

blackbox

Primary Proxmox box for running all my local services

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Physical Hardware

Basic Components

Compute

Processor



[Intel Core i7-8700k](#) - This is the processor I had been using in this PC prior to converting it into a "home server" and there is nothing particularly special about it other than it was at the top of the charts for performance when I bought it. It is a great consumer CPU even to this day but it is starting to feel more limiting as a server CPU due to its lack of ECC support, lower cores/thread count, and limited PCI lanes that it provides.

Cores / Threads	6 / 12
Base Frequency	3.6 GHz
Burst Frequency	4.7 GHz
Cache	12MB L3 Cache
TDP	95W

GPU

Intel UHD Graphics 630

Base Frequency	350 MHz
Burst Frequency	1.2 GHz
Max Memory	64GB
QuickSync Video	Yes




Motherboard

Similarly this motherboard was bought with the intent of building a powerful PC instead of a more server oriented box. It mirrors a lot of the same constraints as the processor but since it was intended for higher end gamers it manages to provide just enough storage and expansion that it has ended up being as good of a motherboard as you'll get without upgrading to one with a more specific server focus.

Manufacturer	Gigabyte
Model	Z370 AORUS Gaming 7 (rev 1.0)
CPU	Support for 8th Generation Intel Core i7 / i5 / i3 processors in the LGA1151 package
Chipset	Intel Z370
Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4x DDR4 DIMM supporting up to 64GB• Dual channel memory architecture
Display	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1x HDMI 1.4• 1x DisplayPort 1.2
Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1x Intel 1GbE• 1x Rivet Networks Killer E2500
Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2x PCIe 3.0 x16 (running x16/x0 or x8/x8)• 1x PCIe 3.0 x16 (running at x4)• 3x PCIe 3.0 x1
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3x M.2 PCIe x4/x2• 6x SATA3
USB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2x USB 3.1 Gen2 (Type-C)• 1x USB 3.1 Gen2 (Type-A)• 7x USB 3.1 Gen1 (Type-A)

Memory

<div>Slot 1</div> <div><div>image not found or type unknown</div></div>	<div>Corsair Vengeance LPX 16GB DDR4 2666MHz (1x16GB)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2Rx8 Dual Rank• CAS Latency 16• timing 16-18-18-35• 1.2V
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Slot 2	 image not found or type unknown	Corsair Vengeance LPX 16GB DDR4 2666MHz (1x16GB) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2Rx8 Dual Rank• CAS Latency 16• timing 16-18-18-35• 1.2V
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Case

[Fractal Design - Define R6 USB C \(Blackout\)](#) - A fantastic case with an attractive minimalistic design that holds a lot of hard drives and is exceptionally quiet due to sound dampening panels and excellent construction.

Manufacturer	Fractal Design
Model	Define R6 USB C (Blackout)
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10x HDD, 2x SSD• Sound dampening• Excellent build quality

Storage

#	Capacity	Interface	Type	Manufacturer & Model	Speed
6x  image not found or type unknown	10TB	SATA	HDD	Western Digital WD1000WMAZ	SATA3 6.0Gb/s

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4x 	18TB	SATA	HDD	Western Digital WD181KFGX	SATA3 6.0Gb/s
2x 	512GB	SATA	SDD	Samsung SSD 860 EVO	SATA3 6.0Gb/s
2x 	1TB	NVMe	SDD	Inland Professional	PCIe 3.0 x2
2x 	1TB	NVMe	SDD	SK hynix MN8BN16291080 BN2A	PCIe 3.0 x4
2x 	16GB	NVMe	SDD	Intel MEMPEK1W016G A	PCIe 3.0 x2

Cooling

CPU		Noctua NH-D15
Case (rear)		Noctua NF-A14 PWM 140mm
3x Case (front)		Noctua NF-F12 PWM 120mm
Case (bottom)		Noctua NF-F12 PWM 120mm

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Power Supply


Manufacturer	EVGA
Model	SuperNOVA 850 G+
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 850W• fully module

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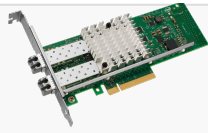
UPS

Manufacturer	APC
Model	Back UPS PRO BN-M2 1500VA
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 900Watts / 1.5kVA• 6x Batter backed outlets• 4x Surge outlets

Add-On Cards

 PCIe 3.0 x1	10Gtek Intel 82576 Dual RJ45 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCIe Gen3 x1• 2x RJ45 1GbE ports
 PCIe 3.0 x8 (x16 physical)	QNAP QM2-4P-384A Quad M.2 PCIe SSD Expansion Card <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCIe Gen3 x8• 4x switched PCIe x4 NVMe
 PCIe 3.0 x8 (x16 physical)	LSI SAS9211-8I 8PORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCIe Gen3 x8 (x16 physical)• 2x Mini SAS SFF-8087 ports
 PCIe 3.0 x1	ZOTAC GeForce GT 710 1GB PCIe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCIe Gen3 x1 <p>(removed)</p>

PCIe 3.0 x4 (x16 physical)



[10Gtek Intel 82599ES Dual SFP+ PCIe x8](#)

- PCIe-Gen3-x8
- 2x-SFP+-10GbE-ports
- SR-IOV

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Host Configuration

Base Install

Operating System

Proxmox Virtual Environment 6.x

Configuration

Proxmox configuration has been transitioned to being automated by an [Ansible Role](#)

Networking

Bridges

Master	Bridge	IP Address	Gateway	Description
man0	-	10.0.3.2/32	-	Management Interface (slower Realtek NIC)
enp0s31f6	vmbr1	-	10.0.1.1	LAN/WAN (faster Intel GbE)
-	vmbr2	-	-	Private network without direct Internet access
enp0s31f6.8	vmbr3	-	-	DMZ (VLAN8 tagged)
enp0s31f6.9	vmbr4	-	-	WARP (VLAN9 tagged)

Storage & Backups (out-of-date)

Create `zpool10` Storage Pool

The host's `rpool` (default ZFS pool used by Proxmox) can be used for templates and whatnot but I want a big pool for storing all my data. So I created a ZFS RAIDZ2 pool using 6x 10TB HDDs.

This is the command I used to build my ZFS pool.

```
# zpool create -o ashift=12 -o failmode=continue -O compression=lz4 -O xattr=sa -O atime=off \
-O encryption=aes-256-gcm -O keyformat=passphrase \
-m /storage/zpool10 zpool10 raidz2 \
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_JEKH3DVZ \
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_2YK148SD \
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_JEKH8RWZ \
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_JEK6ESAN \
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_JEK53ZHN \
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_2YK0HL0D
```

- `ashift=12` to use 4k blocks
- `failmode=continue` to let us keep reading if a drive goes bad
- `compression=lz4` save save space and increase speed
- `xattr=sa` be more efficient for linux attributes
- `atime=off` don't waste time tracking access times for files
- `encryption=aes-256-gcm` use fast/secure encryption algorithm
- `keyformat=passphrase` unlock with a passphrase

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+ Description=Scrub ZFS Pool
+ Requires=zfs.target
+ After=zfs.target
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+ [Service]
+ Type=oneshot
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```
# /etc/systemd/system/zpool-scrub@.timer
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Scrub ZFS pool weekly
+
+ [Timer]
+ OnCalendar=weekly
+ Persistent=true
+
+ [Install]
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

Enable ZFS Scrub

```
systemctl daemon-reload
systemctl enable --now zpool-scrub@rpool.timer
systemctl enable --now zpool-scrub@zpool10.timer
```

Setup Storage Layout

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- `zpool10/services` storage for services (possibly databases, so use `recordsize=16k`)

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zfs create zpool10/backups
zfs create zpool10/downloads
zfs create -o recordsize=1M zpool10/downloads/incomplete
zfs create zpool10/media
zfs create zpool10/proxmox
zfs create zpool10/proxmox/backups
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cd sanoid
ln -s packages/debian .
dpkg-buildpackage -uc -us
apt install ../sanoid_*_all.deb
```

Configure Sanoid

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```
# /etc/sanoid/sanoid.conf
+ [template_proxmox]
+     frequently = 0
```

```
+ hourly = 24
+ daily = 7
+ weekly = 4
+ monthly = 1
+ yearly = 0
+ autosnap = yes
+ autoprune = yes
+
+ [rpool]
+ use_template = template_proxmox
+ process_children_only = yes
+ recursive = yes
+
+ [rpool/ROOT]
+ use_template = rpool
+ process_children_only = yes
+ recursive = yes
+
+ [rpool/data]
+ use_template = template_proxmox
+ weekly = 1
+ monthly = 1
+ process_children_only = yes
+ recursive = yes
```

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```
# /usr/lib/systemd/system/sanoid.service
[Service]
- Environment=TZ=UTC
+ Environment=TZ=EST
```

Eanble Sanoid

```
systemctl daemon-reload
systemctl enable --now sanoid.service
```

Configure Syncoid

Backup `rpool` to `zpool10/proxmox/backups/blackbox`

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```
# /etc/systemd/system/rpool-backup.timer
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Backup rpool daily
+
+ [Timer]
+ OnCalendar=daily
+ Persistent=true
+
+ [Install]
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/rpool-backup.service
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Use syncoid to backup rpool to zpool10/proxmox/backups/blackbox
+ Requires=zfs.target
+ After=zfs.target
+
+ [Service]
+ Type=oneshot
+ ExecStart=/usr/sbin/syncoid --force-delete --recursive rpool zpool10/proxmox/backups/blackbox/rpool
```

Backup `zpool10/services` offsite

All my docker containers store their configuration and data under the `zpool10/services` dataset. It is imperative this is backed up offsite so if anything catastrophic ever happens I don't lose anything important and can get back up and running as quickly as I can download my backup.

```
# /etc/systemd/system/zpool10-services-backup.timer
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Backup zpool10/services daily
+
+ [Timer]
+ OnCalendar=daily
+ Persistent=true
```

```
+  
+ [Install]  
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/zpool10-services-backup.service  
+ [Unit]  
+ Description=Use syncoid to backup zpool10/services to backedup.swigg.net:bpool/zpool10/services  
+ Requires=zfs.target  
+ After=zfs.target  
+  
+ [Service]  
+ Type=oneshot  
+ ExecStart=/usr/sbin/syncoid --force-delete --recursive zpool10/services  
root@backedup.swigg.net:bpool/zpool10/services
```

Enable Syncoid

```
systemctl daemon-reload  
systemctl enable --now rpool-backup.timer
```

Setup Restic to Backblaze B2 (Data Backup)

Read more about setting up Restic at <https://fedoramagazine.org/automate-backups-with-restic-and-systemd/>

Setup Restic Backup

Create the `.service` and `.timer` for the backup service so that it runs everyday.

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service  
+ [Unit]  
+ Description=Restic backup service  
+  
+ [Service]  
+ Type=oneshot  
+ ExecStart=restic backup --verbose --tag systemd.timer $BACKUP_EXCLUDES $BACKUP_INCLUDES  
$BACKUP_PATHS
```



```
+ ExecStartPost=restic forget --verbose --tag systemd.timer --group-by "paths,tags" --keep-daily
$RETENTION_DAYS --keep-weekly $RETENTION_WEEKS --keep-monthly $RETENTION_MONTHS --keep-yearly
$RETENTION_YEARS
+ EnvironmentFile=/etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-backup.conf
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.timer
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Backup with restic daily
+
+ [Timer]
+ OnCalendar=daily
+ Persistent=true
+
+ [Install]
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-backup.conf
+ BACKUP_PATHS="/storage/zpool10"
+ BACKUP_EXCLUDES="--exclude-file /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-excludes.txt --exclude-
if-present .exclude_from_backup"
+ BACKUP_INCLUDES="--files-from /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-includes.txt"
+ RETENTION_DAYS=7
+ RETENTION_WEEKS=4
+ RETENTION_MONTHS=6
+ RETENTION_YEARS=3
+ B2_ACCOUNT_ID=xxx
+ B2_ACCOUNT_KEY=xxx
+ RESTIC_REPOSITORY=b2:swigg-backup-blackbox:storage/zpool10
+ RESTIC_PASSWORD=xxx
```

Setup Restic Prune

The backup command above forgets about files when they expire, but to actually delete them once they aren't referenced anymore you need to prune them. The following creates a `.service` and `.timer` for a prune job to be run every month.

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-prune.service
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Restic backup service (data pruning)
+
```

```
+ [Service]
+ Type=oneshot
+ ExecStart=restic prune
+ EnvironmentFile=/etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-backup.conf
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-prune.timer
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Prune data from the restic repository monthly
+
+ [Timer]
+ OnCalendar=monthly
+ Persistent=true
+
+ [Install]
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

Storage & Backups

Create Storage Pools

Although my current setup has changed over time I currently settled on the setup below.

Name	Disks	Type	Description
rpool	2x 500GB SSD	zpool mirror	Host OS, LXC Templates, ISOs
nocow	2x 1TB NVMe	LVM > LUKS > Linux Raid	LVM PVE Storage for LXC/VMs, Non-COW disks/volumes
blackmirror	6x 10TB HDD + 4x 18TB HDD + 2x 1TB NVMe + 1x 16GB Optane	zpool + special + log	Primary PVE Storage for all LXC/VMs

Creation Commands

blackmirror

```
zpool create -o ashift=12 -o failmode=continue -O atime=off -O relatime=on \
-O checksum=on -O compression=zstd -O encryption=aes-256-gcm -O keyformat=passphrase \
-O keylocation=prompt -O special_small_blocks=16K -O snapdir=hidden -O xattr=sa \
-m /storage/blackmirror blackmirror \
mirror \
  /dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD181KFGX-68AFPN0_4BK0RVSZ \
  /dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD181KFGX-68AFPN0_4YGUS20H \
mirror \
  /dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD181KFGX-68AFPN0_4YGUS4AH \
  /dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD181KFGX-68AFPN0_5DJ20PAV \
mirror \
  /dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_2YK0HL0D \
  /dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_JEK53ZHN \
mirror \
```

```
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_2YK148SD \  
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_JEK6ESAN \  
mirror \  
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_JEKH3DVZ \  
/dev/disk/by-id/ata-WDC_WD100EMAZ-00WJTA0_JEKH8RWZ \  
special mirror \  
/dev/disk/by-id/nvme-PC401_NVMe_SK_hynix_1TB_MN8BN16291080BN2A \  
/dev/disk/by-id/nvme-PC401_NVMe_SK_hynix_1TB_MN8BN16291080BN46 \  
log \  
/dev/disk/by-id/nvme-INTEL_MEMPEK1W016GA_PHBT72350AVD016D
```

- `-o ashift=12` zpool property: use 4k blocks
- `-o failmode=continue` zpool property: keep reading if a drive goes bad in pool
- `-O atime=off` root filesystem: disable updating access time for files when they are read
- `-O relatime=on` root filesystem: enable relatime (relative access time)
- `-O checksum=on` root filesystem: enable checksum used to verify data integrity
- `-O compression=zstd` root filesystem: use zstd compression
- `-O encryption=aes-256-gcm` root filesystem: use fast/secure encryption algorithm
- `-O keyformat=passphrase` root filesystem: unlock with a passphrase
- `-O keylocation=prompt` root filesystem: prompt for key
- `-O special_small_blocks=16K` root filesystem: 16k threshold block size for including small file blocks into the special allocation class
- `-O snapdir=hidden` root filesystem: hide .zfs snapshots directory
- `-O xattr=sa` root filesystem: Enable system attributes for extended attributes
- `-m /storage/blackmirror` root filesystem: mount point for the root dataset

nocow

tbd

- `attr` description

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+ Persistent=true
+
+ [Install]
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

Enable ZFS Scrub

```
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systemctl enable --now zpool-scrub@rpool.timer
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```

```

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+     yearly = 0
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+     autoprun = yes
+
+ [rpool]
+     use_template = template_proxmox
+     process_children_only = yes
+     recursive = yes
+
+ [rpool/ROOT]
+     use_template = rpool
+     process_children_only = yes
+     recursive = yes
+
+ [rpool/data]
+     use_template = template_proxmox
+     weekly = 1
+     monthly = 1
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+     recursive = yes

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```

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[Service]
- Environment=TZ=UTC
+ Environment=TZ=EST

```

Enable Sanoid

```

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+ After=zfs.target
+
+ [Service]
+ Type=oneshot
+ ExecStart=/usr/sbin/syncoid --force-delete --recursive rpool zpool10/proxmox/backups/blackbox/rpool
```

Backup `zpool10/services` offsite

All my docker containers store their configuration and data under the `zpool10/services` dataset. It is imperative this is backed up offsite so if anything catastrophic ever happens I don't lose anything important and can get back up and running as quickly as I can download my backup.

```
# /etc/systemd/system/zpool10-services-backup.timer
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Backup zpool10/services daily
+
+ [Timer]
+ OnCalendar=daily
+ Persistent=true
+
+ [Install]
```



```
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/zpool10-services-backup.service
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Use syncoid to backup zpool10/services to backedup.swigg.net:bpool/zpool10/services
+ Requires=zfs.target
+ After=zfs.target
+
+ [Service]
+ Type=oneshot
+ ExecStart=/usr/sbin/syncoid --force-delete --recursive zpool10/services
root@backedup.swigg.net:bpool/zpool10/services
```

Enable Syncoid

```
systemctl daemon-reload
systemctl enable --now rpool-backup.timer
```

Setup Restic to Backblaze B2 (Data Backup)

Read more about setting up Restic at <https://fedoramagazine.org/automate-backups-with-restic-and-systemd/>

Setup Restic Backup

Create the `.service` and `.timer` for the backup service so that it runs everyday.

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Restic backup service
+
+ [Service]
+ Type=oneshot
+ ExecStart=restic backup --verbose --tag systemd.timer $BACKUP_EXCLUDES $BACKUP_INCLUDES
$BACKUP_PATHS
+ ExecStartPost=restic forget --verbose --tag systemd.timer --group-by "paths,tags" --keep-daily
$RETENTION_DAYS --keep-weekly $RETENTION_WEEKS --keep-monthly $RETENTION_MONTHS --keep-yearly
```

```
$RETENTION_YEARS
```

```
+ EnvironmentFile=/etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-backup.conf
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.timer
```

```
+ [Unit]
```

```
+ Description=Backup with restic daily
```

```
+
```

```
+ [Timer]
```

```
+ OnCalendar=daily
```

```
+ Persistent=true
```

```
+
```

```
+ [Install]
```

```
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-backup.conf
```

```
+ BACKUP_PATHS="/storage/zpool10"
```

```
+ BACKUP_EXCLUDES="--exclude-file /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-excludes.txt --exclude-if-present .exclude_from_backup"
```

```
+ BACKUP_INCLUDES="--files-from /etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-includes.txt"
```

```
+ RETENTION_DAYS=7
```

```
+ RETENTION_WEEKS=4
```

```
+ RETENTION_MONTHS=6
```

```
+ RETENTION_YEARS=3
```

```
+ B2_ACCOUNT_ID=xxx
```

```
+ B2_ACCOUNT_KEY=xxx
```

```
+ RESTIC_REPOSITORY=b2:swigg-backup-blackbox:storage/zpool10
```

```
+ RESTIC_PASSWORD=xxx
```

Setup Restic Prune

The backup command above forgets about files when they expire, but to actually delete them once they aren't referenced anymore you need to prune them. The following creates a `.service` and `.timer` for a prune job to be run every month.

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-prune.service
```

```
+ [Unit]
```

```
+ Description=Restic backup service (data pruning)
```

```
+
```

```
+ [Service]
```

```
+ Type=oneshot
```

```
+ ExecStart=restic prune
+ EnvironmentFile=/etc/systemd/system/restic-backup.service.d/restic-backup.conf
```

```
# /etc/systemd/system/restic-prune.timer
+ [Unit]
+ Description=Prune data from the restic repository monthly
+
+ [Timer]
+ OnCalendar=monthly
+ Persistent=true
+
+ [Install]
+ WantedBy=timers.target
```

LXC / backup



Description

A LXC container running [Proxmox Backup Server](#) (PBS) to back up [Proxmox Virtual Environment](#) (PVE) instances.

Because I prefer running LXC intances instead of virtual machines I used the LXC template for [Debian Linux](#) (version 10 - Buster) and then installed PBS [Debian Package Repositories](#) to get a working instance.

Configuration

Resources

Hostname	CPU	Memory
backup	2 vCPU	2GB

Storage

Mount Point	Source	Mount Path	Size	Options
rootfs	zpool10_storage-zfs:subvol-102-disk-0	/	2GB	noatime
mp0	/storage/zpool10/proxmox-backup-server	/storage	-	noatime;nodev;noexec;nosuid

Networking

Interfaces

ID	Name	Bridge	IP Address	Description
net0	eth0	vmbr1	10.0.1.4/21	LAN

LXC / contained

image not found

Description

A LXC container using nested virtualization responsible for running the majority of my services that run as docker containers.

Configuration

Resources

Hostname	CPU	Memory
contained	6 vCPU	24GB

Storage

Mount Point	Source	Mount Path	Size	Options
rootfs	local-zfs:subvol-100-disk-0	/	8GB	noatime
mp0	/storage/zpool10/downloads	/storage/downloads	-	noatime;nodev;noexec;nosuid
mp1	/storage/zpool10/downloads/incomplete	/storage/downloads/incomplete	-	noatime;nodev;noexec;nosuid
mp2	/storage/zpool10/media	/storage/media	-	noatime;nodev;noexec;nosuid
mp3	/storage/zpool10/services	/storage/services	-	
mp4	vpool-zfs:subvol-100-disk-1	/var/lib/docker	384GB	noatime

Networking

Interfaces

ID	Type	Name	Link	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address	Description
net0	bridge	eth0	vmbr3	10.0.8.2/21	DHCPv6	DMZ
net1	bridge	eth2	vmbr4	-	-	WARP

Docker Networks

A brief overview of how I have my networking setup for Docker.

blackbox_containers

Type	Gateway	IP/Subnet	IP Range
bridge	-	-	-

Traefik binds to the host ports on [LXC / Contained](#) for HTTP(S) traffic that has been forwarded from [firewall](#) and proxies it to the appropriate container using this bridge network.

- Containers that are part of this network can directly access other containers in this network using their hostnames and/or container names.
- Using hostnames to network containers provides an IP agnostic way to communicate while reducing overhead of SSL.
- Containers in this network are not publically accessible, access is controlled with Traefik acting as a gatekeeper.

****NOTE**** All publically accessible containers should be part of the `blackbox_containers` network.

Creation Command

```
docker network create --driver bridge blackbox_containers
```

a_warp

Type	Gateway	IP/Subnet	IP Range
macvlan	10.0.9.1	10.0.9.2/24	10.0.9.128/25

All containers which need anonymity should be connected to this network so their traffic is automatically routed through a VPN. It is prefixed with `a_` because networks are added to containers alphabetically and this must be added first to be assigned as the default gateway.

****NOTE**** All containers that want to mask the location of their traffic should be part of the `a_warp` network.

Creation Command

```
docker network create --driver macvlan --subnet 10.0.9.2/24 --gateway 10.0.9.1 --ip-range 10.0.9.128/25 --opt parent=eth2 a_warp
```

Installed Software

- [Docker](#)
- [Netdata](#)

LXC / refuge



Description

LXC container for running Samba to make network shares available to the LAN.

Configuration

Resources

Hostname	CPU	Memory
refuge	2 vCPU	256MB

Storage

Mount Point	Source	Mount Path	Size	Options
rootfs	zpool10_storage-zfs:subvol-110-disk-0	/	2GB	noatime
mp1	/storage/zpool10/backups/storage	/storage/backups	-	-
mp2	/storage/fpool/services/mayanedms/watch-moveoncomplete	/storage/mayan/watch	-	-
mp3	/storage/fpool/services/mayanedms/stage-moveoncomplete	/storage/mayan/stage	-	-
mp4	/storage/zpool10/public	/storage/scanned	-	-
mp5	/storage/zpool10/media	/storage/media	-	-
mp6	/storage/zpool10/downloads	/storage/downloads	-	-

Mount Point	Source	Mount Path	Size	Options
lxc.mount.entry	/storage/zpool10/backups/timemachine	/storage/timemachine	-	rbind,create=dir

lxc.mount.entry is used in place of a mpX entry because it allows recursive mounting of datasets through the rbind mount option.

Networking

Interfaces

ID	Name	Bridge	IP Address	Description
net0	eth0	vmbr1	dhcp	LAN

Installed Software

- [Samba](#)