Continuous Integration using Docker & Jenkins

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Deployment Stack

Deployment Stack – Technologies Used

Docker an open platform for developers and sysadmins to build, ship, and run distributed applications Fig a Docker orchestration tool Gitlab an Open Source software to collaborate on code Jenkins an Open Source continuous integration system Puppet/r10k an Open Source configuration management system to define the state of an IT infrastructure and to automatically enforce this state



Docker – Build, Ship and Run Applications



What is Docker?

- an open platform for developers and sysadmins
- Open Source Engine to standardize LXC
- build, ship and run (distributed) applications
- easy to use
- create and share images
- chroot on steroids
- all you need is inside the container
- not a Virtual Server less overhead

Technologies Used

- Linux Containers (LXC)
- chroot
- use of Linux Kernel features:
 - cgroups
 - kernel namespaces
 - . . .

Features

- can run any distribution
- "if it will run on Linux it will run in Docker"
- limited to the same architecture as the host
- all you need is inside the container
 - libraries
 - dependencies
 - . . .



Fig – A Docker Orchestration Tool



- simple orchestration tool for Docker
- easy to deploy and use
- helps to define and control a multi-container service



GitLab – Collaboration on Code



Features

- completely free and Open Source
- manage and browse Git repositories
- keep your code secure on own server
- manage access permissions
- perform code review and merge requests
- hooks
- much more!

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Jenkins – Continuous Integration



What is Jenkins?

- Jenkins is a server-based system for continuous integration running in a servlet container (like Apache Tomcat).
- Jenkins supports SCM tools including AccuRev, CVS, Subversion, Git, Mercurial, Perforce, Clearcase and RTC, and can execute Apache Ant and Apache Maven.
- Jenkins is free software, released under the MIT License.
- Builds can be started by various means, including being triggered by commit in a version control system.
- Jenkins monitors executions of repeated jobs, such as building a software project or jobs run by cron.
- Jenkins is written in Java and released under the MIT License.

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Jenkins Plugins

Docker Buildstep allows to add various docker commands into a job as a build step.

Docker publish provides the ability to build projects with a Dockerfile and publish them to the docker registry.

Git allows the use of Git as a build SCM.

- Gitlab a build trigger that makes GitLab think Jenkins is a GitLab Cl.
- Build Pipeline Plugin provides a Build Pipeline View of upstream and downstream connected jobs that typically form a build pipeline.

Downstream-Ext Plugin supports extended configuration for triggering downstream builds.

Publish Over SSH Plugin transfers files and data secured by SSH. Chuck Norris ;) \ldots



Jenkins – Build Pipeline Plugin

- provides a Build Pipeline View of upstream and downstream connected jobs that typically form a build pipeline.
- offers the ability to define manual triggers for jobs that require intervention prior to execution, e.g. an approval process outside of Jenkins.

Jenkins – Downstream-Ext Plugin

This plugin supports extended configuration for triggering downstream builds:

- triggers build only if downstream job has SCM changes
- triggers build if upstream build result is better/equal/worse than any given result (SUCCESS, UNSTABLE, FAILURE, ABORTED)
- for Matrix (alias multi-configuration) jobs, you can decide which part of the job should trigger the downstream job: parent only, configurations only, or both

Jenkins – Publish Over SSH Plugin

- SCP send files over SSH (SFTP)
- execute commands on a remote server
- username and password or public key authentication
- ${\scriptstyle \bullet}\,$ passwords & -phrases encryption in configuration files and UI
- SSH SFTP/SSH Exec as a build step during the build process
- SSH before a (maven) project build, or to run after a build whether the build was successful or not
- send files directly from the artifacts directory of the build that is being promoted ("promotion aware")
- optionally override the authentication credentials for each server in the job configuration
- optionally retry if the transfer of files fails
- enable the command/script to be executed in a pseudo TTY



Puppet – Configuration Management



What is Puppet?

- a configuration management system to define a certain state of an IT infrastructure
- developed since 2005 by Puppet Labs
- describes resources and their state in manifests
- uses its own declarative language
- distributes these manifests through a server program called master
- Agents on the target systems enforce the desired state.
- System specific information will be discovered using facter for a dynamic configuration.
- Agents also send a report on the taken actions back to the Puppet master.
- Puppet's open API can send and receive data to/from third-party tools.



Puppet – r10k

- deployment helper for Puppet modules (internal/Puppet Forge)
- uses a cache directory to preserve space
- may use a so called Puppetfile for complex deployment needs (⇒ Gemfile)



Use Case 1: Automatic Testing of a Puppet Module

Use Case 1 – Automatic Testing of a puppet module



Use Case 1 – Prerequesites

- Requirements:
 - base Docker container for every supported OS of a module
 - are being built as seperate jobs
- Preparation:
 - git push to development branch
 - ② Gitlab triggers Jenkins Webhook
 - Jenkins merges dev with test branch

Use Case 1 - puppet-memcached-units

- Jenkins creates a new container.
- In the second second
- simple syntax and style(lint) checks
- Ispec-puppet is run.

puppet-memcached-units



Use Case 1 – Job: puppet-memcached-acceptance

- Jenkins starts a fresh container from a puppet-enabled base image
- In the second second
- 9 puppet apply is run with the specified module:

PUPPETENV=/puppet/environments/dev/
puppet apply -debug -modulepath \$PUPPETENV/modules
\$PUPPETENV/modules/\$PUPPETMODULE/test/init.pp

puppet-memcached-acceptance





Use Case 2: Integration/Acceptance Testing of a Simple Webapp

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- simple use case for a multi-tier app
- httpd + webapp and mysql
- need to be linked together
- should be automatically deployed if possible
- two containers: owncloud and mysql
- automatic rebuild on change
- after changes, integration testing should be done
- if integration tests succeed, deploy app on staging host

Jenkins Job Overview





Docker Build Pipeline 1





Docker Build Pipeline 2





Next Steps

Next Steps

- Most Docker image jobs are identical:
 - implement flow/job dsl plugin
- create a dynamic test matrix for Puppet modules
 - multi-configuration jobs may help with that
 - use Packer for building base Docker images (Puppet Provisioner)
- integrate with CoreOS/Project Atomic/OpenStack
- implement a better global orchestration scheme (TerraForm, Ansible, SaltStack maybe?)
- integrate with clustered configuration through Serf/Consul or others
- automatic handoff to QA, tests with real world data in staging environments
- easy push button tagging of Docker images to 'production'
 - may be implemented through 'promoted builds'

Thank you for your attention!

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