

Infrastructure for Continuous Delivery & Microservices: PaaS or Docker?

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<http://microservices-buch.de/>

Microservices



Flexible Software Architectures

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<http://microservices-book.com/>

Why This Talk?

- › 2008: Google App Engine
- › Google Infrastructure for the masses!
- › 2010: Selling PaaS into Enterprise
- › Future of application development!
- › Didn't really take off

What is Cloud?

Cloud = Self Service

Infrastructure as a Service

Virtual Servers

Manage Everything
Yourself



Platform as a Service

Virtual Application
Server

Handles Scale-Out

Mostly Managed by
Provider

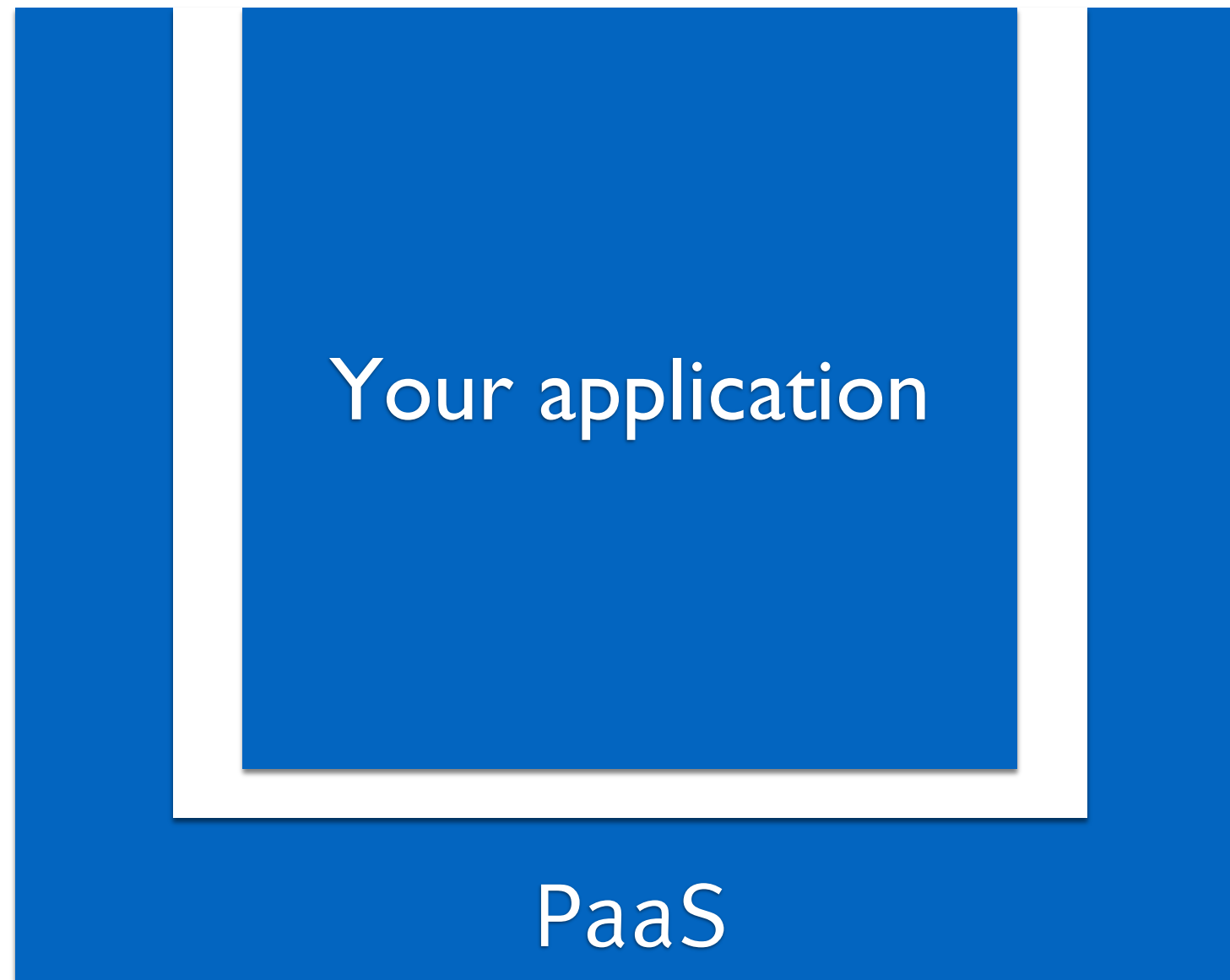


Software as a Service

Software or Service
that you use

Components that
you integrate into
your app





Including database, scaling,
monitoring, HTTP handling...

Cloud might be...

- › Private / internal “on premise”
- › Public “off premise”



Why PaaS?

- › Scaling?
- › Pay-as-you-go?
- › Quickly and easily deploy applications



Continuous Delivery is
the value proposition
of PaaS

Issues With PaaS

- › Standardized infrastructure
- › Not flexible
- › Hard to migrate existing applications
- › Installing PaaS on-premise hard
- › Enterprise=On-Premise
- › Huge success for Internet apps



The diagram illustrates a Platform as a Service (PaaS) architecture. It features a large blue rectangle representing the cloud platform. Inside this rectangle, at the top, is a smaller blue rectangle labeled "Your application". Below the application rectangle is a thin white horizontal bar. At the bottom of the large blue rectangle is the text "PaaS".

Your application

PaaS

Continuous Delivery: Build Pipeline

Commit
Stage

Automated
Acceptance
Testing

Deploy

Automated
Capacity
Testing

Deploy

Manual
Explorative
Testing

Deploy

Release

Deploy

Automated

Reproducible

Fast

Continuous Delivery: State of the Art

- › Roll your own deployment automation
- › Chef, Puppet, Ansible
- › Use some kind of virtualization
- › ...or Docker

Docker

- › No true virtualization
- › Linux Containers (lxc)
- › Shared kernel
- › Separate file systems
- › Separated network interfaces

Docker File Systems

- › Storage backends
- › Devicemapper (block devices)
- › Read only base images
- › + Read/write image
- › Can be stacked

Read / Write

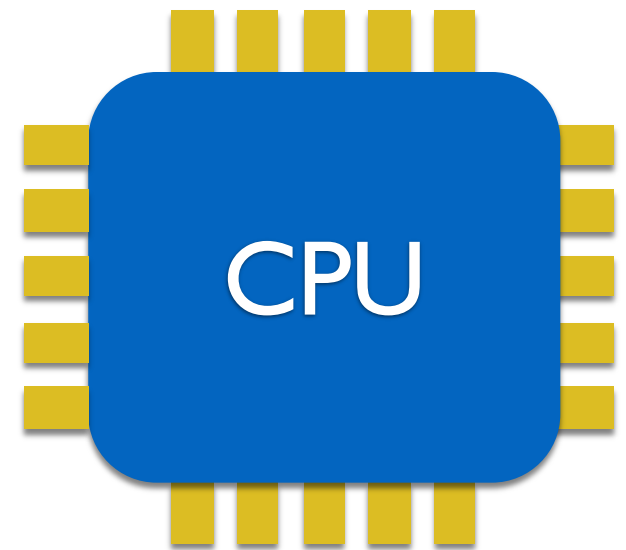
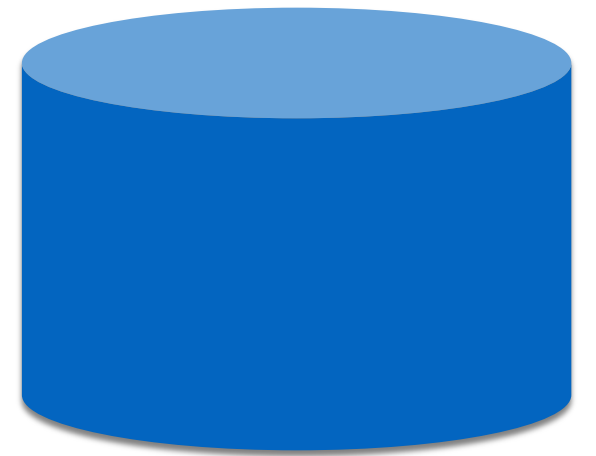
Application

Java

Ubuntu

Docker = Lightweight

- › One base image
- › Other images are just a diff
- › Little storage
- › Kernel etc. shared
- › Almost no overhead over a process



Docker = Simple Deployment

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Raw Blame History



RUN COPY

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1 FROM ubuntu:12.04
2 RUN apt-get update -qq
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8 RUN easy_install django-tagging==0.3.1
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12 RUN cd carbon ; python setup.py -q install
13 RUN cd /opt/graphite/conf ; cp carbon.conf.example carbon.conf ; cp storage-schemas.conf.example storage-schemas.conf
14 RUN sed -i 's/^from twisted.scripts._twistd_unix //' /opt/graphite/lib/carbon/util.py
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16 RUN wget -nv --no-check-certificate http://launchpad.net/graphite/0.9/0.9.9/+download/whisper-0.9.9.tar.gz ; tar -zxf whisper-0.9.
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19 RUN wget -nv --no-check-certificate http://launchpad.net/graphite/0.9/0.9.9/+download/graphite-web-0.9.9.tar.gz ; tar -zxf graphit
20 RUN cd graphite ; python check-dependencies.py ; python setup.py -q install
21 RUN cp graphite/conf/graphite.wsgi.example /opt/graphite/conf/graphite.wsgi
22 ADD local_settings.py /opt/graphite/webapp/graphite/
23 ADD settings.py /opt/graphite/webapp/graphite/settings.py
24 RUN cd /opt/graphite/webapp/graphite ; python manage.py syncdb --noinput ; chown -R www-data:www-data /opt/graphite/storage/
25
26 ADD run.sh run.sh
27 CMD /bin/bash run.sh
28 EXPOSE 80 2003
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- › Dockerfile
- › Just a shell script

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- › Behind the scenes: Optimization
- › Every Dockerfile line = filesystem snapshot
- › Reuse snapshots for all other Dockerfiles

Docker's History

- › Public PaaS must separate tenants
- › Ideally multiple tenants per VM
- › Docker started as foundation for dotCloud PaaS
- › Docker and PaaS related

Why Docker Over PaaS?

- › Still simple deployment
- › Still simple installation
- › Unlimited flexibility

Load Balancer

Log Parser

Your application

Monitoring

Database

Cache

Microservices

Definition

Microservice

- › Independent deployment unit
- › Separate data handling & storage
- › Should include UI
- › Process
- › VM
- › Docker container
- › Any technology



Operations

- › Operating 50-100 Microservices?
- › Huge challenge
- › Only option: Standardize

Standardize

Load Balancer



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Standardized
Environment?

Congrats on Building
Your Own PaaS!



Demo: Elastic Beanstalk

Amazon Elastic Beanstalk

- › Application:
Contains all versions & environments
- › Version:
Deployable artifact
- › Environment:
Runs a version of the application

Elastic Beanstalk Features

- › Supports multiple environments
- › Blue/green deployment support
- › Scalable infrastructure
- › Log files stored in S3
- › Monitoring through Cloud Watch
- › Also via CLI, API or Cloud Formation

But just a WAR
is not enough

Elastic Beanstalk

Additional
Services

You own
EC2 Virtual Machine

Turn Key
Components

Databases
(RDS)

ElastiCache

...

Paas Flexibility

Elastic
Beanstalk

Modify Beanstalk
Image

Beanstalk
+ Docker

Java, Go, Python...

But I want to run in my
datacenter!

Cloud Foundry



- › Open Source PaaS
- › Foundation for IBM Bluemix, Pivotal CF ...

Cloud Foundry

Additional
Services

You own
Service

Included Services
e.g. MySQL...

Paas Flexibility

Cloud Foundry
Buildpacks

Java, Node, Ruby, Go

Your own
Buildback

Demo: Cloud Foundry

Conclusion

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- › Continuous Delivery = PaaS Value Proposition
- › PaaS lacked flexibility
- › Docker originates from PaaS
- › Microservices = Standardization
- › Standardization = Your Own PaaS
- › Buy instead of build?
- › Modern PaaS provide the needed flexibility

Thank You!
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