagger**) specification. As a result, we can access API help through any standard OpenAPI editor. In this book, we are using an editor called Swagger Editor, and it is available at <a href="http://editor.swagger.io">http://editor.swagger.io</a>; however, you can use any OpenAPI editor of your choice. Swagger Editor has options such as Try it out and Execute, which can be used to generate <code>curl</code> commands with appropriate options. The following screenshot shows Swagger Editor with the Docker engine API document:



Here, we generated the Docker Engine API document from the <code>swagger.yaml</code> file available at <code>https://docs.docker.com/engine/api/v1.35/swagger.yaml</code>. Of course, you can also refer to the current, work-in-progress version of the API from <code>https://raw.githubusercontent.com/moby/moby/master/api/swagger.yaml</code>.

By default, the Docker engine listens on /var/run/docker.sock, a Unix domain

socket, to communicate with its client. The Unix domain socket, also known as the inter-process communication socket, enables reliable communication within a host. Besides this, /var/run/docker.sock has read-write access for the user root and group docker; hence, the client application must either have root privilege or be a member of the docker group. In addition to the Unix socket, the Docker daemon supports two more socket types:

- fd: Systemd's socket activation. On Systemd-based systems such as Ubuntu 16.04, the Docker daemon listens on the fd socket, which internally gets mapped to the Unix socket /var/run/docker.sock using the systemd's socket activation feature.
- tcp: For remote connectivity. In recipe, *Configuring the Docker daemon for remote connectivity*, we will configure the Docker daemon to accept unencrypted communication from the client, and in recipe, *Securing the Docker daemon's remote connectivity*, we will configure the Docker daemon to use secure communication.

Docker also provides **Software Development Kits** (**SDKs**) for the Python and Go monogramming language. These SDKs internally use Docker engine REST APIs. In addition to these standard SDKs, there are many community-supported API bindings for other programming languages. Some of these API bindings are listed at https://docs.docker.com/develop/sdk/#unofficial-libraries. However, these libraries are not tested by Docker.

Throughout this chapter, we will use two tools, curl and jq:

- curl is a command-line tool for transferring data. We use curl to connect to our Docker daemon. Please ensure that you are running curl7.40 or above, because curl started supporting Unix sockets from version 7.40. You can find more details about curl at the official website at https://curl.haxx.se/.
- jq is a command line tool for processing JSON data. We use jq to manipulate the data we receive from the Docker daemon. You can find more details about jq at the official website at https://stedolan.github.io/jq/.



In this chapter we are using Ubuntu 16.04 and Docker 17.10, because of an issue with the default curl command that comes along with the Ubuntu 18.04 installation. If you choose to continue with Ubuntu 18.04 and Docker 18.03, you can do so by prefixing any text in the Docker API endpoint (http://bug/version) as a workaround.

All the recipes in this chapter assume that the Docker is installed and running.

## Working with images using APIs

As mentioned earlier, Docker internally uses the Docker engine API to fulfill all our containerization need

s. In this recipe, we will be using the curl command and the Docker engine APIs to perform various operations on the Docker images.

#### How to do it...

In this recipe, we'll look at a few image operations, as follows:

1. To list images, use the following API:



Here is an example of the preceding syntax:

2. You can create an image by pulling it from any registry or tar file using the following API:

```
POST /images/create Create an image
```

The /images/create API supports a few options, as listed next, to work

#### with images:

Name	Description
fromImage string (query)	Name of the image to pull. The name may include a tag or digest. This parameter may only be used when pulling an image. The pull is cancelled if the HTTP connection is closed.
fromSrc string (query)	Source to import. The value may be a URL from which the image can be retrieved or – to read the image from the request body. This parameter may only be used when importing an image.
repo string (query)	Repository name given to an image when it is imported. The repo may include a tag. This parameter may only be used when importing an image.
tag string (query)	Tag or digest. If empty when pulling an image, this causes all tags for the given image to be pulled.

Now let's look into a few examples:

3. Get the cookbook/apache2 image from Docker Hub:

```
$ curl -X POST \
--unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
http:/images/create?fromImage=cookbook/apache2
```

4. Get the WordPress image with the latest tag:

```
$ curl -X POST --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
> http:/images/create?fromImage=wordpress\&tag=latest
```

5. Create an image from the tar file:

```
$ curl -i -X POST \
> -H "Content-Type: application/octet-stream" \
> --data-binary "@myimage.tar" \
> --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
> http:/images/create?fromSrc=-\&repo=myimage
HTTP/1.1 100 Continue

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Api-Version: 1.33
Content-Type: application/json
Docker-Experimental: false
Ostype: linux
Server: Docker/17.10.0-ce (linux)
Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2017 05:02:48 GMT
Transfer-Encoding: chunked

{"status":"sha256:7fc0dc205e957c46cc51fbbb848f722b1db775b9c1662c02f093f477e2697b59"}
```

In this example, we chose to upload the image as a tar bundle from the Docker host using the --data-binary option of the curl command. Here, the content of myimage.tar is sent to the Docker daemon through the HTTP message body. If you pay closer attention to the curl command invocation, you will notice the -i option. We are using the -i option of the curl command to get HTTP header information.

To delete an image, use the following API:

```
DELETE /images/{name} Remove an image
```

Here is an example of the preceding syntax: \$ curl -X DELETE \ --unix-socket \ /var/run/docker.sock \ http:/images/wordpress:latest

#### How it works...

In this recipe, we performed various operations on the Docker image using the curl command. The curl command sends our API request to the Docker daemon as a REST API request over HTTP. The Docker daemon, in turn, will perform the requested action on the image and reply back with the status of the action.

#### There's more...

In this recipe, we just covered three APIs related to Docker image handling, but there are more. The following screenshot lists all the available /images APIs:

#### Image ∨

```
GET
         /images/json List Images
POST
         /images/create Create an image
         /images/{name}/json Inspect an image
 GET
 GET
         /images/{name}/history Get the history of an image
POST
         /images/{name}/push Push an image
POST
         /images/{name}/tag Tag an image
DELETE
         /images/{name} Remove an image
 GET
         /images/search Search images
POST
         /images/prune Delete unused images
 GET
         /images/{name}/get Export an image
 GET
         /images/get Export several images
POST
         /images/load Import images
```

#### **See also**

• Each API endpoint can have different inputs to control operations. For more details, visit the documentation on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/engine/api/latest/.

## **Building images using APIs**

In the previous recipe, we explored a few actions on Docker images using APIs. In this recipe, we will build a Docker image using the /build API. Here is the /build API snippet from Swagger Editor:

POST

/build Build an image

Build an image from a tar archive with a Dockerfile in it.

The Dockerfile specifies how the image is built from the tar archive. It is typically in the archive's root, but can be at a different path or have a different name by specifying the dockerfile parameter. See the Dockerfile reference for more information.

The Docker daemon performs a preliminary validation of the Dockerfile before starting the build, and returns an error if the syntax is incorrect. After that, each instruction is run one-by-one until the ID of the new image is output.

The build is canceled if the client drops the connection by quitting or being killed.

In the preceding JSON message, 3c6f5044386d is the ID of the image we just built using the /build API.

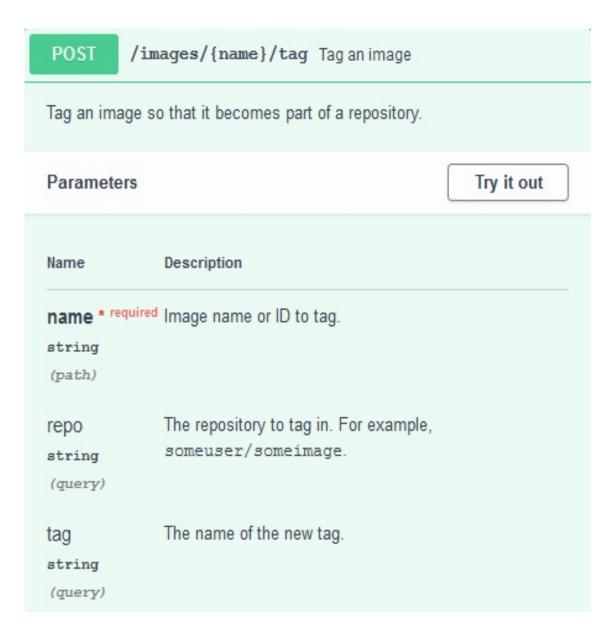
#### How it works...

In this recipe, we bundled the build context as a tar file and sent it to the Docker engine as part of the /build API call. The Docker engine uses the build context and the Dockerfile in the build context to build the Docker image.

#### There's more...

1. In this recipe, we did not specify any repository or tag name, and hence the image is created without any repository or tag name, as shown here:

Of course, you can now tag the image with the appropriate repository and tag name using the /images/{name}/tag API. Here is the help document snipped from the Swagger editor:



Alternatively, you can bundle the image with the repository name during the build time using the t parameter, as demonstrated here: \$ curl -X POST \ -H "Content-Type:application/tar" \ --data-binary \ '@/tmp/apache2.tar' \ --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \ http:/build?t=apache2:usingapi

The tag name is optional and if no tag name is specified, the Docker build engine will assume the tag name latest.

2. You can also create an image from a container using the following API:

**POST** 

/commit Create a new image from a container

Here is an example of committing an image from a container ID 4aaec8980c43:

\$ curl -X POST --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \

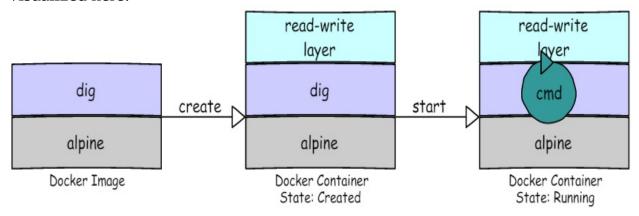
> http://commit?container=4aaec8980c43 {"Id":"sha256:792f4e9f7a9b5667175530af02c4d2342ee63f1209476acfd50ee9eac0239794"}

### See also

Each API endpoint can have different inputs to control the operations. For more details, visit the documentation on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/engine/api/latest/.

## Launching containers using APIs

In chapter 2, Working with Docker Containers, recipe Starting a container, we methodically and meticulously explored different ways of running containers. In all those scenarios, we used the docker container run command with a few options, and all our containers were up and running. However, behind the scenes, the Docker CLI makes it possible by first creating the container layer through the /create API and then launches the application (cmd) through the /start API, as visualized here:



In addition to the /create and /start API, the Docker CLI uses APIs such as /attach and /wait to fulfill our request. In this recipe, we will create an alpine container and run a simple 1s command to demonstrate the steps involved in launching a container through the Docker engine APIs.

#### How to do it...

1. Begin by creating a container from an alpine image, as shown here:

```
$ curl -i -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
> -d '{"Image": "alpine", "Cmd": ["ls"], "AttachStderr": true, "AttachStdout": true}' \
> --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
> http:/containers/create
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Api-Version: 1.33
Content-Type: application/json
Docker-Experimental: false
Ostype: linux
Server: Docker/17.10.0-ce (linux)
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2017 17:42:28 GMT
Content-Length: 90

{"Id":"f9fd4b2e2040d4dea32deb527889bf2fb95b351d8316a4c74bfb6e2e38c9b499","Warnings":null}
```

Here, we used the -d option of the curl command to pass our container configuration as a JSON data to the Docker engine. Evidently, the image is alpine, and the command we chose to run when the container starts is 1s. In addition, we are also requesting the Docker engine to attach STDERR and STDOUT to this container, in order to retrieve the output of the 1s command.

The HTTP header response code 201 Created indicates that our container is created successfully. Apparently, the response from the Docker engine is also a JSON payload. The ID field of the payload contains the container ID, which is

f9fd4b2e2040d4dea32deb527889bf2fb95b351d8316a4c74bfb6e2e38c9b499. We shall use the short version of the container ID, f9fd4b2e2040, to perform further operations on this container.

2. Since we want to capture the output of the 1s command on the screen, let's attach to the container using the /attach API:

```
$ curl -X POST --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
> http:/containers/f9fd4b2e2040/attach?stderr=1\&stdout=1\&stream=1 &
```

The /attach API would block the client (namely, curl) if it is called

with the stderr, stdout, and stream parameter, so we are running the curl command in the background.

3. Now, proceed to start the container using the /start API, as demonstrated here:

```
$ curl -X POST --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
> http:/containers/f9fd4b2e2040/start
        Fbin
dev
etc
home
lib
media
mnt
proc
root
run
sbin
SIV
5Y5
tmp
usr
var
```

Cool, isn't it? We emulated the docker container run command with the Docker engine APIs.

#### How it works...

In this recipe, we used three Docker engine APIs to successfully launch a container. In the backend, the Docker engine received the API calls from the client, and on behalf of the client it created the container for the /container/create API call, then blocked the HTTP stream for the /containers/attach API call, and finally ran the 1s command inside the container's namespace for the /containers/start API call.

#### There's more...

The following is the list of APIs that deal with the life cycle of a container:



### See also

Each API endpoint can have different inputs to control operations. For more details, visit the documentation on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/engine/api/latest/.

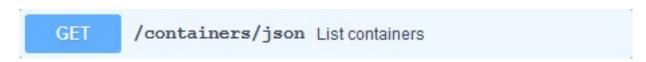
# Performing container operations using APIs

In the previous recipe, we launched a container and executed a command inside the container using the /create, /attach, and /start API. In this recipe, we perform a few more operations on the container.

#### How to do it...

In this recipe, we'll look at a few container operations:

1. To list containers, use the following API:



Here are a few examples:

• Here is how to get all the running containers:

```
$ curl --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
    http:/containers/json
```

• Here is how to get all the running containers, including the stopped ones:

```
$ curl --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
http:/containers/json?all=1
```

2. To inspect a container, use the following API:

```
GET /containers/{id}/json Inspect a container
```

Here is an example of inspecting a container 591ab8ac2650:

```
$ curl --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
http:/containers/591ab8ac2650/json
```

3. To get the list of processes running inside a container, use the following API:



Here is an example of listing the process running inside the 591ab8ac2650 container:

```
$ curl --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
    http:/containers/591ab8ac2650/top
```

4. To get the resource usage statistics of a container, use the following API:



Here is an example of getting the resource usage statistics for the 591ab8ac2650 container:

```
$ curl --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
http:/containers/591ab8ac2650/stats
```

By default, this API streams the resource usage statistics. However, you can disable streaming by using the stream parameter, as shown here:

```
$ curl --unix-socket /var/run/docker.sock \
    http:/containers/591ab8ac2650/stats?stream=0
```

### How it works...

When we connect with the Docker engine using the APIs described in this recipe, the Docker engine would in turn gather the relevant information from its data source and send it back to the client.

## See also

Each API endpoint can have different inputs to control operations. For more details, visit the documentation on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/engine/api/latest/.

## **Exploring Docker remote API client libraries**

In the previous recipes, we explored APIs provided by Docker to connect and perform operations on the Docker daemon. Docker also provides the Software Development Kit for the python and go languages.

In this recipe, let's explore the python SDK with a few examples.

## **Getting ready**

- Ensure python3 is installed.
- ubuntu 16.04 might not have pip3, so install pip3 using the following command:

\$ sudo apt-get -y install python3-pip

#### How to do it...

1. Let's begin by installing the docker package for python using pip3:

```
|$ sudo pip3 install docker
```

2. Now, let's launch python3 and import the docker and json packages, as demonstrated in the following:

```
$ python3
Python 3.5.2 (default, Sep 14 2017, 22:51:06)
[GCC 5.4.0 20160609] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import docker
>>> import json
```

3. Having imported the docker and json packages, let's connect to the Docker daemon through the Unix socket, unix://var/run/docker.sock, using docker.DockerClient, as shown here:

```
>>> client = docker.DockerClient(base_url='unix://var/run/docker.sock')
```

Here, base\_url is the Docker daemon's connection address.

4. Continue on to print the Docker daemon version using the following code:

```
>>> print(json.dumps(client.version(), indent=2))
{
    "GoVersion": "go1.8.3",
    "Version": "17.10.0-ce",
    "ApiVersion": "1.33",
    "GitCommit": "f4ffd25",
    "KernelVersion": "4.4.0-98-generic",
    "Arch": "amd64",
    "BuildTime": "2017-10-17T19:02:56.000000000+00:00",
    "MinAPIVersion": "1.12",
    "Os": "linux"
}
```

Here, the <code>client.version()</code> fetched the version details from the Docker server in <code>json</code> format, and then we used <code>json.dump()</code> to print the fetched <code>json</code> data in a pretty format.

5. Let's write a little more code to list all the running containers using

client.containers.list(), as shown here:

```
>>> for item in client.containers.list():
... print(item.short_id, item.name, item.image)
...
458b8add4a youthful_wescoff <Image: 'cookbook/apache2:latest'>
62c814650f optimistic_lamport <Image: 'alpine:latest'>
```

As you can see, we have two running containers: 458b8add4a and 62c814650f.

6. Finally, let's launch a container using client.containers.run(), as shown here:

```
>>> client.containers.run('alpine', 'echo hello world')
b'hello world\n'
```

## How it works...

In all the preceding cases, the Docker module will translate our requests to the appropriate Docker engine API, wrap it as a RESTful message, and send it to the Docker daemon.

## See also

You will find a clearly articulated Python SDK document at  $https://docker-py.readt\ hedocs.io/en/stable/$ .

# Configuring the Docker daemon for remote connectivity

In the previous recipes, we were using the Unix socket (/var/run/docker.sock) to talk to the Docker engine. As mentioned earlier, by default dockerd listens to the Unix socket /var/run/docker.sock. However, access to the Unix socket is confined to a local system. But there will be use cases where you will have to access the Docker daemon remotely. You can achieve this by configuring the Docker daemon to listen for remote connections using the tcp socket. In this recipe, we will configure our Docker daemon for remote API connectivity.

#### How to do it...

1. Let's begin by locating the Systemd unit file for the Docker service using the systemct1 command, as shown here:

```
$ sudo systemctl docker status | grep Loaded
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/docker.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
```

Evidently, /lib/systemd/system/docker.service is the unit file for the Docker service. Here is the content of the default Docker service unit file:

```
$ cat /lib/systemd/system/docker.service
[Unit]
Description=Docker Application Container Engine
Documentation=https://docs.docker.com
After=network-online.target docker.socket firewalld.service
Wants=network-online.target
Requires=docker.socket
[Service]
Type=notify
# the default is not to use systemd for cgroups because the delegate issues still
# exists and systemd currently does not support the cgroup feature set required
# for containers run by docker
ExecStart=/usr/bin/dockerd -H fd://
ExecReload=/bin/kill -s HUP $MAINPID
LimitNOFILE=1048576
# Having non-zero Limit*s causes performance problems due to accounting overhead
# in the kernel. We recommend using cgroups to do container-local accounting.
LimitNPROC=infinity
LimitCORE=infinity
# Uncomment TasksMax if your systemd version supports it.
# Only systemd 226 and above support this version.
TasksMax=infinity
TimeoutStartSec=0
# set delegate yes so that systemd does not reset the cgroups of docker containers
Delegate=yes
# kill only the docker process, not all processes in the cgroup
KillMode=process
# restart the docker process if it exits prematurely
Restart=on-failure
StartLimitBurst=3
StartLimitInterval=60s
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

As you can see, Execstart in the unit file is configured to launch the dockerd (Docker daemon) with fd:// as the listening socket.

2. Continue on to configure dockerd to accept connections from remote systems

by appending -H tcp://0.0.0.0:2375 to the Execstart line in the unit file, as shown here:

```
|ExecStart=/usr/bin/dockerd -H fd:// -H tcp://0.0.0.0:2375
```

Here, the IP address 0.0.0.0 is a wildcard address that binds the service to all the IPv4 addresses of the Docker host. The port, 2375, is a convention used for clear text (unencrypted) communication.

3. Having modified the Docker service unit file of the Docker service, we need to manually reload the changes, as shown here:

```
$ sudo systemctl daemon-reload
```

- 4. Proceed to restart the Docker service so that the dockerd daemon can listen for communications from the external world:
- \$ sudo systemctl restart docker
- 5. Now, we can connect to the Docker Engine API from any system that has network connectivity to the Docker host. To demonstrate this remote connectivity, first let's use our favorite curl command to get the Docker server version, as show here:

```
$ curl -s http://192.168.33.101:2375/version | jq "."

"Version": "17.10.0-ce",
   "ApiVersion": "1.33",
   "MinAPIVersion": "1.12",
   "GitCommit": "f4ffd25",
   "GoVersion": "gol.8.3",
   "Os": "linux",
   "Arch": "amd64",
   "KernelVersion": "4.4.0-98-generic",
   "BuildTime": "2017-10-17T19:02:56.000000000+00:00"
```

Let's also demonstrate remote connectivity using the Docker client, as shown here:

```
C:\>docker -H tcp://192.168.33.101:2375 version
Client:
                 17.03.0-ce
1.26
Version:
API version:
                 go1.7.5
60ccb22
Go version:
Git commit:
                 Thu Mar 2 01:11:00 2017 windows/amd64
Built:
OS/Arch:
Server:
                17.10.0-ce
1.33 (minimum version 1.12)
Version:
API version:
                 go1.8.3
Go version:
                 f4ffd25
Git commit:
                 Tue Oct 17 19:02:56 2017 linux/amd64
Built:
OS/Arch:
Experimental: false
```

Evidently, the client is running on a windows machine and the server is running on Linux.

## How it works...

In the preceding command, we configured the Docker daemon to listen for client connection on TCP port 2375, on all available network interfaces in the Docker host. With this configuration change, clients can connect to the Docker daemon using any network interface on the Docker host.

<strong>\$ export
DOCKER\_HOST=tcp://dockerhost.example.com:2375</strong>

Once we configure the environment variable, DOCKER\_HOST, the Docker client will use that address to send our request. Thus, all the future docker commands in that session by default will go to the remote Docker Host.

## See also

The documentation on the Docker website can be found at  $\label{locker.com/engine/reference/commandline/dockerd/\#daemon-socket-option.} \\$ 

# Securing the Docker daemon's remote connectivity

Earlier in this chapter, we saw how to configure the Docker daemon to accept remote connections. However, with the approach we followed, anyone can connect to our Docker daemon. We can secure our connection with Transport Layer Security (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transport\_Layer\_Security).

We can configure TLS either by using the existing **Certificate Authority** (**CA**) or by creating our own. For simplicity, we will create our own, which is not recommended for production. For this example, we assume that our host running the Docker daemon is <code>dockerhost.example.com</code>.

# **Getting ready**

Make sure you have the openss1 library installed.

```
<strong>$ mkdir -p /etc/docker/keys</strong>
  <strong>$ cd /etc/docker/keys</strong>
<strong>$ openssl genrsa -aes256 -out ca-key.pem 4096 </strong> <strong>$
openssl req -new -x509 -days 365 -key ca-key.pem \</strong> <strong> -sha256
-out ca.pem </strong>
<strong>$ openssl genrsa -out server-key.pem 4096 </strong>
  <strong>$ openssl req -subj "/CN=dockerhost.example.com" \</strong>
<strong> -new -key server-key.pem -out server.csr </strong>
<strong>$ openssl x509 -req -days 365 -sha256 -in server.csr \</strong>
<strong> -CA ca.pem -CAkey ca-key.pem -CAcreateserial \</strong> <strong> -
out server-cert.pem -extfile extfile.cnf </strong>
<strong>$ openssl genrsa -out key.pem 4096 </strong>
  <strong>$ openssl req -subj '/CN=client' -new -key key.pem \</strong>
<strong> -out client.csr </strong>
<strong>$ echo extendedKeyUsage = clientAuth > client-extfile.cnf </strong>
<strong>$ openssl x509 -req -days 365 -sha256 -in client.csr \</strong>
<strong> -CA ca.pem -CAkey ca-key.pem -CAcreateserial \</strong> <strong> -
out cert.pem -extfile client-extfile.cnf</strong>
<strong>$ rm -rf client.csr server.csr </strong>
<strong>$ chmod 0400 ca-key.pem key.pem server-key.pem</strong>
<strong> $ chmod 0444 ca.pem server-cert.pem cert.pem</strong>
<strong>$ dockerd --tlsverify \ </strong>
  <strong> --tlscacert=ca.pem \</strong> <strong> --tlscert=server-cert.pem \
</strong> <strong> --tlskey=server-key.pem \</strong> <strong> --
H=0.0.0.0:2376 </strong>
<strong>$ cd /etc/docker/keys</strong>
```

```
<strong>$ docker --tlsverify \</strong> <strong> --tlscacert=ca.pem \
</strong> <strong> --tlskey=key.pem \
</strong>
</strong>
<strong> -H=127.0.0.1:2376 version </strong>
```

The Docker client is able to seamlessly connect with the Docker daemon over TLS and get the server version.

## How it works...

Once we configure the Docker daemon to use TLS as the transport, it only accepts secure TLS connection for the client, and fulfills the client's request.

<strong>\$ export DOCKER\_HOST=tcp://127.0.0.1:2376</strong>

<strong>\$ export DOCKER\_TLS\_VERIFY=1</strong>

ExecStart=/usr/bin/dockerd \<br/>--tlsverify \<br/>--tlscert=/etc/docker/keys/ca.pem \<br/>--tlscert=/etc/docker/keys/server-cert.pem \<br/>--tlskey=/etc/docker/keys/server-key.pem \<br/>--H=0.0.0.0:2376

<strong>\$ curl --cacert \${HOME}/.docker/ca.pem \</strong><br/><ert \${HOME}/.docker/cert.pem \</strong><br/><strong>--key \${HOME}/.docker/key.pem \</strong><br/><strong>https://127.0.0.1:2376/version</strong>

## See also

• The documentation on the Docker website: https://docs.docker.com/engine/security/https/

## **Docker Performance**

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Benchmarking CPU performance
- Benchmarking disk performance
- Benchmarking network performance
- Getting container resource usage using the stats feature
- Setting up performance monitoring

### Introduction

In chapter 3, Working with Docker Images, we saw how Dockerfiles can be used to create images consisting of different services/software. Later, in chapter 4, Network and Data Management for Containers, we saw how one Docker container can talk to the outside world with respect to data and network. In chapter 5, Docker Use Cases, we looked into different use cases of Docker, and in Chapter 6, Docker APIs and SDKs, we looked at how to use remote APIs to connect to the remote Docker host.

Ease of use is all to the good, but before going into production, performance is one of the key aspects that is considered. In this chapter, we'll see performance-impacting Docker features and what approach we can follow to benchmark different subsystems. While doing performance evaluation, we need to compare Docker performance against the following:

- Bare metal
- Virtual machine
- Docker running inside a virtual machine

In the chapter, we will just look at an approach you can follow to do performance evaluation rather than performance numbers collected from runs to do a comparison. However, I'll point out performance comparisons done by different companies, which you can refer to.

Let's first look at some of the Docker performance impacting features:

- **Volumes**: While putting down any enterprise class workload, you would like to tune the underlying storage accordingly. You should not use the primary/root filesystem used by containers to store data. Docker provides the facility to attach/mount external storage through volumes. As we saw in <a href="https://chapter-4">chapter 4</a>, Network and Data Management for Containers, there are two types of volume as follows:
  - Volumes that are mounted through the host machine using the -volume option
  - Volumes that are mounted through another container using the -

volumes-from option

• **Storage drivers**: We looked at different storage drivers in Chapter 1, *Introduction and Installation*, which are vfs, aufs, btrfs, zfs, devicemapper, and overlayFS. You can check the currently supported storage drivers and their selection priority if nothing is chosen as the Docker start time at https://github.com/moby/moby/blob/master/daemon/graphdriver/driver\_linux.go.

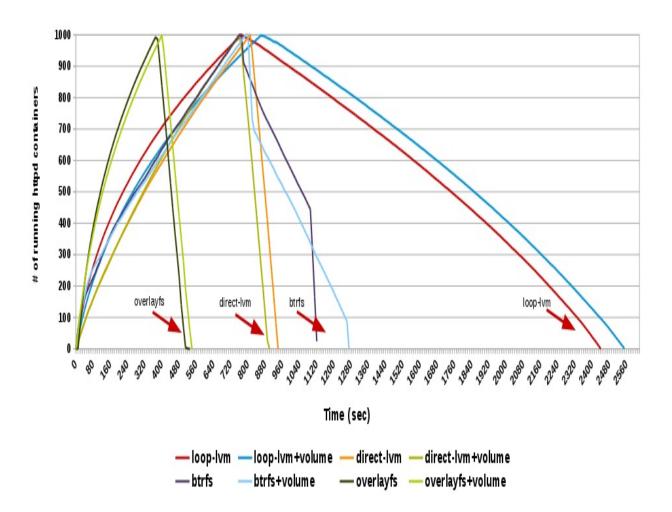
If you are running Fedora, CentOS, or RHEL, then the device mapper will be the default storage driver. You can find some device mapper-specific tuning at https://github.com/moby/moby/tree/master/daemon/graphdriver/devmapper.

You can change the default storage driver with the -s option to the Docker daemon. You can update the distribution-specific configuration/systems file to make changes for service restart. For Fedora/RHEL/CentOS, you will have the update *storage-driver* field in /etc/docker/daemon.json — something like the following so that you can use the btrfs backend:

"storage-driver": "btrfs"

The following graph shows you how much time it takes to start and stop 1,000 containers with different configurations of storage driver:

#### Container Create/Destroy Times



As you can see, overlayFS performs better than other storage drivers.

• --net=host: As we know, by default, Docker creates a bridge and associates IPs from it to the containers. Using --net=host exposes the host networking stack to the container by skipping the creation of a network namespace for the container. From the tests, we can see that this option always gives better performance as compared to the bridged one.

This gives us some constraints, such as we cannot have two containers or host apps listening on the same port.

• cgroups: Docker's default execution driver, libcontainer, exposes different

cgroups knobs, which can be used to fine-tune container performance. Some of them are as follows:

- **CPU shares**: With this, we can give proportional weight to the containers so that the resource will be shared. By default, all containers get the same proportion of CPU cycles. To modify the proportion from the default of 1024, use the -c or --cpu-shares flag to set the weighting to 2 or higher. The proportion will only apply when CPU-intensive processes are running. When tasks in one container are idle, other containers can use the left-over CPU time. Consider the following example:
  - \$ docker container run -it -c 100 alpine ash
  - **CPUsets**: Using CPUSets will allow you to limit the container to just running on the selected CPU cores. For example, the following code will only run threads inside a container on the 0th and 3rd core:
    - |\$ docker container run -it --cpuset=0,3 alpine ash
- Memory limits: We can set memory limits to a container. For example, the following will limit the memory usage to 512 MB for the container:
  - \$ docker container run -it -m 512M alpine ash
- The sysctl and ulimit settings: In a few cases, you might have to change some of the sysclt values depending on the use case to get optimal performance, such as changing the number of open files. You can change the ulimit settings with the following command:
  - \$ docker container run -it --ulimit data=8192 alpine ash

The preceding command would be a container-specific setting. We can also set some of these settings through the configuration file of the Docker daemon, which will be applicable to all containers by default. For example, looking at the configuration file for Docker, you will see something like the following in /etc/docker/daemon.json:

```
{
    "default-ulimits": {
        "nofile": "1048576",
        "nproc": "1048576",
        "core": "-1"
    }
}
```

Feel free to change the values to fit your use case. If you are using Docker for Mac or Windows, you would change these values from their preferences menu.

You can learn about Docker performance by studying the work done by others. The following are some of the Docker performance-related studies that have been published by a few companies:

#### • From Red Hat:

- Performance Analysis of Docker on Red Hat Enterprise Linux:
  - https://developers.redhat.com/blog/2014/08/19/performance-analysis-docker
     -red-hat-enterprise-linux-7
  - https://github.com/redhat-performance/docker-performance
- Comprehensive Overview of Storage Scalability in Docker:
  - https://developers.redhat.com/blog/2014/09/30/overview-storage-scalabilit y-docker/
- Beyond Microbenchmarks breakthrough container performance with Tesla efficiency:
  - https://developers.redhat.com/blog/2014/10/21/beyond-microbenchmarks-breakthrough-container-performance-with-tesla-efficiency/
- Containerizing Databases with Red Hat Enterprise Linux:
  - http://rhelblog.redhat.com/2014/10/29/containerizing-databases-with-red-h at-enterprise-linux/

#### • From IBM:

- An Updated Performance Comparison of Virtual Machines and Linux Containers:
  - http://domino.research.ibm.com/library/cyberdig.nsf/papers/0929052195DD81 9C85257D2300681E7B/\$File/rc25482.pdf
  - https://github.com/thewmf/kvm-docker-comparison

#### • From VMware:

- Docker Containers Performance in VMware vSphere:
  - http://blogs.vmware.com/performance/2014/10/docker-containers-performance
     -vmware-vsphere.html

To do the benchmarking, we need to run a similar workload on different environments (bare-metal/VM/Docker) and then collect results with different performance stats. To simplify things, we can write common benchmark scripts

which can be run on different environments. We can also create Dockerfiles to spin off containers with workload generation scripts. For example, in the Performance Analysis of Docker on Red Hat Enterprise Linux article, which was listed earlier (https://github.com/redhat-performance/docker-performance/blob/master/Docke rfiles/Dockerfile), the author used a Dockerfile to create a CentOS image and used the container environment variable to select a Docker and non-Docker environment for the benchmark script run-sysbench.sh.

Similarly, Dockerfiles and related scripts are published by IBM and are available at https://github.com/thewmf/kvm-docker-comparison.

We will be using some of the Docker files and scripts mentioned earlier in the recipes in this chapter.

## **Benchmarking CPU performance**

We can use benchmarks such as Linpack (http://www.netlib.org/linpack/) and sysbench (https://github.com/nuodb/sysbench) to benchmark CPU performance. For this recipe, we'll use sysbench. We'll see how to run a benchmark on bare metal and inside the container. Similar steps can be performed in other environments, like we mentioned previously.

# **Getting ready**

We will use the CentOS 7 container to run the benchmark inside the container. Ideally, we should have a system with CentOS 7 installed to get benchmark results on bare metal. For the container test, let's build the image from the Git repository that we referred to earlier:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/redhat-performance/docker-performance.git
$ cd docker-performance/Dockerfiles/
$ docker image build -t c7perf --rm .
$ docker image ls
REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED SIZE
c7perf latest 59a10df39a82 1 minute ago 678.3 MB
```

#### How to do it...

Inside the same Git repository, we have a script to run sysbench, that is, docker-performance/bench/sysbench/run-sysbench.sh. It has some configurations, which you can modify according to your needs:

1. As the root user, create the /results directory on the host:

```
$ mkdir -p /results
```

Now, run the benchmark after setting the container environment variable to something other than Docker, which we used while building the c7perf image on the host machine, with the following commands:

```
$ cd docker-performance/bench/sysbench
$ export container=no
$ sh ./run-sysbench.sh cpu test1
```

If you are running on an OS other than CentOS, you might need to install sysbench manually, and run the script a little differently. For example, here is how you run the script with Ubuntu 18.04:

```
$ apt-get install sysbench
$ cd docker-performance/bench/sysbench
$ export container=no
$ bash ./run-sysbench.sh cpu test1
```

By default, the results are collected in /results. Make sure you have write access to it or change the OUTDIR parameter in the benchmark script:

```
$ cd docker-performance/bench/sysbench/
$ export container=no
$ sh ./run-sysbench.sh cpu test1
Database storage directories do not exist; creating /root/data and /root/log
which: no sysbench in (/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/root/bin)
sysbench not installed...installing
2018-08-08_10_35_39 running sysbench cpu test for 10 samples
$ \begin{align*}
\end{align*}
```

2. To run the benchmark inside the container, we need to first start the container and then run the benchmark script:

```
$ mkdir -p /results_container
$ docker container run -it -v /results_container:/results c7perf bash
# /root/docker-performance/bench/sysbench/run-sysbench.sh cpu test1
```

As we mount the host directory, /results\_container, inside the /results container, the result will be collected on the host:

```
$ mkdir -p /results_container
$ docker container run -it -v /results_container:/results c7perf bash
[root@952287d98cf0 /]# /root/docker-performance/bench/sysbench/run-sysbench.sh cpu test1
Running in a container
Database storage directories do not exist; creating /root/data and /root/log
which: no sysbench in (/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin)
sysbench not installed...installing
2018-08-08_10_41_51 running sysbench cpu test for 10 samples
[root@952287d98cf0 /]#
```

3. While running the preceding test on Fedora/RHEL/CentOS, where SELinux is enabled, you will get a Permission denied error. To fix it, relabel the host directory while mounting it inside the container as follows:

```
$ docker container run -it -v /results_container:/results:z c7perf bash
```

Alternatively, for the time being, put SELinux in permissive mode:

\$ setenforce 0

Then, after the test, put it back in permissive mode:

\$ setenforce 1



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Refer to Chapter 9, Docker Security, for more details about SELinux.

## How it works...

The benchmark script internally calls sysbench's CPU benchmark for the given input. CPU is benchmarked by using 64-bit integer manipulation using Euklid algorithms for prime number computation. The result for each run gets collected in the corresponding results directory, which can be used for comparison.

## There's more...

Almost no difference is reported between bare-metal and Docker CPU performance.

## See also

Look at the CPU benchmark results published in IBM and VMware using Linpack in the links referenced earlier in this chapter.

## Benchmarking disk performance

There are tools such as Iozone (http://www.iozone.org), smallfile (https://github.com/bengland2/smallfile), and Flexible IO (https://github.com/axboe/fio), which are available to benchmark disk performance. For this recipe, we will use FIO. For that, we need to write a job file, which mimics the workload you want to run. Using this job file, we can simulate the workload on the target. For this recipe, let's take the FIO example from the benchmark results, which IBM has published (https://github.com/thewmf/kvm-docker-comparison/tree/master/fio).

## **Getting ready**

On a bare metal/VM/Docker container, install FIO and mount the disk containing a filesystem for each test under /ferrari or anything which is mentioned in the FIO job file. On bare metal, you can mount natively; on the VM, you can mounted using the virtual disk driver or perform a device pass-through. On Docker, we can attach the filesystem from the host machine using Docker volumes.

Prepare the workload file. We will pick: https://github.com/thewmf/kvm-docker-comparis on/blob/master/fio/mixed.fio:

```
$ curl -o mixed.fio https://raw.githubusercontent.com/thewmf/kvm-docker-comparison/m
$ cat mixed.fio
[global]
ioengine=libaio
direct=1
size=16q
group_reporting
thread
filename=/ferrari/fio-test-file
[mixed-random-rw-32x8]
stonewall
rw=randrw
rwmixread=70
bs=4K
iodepth=32
numjobs=8
runtime=60
```



This recipe is specific to Linux; it may work on Docker for Mac or Windows with some minor changes.

Using the preceding job file, we can do random direct IO on <code>/ferrari/fio-test-file</code> with 4K block size using the libaio driver on a 16 GB file. The I/O depth is 32 and the number of parallel jobs are 8. It is a mix workload, which does a 70 percent read and 30 percent write.

<strong> \$ docker image build -t docker\_fio\_perf .</strong>

<strong> \$ docker container run --rm -v /ferrari:/ferrari </strong><br/><strong>
docker\_fio\_perf mixed.fio</strong>

<strong> \$ docker container run --rm -v /ferrari:/ferrari:z <br/> docker\_fio\_perf mixed.fio</strong>

## How it works...

FIO will run the workload given in the job file and spit out the results.

#### There's more...

Once the results are collected, you can do a result comparison. You can even try out different kinds of I/O pattern using the job file and get the desired result. When you look at the results, a few of the things you will want to examine are as follows:

- **iops**: The number of input/output operations per second; the higher the better.
  - **bandwidth (bw)**: The rate of data transfer, bit rate, or throughput; the higher the better.
- **Latency (lat)**: The time that passes between submission to the kernel and when the IO is completely lower the better.

## See also

Look at the disk benchmark results published in IBM and VMware using FIO in the links referenced earlier in this chapter.

## Benchmarking network performance

The network is one of the key aspects to consider while deploying the applications in the container environment. To do performance comparison with bare metal, the VM, and the container, we have to consider different scenarios as follows:

- Bare metal to bare metal
- VM to VM
- Docker container to a container with the default networking mode (bridge)
- Docker container to a container with host net (--net=host)
- Docker container running inside a VM with the external world

In any of the preceding cases, we can pick up two endpoints to do the benchmarking. We can use tools such as nuttcp (http://www.nuttcp.net) and netperf (https://github.com/HewlettPackard/netperf) to measure the network bandwidth and request/response, respectively.

# **Getting ready**

Make sure both the endpoints can reach each other and that you have the necessary packages/software installed. On Ubuntu, you can install nuttop and netperf with the following command:

\$ sudo apt-get install -y nuttcp netperf

```
<strong> $ nuttcp -S</strong>
<strong> $ nuttcp -t <SERVER_IP></strong>
<strong> $ nuttcp -r <SERVER_IP></strong>
<strong> $ netserver</strong>
<strong> $ netperf -H 172.17.0.6 -t TCP_RR<br/>
<strong> $ netperf -H 172.17.0.6 -t UDP_RR</strong>
```

```
$ netperf -H 10.136.105.137 -t UDP_RR
MIGRATED UDP REQUEST/RESPONSE TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 10.136.105.137 () port 0 AF_INET : demo : first burst 0 Local /Remote
Socket Size Request Resp. Elapsed Trans.
Send Recv Size Size Time Rate
bytes Bytes bytes bytes secs. per sec

212992 212992 1 1 10.00 4144.82
212992 212992
```

## How it works...

In both of the cases mentioned earlier, one endpoint becomes the client and sends the requests to the server on the other endpoint.

## There's more...

We can collect the benchmark results for different scenarios and compare them. netperf can also be used for throughput tests.

## See also

Look at the network benchmark results published by IBM and VMware in the links referenced earlier in this chapter.

# Getting container resource usage using the stats feature

Docker has a feature to easily get the resource usage for the containers that it manages. The following recipe shows you how to use it.

## **Getting ready**

You will need a Docker host that can be accessed via the Docker client. Also, start a few containers to get some stats.

## How to do it...

Follow these steps:

1. Run the following command to get stats from one or more containers:

```
$ docker stats [OPTIONS] [CONTAINERS]
```

For example, if we have two containers with the names some-mysql and backstabbing\_turing, then run the following command to get the stats as shown in the below screenshot:

	\$ docker	stats some-mysql backs		
CONTAINER	CPU %	MEM USAGE/LIMIT	MEM %	NET I/O
backstabbing_turing	0.00%	4.191 MiB/62.84 GiB	0.01%	2.502 KiB/648 B
some-mysql	0.06%	232.1 MiB/62.84 GiB	0.36%	648 B/648 B

## How it works...

The Docker daemon fetches resource information from  ${\tt cgroups}$  and serves it through the APIs.

## See also

Refer to the Docker stats documentation at https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/c ommandline/stats/.

## Setting up performance monitoring

We have tools such as SNMP, Nagios, and so on to monitor bare metal, VM performance. Similarly, there are a few tools/plugins available to monitor container performance such as cAdvisor (https://github.com/google/cadvisor) and Prometheus (https://prometheus.io). In this recipe, let's see how we can configure cAdvisor.

## **Getting ready**

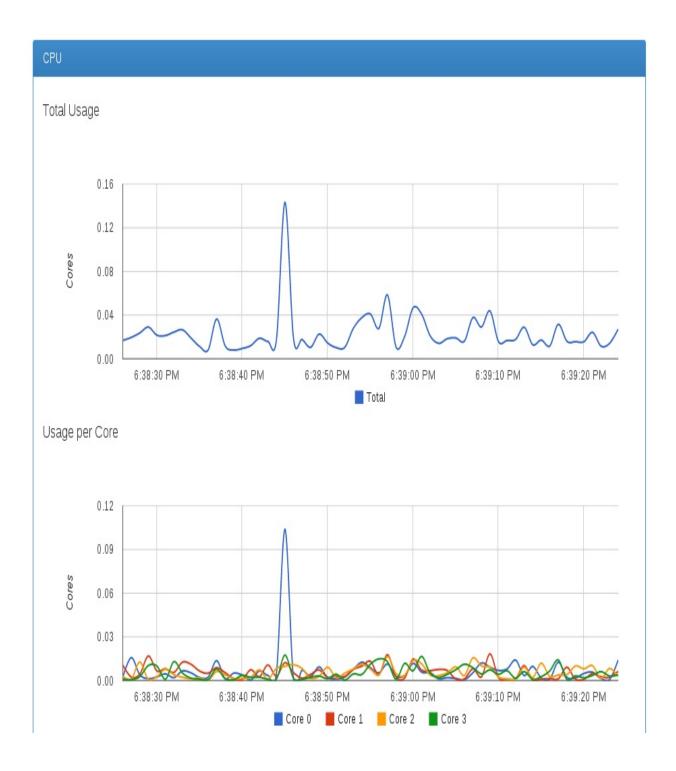
Perform the following to set up cAdvisor:

• The easiest way to run cAdvisor is to run its docker container, which can be done with the following command:

• If you want to run cAdvisor outside Docker, then follow the instructions given on the cAdvisor home page: https://github.com/google/cadvisor/blob/master/docs/running.md#standalone.

### How to do it...

After the container starts, point your browser to http://localhost:8080. You will first get graphs for CPU, memory usage, and other information for the host machine. Then, by clicking on the Docker Containers link, you will get the URLs for containers running on the machine under the Subcontainers section. If you click on any one of them, you will see the resource usage information for the corresponding container. The following screenshot shows one such container:



## How it works...

With the docker run command, we have mounted a few volumes from host machines in read-only mode. cAdvisor will read the relevant information from those, such as Cgroup details for containers, and show them graphically.

## There's more...

cAdvisor supports exporting performance matrices to influxdb (https://www.influxdata.com).

## See also

You can look at the matrices used by cAdvisor from Cgroups in the documentation on the Docker website: https://docs.docker.com/config/containers/runmetrics/.

# **Docker Orchestration and Hosting a Platform**

this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Running applications with Docker Compose
- Setting up a cluster with Docker Swarm
- Using secrets with Docker Swarm
- Setting up Kubernetes clusters
- Scaling up and down in Kubernetes clusters
- Using secrets with Kubernetes
- Setting up WordPress with Kubernetes clusters

### Introduction

Running Docker on a single host may be good for the development environment, but the real value comes when we span multiple hosts. However, this is not a trivial task. You have to orchestrate these containers. So, in this chapter, we'll cover some orchestration tools and hosting platforms.

Docker Inc. announced two such tools:

- Docker Compose (https://docs.docker.com/compose), to create apps consisting of multiple containers.
- Docker Swarm (https://docs.docker.com/engine/swarm/), to cluster multiple Docker hosts. Docker Compose was previously called Fig (http://www.fig.sh).

Google started Kubernetes (http://kubernetes.io/) Docker orchestration. Kubernetes provides mechanisms for application deployment, scheduling, updating, maintenance, and scaling.

Even Microsoft announced (http://azure.microsoft.com/blog/2015/04/08/microsoft-unveils-new-container-technologies-for-the-next-generation-cloud/) a specialized operating system for Docker.

Apache Mesos (http://mesos.apache.org), which provides resource management and scheduling across entire datacenters and cloud environments, also added support for Docker (http://mesos.apache.org/documentation/latest/docker-containerizer/).

VMware also launched a container-specific host called VMware Photon (http://vmware.github.io/photon/).

All of the preceding tools and platforms need separate chapters to themselves. But in this chapter, we'll explore Compose, Swarm, and Kubernetes.

# Running applications with Docker Compose

Docker Compose (http://docs.docker.com/compose/) is the native Docker tool that runs interdependent containers that make up an application. We define a multicontainer application in a single file and feed it to Docker Compose, which sets up the application. In this recipe, we'll once again use WordPress as a sample application to run.

## **Getting ready**

To install Docker Compose, run the following command:

|\$ sudo pip install docker-compose

<strong>\$ cd wordpress\_compose/</strong><br/><strong>\$ cat dockercompose.yml</strong><br/><strong>version: '3.1'

#### services:

wordpress: image: wordpress restart: always ports:

-8080:80

environment: WORDPRESS\_DB\_PASSWORD: example mysql:

image: mysql:5.7

restart: always environment: MYSQL\_ROOT\_PASSWORD: example</strong>

- 2. We took the preceding example from the official WordPress Docker repository on Docker Hub (<a href="https://registry.hub.docker.com/">https://registry.hub.docker.com/</a> /wordpress/).
- 3. Within the app directory, run the following command to build and start the app:

#### \$ docker-compose up

4. Once the build is complete, access the WordPress installation page from http://localhost:8080 or http://shost-ip>:8080.

## How it works...

Docker Compose downloads both MySQL and WordPress images, if not available locally from the official Docker Registry. First, it starts the db container from the MySQL image; then, it starts the WordPress container.

```
<strong>$ cat Dockerfile</strong><br/><strong>FROM
wordpress:latest</strong><br/><strong># extend the base wordpress image with
anything custom</strong><br/><strong># you might need for local dev.
</strong><br/><strong>ENV CUSTOM ENV env-value</strong>
<strong>$ cat docker-compose.yml</strong><br/><strong>version: "3.1"
</strong><br/><strong>services:</strong><br/><strong> wordpress:</strong>
<br/><strong> build: .</strong><br/><strong> restart: always</strong><br/>
<strong> ports:</strong><br/><strong> - 8080:80</strong><br/><strong>
environment:</strong><br/><strong> <span>WORDPRESS DB PASSWORD:
example <br/> mysql: <br/> image: mysql: 5.7 <br/> restart: always <br/>
environment:<br/>
<br/>
MYSQL ROOT PASSWORD: example</span></strong>
<strong>$ docker-compose up</strong>
<strong> $ docker-compose down</strong>
<strong> $ docker-compose build</strong>
<strong> $ docker-compose exec wordpress bash</strong>
<strong> $ docker-compose ps</strong>
```

## See also

You may also check the following references:

- Docker Compose YAML file reference at: https://docs.docker.com/compose/compose-file/.
- Docker Compose command-line reference at: https://docs.docker.com/compose/reference/overview/.
- Docker Compose GitHub repository at: https://github.com/docker/compose.

## Setting up a cluster with Docker Swarm

Docker Swarm (https://docs.docker.com/engine/swarm/) is native clustering that is built in to Docker. It groups multiple Docker hosts into a single pool in which you can launch containers. To keep things simple, here, we'll use VirtualBox as the backend to configure the hosts.

There are two versions of Swarm. In this recipe, we will be using the newer of the two called Docker Swarm mode, which is based on SwarmKit (https://github.com/docker/swarmkit). The newer version makes it much easier to get up and running, and removes a lot of the steps that were previously required. Swarm mode is built into the Docker daemon, so there is no extra software required in order to use it.

Docker Swarm mode supports two types of nodes; a manager and a worker. Manager nodes perform the orchestration and cluster management functions for the Swarm. They dispatch units of work called tasks to the workers. The manager nodes use the Raft Consensus algorithm (http://thesecretlivesofdata.com/raft/) to manage the global cluster state. The worker nodes receive and execute the tasks that are dispatched by the managers.

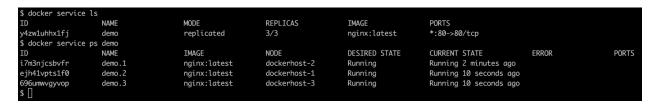
For Raft to work correctly, you need an odd number of managers in order for the leader election to work properly. That means that, if you want a fault-tolerant Swarm cluster, you should have either three or five managers. If you have three managers, you can handle one manager node failure, and with five, you can handle up to two node failures before the Raft consensus is lost. Pick the cluster size that is most appropriate for your work load.

## **Getting ready**

#### Follow these steps:

- 1. Install VirtualBox on your system (https://www.virtualbox.org/). Instructions to configure VirtualBox are outside the scope of this book.
- 2. Using VirtualBox, create three virtual machines called dockerhost-1, dockerhost-2, and dockerhost-3, and install the latest version of Docker on it.
- 3. Make sure that there are no firewalls blocking access between dockerhost-1, dockerhost-2, and dockerhost-3.

- <strong>\$ docker node ls</strong>
- <strong> \$ docker service create --name demo --publish 80:80 nginx</strong>
- <strong> \$ docker service ls</strong><br/><strong> \$ docker service ps demo</strong>
- <strong> \$ docker service scale demo=3</strong>
  - 7. Check to make sure that the service has scaled to 3. It might take a few minutes for the scaling event to complete:



## How it works...

Using the unique token we got from the manager node when we initialized the swarm, we added the worker nodes to the cluster. We then created a simple <code>nginx</code> service, and scaled it to 3; this started a container one each of the nodes in the Swarm.

<strong> \$ docker swarm join-token manager</strong><br/><strong> To add a
manager to this swarm, run the following command:</strong><br/><strong> docker swarm join --token SWMTKN-10trltcq6gwhz9w40j3wpuqedjwviwdgksuz8zulaz6qon118s42ui4f15uu7ceow6k2gc9xutb5 10.10.0.6:2377</strong>

<strong> \$ docker swarm join --token SWMTKN-10trltcq6gwhz9w40j3wpuqedjwviwdgksuz8zulaz6qon118s42ui4f15uu7ceow6k2gc9xutb5 10.10.0.6:2377</strong><br/>
br/><strong> This
node joined a swarm as a manager</strong>.

## See also

You can view the Swarm documentation on the Docker website at https://docs.docker.com/engine/swarm/ for more information.

## **Using secrets with Docker Swarm**

When you are using containers, a common thing that you will need to do is connect to some external resources such as a database, cache, or web service. These resources usually need credentials. One popular way of passing these credentials to containers is to make them environmental variables that get populated on container startup. This allows you to use the same Docker image for different development environments, and removes the need for storing passwords in the image. This is a common trait for a twelve-factor app (https://lzfactor.net), which was made popular by Heroku (https://www.heroku.com).

Adding environmental variables to a container at runtime is very easy, but it has its downsides. When an environment variable is added to the container, it is accessible to everything running in that container. That means that, not only can your code see it, code from third-party libraries can as well. This makes it easy for those passwords to accidentally get exposed outside the container.

This usually happens accidentally when an error occurs, and in the resulting error stack trace, it lists all of the current environment variables. This was originally added to help you debug the issue, but little did they know that, by exposing all of the environment variables, they were sharing your passwords as well, and creating another issue in the process.

To fix this problem, Docker came out with a new feature called Docker Secrets ( https://docs.docker.com/engine/swarm/secrets/). Docker Secrets is currently only available to Swarm services. A secret can be any blob of data, such as a password, TLS certificate, and so on, that you don't want to share with others.

That is a lot to take in, so let's look at an example.

## **Getting ready**

You will need access to a system with Docker Swarm set up.

```
<strong> </strong> $ echo "myP@ssWord" | docker secret create my_password -</strong>
```

<strong> \$ docker service create --name="my-service" --secret="my\_password" redis</strong>

<strong>\$ docker service ps my-service</strong>

<strong> \$ docker container exec \$(docker container ls --filter name=my-service
-q) cat /run/secrets/my\_password</strong>

 $\$  docker container exec  $\$  container ls --filter name=my-service -q) cat /run/secrets/my\_password myP@ssWord  $\$   $\$ 

### How it works...

It works like this, when you add a secret to Swarm, it will store this encrypted secret in its internal Raft store. When you create your service and reference that secret, Swarm will give those containers access to the secret, and it will add the unencrypted secret as an in-memory filesystem mount inside the container. In order to read the secret, your application will need to look at the filesystem mount instead of the environment.

If the secret is removed, or the service is updated to remove the secret, the secret will no longer be available to the container.

- <strong> \$ docker secret inspect <secret name></strong>
- <strong> \$ docker secret ls</strong>
- <strong> \$ docker secret rm <secret name></strong>
- <strong> \$ docker service update --secret-rm <secret name> <service name> </strong>

## See also

You can view the Docker Secrets documentation at https://docs.docker.com/engine/s warm/secrets/ for more information.

## Setting up a Kubernetes cluster

Kubernetes is an open source container orchestration tool used across multiple nodes in the cluster. It was started by Google, and now, developers from other companies are contributing to it. It provides mechanisms for application deployment, scheduling, updating, maintenance, and scaling. Kubernetes' autoplacement, auto-restart, and auto-replication features make sure that the desired state of the application is maintained, which is defined by the user. Users define applications through YAML or JSON files, which we'll see later in this recipe. These YAML and JSON files also contain the API version (apiVersion field) to identify the schema.

Let's look at some of the key components and concepts for Kubernetes:

- **Pods**: A pod, which consists of one or more containers, is the deployment unit of Kubernetes. Each container in a pod shares different namespaces with other containers in the same pod. For example, each container in a pod shares the same network namespace, which means they all can communicate through the localhost.
- **Node/minion**: A node, which was earlier called a minion, is a worker node in the Kubernetes cluster and is managed through the master. Pods are deployed on a node, which includes the following necessary services to run them:
  - docker, to run containers
  - kubelet, to interact with the master
  - proxy (kube-proxy), which connects the service to the corresponding pod
- Master: Masters host cluster-level control services such as the following:
  - **API server**: This has RESTful APIs to interact with the master and nodes. This is the only component that talks to the etcd instance.
  - **Scheduler**: This schedules jobs in clusters, such as creating pods on nodes.
  - **ReplicaSet**: This ensures that the user-specified number of pod replicas is running at any given time. To manage replicas with ReplicaSet, we have to define a configuration file with a replica count

Master also communicates with etcd, which is a distributed key-value pair. etcd is used to store configuration information, which is used by both the master and nodes. The watch functionality of etcd is used to notify the changes in the cluster. etcd can be hosted on the master or on a different set of systems.

- **Services**: In Kubernetes, each pod gets its own IP address, and pods are created and destroyed every now and then based on the replication controller configuration. So, we cannot rely on the pod's IP address to cater an app. To overcome this problem, Kubernetes defines an abstraction, which defines logical set of pods and policies to access them. This abstraction is called a service. Labels are used to define the logical set, which our service manages.
- **Labels**: Labels are key-value pairs that can be attached to objects. Using these, we can select a subset of objects. For example, a service can select all pods with the label mysql.
- **Volumes**: A volume is a directory that is accessible to the containers in a pod. It is similar to Docker volumes, but not the same. Different types of volumes are supported in Kubernetes, some of which are emptyDir (ephemeral), hostPath, gcePersistentDisk, awsElasticBlockStore, and NFS. Active development is taking place to support more types of volumes. More details can be found at https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/.

Kubernetes can be installed to VMs, physical machines, and the cloud. For the complete matrix, take a look at https://kubernetes.io/docs/setup/pick-right-solution/. In Chapter 1, *Introduction and Installation*, we showed you how to install Docker for Mac and Docker for Windows. Both of these tools allow you to easily create a local Kubernetes cluster with the click of a button. Refer back to that chapter for more details.

In this recipe, we'll see another way to install Kubernetes on your local host using MiniKube with VirtualBox. This and the following recipes on Kubernetes were tried on v1.10.0 of Kubernetes.

- <strong>\$ brew install kubernetes-cli</strong>
- <strong>\$ choco install kubernetes-cli</strong>
- <strong>\$ curl -LO https://storage.googleapis.com/kubernetesrelease/release/v1.10.0/bin/linux/amd64/kubectl</strong><br/><strong>\$ chmod
  +x ./kubectl</strong><br/>sudo mv ./kubectl
  /usr/local/bin/kubectl</strong>

<strong>\$ curl -Lo minikube

https://storage.googleapis.com/minikube/releases/v0.28.2/minikube-linux-amd64</strong><br/>strong>\$ chmod +x minikube</strong><br/>strong>\$ sudo mv minikube /usr/local/bin/</strong>

- On macOS:
- \$ curl -Lo minikube https://storage.googleapis.com/minikube/relea
- \$ chmod +x minikube
- \$ sudo mv minikube /usr/local/bin/

### How to do it...

Run the following command to set up Kubernetes using MiniKube with VirtualBox and refer the below screenshot:

```
|$ minikube start --vm-driver=virtualbox
$ minikube start --vm-driver=virtualbox
Starting local Kubernetes v1.10.0 cluster...
Starting VM...
Downloading Minikube ISO
 160.27 MB / 160.27 MB [=======
                                                      ----- 100.00% 0s
Getting VM IP address...
Moving files into cluster...
Downloading kubeadm v1.10.0
Downloading kubelet v1.10.0
Finished Downloading kubelet v1.10.0
Finished Downloading kubeadm v1.10.0
Setting up certs...
Connecting to cluster...
Setting up kubeconfig...
Starting cluster components...
Kubectl is now configured to use the cluster.
Loading cached images from config file.
```

## How it works...

MiniKube will download the MiniKube ISO, create a new VM in VirtualBox, and then configure Kubernetes inside. Finally, it will set the cluster as the default for kubectl.

### There's more...

If you need to run commands against the cluster, you'll d have to use the kubect1 command. Here are some common commands that you will be using on a day-to-day basis:

 To create a new deployment, you would use the kubctl run command. Enter the following command to start an echo web service and refer the below screenshot:

```
$ kubectl run hello-minikube --image=k8s.gcr.io/echoserver:1.4 --port=8080
$ kubectl expose deployment hello-minikube --type=NodePort
$ kubectl run hello-minikube --image=k8s.gcr.io/echoserver:1.4 --port=8080
deployment.apps/hello-minikube created
$ kubectl expose deployment hello-minikube --type=NodePort
service/hello-minikube exposed
```

Check to make sure it is up and running:

```
$ kubectl get pod

$ kubectl get pod

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

hello-minikube-6c47c66d8-sdwp6 1/1 Running 0 4m
```

Connect to the new service using curl to make sure it is working:

\$ curl \$(minikube service hello-minikube --url)

```
$ curl $(minikube service hello-minikube --url)
CLIENT VALUES:
client_address=172.17.0.1
command=GET
real path=/
query=nil
request_version=1.1
request_uri=http://192.168.99.100:8080/
SERVER VALUES:
server_version=nginx: 1.10.0 - lua: 10001
HEADERS RECEIVED:
accept=*/*
host=192.168.99.100:30773
user-agent=curl/7.54.0
BODY:
-no body in request-$
```

You can delete the service and the deployment by using the following code:

```
$ kubectl delete service hello-minikube
$ kubectl delete deployment hello-minikube
```

- You can get a list of nodes with the following code:
- \$ kubect1 get nodes

- You can get a list of pods with the following code:
- \$ kubectl get pods

- You can get a list of services with the following code:
- \$ kubectl get services
- You can get a list of ReplicaSets with the following code:
- \$ kubectl get rs
- You can stop a MiniKube cluster with the following code:
- \$ minikube stop
- You can delete a MiniKube cluster with the following code:
- \$ minikube delete

You will see some pods, services, and replication controllers listed, as Kubernetes creates them for internal use. If you didn't see any, you can use the -all-namespaces command-line flag.

## See also

You can also check the following references:

- $\bullet \ \ Configuring \ MiniKube: \ {\tt https://kubernetes.io/docs/setup/minikube/.}$
- Kubernetes documentation: https://kubernetes.io/docs/home/.
- Kubernetes API conventions: https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/using-api/.

## **Using secrets with Kubernetes**

In the Using secrets with Docker Swarm recipe, we showed how you can use secrets to store your passwords in a safe way using Docker Swarm. Kubernetes has a similar feature, so let's look at how it works.

## **Getting ready**

You will need a Kubernetes cluster set up and configured, as described in the previous recipe.

```
<strong> $ echo -n "MyS3cRet123" > ./secret.txt</strong>
<strong> $ kubectl create secret generic my-secret --from-file=./secret.txt</strong><br/>
<strong> $ kubectl describe secrets/my-secret created</strong>
<strong> $ kubectl describe secrets/my-secret</strong>
<strong>apiVersion: v1</strong><br/>
<strong>kind: Pod</strong><br/>
<strong>br/>
<strong>metadata:</strong><br/>
<strong> name: mypod</strong><br/>
<strong>br/>
<strong>spec:</strong><br/>
<strong> containers:</strong> cbr/>
<strong>
- name: shell</strong><br/>
<strong> image: alpine</strong><br/>
<strong> command:</strong> - "bin/ash"</strong><br/>
<strong> volumeMounts:</strong> - "sleep 10000"</strong><br/>
<strong> name: secretvol</strong><br/>
<strong> readOnly: true</strong><br/>
<strong> volumes:</strong> chr/>
<strong> - name: secretvol</strong> secretName: my-secret</strong>
```

<strong> \$ kubectl create -f ./secret\_pod.yml</strong>

6. View the secret in the pod:

```
$ kubectl exec mypod -c shell -i -t -- ash
/ # mount | grep my-secret
tmpfs on /tmp/my-secret type tmpfs (ro,relatime)
/ # cat /tmp/my-secret/secret.txt
MyS3cRet123/ #
/ # []
```

## How it works...

When you create a secret, Kubernetes will base64 encode it, and store that secret in the data store that is backing the REST API, for example, etcd. If you create a pod that references a secret, when the pod is created, it will get permission to use that secret. When it is deployed, it will create and mount a secret volume, and the secret values are base64 decoded and stored in this volume as files. Your application will need to reference these files in order to access the secrets.

```
$ kubectl create -f ./secret_env_pod.yml
pod/myenvpod created
$ kubectl exec myenvpod -c shell -i -t -- ash
/ # echo $MY_SECRET
MyS3cRet123
/ # []
```

## See also

You can view the Kubernetes secret documentation at https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/configuration/secret/ for more information.

# Scaling up and down in Kubernetes cluster

In the previous section, we mentioned that a ReplicaSet ensures that the user-specified number of pod replicas is running at any given time. To manage replicas with the ReplicaSet, we have to define a configuration file with a replica count for a pod. This configuration can be changed at runtime.

## **Getting ready**

Make sure that the Kubernetes setup is running, as described in the preceding recipe, and that you are in the Kubernetes directory, which was created with the preceding installation.

### How to do it...

#### Follow these steps:

1. Start the nginx container with a replica count of 3:

```
$ kubectl run my-nginx --image=nginx --replicas=3 --port=80
```

2. This will start three replicas of the nginx container. List the pods to get the status as shown in the following screenshot:

```
$ kubectl get pods
$ kubectl run my-nginx --image=nginx --replicas=3 --port=80
deployment.apps/my-nginx created
$ kubectl get pods
                             READY
                                       STATUS
                                                 RESTARTS
                                                             AGE
                             1/1
my-nginx-77f56b88c8-k4cxz
                                       Running
                                                 0
                                                             56s
my-nginx-77f56b88c8-qkc88
                             1/1
                                       Running
                                                 0
                                                             56s
my-nginx-77f56b88c8-vbm6l
                             1/1
                                       Running
                                                 0
                                                             56s
```

3. Get the ReplicatSet configuration:

```
$ kubectl get rs
$ kubectl get rs
NAME DESIRED CURRENT READY AGE
my-nginx-77f56b88c8 3 3 3 21m
$ [
```

As you can see, we have a my-nginx controller, which has a replica count of 3.

4. Scale down to a replica of 1 and update the ReplicaSet:

```
$ kubectl scale --replicas=1 deployment/my-nginx
$ kubectl get rs
```

- 5. Get the list of pods to verify that this has worked; you should see only one pod for nginx:
- \$ kubectl get pods

## How it works...

We request the ReplicSet service running on the master to update the replicas for a pod, which updates the configuration and requests that the nodes/minions act accordingly to honor the resizing.

## There's more...

Use the following code to get the services:

As you can see, we don't have any service defined for our nginx containers that we started earlier. This means that, although we have a container running, we cannot access from outside because the corresponding service is not defined.

# Setting up WordPress with Kubernetes clusters

In this recipe, we will use the WordPress example given in the Kubernetes documentation (https://kubernetes.io/docs/tutorials/stateful-application/mysql-wordpress-persistent-volume/). There are three parts to this example: creating a secret, deploying MySQL, and deploying WordPress.

## **Getting ready**

#### Follow these prerequisites:

- Make sure that the Kubernetes cluster has been set up, as described in the previous recipe.
- There are two pod files that we need to download. You can find them here:
  - https://kubernetes.io/examples/application/wordpress/mysql-deployment.yaml
  - https://kubernetes.io/examples/application/wordpress/wordpress-deployment.yaml
- These YAML files describe pods and services for MySQL and WordPress, respectively.
- MySQL and WordPress each require a place to store their data. In Kubernetes, this is called a PersistentVolume. When we deploy our pod, the PersistentVolumeClaims will be created. Different clusters have different default storage classes, ensuring that the StorageClass you are using fits your usage model.

### How to do it...

#### Follow these steps:

- 1. We learned about Kubernetes secrets in the previous recipe. We will need to create one to store the MySQL password. Run the following command to create your secret, and make sure you change THE\_PASSWORD to something unique:
- \$ kubectl create secret generic mysql-pass --from-literal=password=THE\_PASSWORD

Check to make sure that the secret was created successfully:

- \$ kubectl get secrets
- 2. Deploy the MySQL pod using the mysql-deployment.yaml file:
- \$ kubectl create -f ./mysql-deployment.yaml

Make sure the Persistent Volume was created.



It may take a few minutes, so if it isn't ready right away, wait a little longer.

We can check its status by looking at the output of the following command. If it looks like the following example, you are good to go:



Verify that the pod is up and running:

- \$ kubectl get pods
- 3. Now that we have the MySQL database up and running, we need to deploy WordPress. This pod also has persistent storage, and it uses the secret we created in Step 1 as the MySQL password. Since we want to accept traffic from outside of the cluster, we also need to set up a loadbalancer.

- Deploy the WordPress service and deployment with the wordpress-deployment.yaml file:
- \$ kubectl create -f ./wordpress-deployment.yml
- Verify that PersistentVolume was created:
- \$ kubectl get pvc
- Verify that the service is up and running:
- \$ kubectl get services wordpress
- If you are using Minikube for this example, it can only expose services through NodePort. NodePort, as the name implies, opens a specific port on the host, and any traffic that is sent to this port is forwarded to the service. Since Minikube doesn't offer an integrated load balancer, the EXTERNAL-IP is always going to be pending.

Now that we have the service up and running, we need to get the IP address:

\$ minikube service wordpress --url

Using your favorite web browser, connect to the IP address; you should then see the WordPress setup page.

Make sure you complete the setup wizard by creating a username and password. If you do not, someone else can find it, and set it up for you. If you won't be using it, make sure that you delete it.

### How it works...

In this recipe, we first created a secret to store our MySQL password. Then we started up a MySQL database using the password we provided in the secret, and we stored the data in a PersistentStore on the host so that we don't lose data between container restarts. Next, we deployed a WordPress service that used our secret to get the password to connect to our MySQL database. We also configured a load balancer so that traffic outside of our cluster is able to hit our WordPress install.

## There's more...

To clean up your WordPress installation, run the following commands:

```
$ kubect1 delete secret mysql-pass
$ kubect1 delete deployment -1 app=wordpress
$ kubect1 delete service -1 app=wordpress
$ kubect1 delete pvc -1 app=wordpress
```

## See also

You can view the Kubernetes documentation at https://kubernetes.io/docs/home/ for more information.

## **Docker Security**

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Setting Mandatory Access Control (MAC) with SELinux
- Allowing writes to volumes mounted from the host with SELinux ON
- Removing capabilities to break down the power of the root user inside the container
- Sharing namespaces between the host and the container

## Introduction

Docker containers, actually, are not Sandbox applications, which means they are not recommended to run random applications on the system as root with Docker. You should always treat a container running a service/process as a service/process running on the host system, and put all the security measures inside the container you put on the host system.

We saw in Chapter 1, *Introduction and Installation*, how Docker uses namespaces for isolation. The six namespaces that Docker uses are Process, Network, Mount, Hostname, Shared Memory, and User. Not everything in Linux is namespaced, for example, SELinux, Cgroups, Devices (/dev/mem, /dev/sd\*), and Kernel Modules. Filesystems under /sys, /proc/sys, /proc/sysrq-trigger, /proc/irq, and /proc/bus are also not namespaced, but they are mounted as read-only by default with the containerD container runtime.

To make Docker a secure environment, a lot of work has been done in the recent past, and more work is underway.

- As Docker images are the basic building block, it is very important that we choose the right base image to start with. Docker has this concept of official images, which are maintained by either Docker, the vendor, or someone else. If you recall from Chapter 2, *Working with Docker Containers*, we can search images on Docker Hub using the following syntax:
  - \$ docker search <image name>

For example, consider the following command:

\$ docker sear	ch ubuntu			
\$ docker search ubuntu				
NAME	DESCRIPTION	STARS	OFFICIAL	<b>AUTOMATED</b>
ubuntu	Ubuntu is a Debian-based Linux operating sys	8125	[OK]	
dorowu/ubuntu-desktop-lxde-vnc	Ubuntu with openssh-server and NoVNC	204		[OK]
rastasheep/ubuntu-sshd	Dockerized SSH service, built on top of offi	164		[OK]
ansible/ubuntu14.04-ansible	Ubuntu 14.04 LTS with ansible	94		[OK]
ubuntu-upstart	Upstart is an event-based replacement for th	87	[OK]	
neurodebian	NeuroDebian provides neuroscience research s	50	[OK]	

We will see a column, OFFICIAL, and if the images are official, you will see [OK] against that image in that column. There is a feature in Docker that does Digital Signal Verification of official images after pulling them. If the image is tampered, be will be notified but will not be prevent the user from running it.



More details about official images can be found at https://github.com/docker-library/official-images.

- In chapter 6, *Docker APIs and SDK*s, we saw how we can secure a Docker remote API, when Docker daemon access is configured over TCP.
- We can also consider turning off the default inter-container communication over the network with --icc=false on the Docker host; though containers can still communicate through links, which overrides the default DROP policy of iptables, they get set with the --icc=false option.
- We can also set Cgroups resource restrictions, through which we can prevent **Denial of Service** (**DoS**) attacks through system resource constraints.
- Docker takes advantage of the special device, Cgroups, that allows us to specify which device nodes can be used within the container. It blocks processes from creating and using device nodes that could be used to attack the host.
- Any device node pre-created on the image cannot be used to talk to the kernel because images are mounted with the nodev option.

The following are some guidelines (they may not be complete) you can follow to achieve a secure Docker environment:

- Run services as non-root and treat the root in the container, as well as outside the container, as root.
- Use images from trusted parties to run the container; avoid using the insecure-registry=[] option.
- Don't run the random container from the Docker registry or anywhere else.
- Have your host kernel up to date.
- Avoid using --privileged whenever possible, and drop container privileges as soon as possible.
- Configure Mandatory Access Control (MAC) through SELinux or AppArmor.
- Collect logs for auditing.

- Do regular auditing.
- Run containers on hosts, which are specially designed to run containers. Consider using Project Atomic, CoreOS, or similar solutions.
- Mount devices with the --device option rather than using the --privileged option to use devices inside the container.
- Prohibit SUID and SGID inside the container.

Docker and the Center of Internet Security (http://www.cisecurity.org/) released a best practices guide for Docker security, which covers most of the preceding and more guidelines at https://blog.docker.com/2015/05/understanding-docker-security-and-best-practices/.

In chapter 1, *Introduction and Installation*, we described how to install Docker on CentOS 7.5. Let's use that default installation to try an experiment:

1. Disable SELinux using the following command:

```
$ sudo setenforce 0
```

2. Create a user and add it to the default Docker group so that the user can run docker commands without sudo:

```
$ sudo useradd dockertest
$ sudo passwd dockertest
$ sudo groupadd docker
$ sudo gpasswd -a dockertest docker
```

3. Log in using the user we created earlier, and start a container as follows:

```
$ su - dockertest
$ docker container run -it -v /:/host alpine ash
```

4. From the container, chroot to /host and run the shutdown command:

```
$ chroot /host
$ shutdown
```

```
$ su - dockertest
Last login: Wed Aug 8 23:07:46 UTC 2018 on pts/0
[dockertest@dockerhost ~]$ docker container run -it -v /:/host alpine ash
Unable to find image 'alpine:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/alpine
8e3ba11ec2a2: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:7043076348bf5040220df6ad703798fd8593a0918d06d3ce30c6c93be117e430
Status: Downloaded newer image for alpine:latest
/ # chroot /host
[root@3622ad25ff3b /]# shutdown
Shutdown scheduled for Wed 2018-08-08 23:10:03 UTC, use 'shutdown -c' to cancel.
[root@3622ad25ff3b /]#
Broadcast message from root@dockerhost (Wed 2018-08-08 23:09:03 UTC):
The system is going down for power-off at Wed 2018-08-08 23:10:03 UTC!
```

As we can see, a user in a Docker group can shut down the host system. Docker currently does not have authorization control, so if you can communicate to the Docker socket, you are allowed to run any Docker command. It is similar to /etc/sudgers:

```
USERNAME ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
```

This is really not good. Let's see how we can guard against this and more in the rest of the chapter.

# Setting Mandatory Access Control (MAC) with SELinux

It is recommended that you set up some form of MAC on the Docker host, either through SELinux or AppArmor, depending on the Linux distribution. In this recipe, we'll see how to set up SELinux on a Fedora/RHEL/CentOS installed system. Let's first look at what SELinux is:

- SELinux is a labeling system
- Every process has a label
- Every file, directory, and system object has a label
- Policy rules control access between labeled processes and labeled objects
- The kernel enforces the rules

With Docker containers, we use two types of SELinux enforcement:

- **Type enforcement**: This is used to protect the host system from container processes. Each container process is labeled <code>svirt\_lxc\_net\_t</code>, and each container file is labeled <code>svirt\_sandbox\_file\_t</code>. The <code>svirt\_lxc\_net\_t</code> type is allowed to manage any content labeled with <code>svirt\_sandbox\_file\_t</code>. Container processes can only access/write container files.
- Multi Category Security enforcement: By setting type enforcement, all
  container processes will run with the svirt\_lxc\_net\_t label, and all content
  will be labeled with svirt\_sandbox\_file\_t. However, with just these settings,
  we are not protecting one container from another because their labels are
  the same.

We use **Multi Category Security** (**MCS**) enforcement to protect one container from another, which is based on **Multi Level Security** (**MLS**). When a container is launched, the Docker daemon picks a random MCS label, for example, so:c41,c717 and saves it with the container metadata. When any container process starts, the Docker daemon tells the kernel to apply the correct MCS label. As the MCS label is saved in the metadata, if the container restarts, it gets the same MCS label.

## **Getting ready**

You'll require a Fedora/RHEL/CentOS host with the latest version of Docker installed, which can be accessed through a Docker client.

### How to do it...

Fedora/RHEL/CentOS gets installed by default with SELinux in enforcing mode, and the Docker daemon is set to start with SELinux. To check whether these conditions are being met, perform the following steps.

1. Run the following command to make sure SELinux is enabled:

```
$ sudo setenforce 1
$ getenforce
```



If the preceding command returns <code>Enforcing</code>, then it's all good. If not, then we need to change it by updating the SELinux configuration file (/etc/selinux/config) and rebooting the system.

2. Docker should be running with the --selinux-enabled option. You can check the Docker daemon configuration (/etc/docker/daemon.json) file. Also, cross-check whether the Docker service has started with the SELinux option:

```
$ cat /etc/docker/daemon.json
{ "selinux-enabled": true }
$
```

\$ docker info

```
$ docker info
Containers: 1
 Running: 0
 Paused: 0
 Stopped: 1
Images: 1
Server Version: 18.06.0-ce
Storage Driver: overlay2
 Backing Filesystem: xfs
 Supports d_type: true
 Native Overlay Diff: true
Logging Driver: json-file
Cgroup Driver: cgroupfs
Plugins:
 Volume: local
 Network: bridge host macvlan null overlay
 Log: awslogs fluentd gcplogs gelf journald json-file logentries splunk syslog
Swarm: inactive
Runtimes: runc
Default Runtime: runc
Init Binary: docker-init
containerd version: d64c661f1d51c48782c9cec8fda7604785f93587
runc version: 69663f0bd4660df09991c08812a60108003fa340
init version: fec3683
Security Options:
 seccomp
 Profile: default
selinux
Kernel Version: 3.10.0-862.2.3.el7.x86_64
Operating System: CentOS Linux 7 (Core)
OSType: linux
Architecture: x86_64
```

The preceding command assumes that you are not starting Docker in daemon mode manually.

Let's start a container (without the privileged option) after mounting a host directory as a volume and try to create a file in that:

```
$ su - dockertest
Last login: Wed Aug 8 23:29:12 UTC 2018 on pts/0
[dockertest@dockerhost ~]$ mkdir -p ~/dir1
[dockertest@dockerhost ~]$ docker container run -it -v ~/dir1:/dir1 alpine ash / # touch /dir1/file1
touch: /dir1/file1: Permission denied
/ # #
```

As expected, we see Permission denied because a container process with the svirt\_lxc\_net\_t label cannot create files on the host's filesystem. If we look at the SELinux logs (/var/log/audit/audit.log) on the host, we will see messages similar to the following:

type=AVC msg=audit(1533770986.198:176): avc: denied { write } for pid=1954 comm="touch" name="dir1" dev="vda1" ino=37749120 scontext=system\_u:system\_r:conainer\_t:s0:c24,c960 tcontext=unconfined\_u:object\_r:user\_home\_t:s0 tclass=dir

The s0:c24,c960 label is the MCS label on the container.

#### How it works...

SELinux sets both Type and Multi Category Security enforcement when the right options are set for SELinux and Docker. The Linux kernel enforces these enforcements.

#### There's more...

There is a lot we can do with SELinux to help make our system more secure. The following are a few more tips:

• If SELinux is in the enforcing mode and the Docker daemon is configured to use SELinux, then we will not be able to shut down the host from the container, like we did earlier in this chapter:

- As we know, by default, all the containers will run with the <code>svirt\_lxc\_net\_t</code> label, but we can also adjust SELinux labels for custom requirements. Try visiting the Adjusting SELinux labels section of <code>http://opensource.com/business/15/3/docker-security-tuning.</code>
- Setting up MLS with Docker containers is also possible. Try visiting the Multi Level Security mode section of http://opensource.com/business/15/3/docker-security-tuning.

#### See also

 $The \ SELinux \ Coloring \ Book \ is \ available \ at \ \texttt{https://people.redhat.com/duffy/selinux/selinux-coloring-book\_A4-Stapled.pdf}.$ 

# Allowing writes to volumes mounted from the host with SELinux ON

As we saw in the earlier recipe when SELinux is configured, a non-privileged container cannot access files on the volume created after mounting the directory from the host system. However, sometimes it is needed to allow access to host files from the container. In this recipe, we'll see how to allow access in such cases.

## **Getting ready**

You'll require a Fedora/RHEL/CentOS host with the latest version of Docker installed, which can be accessed through a Docker client. Also, the SELinux should be set to enforcing, and the Docker daemon configured to use SELinux.

#### How to do it...

Mount the volume with the z or z option, as follows:

```
$ docker container run -it -v /tmp:/tmp/host:z alpine ash

$ docker container run -it -v /tmp:/tmp/host:z alpine ash
[dockertest@dockerhost ~]$ docker container run -it -v /tmp:/tmp/host:z alpine ash
/ # touch /tmp/host/file
/ # []
```

#### How it works...

While mounting the volume, Docker will relabel the volume to allow access.



The z option tells Docker that the volume content will be shared between containers. Docker will label the content with a shared content label. The shared volume label allows all containers to read/write content. The z option tells Docker to label the content with a private unshared label. Private volumes can only be used by the current container.

### See also

 $The \ Volume \ mounts \ section \ at \ {\tt http://opensource.com/business/14/9/security-for-docker}$ 

## Removing capabilities to break down the power of a root user inside a container

In simple terms, with capabilities we can break down the power of a root user. Note the following from the main capabilities page:

For the purpose of performing permission checks, traditional UNIX implementations distinguish two categories of processes: privileged processes (whose effective user ID is 0, referred to as superuser or root), and unprivileged processes (whose effective UID is non-zero). Privileged processes bypass all kernel permission checks, while unprivileged processes are subject to full permission checking based on the process's credentials (usually: effective UID, effective GID, and supplementary group list).

Starting with kernel 2.2, Linux divides the privileges traditionally associated with superusers into distinct units, known as capabilities, which can be independently enabled and disabled. Capabilities are a per-thread attribute.

Some examples of capabilities are as follows:

- CAP\_SYSLOG: This modifies kernel printk behavior
- CAP\_NET\_ADMIN: This configures the network
- cap\_sys\_admin: This helps you to catch all the capabilities

There are only 32 slots available for capabilities in kernel. There is one capability, <code>cap\_sys\_admin</code>, that catches all capabilities; this is used whenever in doubt.

Docker has the ability to add or remove capabilities for a container. It uses the chown, dac\_override, fowner, kill, setgid, setuid, setpcap, net\_bind\_service, net\_raw, sys\_chroot, mknod, setfcap, and audit\_write capabilities by default, and removes the following capabilities for a container by default:

- CAP\_SETPCAP: This modifies process capabilities
- CAP\_SYS\_MODULE: This inserts/removes kernel modules

- cap\_sys\_rawio: This modifies Kernel Memory
- cap\_sys\_pacct: This configures process accounting
- CAP\_SYS\_NICE: This modifies the priority of processes
- CAP\_SYS\_RESOURCE: This overrides Resource Limits
- CAP\_SYS\_TIME: This modifies system clock
- CAP\_SYS\_TTY\_CONFIG: This configures tty devices
- cap\_audit\_write: This writes the audit log
- CAP\_AUDIT\_CONTROL: This configures audit subsystem
- CAP\_MAC\_OVERRIDE: This ignores kernel MAC Policy
- cap\_mac\_admin: This configures MAC Configuration
- cap\_syslog: This modifies kernel printk behavior
- cap\_net\_admin: This configures network
- cap\_sys\_admin: This helps you catch all containers

We need to be very careful what capabilities we remove, as applications can break if they don't have enough capabilities to run. To add and remove capabilities for the container, you can use the --cap-add and --cap-drop options, respectively.

## **Getting ready**

You'll require a host with the latest version of Docker installed, which can be accessed through a Docker client.

- <strong> \$ docker container run --cap-drop <CAPABILITY> <image>
  <command></strong>
- <strong> \$ docker container run --cap-add <CAPABILITY> <image> <command></strong>
  - 3. To remove setuid and setgid capabilities from the container so that it cannot run binaries, which have these bits set, run the following command:
    - \$ docker container run -it --cap-drop setuid --cap-drop s
  - 4. To add all the capabilities and just drop sys\_admin, run the following command:
    - \$ docker container run -it --cap-add all --cap-drop sys\_admir

### How it works...

Before starting the container, Docker sets up the capabilities for the root user inside the container, which affects the command execution for the container process.

<strong> \$ docker container run -it --cap-drop sys\_chroot -v /:/host alpine
ash</strong><br/><strong> \$ chroot /host</strong>

```
[dockertest@dockerhost ~]$ docker container run -it --cap-drop sys_chroot -v /:/host alpine ash
/ # chroot /host
chroot: can't change root directory to '/host': Operation not permitted
/ # [
```

#### See also

- Dan Walsh's articles at http://opensource.com/business/14/9/security-for-docker.
- There are efforts to selectively disable system calls from container processes to provide tighter security. Visit the Seccomp section at http://opensource.com/business/15/3/docker-security-future.
- Similar to custom namespaces and capabilities, Docker run supports the -- cgroup-parent flag to pass a specific Cgroup to run containers. Try visiting htt ps://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/run/#options.

# Sharing namespaces between the host and the container

As we know, while starting the container, by default, Docker creates six different namespaces: Process, Network, Mount, Hostname, Shared Memory, and User, for a container. In some cases, we might want to share a namespace between two or more containers. For example, in Kubernetes, all containers in a pod share the same network namespace.

In some cases, we might want to share the namespaces of the host system with the containers. For example, we share the same network namespace between the host and the container to get near line speed inside the container. In this recipe, we will see how to share namespaces between the host and the container.

## **Getting ready**

You'll require a host with the latest version of Docker installed, which can be accessed through a Docker client.

#### How to do it...

Perform the following steps:

1. To share the host network namespace with the container, run the following command:

```
$ docker container run -it --net=host alpine ash
```

If you see the network details inside the container, run the following command: **\$ ip a** 

```
$ docker container run -it --net=host alpine ash
/ # ip a
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP qlen 1000
    link/ether 62:76:7d:57:62:36 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 142.93.50.102/20 brd 142.93.63.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet 10.10.0.6/16 brd 10.10.255.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 2604:a880:400:d1::830:4001/64 scope global
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::6076:7dff:fe57:6236/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: eth1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP qlen 1000
    link/ether 12:7d:66:72:d0:3c brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.136.88.117/16 brd 10.136.255.255 scope global eth1
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::107d:66ff:fe72:d03c/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
4: docker0: <NO-CARRIER, BROADCAST, MULTICAST, UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state DOWN
    link/ether 02:42:12:08:8d:83 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.17.0.1/16 brd 172.17.255.255 scope global docker0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::42:12ff:fe08:8d83/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

You will see a result the same as the host:

```
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 62:76:7d:57:62:36 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 142.93.50.102/20 brd 142.93.63.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet 10.10.0.6/16 brd 10.10.255.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 2604:a880:400:d1::830:4001/64 scope global
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::6076:7dff:fe57:6236/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: eth1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 12:7d:66:72:d0:3c brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.136.88.117/16 brd 10.136.255.255 scope global eth1
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::107d:66ff:fe72:d03c/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
4: docker0: <NO-CARRIER,BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state DOWN group default
    link/ether 02:42:12:08:8d:83 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.17.0.1/16 brd 172.17.255.255 scope global docker0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::42:12ff:fe08:8d83/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

2. To share the host network, PID, and IPC namespaces with the container, run the following command:

```
$ docker container run -it --net=host --pid=host --ipc=host alpine ash
$ docker container run -it --net=host --pid=host --ipc=host alpine ash
 # ps aux
PID USER
               TIME COMMAND
   1 root
               0:02 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd --switched-root --system --deserialize 21
               0:00 [kthreadd]
    2 root
   3 root
               0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
    5 root
               0:00 [kworker/0:0H]
                0:00 [kworker/u4:0]
   6 root
                0:00 [migration/0]
    7 root
```

#### How it works...

Docker does not create separate namespaces for the container when such arguments are passed to the container.

## **Getting Help and Tips and Tricks**

In this chapter, we will look at the following recipes:

- Starting Docker in debug mode
- Building a Docker binary from the source
- Building images without using cached layers
- Building your own bridge for container communication
- Changing the default OCI runtime
- Selecting the logging driver for containers
- Getting real-time Docker events for containers

#### **Introduction**

We'll become more curious as we learn more about Docker. Mailing lists and IRC channels are the best places to get help, learn, and share knowledge about Docker. Docker has a few IRC channels on freenode.net such as, #docker and #docker-dev to discuss Docker in general and dev-related stuff, respectively. If you prefer Slack over IRC, there is also a Slack community, and you can sign up here: https://community.docker.com/network-groups.

While working on Docker, if you find any bugs, you can report them on GitHub at https://github.com/moby/moby/issues. Similarly, if you have fixed a bug, you can send the pull request, which will get reviewed and then get merged to the code base.

Docker also has a forum and YouTube channel, which are great learning resources as well, at https://forums.docker.com and https://www.youtube.com/user/dockerrun, respectively.

There are many Docker meetup groups around the world where you can meet like-minded individuals and learn by sharing experiences at https://events.docker.com/chapters/.

In this chapter, I'll also run through a few tips and tricks that will help you work better with Docker.

## **Starting Docker in debug mode**

We can start Docker in debug mode to debug logs.

## **Getting ready**

I hope you already have Docker installed on your system by now.

<strong> \$ dockerd -D</strong>

<strong> \$ cat /etc/docker/daemon.json</strong><br/><strong> { "debug": true }</strong>

#### How it works...

The preceding command will start Docker in daemon mode. You will see lots of useful messages as you start the daemon, such as loading up existing images, settings for firewalls (iptables), and so on. If you start a container, you will see messages like the following:

|\$ docker container run alpine echo "hello world"

On Ubuntu 18.04, the Docker daemon logs can be viewed by running this command:

#### \$ journalctl -u docker.service



If you are using something other than Ubuntu 18.04, your Docker logs might be located somewhere else. Refer to this page in the documentation to see where to find the logs for your system: https://docs.docker.com/config/daemon/#read-the-logs.

```
[info] POST /v1.30/containers/create
[99430521] +job create()
.....
```

In the proceeding log snippet, you will be able to see the API request from the Docker client to the Docker daemon for creating a new container. If something isn't working, looking at the logs is a good way to get more information to help you diagnose what is causing your problems.

### See also

See the Docker daemon configuration documentation for more information: https://docs.docker.com/config/daemon/.

## Building a Docker binary from the source

Docker recently reorganized the Docker Engine and broke it up into different parts. The main parts are runC (https://github.com/opencontainers/runc), containerD (https://containerd.io), and Moby (https://mobyproject.org). Some of these projects were donated to other organizations to maintain. Docker, the product, is now a combination of these different projects.

Sometimes, it is necessary to build a Docker binary from the source to test a patch. It is very easy to build a Docker binary from the source. In order to build one, you will need to use the source code from the Moby project. Follow these steps to build your own binaries.

<strong> \$ apt-get install -y make</strong>

3. Make sure Docker is running on the host you are building the code and that you can access it through the Docker client, since the build we are discussing here happens inside a container.

#### How to do it...

#### Follow these steps:

- 1. Go inside the cloned directory:
- \$ cd moby
- 2. Run the make command:

#### \$ sudo make



This will take a little while and require more then 1 GB of RAM. If you do not give it enough resources, the build might fail.

### How it works...

This will create a container and compile the code from the master branch inside it. Once finished, it will spit out the binary inside the bundles/binary-daemon/directory.

#### There's more...

You can also run tests with the following command:

\$ sudo make test

### See also

Look at the documentation on the Moby website for more information: https://github.com/moby/moby/blob/master/docs/contributing/set-up-dev-env.md.

# Building images without using cached layers

By default, when we build an image, Docker will try to use the cached layers so that it takes less time to build. However, at times, it is necessary to build from scratch. For example, you will need to force a system update, such as the yum -y update. Let's see how we can do that in this recipe.

# **Getting ready**

Get a Dockerfile to build the image. For this example, we will be using the following Dockerfile, which installs the nginx web server in an Alpine Linux container:

```
FROM alpine:3.8
RUN apk add --update nginx && mkdir /tmp/nginx && rm -rf /var/cache/apk/*
EXPOSE 80 443
CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]
```

## How to do it...

While building the image, pass the -no-cache option as follows:

```
$ docker image build -t test --no-cache - < Dockerfile</pre>
$ docker image build -t test --no-cache - < Dockerfile</pre>
Sending build context to Docker daemon 2.048kB
Step 1/4: FROM alpine:3.8
3.8: Pulling from library/alpine
Digest: sha256:7043076348bf5040220df6ad703798fd8593a0918d06d3ce30c6c93be117e430
Status: Downloaded newer image for alpine:3.8
 ---> 11cd0b38bc3c
Step 2/4 : RUN apk add --update nginx && mkdir /tmp/nginx && rm -rf /var/cache/apk/*
 ---> Running in aed60e02dd48
fetch http://dl-cdn.alpinelinux.org/alpine/v3.8/main/x86_64/APKINDEX.tar.gz
fetch http://dl-cdn.alpinelinux.org/alpine/v3.8/community/x86_64/APKINDEX.tar.gz
(1/2) Installing pcre (8.42-r0)
(2/2) Installing nginx (1.14.0-r0)
Executing nginx-1.14.0-r0.pre-install
Executing busybox-1.28.4-r0.trigger
OK: 6 MiB in 15 packages
Removing intermediate container aed60e02dd48
 ---> 930dab5e1b0f
Step 3/4 : EXPOSE 80 443
 ---> Running in c123bae74387
Removing intermediate container c123bae74387
 ---> f6f527edd3c6
Step 4/4 : CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]
 ---> Running in c60ca60c1a31
Removing intermediate container c60ca60c1a31
 ---> 9600d5d4de99
Successfully built 9600d5d4de99
Successfully tagged test:latest
```

# How it works...

The --no-cache option will discard any cached layer and build one Dockerfile from scratch.

## There's more...

Sometimes, we also want to discard the cache after a few instructions. In such cases, we can add any arbitrary command that doesn't affect the image, such as creation or setting up an environment variable.

# Building your own bridge for container communication

As we already know, when the Docker daemon starts, it creates a bridge called docker0, and all the containers will get the IP from it. Sometimes, we might want to use a different bridge for some of our containers. Let's see how we can do that in this recipe.

# **Getting ready**

I am assuming you already have Docker set up.

<strong> \$ docker network create br0 --subnet 192.168.2.1/24</strong> <strong> \$ docker network ls</strong>

<strong> \$ docker container run -d --network br0 --name br0demo
redis</strong> \$ docker container inspect br0demo</strong>

```
"Networks": {
   "br0": {
       "IPAMConfig": null,
       "Links": null,
       "Aliases": [
           "4da0c12e7ba2"
       "NetworkID": "2b71d6a0c30db214f19aa76689cec7e8f88db757de3cc9c0a13e86c37e007c66",
       "EndpointID": "c40ffcd2d20719bfd6205ee7dadef7c46ae38a5c312962d49d78890216f524f2",
       "Gateway": "192.168.2.1",
       "IPAddress": "192.168.2.2",
       "IPPrefixLen": 24,
       "IPv6Gateway": "",
       "GlobalIPv6Address": "",
       "GlobalIPv6PrefixLen": 0,
       "MacAddress": "02:42:c0:a8:02:02",
       "DriverOpts": null
```

# How it works...

The preceding steps will create a new bridge and it will assign the IP from the 192.168.2.0 subnet to any of the containers that are assigned to that network.

# There's more...

If you no longer need the network, you can remove it by running this command:

|\$ docker network rm br0

# See also

See the documentation on the Docker website for more information: https://docs.docker.com/network/.

# Changing the default OCI runtime

The Docker daemon relies on an OCI compliant runtime in order to interface with the Linux kernel. By default, Docker uses runC, but you can switch this out for any OCI compliant runtime if needed. In this recipe, we will show you how to change the runtime to another OCI compliant runtime, that is, Intel Clear Containers.

<strong>\$ sudo sh -c "echo 'deb
http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/clearcontainers:/clearcontainers-3/xUbuntu\_\$(lsb\_release -rs)/ /' >> /etc/apt/sources.list.d/clearcontainers.list"</strong><br/>
strong>\$ wget -qO http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/clearcontainers:/clearcontainers-3/xUbuntu\_\$(lsb\_release -rs)/Release.key | sudo apt-key add </strong><br/>
strong><br/>
strong>\$ sudo -E apt-get update</strong><br/>
strong>\$ sudo
-E apt-get -y install cc-runtime cc-proxy cc-shim</strong>

<strong>\$ cc-runtime cc-check</strong>

```
{<br/>"default-runtime": "cc-runtime",<br/>"runtimes": {<br/> "cc-runtime": {<br/> "path": "/usr/bin/cc-runtime"<br/> }<br/> }
```

<strong> \$ systemctl daemon-reload</strong><br/><strong> \$ systemctl restart
docker</strong>

<strong> \$ docker container run -it busybox sh</strong>

## How it works...

Docker uses runc to access kernel features such as namespaces and CGroups to run containers. We switched runc with another OCI compliant runtime, called Intel Clear Containers.

# See also

See the documentation on the Docker website for more information at: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/dockerd/#docker-runtime-execution-options.

# Selecting the logging driver for containers

Docker allows you to select the logging driver while starting the Docker daemon. With the release of Docker 18.03, eleven types of logging drivers are supported:

Driver	Description
None	No logs are available for the container and docker container logs does not return any output.
json-file (default)	The logs are formatted as JSON.
syslog	Writes log messages to the syslog daemon on the host machine.
journald	Writes log messages to the journald daemon on the host machine.
gelf	Writes log messages to a <b>Graylog Extended Log Format</b> ( <b>GELF</b> ) endpoint such as Graylog or Logstash.
fluentd	Writes log messages to the fluentd daemon on the host machine.
awslogs	Writes log messages to Amazon CloudWatch Logs.
splunk	Writes log messages to splunk using the HTTP Event Collector.
etwlogs	Writes log messages as <b>Event Tracing for Windows</b> ( <b>ETW</b> ) events (Windows only).
gcplogs	Writes log messages to Google Cloud Platform (GCP) logging.
logentries	Writes log messages to Rapid7 log entries.

# **Getting ready**

Install Docker on the system, if you haven't done so already.

<strong> \$ dockerd --log-driver=none</strong><br/><strong> \$ dockerd --log-driver=syslog</strong>

```
{<br/>"log-driver": "json-file",<br/>"log-opts": {<br/>"labels": "production_status",<br/>"env": "os,customer"<br/>} }<br/>}
```

<strong> \$ docker container run -it --log-driver syslog alpine ash</strong>

# How it works...

Depending on the log driver configuration, Docker daemon selects the corresponding logging driver.

# There's more...

The docker logs command is only available for the following two drivers: json-file and journald.

# See also

See the documentation on the Docker website for more information at: https://docs.docker.com/config/containers/logging/configure/.

# Getting real-time Docker events for containers

As we will be running many containers in production, it will be helpful if we can watch the real-time container events for monitoring and debugging purposes. Docker containers can report events such as create, destroy, die, export, kill, oom, pause, restart, start, stop, and unpause. In this recipe, we will see how to enable event logging and then use filters to select specific event types, images, and containers.

# **Getting ready...**

Make sure that the Docker daemon is running on the host and that you can connect through the Docker client.

### <strong> \$ docker events</strong>

2. From the other terminal, do some container/image-related operations and you will see a result similar to the following screenshot on the first terminal:

```
$ docker events
2018-08-04T13:33:90.670533800-04:00 container create 1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd13711283aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c (image=alpine, name=inspiring_lovelace)
2018-08-04T13:33:90.712915400-04:00 container attach 1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd13711283aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c (image=alpine, name=inspiring_lovelace)
2018-08-04T13:33:10.026735400-04:00 network connect ac814b252e0ecf3daefc4360d64f950845c16ea69030992bb15e971a19afaa5f (container=1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd1371128
3aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c (image=alpine, name=inspiring_lovelace)
2018-08-04T13:33:12.109918900-04:00 container start 1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd13711283aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c (image=alpine, name=inspiring_lovelace)
2018-08-04T13:33:12.130938000-04:00 container resize 1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd13711283aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c (height=25, image=alpine, name=inspiring_lovelace, width=80)
2018-08-04T13:34:05.617524200-04:00 container die 1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd13711283aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c (exitCode=0, image=alpine, name=inspiring_lovelace)
2018-08-04T13:34:05.617524200-04:00 container die 1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd13711283aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c (exitCode=0, image=alpine, name=inspiring_lovelace)
2018-08-04T13:34:05.617524200-04:00 container die 1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd13711283aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c (exitCode=0, image=alpine, name=inspiring_lovelace)
2018-08-04T13:34:05.689969700-04:00 network disconnect ac814b252e0ecf3daefc4360d64f950845c16ea69030992bb15e971a19afaa5f (container=1fc6dac800fbad2c7a1418bd1371
1283aaa90aed88f17b2710c6708f742afa3c, name=bridge, type=bridge)
```

After the events collection started, I created a container to just write a message to the console. As we can see from the preceding screenshot, a container was created, started, and died.

# How it works...

With Docker events, Docker starts listing events.

```
<strong> --since="" Show all events created since timestamp</strong><br/><strong> --until="" Stream events until this timestamp</strong>
<strong> $ docker events --since '2015-01-01'</strong>
<strong> <span> $ docker events --filter 'image=alpine:3.5'</span></strong>
<strong> $ docker events --filter 'container=b3619441cb444b87b4'</strong>
<strong> $ docker events --format 'ID={{.ID}} Type={{.Type}} Status= <br/>{{.Status}}'</strong>
<strong> $ docker events --format '{{json.}}'</strong>
```

# See also

The Docker events documentation can be found here: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/events/.

# **Docker on the Cloud**

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Docker for AWS
- Deploying WordPress on Docker for AWS
- Docker for Azure
- Deploying Joomla! on Docker for Azure

## Introduction

In the previous chapters, we talked a lot about how to use Docker on a single host, and in chapter 8, *Docker Orchestration and Hosting Platform*, we even talked about how to use it on multiple hosts using orchestration. One of the most popular ways to use Docker these days is in the cloud. There are a number of popular cloud platforms available, and getting Docker set up and running on each of them is a little different. To make the process easier, Docker has come out with two new products: Docker for AWS, and Docker for Azure.

The goals of these products is to make bootstrapping your Docker environment as easy as possible. Each product uses the cloud platforms' native tools to set up a Docker Swarm cluster. You should be able to go from nothing to a full cluster in a few minutes. Once the cluster is up and running, it is similar to any other Swarm cluster, and you would manage it using the same Docker tools that we learned about previously.

In this chapter, we will learn how to set up Docker for AWS and Docker for Azure, and deploy an application to each.

## **Docker for AWS**

**Amazon Web Services (AWS)** is the largest and most popular cloud platform available today. AWS provides a few different ways of running Docker workloads on their cloud. You can use Elastic Beanstalk, **Elastic Container Service (ECS)**, or **Elastic Container Service for Kubernetes (EKS)**. Each of these products have different capabilities, which allow you to do different things. None of these products are Docker native, and require you to learn a new set of tools and libraries in order to get your Docker application up and running.

Docker for AWS uses the same cloud-native tools that these products use, but provides a more Docker-native experience. Once Docker for AWS is set up, you can use the same Docker tools and APIs that you already know about to deploy your Docker workload to AWS.

# **Getting ready**

Before we can install Docker for AWS, you will need to make sure that you have satisfied all of the prerequisites:

- You will need an active AWS account with either login access to the console, or API keys for making CLI/API calls.
- Your account will either need to be an admin account, or an account with the correct IAM permissions.
- For a full list of permissions, look at the documentation at: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-aws/iam-permissions/.
- SSH keys need to be created and added to your AWS account.
- See the following Amazon documentation for more information: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-key-pairs.html.

## How to do it...

Docker for AWS uses CloudFormation for building and configuring your Swarm cluster. There are two ways to deploy a CloudFormation stack: you can do it via the AWS web console, or the AWS Command Line Interface (CLI). Using the web console is going to be easier to get up and running, because all you need to do is fill out a web form. I recommended that approach if you are not familiar with CloudFormation. This is what I'll be showing you here.

We are going to deploy the latest available stable version, and let Docker for AWS build a new **Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)** for us. There is another option where we can install it on an existing VPC, but that is out of the scope of this recipe.

1. Log in to the AWS console and go to the CloudFormation section. Then, click on the Create new stack button:

#### Create a stack

AWS CloudFormation allows you to quickly and easily deploy your infrastructure resources and applications on AWS. You can use one of the templates we provide to get started quickly with applications like WordPress or Drupal, one of the many sample templates or create your own template.

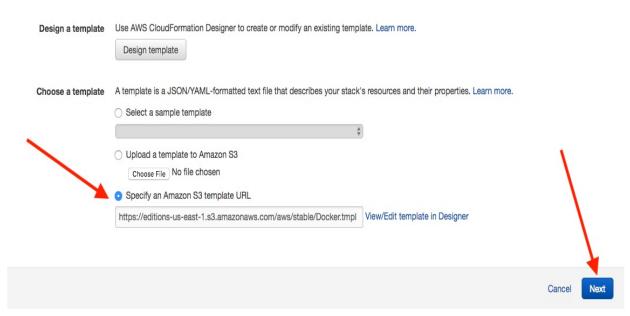
You do not currently have any stacks. Choose **Create new stack** below to create a new AWS CloudFormation stack.

Create new stack

2. Under Choose a template, select the Specify an Amazon S3 template URL radio button, enter the following URL, and click Next: https://editions-us-east-1.s3.amazonaws.com/aws/stable/Docker.tmpl:

#### Select Template

Select the template that describes the stack that you want to create. A stack is a group of related resources that you manage as a single unit.



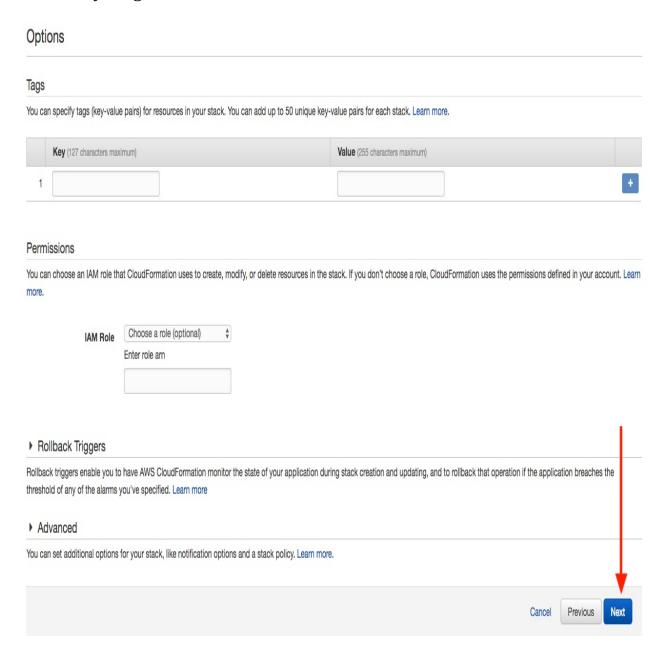
### 3. Fill out the form, as shown in the following screenshot:



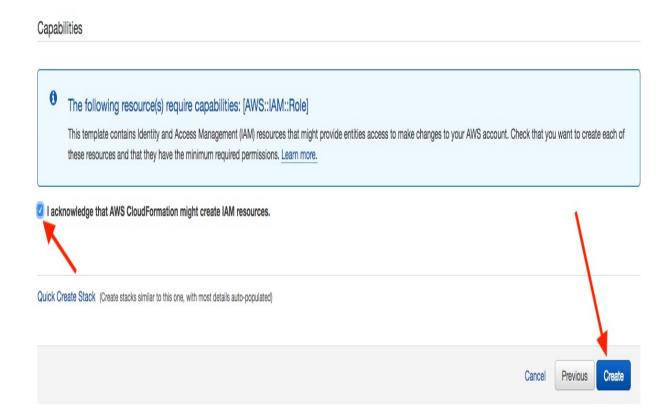
# Parameters Swarm Size Number of Swarm manager nodes (1, 3, 5) managers? Number of Swarm worker nodes? Number of worker nodes in the Swarm (0-1000). Swarm Properties Which SSH key to use? Ken Cochrane ssh Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH access to the instances

The rest you can change, or leave as the default values.

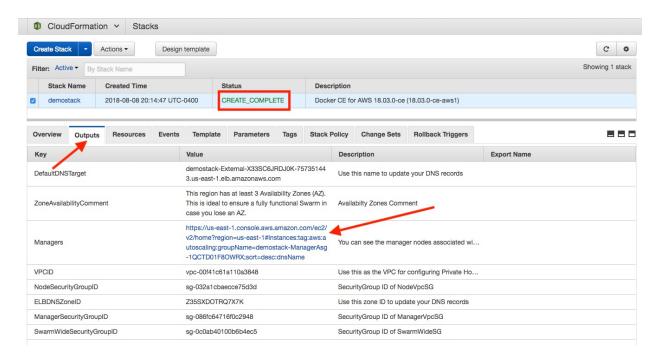
- 4. Hit the Next button.
- 5. Add any optional tags if you want to, otherwise, feel free to leave everything as it is and hit the Next button:



6. Click the I acknowledge that AWS CloudFormation might create IAM resources checkbox, and hit the Create button:



7. It will take a few minutes to create your stack, and when it is completes, you should go to the Outputs tab and click on the link next to Managers:



8. Pick one of the Public IP addresses for one of the managers:



## SSH into one of the manager nodes, like so:

\$ ssh\_docker@52.201.109.15

\$ docker node ls

```
The authenticity of host '52.201.109.15 (52.201.109.15)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:BXCdWi8K3i/YmBJfR17565905ZCvukie3wboKcbRz6A.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '52.201.109.15' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
Welcome to Dock
 $ docker node ls
                                                                                           AVAILABILITY
                                                                                                                  MANAGER STATUS
ΙD
                                 HOSTNAME
                                                                      STATUS
                                                                                                                                        ENGINE VERSION
hx1thjnat3a6m55sc6quol6no
                                 ip-172-31-11-161.ec2.internal
                                                                                                                                        18.03.0-ce
                                                                     Ready
                                                                                                                  Leader
                                                                                            Active
                                 ip-172-31-30-8.ec2.internal
                                                                                                                                         18.03.0-ce
lwo3nj1ox73yqjrucvoncwnac
                                                                      Ready
                                                                                            Active
wjtswqd3zjc2zeyn0gjd8cma1
                                  ip-172-31-41-4.ec2.internal
                                                                                                                                         18.03.0-ce
   rgs8yr7a3z80aojjnk37il *
                                 ip-172-31-42-126.ec2.internal
                                                                                            Active
                                                                                                                  Reachable
                                                                                                                                         18.03.0-ce
```

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When you SSH into the swarm manager, you are not actually logging in to the EC2 host directly – you are logging in to a special SSH container that is running on that host.

Docker for AWS is now ready to use.

### How it works...

CloudFormation will take the information that we provided in the form, and it will build a new **Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)**, subnets, internet gateway, routing tables, security groups, **Elastic Load Balancer (ELB)**, and two EC2 AutoScaling Groups (ASG) – one ASG for the managers and one for the workers. The manager nodes in the manager ASG will create new EC2 instances with Docker installed on them. The manager instances will then create a new Docker Swarm and join together to form a manager quorum.

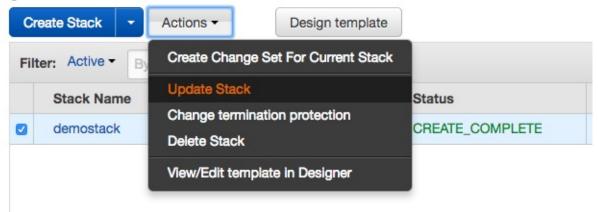
Once the manager nodes are up and running, the worker ASG will start up worker EC2 instances with Docker on them, and they will also join the same Swarm and start accepting tasks. After all of these steps are complete, the Swarm is ready for action.

### There's more

Getting Docker for AWS up and running is only half the battle. Now that it is running, you will need to deploy an application, which we will show you in the next recipe. In the meantime, here are a few common tasks that you should know how to do:

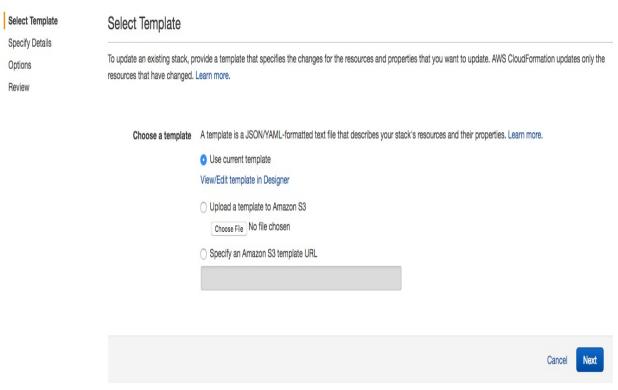
• **Scaling more workers**: If you want to change the number of workers that you have in your Swarm cluster, you can do this by updating the CloudFormation stack.

Go to the CloudFormation management page and click the checkbox next to the stack you want to update. Then, click on the Actions button at the top and select Update Stack:



Pick Use current template, and then click Next:

#### Update demostack stack



Fill out the same parameters you specified previously, but this time, change your worker count to the new count, and click Next:

#### Specify Details

2

nodes?

Number of Swarm worker

Specify parameter values. You can use or change the default parameter values, which are defined in the AWS CloudFormation template. Learn more.

Stack name demostack

Parameters

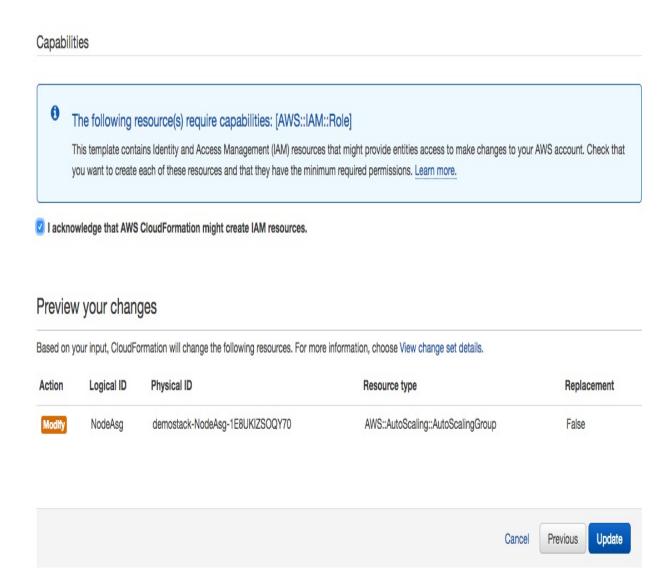
Swarm Size

Number of Swarm manager nodes (1, 3, 5)

managers?

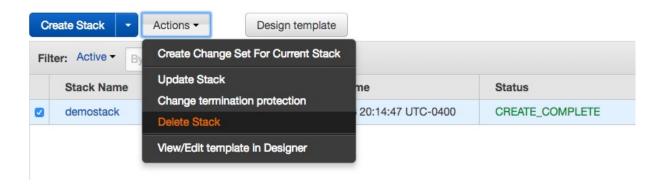
On the last page, it will let you preview your changes. If they look good, select the checkbox and click the Update button:

Number of worker nodes in the Swarm (0-1000).



CloudFormation will then update the worker ASG setting and scale the number of worker nodes appropriately. To confirm that the nodes are up and have successfully joined the Swarm, you can log in to a Manager node and run the following command: **\$ docker node ls** 

**Deleting the Stack**: Go to the CloudFormation management page and click the checkbox next to the stack you want to delete. Then, click on the Actions button at the top and select Delete Stack:



CloudFormation will then remove all of the items in your stack, including any services you had running on your Swarm.

## See also

- Docker for AWS documentation: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-aws/
- How to upgrade Docker for AWS: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-aws/upgrade
- Using a persistent datastore: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-aws/persistent-data-volumes/

# **Deploying WordPress on Docker for AWS**

Now that we have an active Docker for AWS installation set up, let's deploy an application to see how it works. In this recipe, we will be installing WordPress on top of Docker for AWS.

# **Getting ready**

Before we proceed, you will need to make sure that you have satisfied all of the prerequisites:

- 1. You will need to have your Docker for AWS stack from the previous recipe up and running.
- 2. SSH into one of the manager nodes. Instructions on how to do this are also available in the previous recipe.

## How to do it...

Once we are logged in to one of the manager nodes, the first thing we need to do is create some swarm secrets for our database passwords:

```
$ echo "myDbP@SSwods" | docker secret create root_db_password -
$ echo "myWpressPw" | docker secret create wp_db_password -
~ $ echo "myDbP@SSwods" | docker secret create root_db_password -
z4rtlgpntaju01hyon215nvzf
~ $ echo "myWpressPw" | docker secret create wp_db_password -
3vrxepwrp8vpsi7fmxnryhqks
~ $ ■
```

We also need to create an overlay network so that our services can talk with each other:

```
|$ docker network create -d overlay wp

~ $ docker network create -d overlay wp

vcwua4p12wrj1r2k73uo0wgq5

~ $ ■
```

Let's create the MariaDB database service that WordPress is going to use; we will use the secrets and the network we created previously. We will then check the status of the service to make sure it started correctly:

```
--name mariadb \
      --replicas 1 \
      --constraint=node.role==manager \
      --network wp \
      --secret source=root_db_password,target=root_db_password \
      --secret source=wp_db_password,target=wp_db_password
      -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD_FILE=/run/secrets/root_db_password \
      -e MYSQL_PASSWORD_FILE=/run/secrets/wp_db_password \
      -e MYSQL_USER=wp
      -e MYSQL_DATABASE=wp \
      mariadb:10.3
tdt8rl4t08i3lgd2o2lruswqj
overall progress: 1 out of 1 tasks
1/1: running [==
verify: Service converged
 $ docker service ps mariadb
ID
ERROR
                                                                                              DESIRED STATE
                                                                                                                  CURRENT STATE
                                         IMAGE
                                                             NODE
                    PORTS
                    mariadb.1
                                         mariadb:10.3
                                                                                                                  Running 13 seconds ago
n9asx6cp4qqr
                                                             ip-172-31-11-161.ec2.internal
                                                                                             Running
```

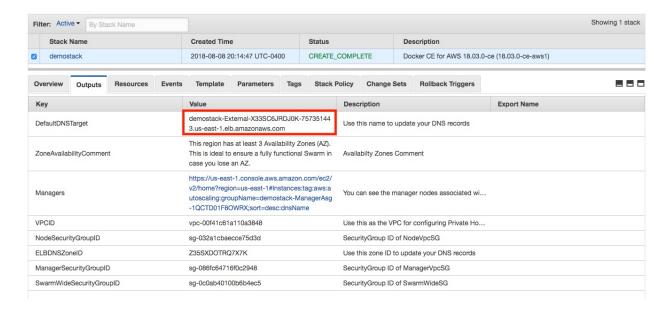
Now that we have our database, let's create our WordPress service; we will use the same secrets and network that we used with the mariadb service, but this time we will create three replicas. We will then check the status of the service to make sure it started correctly:

```
$ docker service create \
    --name wp \
    --constraint=node.role==worker \
    --replicas 3 \
    --network wp \
    --publish 80:80 \
    --secret source=wp_db_password, target=wp_db_password, mode=0400 \
    -e WORDPRESS_DB_USER=wp \
    -e WORDPRESS_DB_PASSWORD_FILE=/run/secrets/wp_db_password \
    -e WORDPRESS_DB_HOST=mariadb \
    -e WORDPRESS_DB_NAME=wp \
    wordpress:4.9
$ docker service ps wp
docker service create
 --name wp ∖
 --constraint=node.role==worker \
```

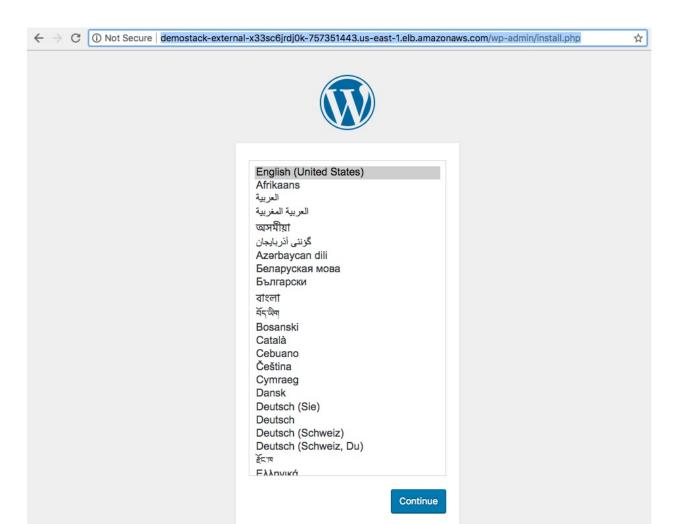
```
--replicas 3 \
      --network wp '
      --publish 80:80 \
        .
secret source=wp_db_password,target=wp_db_password,mode=0400 \
      -e WORDPRESS_DB_USER=wp \
-e WORDPRESS_DB_PASSWORD_FILE=/run/secrets/wp_db_password \
      -e WORDPRESS_DB_HOST=mariadb \
      -e WORDPRESS_DB_NAME=wp
      wordpress:4.9
le6yypep5nbzvnaywwgdzchfo
overall progress: 3 out of 3 tasks
2/3: running
3/3: running
verify: Service converged
 $ docker service ps wp
                                           IMAGE
                                                                                                  DESIRED STATE
                                                                                                                        CURRENT STATE
                                                                                                                                                    ERROR
                     NAME
u7flntszlcpd
                                                                  ip-172-31-41-4.ec2.internal
                                           wordpress:4.9
                                                                                                  Running
                                                                                                                         Running 12 seconds ago
vllek@thbnfa
                                                                 ip-172-31-41-4.ec2.internal
                                                                                                                        Running 10 seconds ago
                     wp.2
                                           wordpress:4.9
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f54jistl5k6e
                                           wordpress:4.9
                                                                 ip-172-31-41-4.ec2.internal
                                                                                                                         Running 10 seconds ago
                     wp.3
                                                                                                  Running
```

Now that we have the WordPress service up and running, let's check to see whether we can connect to it from our browser.

To find out the correct URL, we will go back to the CloudFormation Outputs tab again, but this time we will look at the DefaultDNSTarget, copy that value, and enter it into our browser:



Success! As you can see, the service is up and running:





If you are not going to be completing the setup wizard right away, please remove or stop the service, or else someone else could come by and do it for you, and take over your WordPress install.

### How it works...

In this recipe, we created two new services. One was a database to store the information for the other web service. We used secrets to protect our passwords, and we used those secrets instead of hardcoding our passwords in the image, or passing them in as environmental variables.

We also created a custom overlay network for our application, so that the two services could talk to each other across the cluster and that traffic was encrypted by default, which means that all communications between our two services is secure.

Docker for AWS has a service that listens for new services that get added to the Swarm and, when a new service has ports exposed, it will automatically configure the external load balancer to accept traffic for that service. When someone hits the load balancer, it will send the traffic to one of the Swarm managers, and then the Swarm will route the traffic to the correct host and container.

## There's more...

In the preceding recipe, we were only accepting traffic over HTTP. With AWS, you can get a free SSL/TLS certificate using the **AWS Certificate Manager** (**ACM**), and if you have one of those, you can configure the load balancer and Docker for AWS to support SSL/TLS traffic as well. Follow these directions for more information: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-aws/load-balancer/.

To destroy the services, we can just remove them from the Swarm, and it will take the site down:

```
$ docker service rm wp
   $ docker service rm mariadb
 $ docker service ls
                   NAME
                                                           REPLICAS
                                                                                                   PORTS
                                       MODE
                                                                               TMAGE
                                                           1/1
3/3
tdt8rl4t08i3
                   mariadb
                                       replicated
                                                                               mariadb:10.3
le6yypep5nbz
                                       replicated
                                                                                                   *:80->80/tcp
                                                                               wordpress:4.9
 $ docker service rm wp
 $ docker service rm mariadb
mariadb
 $ docker service ls
                   NAME
                                       MODE
                                                           REPLICAS
                                                                               IMAGE
                                                                                                   PORTS
```

## **Docker for Azure**

Microsoft Azure is a cloud computing platform created by Microsoft for building, testing, deploying, and managing applications. It is currently the second most popular cloud platform behind Amazon. In this recipe, we will discuss how to install Docker for Azure, a product from Docker that makes it easy to get a Docker native stack up and running on Azure.

# **Getting ready**

Before we can get started, there are a few things you will need:

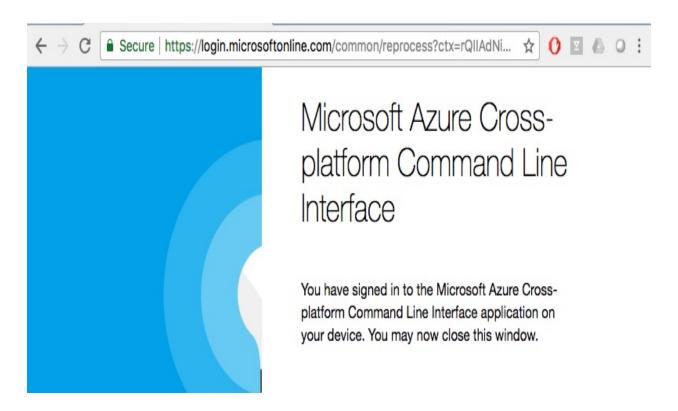
- Access to a Microsoft Azure account with admin privileges
- An SSH key, which you will use when accessing the Docker for Azure Manager nodes
- An Azure **Service Principal** (**SP**), which is used by Docker for Azure to authenticate with the Azure APIs

Docker has made it easy to create a Service Principal by using a Docker image they provide. Follow these steps to create a Service Principal. The first thing you will do is run the Docker image, passing in a few parameters:

|\$ docker container run -ti docker4x/create-sp-azure [sp-name] [rg-name rg-region]

- sp-name: The name of the service principal (for example, sp1).
- rg-name: The name of a new resource group, which will be used when deploying Docker for Azure (for example, swarm1).
- re-region: The name of the Azure region where the resource group will be created (for example, eastus). For a full list of available regions, go to the following page: https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/global-infrastructure/regions/:

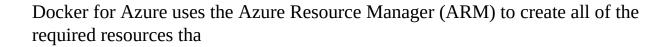
It will then ask you to visit a web page and enter a code to authenticate. This will verify your account and link it to the Docker container, which will let it complete the creation of the Service Principal:



When complete, you should see your Service Principal credentials. Save this information in a safe place; you will need it in a minute:



## How to do it...



Open the following web page and select the Stable channel version: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-azure/:

### Docker Community Edition (CE) for Azure

#### Quickstart

If your account has the proper permissions, you can generate the Service Principal and then choose from the stable or edge channel to bootstrap Docker for Azure using Azure Resource Manager. For more about stable and edge channels, see the FAQs.

#### Stable channel Edge channel This deployment is fully baked and tested, and This deployment offers cutting edge features of comes with the latest CE version of Docker. the CE version of Docker and comes with experimental features turned on, described in the This is the best channel to use if you want a Docker Experimental Features README on reliable platform to work with. GitHub. (Adjust the branch or tag in the URL to match your version.) Stable is released quarterly and is for users that want an easier-to-maintain release pace. This is the best channel to use if you want to experiment with features under development, and can weather some instability and bugs. Edge is for users wanting a drop of the latest and greatest features every month We collect usage data on edges across the board. Deploy Docker Community Edition (CE) Deploy Docker Community Edition (CE) for Azure (stable) for Azure (edge)

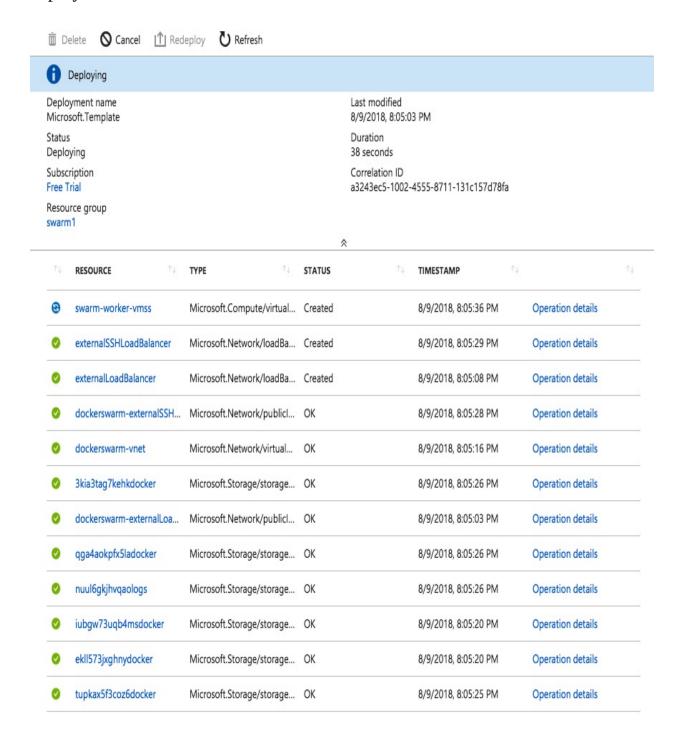
This will take you to the Azure portal and start a custom deployment using the Docker for Azure ARM template. Add the Service Principal credentials that you have from before, and answer the other questions. Don't forget to include your SSH public key. When the form is complete, select the I agree... checkbox and click on the Purchase button:

#### Custom deployment Deploy from a custom template \* Subscription Free Trial \* Resource group Create new Use existing swarm1 \* Location East US SETTINGS \* Ad Service Principal App ID 6 \* Ad Service Principal App Secret 6 ...... Enable Ext Logs 6 yes Enable System Prune 6 no \* Linux SSH Public Key 6 ssh-rsa AAAAI Ay... Linux Worker Count 6 Linux Worker VM Size 6 Standard\_D2\_v2 Manager Count Manager VM Size 1 Standard\_D2\_v2 Swarm Name 6 dockerswarm TERMS AND CONDITIONS Azure Marketplace Terms Azure Marketplace By clicking "Purchase," I (a) agree to the applicable legal terms associated with the offering; (b) authorize Microsoft to charge or bill my current payment method for the fees associated the offering(s), including applicable taxes, with the same billing frequency as my Azure subscription, until I discontinue use of the offering(s); and (c) agree that, if the deployment involves 3rd party offerings, Microsoft m share my contact information and other details of such deployment with the publisher of that offering. sumes no responsibility for any actions performed by third-party templates and does not provide rights for third-party

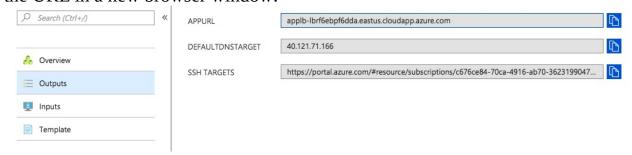
I agree to the ter

conditions stated above

This will start creating the resources you need and show you the progress of the deployment:



When it is finished, click on the Outputs tab and make note of the three outputs. You will need these a little later. Copy the value for SSH TARGETS and open the URL in a new browser window:



This is the list of Manager nodes that are in your Swarm. To connect to this node, we can SSH to the destination IP address on the Custom TCP port:



Using that information, let's SSH into that Manager and make sure it is working correctly by listing the nodes in the Swarm: \$ ssh -p 50000 docker@40.76.49.102 \$ docker node ls



If everything is working correctly, you should see the list of all of your manager and worker nodes with a status of Ready.



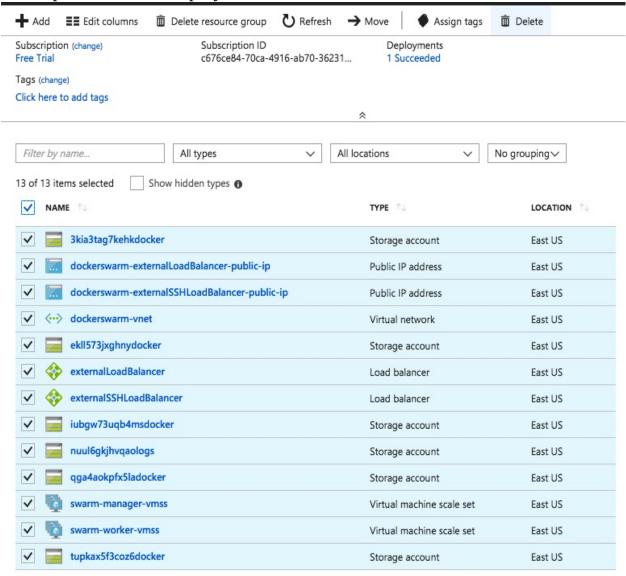
When you SSH into the swarm manager, you are not actually logging into the Azure host directly, you are logging into a special SSH container that is running on that host.

## How it works...

Docker for Azure has an **Azure Resource Manager** (**ARM**) template that, when applied, will create all the required resources on Azure and configure them together to create the Swarm cluster. Docker for Azure uses the Service Principal to make the required API calls to configure all of the nodes, as well as to manage the cluster once it is up and running.

## There's more...

When the time comes to remove Docker for Azure, you will need to go into the Azure portal, find the deployment, select all of the resources, and delete them:



Confirm the resources that you want to remove:

#### Delete Resources

Deleting 13 resources



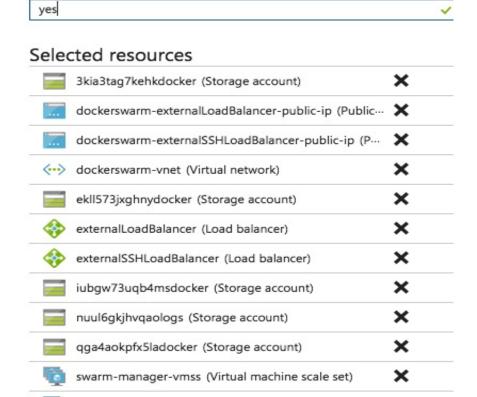
×

#### Do you want to delete all the selected resources?



Warning! Deleting the selected resources is irreversible. This will permanently delete the selected resources, their related resources and contents. If you are not sure about the selected resource dependencies, please go to individual resource type blade to perform the delete operation. This action cannot be undone. Do you want to continue?

#### Confirm delete 6



Delete

Cancel

swarm-worker-vmss (Virtual machine scale set)

tupkax5f3coz6docker (Storage account)



Due to some resource dependencies, you might have some resources that can't be removed until their dependent resources are deleted. This means you will probably need to delete the resources a few times before they will all be removed.

## See also

- Docker for Azure documentation: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-azure/
- How to upgrade Docker for Azure: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-azure/upgrade/
- Using a persistent datastore: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-azure/persistent-data-volumes/

# **Deploying Joomla! on Docker for Azure**

Now that we have an active Docker for Azure installation set up, let's deploy an application to see how it works. In this recipe, we will be installing Joomla!, a popular open source CMS, on top of Docker for Azure.

# **Getting ready**

Before we can get started, there are a few things you will need:

- 1. You will need to have your Docker for AWS stack up and running from the previous recipe.
- 2. SSH into one of the manager nodes. Instructions on how to do this are also available in the previous recipe.

### How to do it...

Once we are logged in to one of the manager nodes, the first thing we need to do is create some Swarm secrets for our database passwords: \$ echo "DbP@SSwod1" | docker secret create root\_db\_password - \$ echo "myJ000mlaPw" | docker secret create jm\_db\_password -

```
swarm-manager000000:~$ echo "DbP@SSwod1" | docker secret create root_db_password -
scx18b5ymg6lcm33ampundyis
swarm-manager000000:~$ echo "myJ000mlaPw" | docker secret create jm_db_password -
p7sw1ybwsj71lfc8a2nfpxo3w
```

Let's confirm that we added them correctly:

#### |\$ docker secret 1s

swarm-manager000000:~\$ docker secret ls					
ID	NAME	DRIVER	CREATED	UPDATED	
p7sw1ybwsj71lfc8a2nfpxo3w	jm_db_password		29 seconds ago	29 seconds ago	
scx18b5ymg6lcm33ampundyis	root_db_password		35 seconds ago	35 seconds ago	
swarm-manager000000:~\$					

They look good. Let's create a custom overlay network so that our services can talk with each other over an encrypted connection on the cluster: \$ docker network create -d overlay joomla
\$ docker network ls

swarm-manager000000:~\$ docker network create -d overlay joomla					
5cwachpwzluhnkti7iophhha0					
swarm-manager000000:~\$ docker network ls					
NETWORK ID	NAME	DRIVER	SCOPE		
bb9047293be9	bridge	bridge	local		
be27b6154ed2	docker_gwbridge	bridge	local		
b46cc377aae4	host	host	local		
umn019xvkjpo	ingress	overlay	swarm		
5cwachpwzluh	joomla	overlay	swarm		
3970275e1638	none	null	local		
swarm-manager000000:~\$					

Now, we are ready to add our services. Joomla! requires a database, so we are going to create a MariaDB service, and we will use the network and secrets that we created earlier for our passwords: **\$ docker service create** \

```
--name mariadb \
--replicas 1 \
--constraint=node.role==manager \
--network joomla \
--secret source=root_db_password,target=root_db_password \
--secret source=jm_db_password,target=jm_db_password \
-e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD_FILE=/run/secrets/root_db_password \
-e MYSQL_PASSWORD_FILE=/run/secrets/jm_db_password \
-e MYSQL_USER=joomla \
-e MYSQL_DATABASE=joomla \
mariadb:10.3
```

```
swarm-manager000000:~$ docker service create \
      --name mariadb \
      --replicas 1 \
      --constraint=node.role==manager \
      --network joomla \
      --secret source=root_db_password, target=root_db_password \
      --secret source=jm_db_password,target=jm_db_password \
      -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD_FILE=/run/secrets/root_db_password \
      -e MYSQL_PASSWORD_FILE=/run/secrets/jm_db_password \
      -e MYSQL_USER=joomla ∖
      -e MYSQL_DATABASE=joomla \
     mariadb:10.3
nghierafl7cb2bthtbtu38buf
overall progress: 1 out of 1 tasks
1/1: running
             Γ======
verify: Service converged
swarm-manager000000:~$
```

Now that we have all of our dependencies created, we can add our Joomla! service. We will use the same network as before, but you will notice that we are passing the database password as an environment variable instead of using the Docker Secret we created earlier. This is because the Joomla! image does not currently support secrets, but hopefully support will be added in the near future, and we can switch it to use the secret at that time: \$ docker service create \

```
--name joomla \
--constraint=node.role==manager \
--replicas 1 \
--network joomla \
--publish 80:80 \
-e JOOMLA_DB_USER=joomla \
-e JOOMLA_DB_PASSWORD="myJ000mlaPw" \
-e JOOMLA_DB_HOST=mariadb \
-e JOOMLA_DB_NAME=joomla \
joomla:3.8
```

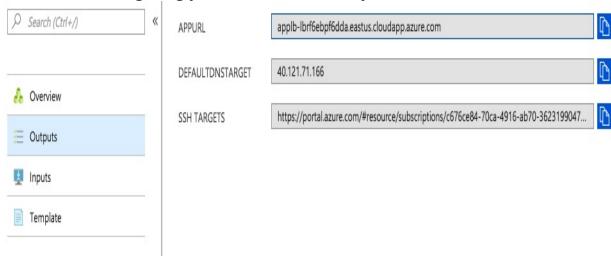
```
swarm-manager000000:~$ docker service create \
     --name joomla \
     --constraint=node.role==manager \
     --replicas 1 \
     --network joomla \
      --publish 80:80 \
      -e JOOMLA_DB_USER=joomla \
     -e JOOMLA_DB_PASSWORD="myJ000mlaPw" \
      -e JOOMLA_DB_HOST=mariadb \
     -e JOOMLA_DB_NAME=joomla ∖
      joomla:3.8
b76xq3mtoqt19w6x10w59dw0j
overall progress: 1 out of 1 tasks
1/1: running
              Γ==========
verify: Service converged
swarm-manager000000:~$
```

We should now have two services up and running. Let's check:

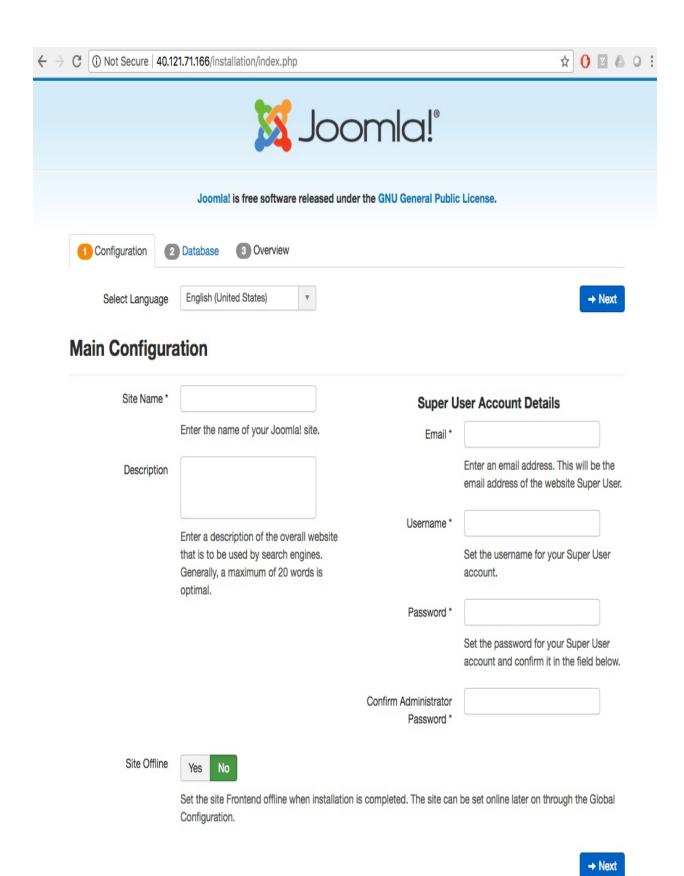
```
|$ docker service ls
swarm-manager000000:~$ docker service ls
                   NAME
                                      MODE
                                                          REPLICAS
                                                                             IMAGE
                                                                                                 PORTS
ID
b76xq3mtoqt1
                                      replicated
                                                                             joomla:3.8
                   joomla
                                                          1/1
                                                                                                 *:80->80/tcp
nghierafl7cb
                                      replicated
                   mariadb
                                                          1/1
                                                                             mariadb:10.3
swarm-manager000000:~$
```

They look good. Let's see whether we can connect to the service. If you

remember, when we deployed Docker for Azure, there were some outputs. Two of those outputs were APPURL and DEFAULTDNSTARGET. The first one is the load balancer URL, while the other is the public IP address for the stack. You can use those values when configuring your DNS records for your site:



If you enter one of the aforementioned addresses into a web browser, you should be able to see the Joomla! configuration page. If so, our installation was successful:





If you are not going to be completing the configuration wizard right away, please remove or stop the service, or else someone else could come by and do it for you, and take over your Joomla! install.

### How it works...

In this recipe, we created two new services. One was a database to store the information for the Joomla! service. We used secrets to protect our passwords, and we used those secrets for the database service instead of hardcoding our passwords in the image, or passing them in as environmental variables as we did for the Joomla! service.

We also created a custom overlay network for our application, so that the two services could talk to each other across the cluster. That traffic was encrypted by default, which means all communication between our two services is secure.

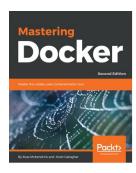
Docker for Azure has a service that listens for new services that get added to the Swarm. When a new service has ports exposed, it will automatically configure the external load balancer to accept traffic for that service. When someone hits the load balancer, it will send the traffic to one of the Swarm managers, and then the Swarm will route the traffic to the correct host and container.

## See also

• Docker for Azure deployment documentation: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-azure/deploy/

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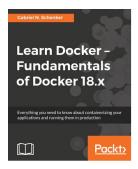


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