

QUANTLANE

Python, Docker, Kubernetes, and beyond?

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- Based in Prague
- Small team of developers
- Developing a trading platform and strategies
- Using open source

Our trading platform and tooling

- Python 3.6 + React.js
- asyncio
- Redis & TimescaleDB for storage
- Integrating third party libraries using Cython
- Dozens of processes
- Messaging Kafka / RabbitMQ

In the beginning

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- Applications deployed on physical servers
- Managed by circus
- Packages installed in virtualenv
- Under a single user

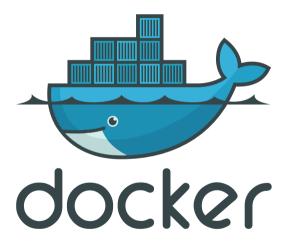
Pros

• Simple implementation and deployment

Cons

- Package versioning hell
- No failover

A wild blue whale appeared



The promise of a brighter future

- Unified environment
- Simple deployment
- Simple migrations
- Faster Continuous Integration (CI)
- Atomic releases

Migration challenges

- Image storage GitLab registry
- Image caching
- Dedicated building environment



- CI pipeline design
- Cleaning up old images

Migration highlights

- Unified, stable environment
- Fast builds
- Isolated environments
- Faster CI pipeline



Cons of plain Docker

- Known bugs
- No failover
- dockerd is a single point of failure

Docker gotchas

- PID 1 pitfall
- User permissions within containers



Ahoy!

Warmly welcomed features

- Failover when a server fails
- Configuration stored in namespaces
- Service discovery

my-service.my-namespace.svc.cluster.local

- Ingress controller
- Deployment history

\$ kubectl rollout undo deployment my-app

Where we are now

- Migration to Kubernetes is in progress
- Environment is configured by namespace variables
- Deployments are described in Jinja2 templates

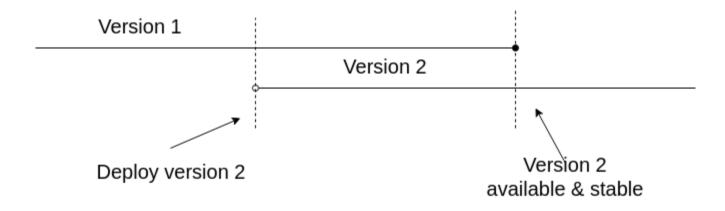
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{% set env_type, profile_name = PROFILE.split('_', 1) %}
{% set namespace = "my-ns-" + env_type %}
{% set data_directory_mount = '/data' %}
{% if profile_name == 'cthulu' %}
        - name: API_KEY
        valueFrom:
           secretKeyRef:
           name: secret
           key: api_key
        - name: SUBSCRIPTION_INSTRUMENT_FILTER
        value: 'False'
{% endif %}
```

Notable features

- Probes
- Update strategies

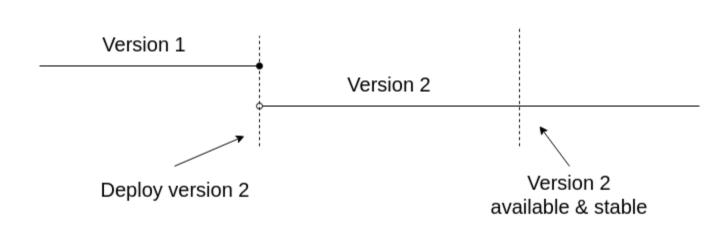
Update strategies - Rolling update

Rolling update



Update strategies - Recreate

Recreate





Thank you

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