



Swarm2K:

Build the world's largest Docker Swarm cluster

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ACRL - Aiyara Cluster Research Laboratory

- Research and Development a low-power cluster
- Collaborate with Docker to develop Swarm since 0.1
- Docker Swarm has been downloaded more than 20 million times
- Been used to build clusters by developers world-wide



Software Container ?



simple tools, not big compl

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interfaces t r systems.

Software Container ?

- Solaris Zones
- LXC Linux Containers

• Docker makes container commodity



Container and Docker





Tool that makes Container Commodity

- **Build** easily build and destroy containers
- **Ship** easily move containers around because the help of union file systems
 - AUFS
 - Device Mapper Thin Provision
 - BTRFS
 - Overlay File System
- **Run** easily run containers
 - \$ docker run nginx



Containers vs. Virtual Machines



Containers co-exist with Virtual Machines

Your Datacenter or VPC



Swarm2K - Motivations

Since the announcement of Docker 1.12 Swarm mode at DockerCon 16, many people including me got the same questions:

- How large does the Swarm mode scale?
- Where is the Swarm limitation?



Motivations

- Early July 2016, A Google engineer responsible for testing Kubernetes
- He announced that Kubernetes was capable enough to form **2,000** nodes with

60,000 pods



kubernetes

An open source system for automating deployment, scaling, and operations of applications.

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Updates to Performance and Scalability in Kubernetes 1.3 -- 2,000 node 60,000 pod clusters

We are proud to announce that with the release of version 1.3, Kubernetes now supports 2000node clusters with even better end-to-end pod startup time. The latency of our API calls are within our one-second Service Level Objective (SLO) and most of them are even an order of magnitude better than that. It is possible to run larger deployments than a 2,000 node cluster, but performance may be degraded and it may not meet our strict SLO.

In this blog post we discuss the detailed performance results from Kubernetes 1.3 and what changes we made from version 1.2 to achieve these results. We also describe Kubemark, a performance testing tool that we've integrated into our continuous testing framework to detect performance and scalability regressions.

Swarm2K

- Collaborative Project
- Setup to help Docker experiment its Swarm mode
- Crowdsourcing nodes
- Geo-distributed
- Contributions from many parts of the world
- Thailand: NIPA and 2 others





What is it?

- Largest Swarm cluster ever made
- 2,385 nodes
- 96,000+ concurrent tasks







Some stats



Side Effects

- No Kubernetes engineer tweets to me any more !!
- Mesosphere coins new term: Container 2.0

Together, we are shaking the world of software container !!

The Open Experiment

- Nothing to hide
- Transparent
- People joined the live chat while doing experiments

An Uncontrollable Environment

- Nothing in control
- 99% of nodes are not owned by me
- Me owned only 100 DigitalOcean nodes
- Nodes were joining and leaving
 - Some nodes died
 - Some nodes re-joined
- Live upgrade

Some numbers

- ~40 companies and individual participated
 - 3 teams from Thailand
- An 8-hour experiment
- 2,385 nodes of 512MB machines
 - Some are 1GB nodes
- ~96,000 concurrent containers
- 160% larger than the current Kubernetes limitation
- Produce ~700 MB Raft logs

Live Upgrade Behaviour



Software

- Ubuntu 16.04
- Linux kernel 4.4
- Docker 1.12-rc4
 - Swarm mode
- Grafana + InfluxDB + Telegraf for monitoring
- Alpine as containers
 - Smallest possible
 - $\circ~~\sim$ 70 containers per node during pre-test on an 512MB node

Limitation at the moment





Server Topology

- 3 Managers
- Formed Raft Quorum
- All managers in the same data center
 - We need high-speed links for cluster stabilization
- All managers in the Drain mode
 - Recommended by the Docker core team



Where are we going?

- Swarm3K
- 3,000+ nodes coming this year
- To test Docker an RC of 1.13



Join us !! https://github.com/swarmzilla

Q & A