# servant Documentation

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# Getting started

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==> servant: [PMA][config] To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
==> servant: [PMA][config]
                            service apache2 reload
                            * Restarting Apache httpd web server apache2
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                               ...done.
==> servant: [PMA][storage] Warning: Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
==> servant: [PMA][storage] Warning: Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
==> servant: Running provisioner: shell...
    servant: Running: script: vhosts_remove-stale
==> servant: Running provisioner: shell...
    servant: Running: script: vhosts_add-new
    servant: [vhost][+][newproject.com][Apache] Enabling site newproject.com.
==> servant: [vhost][+][newproject.com][Apache] To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
==> servant: [vhost][+][newproject.com][MySQL] Created user and database "newproject_com"
```

**servant** is a custom Vagrant virtual machine which offers a straightforward and easy to use web-development system based on services like Apache, PHP (FPM), MySQL and phpMyAdmin, but isolated from your host system. Primary goal is to provide a consistent dev environment for developers or employees of a small company/startup.

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# CHAPTER 1

### **Features**

- Isolated from OS X host system (OS updates won't affect the dev services, ever)
- Performant (PHP-FPM and OPcache module enabled)
- Easily add and remove projects (virtual hosts), **servant** automatically creates the necessary web server configurations as well as a MySQL database
- Automatically write/update /etc/hosts file on your Mac
- Supports PHP 5.6 and alternatively 5.5
- Supports MySQL 5.6 and alternatively 5.5

# Requirements

- Vagrant
- VirtualBox
  - vagrant-bindfs plugin
  - vagrant-servant-hosts-provisioner plugin (custom fork)
  - vagrant-triggers plugin

### Installation

1. Make sure you've installed the required Vagrant plugins:

```
\hbox{\tt vagrant-plugin install vagrant-bindfs vagrant-servant-hosts-provisioner vagrant-bindfs}
```

2. Clone this repository:

```
cd ~
git clone https://github.com/frdmn/servant
cd servant
```

3. Copy the sample configuration:

```
cp config.sample.json config.json
```

### General

Vagrant commands expects to be executed from within the directory where the Vagrantfile is located. Make sure to change into the directory where you've cloned **servant** to, when running the commands below.

#### Start/create virtual machine

To initially create the **servant** machine, just run:

vagrant up

#### Shutdown/end VM

To power off the virtual machine:

vagrant suspend

### Login via SSH

Vagrant provides a passwordless SSH login using:

vagrant ssh

#### **Reload servant**

vagrant provision

### Virtual hosts

You need to work on multiple projects simultanously? Not a problem, **servant** supports virtual hosts using a straightforward rule: Each directory in the public/ folder represents the hostname of the project you want to work on. A single command creates the necessary configurations within the virtual machine, reloads the services and rewrites the /etc/hosts file on your Mac.

#### Access document root

You can reach the root directory of the web server via http://servant.dev

#### Create new virtual hosts

1. Change into the **servant** directory:

```
cd ~/servant
```

2. Create a new folder inside *public*/ named exactly the same as the hostname of your project:

```
mkdir public/testproject.io
```

3. Run the provision command to create the server configurations and update your /etc/hosts file locally:

```
vagrant provision
```

#### **Delete virtual hosts**

To remove a virtual host, simply delete the directory that represents the hostname of your project:

```
rm -r public/testproject.io
```

Don't forget to reload **servant**:

```
vagrant provision
```

#### **Customizations**

You can override the default Apache web server configuration for your virtual host in case you need a custom DocumentRoot or an additional ServerAlias. To do that you need to place a JSON configuration file named servant.json in your project root folder. Checkout the example below:

```
{
  "document_root": "blog",
  "server_alias": "aliasdomain.com"
}
```

## MySQL databases

When you setup a virtual hosts, the system also creates a MySQL database and user dedicated to that project. For simplicity's sake the database, username as well as the password represent (again) the hostname of your project. However, because of some naming restrictions within MySQL, dots (.) are replaced with underscores (\_) and only the first 16 characters of the hostname is used. Some examples:

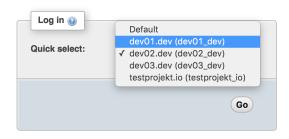
- If your project is using the hostname "testproject.io", the database, username and password will be testproject\_io
- If the hostname is "prettylonghostname.com", it'll be prettylonghostna

### **System credentials**

The following credentials are created by default in every **servant** environment:

Username	Password	
root	The password set in <i>Configuration file</i>	
phpmyadmin	phpmyadmin	

### phpMyAdmin



To manage your databases you can use the builtin phpMyAd-

min: http://phpmyadmin.dev

#### **Adminer**

Alternatively to phpMyAdmin, you can use the super leightweight Adminer platform: http://adminer.dev

Please note: There is no quick select login functionality to authenticate, like in PMA.

### Create MySQL backups/dumps

To create a SQL backup or dump file you just need to create an empty file named create-mysql-backup in the root folder of your project / virtual host (not the htdocs folder!) and reload **servant**:

```
cd public/testproject.io
touch create-mysql-backup
vagrant provision
```

The formula dumps all available databases that you might created with the given MySQL user of that virtual host. As soon as the privisioning process is completed, you can find your backups in the "backup/ folder within your project root:

```
cd public/testproject.io
ls -1 backups
```

```
-rw-r--r- 1 user staff 1283 18 Sep 13:34 201609171334_testproject_io.sql
-rw-r--r- 1 user staff 1283 18 Sep 00:30 201609180030_testproject_io.sql
```

## Import MySQL backups/dumps

In case you need to import an existing dump, maybe even right when the project gets bootstrapped during the creation process, rename your dump to import.sql and place it within your project root folder. After that reload **servant**:

```
cd public/testproject.io
mv /path/to/dump.sql import.sql
vagrant provision
```

### **Destruction backups**

In case you destory the Vagrant machine, there is a hook that creates backups of every MySQL database before proceeding to destroy the machine. You can find the backups right within public/folder, prefix with pre-destroy\_:

```
cd public
ls -1
```

```
        drwxr-xr-x
        6 user
        staff
        204 18 Sep 00:31 testproject.io

        drwxr-xr-x
        6 user
        staff
        204 18 Sep 00:30 testproject2.io

        -rw-r--r-
        1 user
        staff
        660906 18 Sep 00:55 pre-destroy_mysql.sql

        -rw-r--r-
        1 user
        staff
        1284 18 Sep 00:55 pre-destroy_testproject2_io.sql

        -rw-r--r-
        1 user
        staff
        1283 18 Sep 00:55 pre-destroy_testproject_io.sql

        -rw-r--r-
        1 user
        staff
        1688732 18 Sep 00:55 pre-destroy_performance_schema.sql

        -rw-r--r-
        1 user
        staff
        19082 18 Sep 00:55 pre-destroy_phpmyadmin.sql
```

### **PHP**

To make sure your PHP applications run performant, **servant** is using FPM as handler and comes with enabled OP-cache module to speed up your PHP processing.

### **Default settings**

When the virtual machine is booted for the first time, some of the PHP configurations are set as listed below:

Setting	Value
error_reporting	root
display_errors	phpmyadmin
date.timezone	The timezone set in <i>Configuration file</i>
xdebug.show_local_vars	1
xdebug.var_display_max_depth	5
xdebug.var_display_max_children	256
xdebug.var_display_max_data	1024

### phpinfo()

There's a built in phpinfo page if you are interested in the current loaded settings: http://phpinfo.dev

#### **Customizations**

Just like with the web server configuration, you can override the global PHP settings per virtual host in case you need a special PHP environment. Just create a .user.ini file inside your document root (htdocs by default) and insert your custom configuration:

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```
always_populate_raw_post_data = -1
memory_limit = 512M
```

# **Configuration file**

To provide some basic customization, you can edit your config file config.json within the **servant** root folder. A sample configuration file is available in the same directory as config.sample.json.

**Caution**: If you change the configuration and want to apply the changes you need to destroy and recreate the **servant** machine up from scratch. This means you loose your SQL databases so make sure to dump them before!

### server.ip

IP address the virtual machine should use. Make sure to use a not existing subnet (eg. 192.168.1.10) to avoid IP collisions.

**Default value** 192.168.50.10

#### server.cpus

The amount of CPU cores the machine should use.

Default value 1

#### server.memory

And the allocated memory in MB.

**Default value** 1024

#### server.swap

If you want to use swap, you can use this setting. Represents MB if not false.

Possible values false or 512

Default value false

#### server.timezone

The timezone PHP and the OS should use. For a list of possible timezones, click here.

Default value Europe/Berlin

### mysql.root\_password

The MySQL root password.

Default value root

# mysql.version

MySQL server version to install and use.

**Possible value** 5.6 or 5.5

**Default value** 5.6

## php.version

PHP server version to install and use.

**Possible value** 5.6 or 5.5

**Default value** 5.6

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