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# **Simphony-remote Documentation**

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The Simphony-remote is web service that allows users to start and work with simphony enabled environments remotely.

Key provided features:

- Isolated working environments using docker containers.
- No install remote access through a web browser.
- Sharing of working sessions.
- Based on community supported open source initiatives (JupyterHub)



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## Deployment

### Single Machine

Deployment of the complete system in a single machine/VM.

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**Note:** The following instructions assume a clean up-to-date ubuntu 14.04 system.

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1. Retrieve the single user session manager:

```
git clone https://github.com/simphony/simphony-remote
```

2. Make sure that you are obtaining a recent version of Docker, at least 1.12. Full instructions available at [the Docker website](#). A Makefile rule is provided for convenience. **NOTE: this overwrites the docker.list file you might have setup in your /etc/apt/sources.d/ directory.** You might be prompted for the root password to execute this:

```
make deps
```

3. Make sure your docker server is running, and your user is allowed to connect to the docker server (check accessibility of `/var/run/docker.sock`). You obtain this by running:

```
sudo service docker start
sudo addgroup your_username docker
```

and logging out and in again. Check if your docker server is operative by running:

```
docker info
```

4. Create and activate a virtual environment, then set the appropriate PATH for the node modules:

```
make venv
. venv/bin/activate
export PATH=`node bin`: $PATH
```

5. Install the python dependencies:

```
make pythondeps
```

6. And install the package itself:

```
make install
```

7. Generate the SSL certificates if you do not already have them. The resulting certificates will have names test.\* because they are self-signed and **are not supposed to be used for production**. A CA-signed certificate should be obtained instead. The certificates will be created in the jupyterhub directory:

```
make certs
```

8. Create the database. By default, this is a sqlite file:

```
make db
```

9. Change dir into jupyterhub:

```
cd ./jupyterhub
```

and verify that *jupyterhub\_config.py* is correct for your deployment machine setup (see [Configuration](#)).

10. If you are using virtual users (users that are not present on the system) you need to create a temporary space where the virtual user homes are created:

```
mkdir /tmp/remoteapp
```

11. You can now start the service:

```
sh start.sh
```

12. Visit the site at:

```
https://127.0.0.1:8000
```

## Setup docker containers

Compatible docker containers can be found in DockerHub. Refer to the documentation of [simphony-remote-docker](#) repository to deploy the images.

## Setup Database Accounting

A database is needed for managing the remote applications available for each user. Note that this database is in addition to the database created or used by JupyterHub.

Various accounting sources are supported:

1. Default sqlite database

**remoteappmanager** by default uses a sqlite database *remoteappmanager.db* in the current work directory. The **remoteappdb** command-line tool is provided for setting up the database. Please refer to the [Utilities](#) section for details on the use of this program.

2. Other [DBAPI](#) implementations and databases

For database implementation supported by [SQLAlchemy](#), you may configure **remoteappmanager** to use `remoteappmanager.db.orm.AppAccounting`. Please also refer to [Configure the remoteappmanager](#) for details on setting up the accounting class.

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**Note:** The use of databases other than sqlite3 is not tested

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### 3. CSV file

You may configure **remoteappmanager** to use a CSV file as its database. Please refer to [Configure the remoteappmanager](#) for details on setting up the accounting class to use `remoteappmanager.db.csv_db.CSVAccounting`.

### 4. Others

Any arbitrary database implementation may be used as long as an accounting class compliant to the API of `remoteappmanager.db.interfaces.ABCAccounting` is provided. Please also refer to [Configure the remoteappmanager](#) for details on setting up the accounting class.

## Start JupyterHub

1. Start jupyterhub by invoking the start script:

```
sh start.sh
```

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**Note:** If you want to keep the application running, use screen to start a detachable terminal.

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**Note:** Running on OSX or with a separate docker machine requires that the appropriate environment variables are set before starting jupyterhub. refer to the command `docker-machine env` to setup the appropriate environment. In general, invoking:

```
eval `docker-machine env`
```

will enable the appropriate environment. On Linux, by default the host machine and the docker machine coincide, so this step is not needed.

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2. JupyterHub is now running at <https://localhost:8000>

## Configuration

### Configure the spawner

The jupyterhub configuration is documented in the [jupyterhub documentation](#). The important difference is the spawner to use, which is configured as:

```
c.JupyterHub.spawner_class = 'remoteappmanager.jupyterhub.spawners.SystemUserSpawner'
# or
# c.JupyterHub.spawner_class = 'remoteappmanager.jupyterhub.spawners.
↳VirtualUserSpawner'
```

in the `jupyterhub_config.py` file.

Please refer to `remoteappmanager.jupyterhub.spawners` for the available spawners in this project.

## Configure the authenticator and the admin user

Different authenticators can be plugged into jupyterhub. In the configuration file, the following entry will change the authenticator:

```
c.JupyterHub.authenticator_class = ('remoteappmanager.jupyterhub.auth.  
↪WorldAuthenticator')
```

*WorldAuthenticator* will allow any user to pass authentication. Use this authenticator only for testing purposes.

Administration capabilities are decided by jupyterhub, not remoteappmanager. *jupyterhub\_config.py* allows to setup admin users with the following entry:

```
c.Authenticator.admin_users = {"admin"}
```

Note that the entry must be a python set. Users in this set will, once logged in, reach an administrative interface, instead of the docker application management.

## Configure the remoteappmanager

Configuration of the remote application is performed from two sources.

- the command line, specified by the Spawner.
- a config file. The location of this file is specified as part of the command line options.

Their options are fully disjoint, and they configure different aspects of the application: Command line options are dynamically decided according to the user that requests the spawn; Config file options are general in nature, and allow the remoteappmanager to perform adequately against the current docker setup.

### 1. Command line options

<code>--base_urlpath</code>	The base url where the server resides
<code>--config_file</code>	The path of the configuration file
<code>--cookie_name</code>	The cookie name <b>for</b> authentication
<code>--hub_api_url</code>	The url of the jupyterhub REST API
<code>--hub_host</code>	The url of the jupyterhub server
<code>--hub_prefix</code>	The url prefix of the jupyterhub
<code>--ip</code>	The IP address to bind
<code>--port</code>	Port at which to spawn
<code>--proxy_api_url</code>	The url of the reverse proxy API
<code>--user</code>	The user <b>as</b> specified at the jupyterhub login

When **remoteappmanager** is started from jupyterhub using the spawner, all the command line options are filled in automatically.

### 2. Config file

The **remoteappmanager** has a number of parameters configurable via a config file. The path of the config file should be specified in the spawner in *jupyterhub\_config.py*:

```
c.SystemUserSpawner.config_file_path = "/path/to/config.py"
```

Please refer to `remoteappmanager.file_config.FileConfig` for the configurable parameters. Note that this config file will be used by all remoteappmanagers for any user.

For example, to use CSV as the database, `/path/to/config.py` would contain the followings:

```
database_class = 'remoteappmanager.db.csv_db.CSVDatabase'
database_kwargs = {'url': '/path/to/csv_file'}
```

## Administration

As specified in the deployment section, the authenticator will grant administrative rights to users in the specified set. Once logged in, an administrative user will be served by a different application, where it can add or remove users, applications, and authorize users to run specific applications. It is also possible to stop currently running containers.

It is important to note that the administrative interface works only with accounting backends supporting addition and removal. More specifically, it does not support the CSV backend. Read operations are supported, but write operations will be denied.

## Utilities

Simphony remote comes with two utility scripts:

- *remoteappdb*: Allows to add new applications, create new users, and specify permissions between users and applications in a database from the command line. It is targeted at system administrators.
- *remoteapprest*: Allows to start, stop, inquire running containers from the command line.

## Remoteappdb

**Note:** As of version 0.9.0 the management functionality of this utility is also covered by the administrative web interface.

The script is aimed at system administrators using the database (by default, a sqlite database) to perform accounting of users and applications.

The database must be first initialized with the *init* command:

```
remoteappdb ~/remoteappmanager.db init
```

Once initialized, the database content is ready to be configured. New applications are registered with *app create*. The image name must match the image name in docker:

```
remoteappdb ~/remoteappmanager.db app create myimage
```

The option *-verify* can be used to validate the image name against docker.

You can also create users with the *user create* command:

```
remoteappdb ~/remoteappmanager.db user create myuser
```

An application will not be visible not can be started by a user until permission is granted. To grant permission, use the *app grant* command:

```
remoteappdb ~/remoteappmanager.db app create myimage myuser
```

By default, this command will grant no special options. It is however possible to specify a different running policy, like for example mounting a common home directory, with the following options:

```
--allow-home    Enable mounting of home directory
--allow-view    Enable third-party visibility of the running container.
--volume TEXT   Application data volume, format=SOURCE:TARGET:MODE, where
                mode is 'ro' or 'rw'.
```

Note that you can grant access to the same application with multiple, different policies. Each application and policy will appear as a separate option in the user choice of runnable applications.

The script provides additional functionality to inquire the current state of the database, such as listing the current users, applications, revoke permissions, remove applications and so on.

## Remoteapprest

This script is experimental and exploits the REST API provided by the server to allow inquiring, starting, and stopping containers from the command line.

Before using the CLI, you need to authenticate against the jupyterhub server with the *login* command:

```
remoteapprest login http://jupyterhubserver.example/
```

You will be inquired about username and password. Once successfully logged in, your credentials will be stored in a file *.remoteapprest* in your home directory. Note that your password will not be saved, only an authentication token.

Once logged in, you can inquire about the available applications by issuing:

```
remoteapprest app available
```

Note that you don't need to specify the endpoint. This command will show you a list of the available applications, preceded by a unique identifier:

```
6dbe8e166c94b0b4b36a2d961586acc0: myapplication
```

This identifier can be used to start a new container, using the following command:

```
remoteapprest app start 6dbe8e166c94b0b4b36a2d961586acc0
```

The application will run, and can be seen with:

```
remoteapprest app running

83c18fcd833595a571d556a5e6c253f8: myapplication
```

Which will show a different identifier for this running instance. Finally, the application can be stopped using the *stop* command:

```
remoteapprest app stop 83c18fcd833595a571d556a5e6c253f8
```

## Design

Simphony remote is derived from the Jupyterhub design with a custom single user application that manages the available docker images for each user (Fig 1).

## Components

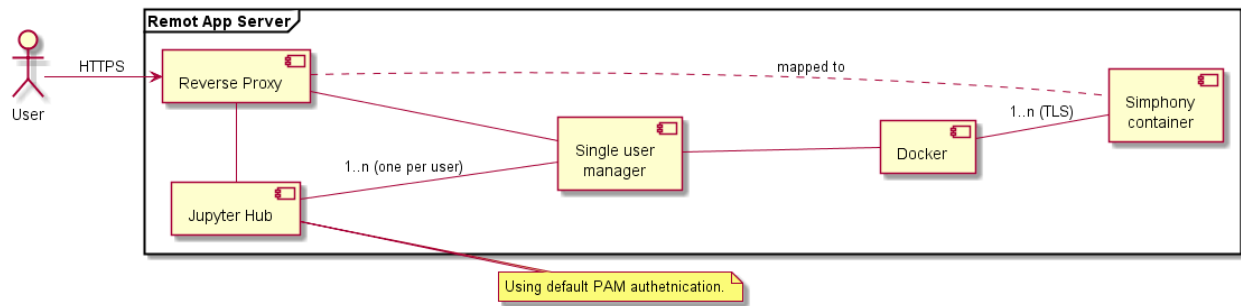


Fig. 2.1: **Figure. 1:** Component diagram a basic remote app server based on the Jupyter hub infrastructure.

- **Reverse proxy:** Proxy: the public facing part of the server that uses a dynamic proxy to route HTTP requests to the Hub and Single User Servers.
- **Jupyter Hub:** manages user accounts and authentication and coordinates Single Users Servers using a Spawner.
- **Single user manager:** A web server to manage the images and the active sessions. There is one such server for each authenticated user.
- **Docker:** The docker engine managing the docker containers.

**Note:** Docker containers are connected via HTTP. HTTPS encryption is only provided by the proxy.

## Usecases

A Scientist should be able to:

- Login
- Inspect the available docker images
- Start a new session
- Stop a running session
- Share a session with another user

Furthermore an Administrator should be able to:

- Build compatible docker images
- Upload docker images.

The above design as of version 0.1 supports the usecases (see example in Fig 3):

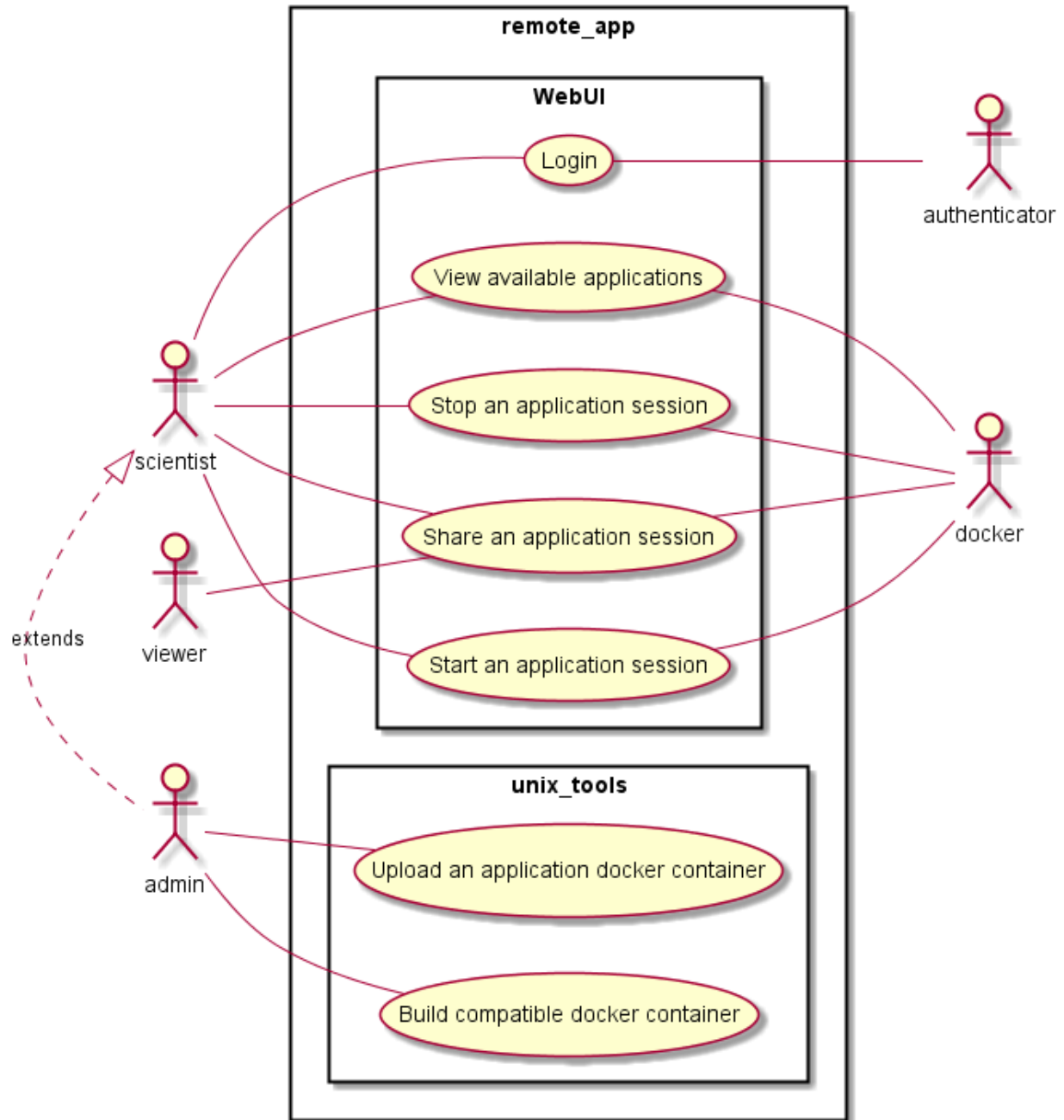


Fig. 2.2: **Figure 2:** Basic usecases



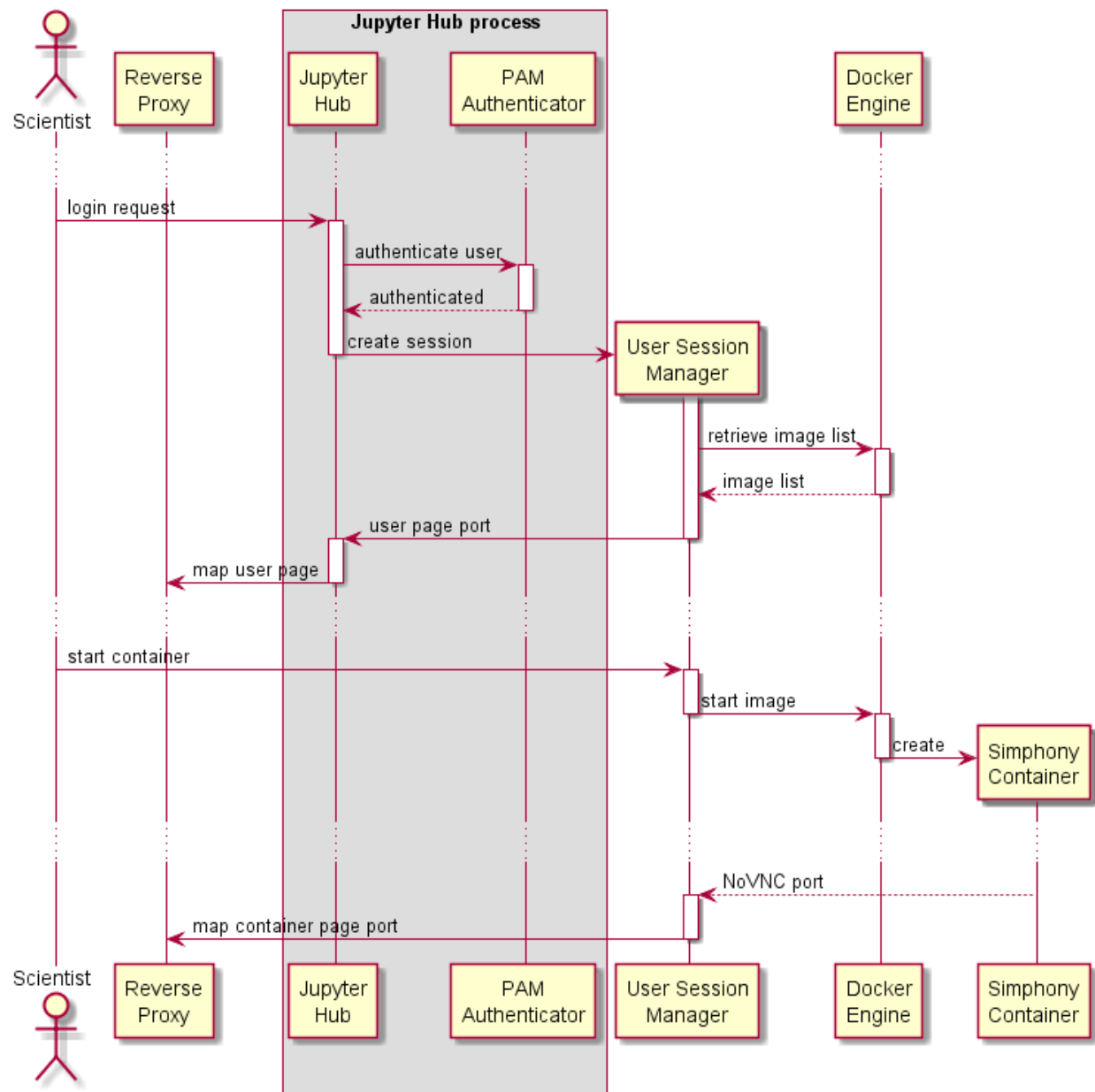


Fig. 2.3: **Figure 3:** Sequence diagram of an authorised user starting a remote session.

## Developer documentation

### RemoteAppManager

The main tornado web application that manages the containers (docker applications) for each user.

#### Docker image specifications

Docker images compliant to the simphony-remote application define a protocol through docker LABEL and environment variables.

#### Labels

Labels are defined with the prefix namespace:

```
eu.simphony-project.docker
```

The following labels are currently defined. Their definition can be found in `remoteappmanager.docker.docker_labels`

- `ui_name` : the UI visible name of the image
- `icon_128` : a base64 encoded png image that will result as an icon
- `description` : a user-readable description of the image
- `type` : a string identifying the type of the container, depending on the original base image (vncapp or webapp)
- `env` : subnamespace for accepted environment variables. See below.

The `env` is a subnamespace defining the environment variables the image internals can understand. This does not mean that they are the only ones that will be passed to the image.

The naming strategy works around the [docker label restrictions](#) of having `kebab case` vs envvars that are traditionally `MACRO_CASE`. Additionally, it allows new variables to be added by layers without having to know the variables understood by the base layer.

The strategy is as follows: the name after the `env` will be converted to uppercase and dashes converted to underscores. For example:

```
env.x11-width -> container accepts and understands envvar X11_WIDTH
```

the value of the label is currently unused, and should be left empty.

If your application uses variables with a different convention, or uses double underscores, you will have to define an auxilliary variable and transfer the value in the image startup scripts.

Currently reserved env keys:

- `x11-width` : for the VNC images, the X11 width
- `x11-height` : for the VNC images, the X11 height
- `x11-depth` : for the VNC images, the X11 depth (currently unused, fixed at 16)

## Container Labels

When a container is started, the following labels will be added:

- `url_id`: unique identifier that ends up in the URL when the user is redirected
- `mapping_id`: a unique key identifying the combination of image and policy used to start the container.
- `user`: the user that started the container

## Environment variables

The following environment variables are passed at container startup:

- `JPY_USER`: the username used to login to the Jupyterhub frontend. Can be an email address, or anything else your authenticator accepts.
- `JPY_BASE_USER_URL`: The base URL `_path_` where the user has its service.
- `USER`: A unix-likable username to create the container user.
- `URL_ID`: a unique key assigned to the container that will end up in the user-exposed URL to reach the container.

If the image accepts additional envvars (through the env labels mechanism outlined above) these variables will be passed through the configurables mechanism: special variables are recognized and exposed to the user as a configurable UI, then passed to the container at startup. See the reserved `env` labels for details.

## API reference

failed to import remoteappmanager.application

failed to import remoteappmanager.cli.remoteappdb.\_\_main\_\_

failed to import remoteappmanager.db.orm

failed to import remoteappmanager.docker.container\_manager

failed to import remoteappmanager.jupyterhub.auth

failed to import remoteappmanager.jupyterhub.spawners

failed to import remoteappmanager.webapi.application

failed to import remoteappmanager.webapi.container

failed to import remoteappmanager.webapi.admin.application

failed to import remoteappmanager.webapi.admin.container

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.application'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.cli.remoteappdb.\_\_main\_\_'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.db.orm'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.docker.container\_manager'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.jupyterhub.auth'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.jupyterhub.spawners'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.webapi.application'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.webapi.container'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.webapi.admin.application'

toctree references unknown document 'api/remoteappmanager.webapi.admin.container'

<code>remoteappmanager.application</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.command_line_config</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.file_config</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.jinja2_adapters</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.netutils</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.traitlets</code>	Additional traitlets that we use in our application.
<code>remoteappmanager.user</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.utils</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.cli.remoteappdb.__main__</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.cli.remoteapprest.__main__</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.db.csv_db</code>	This module provides support for using CSV file as the database of the remoteappmanager.
<code>remoteappmanager.db.interfaces</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.db.orm</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.docker.async_docker_client</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.docker.container</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.docker.container_manager</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.docker.image</code>	
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<code>remoteappmanager.handlers.base_handler</code>	
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<code>remoteappmanager.webapi.admin.container</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.services.hub</code>	
<code>remoteappmanager.services.reverse_proxy</code>	

## command\_line\_config

### Classes

<code>CommandLineConfig (*args, **kwargs)</code>	Configuration options for the application server
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```
class remoteappmanager.command_line_config.CommandLineConfig ( *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: traitlets.traitlets.HasTraits
    Configuration options for the application server
```

**base\_urlpath = Unicode**  
 The base url where the server resides

**command\_line\_options\_initd = False**

**config\_file = Unicode**  
 The path of the configuration file

**cookie\_name = Unicode**  
 The cookie name for authentication

**hub\_api\_url = Unicode**  
 The url of the jupyterhub REST API

**hub\_host = Unicode**  
 The url of the jupyterhub server

**hub\_prefix = Unicode**  
 The url prefix of the jupyterhub

**ip = Unicode**  
 The IP address to bind

**parse\_config ( )**  
 Parses the command line arguments, and assign their values to our local traits.

**port = Int**  
 Port at which to spawn

**proxy\_api\_url = Unicode**  
 The url of the reverse proxy API

**user = Unicode**  
 The user as specified at the jupyterhub login

## file\_config

### Classes

<i>FileConfig</i> (*args, **kwargs)	Configuration options for the application server.
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```
class remoteappmanager.file_config. FileConfig ( *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: traitlets.traitlets.HasTraits

    Configuration options for the application server. They are sourced from the configuration file.

    database_class = Unicode
        The import path to a subclass of ABCDatabase
        Default: 'remoteappmanager.db.orm.ORMDatabase'

    database_kwargs = Dict
        The keyword arguments for initialising the Database instance
        Default: {'url': 'sqlite:///remoteappmanager.db'}
```

**docker\_config** ( )

Extracts the docker configuration as a dictionary suitable to be passed as keywords to the docker client.

**docker\_host** = Unicode

The docker host to connect to

Default: ''

**docker\_realm** = Unicode

Docker realm is a label added to containers started by this deployment of simphony-remote. You should change this to something unique only if your machine is already running other simphony-remote instances, all using the same docker server. Failing to do that would allow different simphony-remote instances to see (and interact with) each other's containers.

The docker realm. Identifies which containers belong to a specific instance of simphony-remote.

Default: 'remotexec'

**ga\_tracking\_id** = Unicode

The google analytics tracking id

**login\_url** = Unicode

The url to be redirected to if the user is not authenticated for pages that require authentication

Default: '/hub'

**network\_timeout** = Int

The timeout (seconds) for network operations

Default: 30

**parse\_config** ( *config\_file* )

Parses the config file, and assign their values to our local traits.

**static\_path** = Unicode

The path where to search for static files

**template\_path** = Unicode

The path where to search for jinja templates

**tls** = Bool

If True, connect to docker with tls

Default: False

**tls\_ca** = Unicode

Path to CA certificate for docker TLS

Default: ''

**tls\_cert** = Unicode

Path to client certificate for docker TLS

Default: ''

**tls\_key** = Unicode

Path to client key for docker TLS

Default: ''

**tls\_verify** = Bool

If True, verify the CA certificate against a known or self-signed CA certificate

Default: True

## jinja2\_adapters

### Functions

<code>gravatar_id</code> (value)	Computes the gravatar identifier for a given value (normally email) Used for jinja filter.
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`remoteappmanager.jinja2_adapters. gravatar_id ( value )`  
 Computes the gravatar identifier for a given value (normally email) Used for jinja filter.

### Classes

<code>Jinja2LoaderAdapter</code> (env)	Adapts the Jinja2 environment to act as a loader as desired by tornado.
<code>Jinja2TemplateAdapter</code> (template)	Adapts the Jinja template interface to act as a tornado template.

**class** `remoteappmanager.jinja2_adapters. Jinja2LoaderAdapter` ( env )

Bases: `object`

Adapts the Jinja2 environment to act as a loader as desired by tornado.

The class uses duck typing to implement the interface of `tornado.BaseLoader` and relies on jinja caching to hold the premade templates.

Initializes the adapter.

**Parameters** `env` (*Environment*) – the jinja2 environment

**load** ( name, parent\_path=None )

Loads the template with a given name.

#### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – the simple name of the template.
- **parent\_path** (*str*) – The parent path (unused)

#### Returns

- *Jinja2TemplateAdapter object, adapting a jinja template into a tornado*
- *template interface*

**reset** ( )

Resets the LRU cache in jinja template environment. The method is already thread safe.

**resolve\_path** ( name, parent\_path=None )

Returns the absolute name of the template according to the loader.

#### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – the simple name of the template.
- **parent\_path** (*str*) – The parent path (unused)

#### Returns

**Return type** The absolute path of the template

**class** `remoteappmanager.jinja2_adapters.Jinja2TemplateAdapter` (*template*)

Bases: `tornado.template.Template`

Adapts the Jinja template interface to act as a tornado template. It reimplements the base class, but it uses no functionality of it.

**generate** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Generate this template with the given arguments.

### netutils

#### Functions

<code>wait_for_http_server_2xx</code> ( <i>url</i> [, <i>timeout</i> ])	Wait for an HTTP Server to respond at <i>url</i> and respond with a 2xx code.
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`remoteappmanager.netutils.wait_for_http_server_2xx` (*url*, *timeout=10*)

Wait for an HTTP Server to respond at *url* and respond with a 2xx code.

### traitlets

#### Functions

<code>as_dict</code> ( <i>traited_instance</i> )	Returns a dictionary from the traited class, with keys equal to trait names and values the corresponding values.
<code>set_traits_from_dict</code> ( <i>traited_instance</i> , <i>d</i> )	Given a class with traitlets and a dictionary with keys corresponding to the traitlet names, set the traitlets to the associated dict values.

`remoteappmanager.traitlets.as_dict` (*traited\_instance*)

Returns a dictionary from the traited class, with keys equal to trait names and values the corresponding values.

`remoteappmanager.traitlets.set_traits_from_dict` (*traited\_instance*, *d*)

Given a class with traitlets and a dictionary with keys corresponding to the traitlet names, set the traitlets to the associated dict values.



Note: if a set operation fails, the appropriate traitlet exception is raised. Traitlets that were already set won't be rolled back.

## Classes

<i>UnicodeOrFalse</i> ([default_value, allow_none, ...])	Declare a traitlet.
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```
class remoteappmanager.traitlets.UnicodeOrFalse ( default_value=traitlets.Undefined,
                                                    allow_none=False,      read_only=None,
                                                    help=None, config=None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: traitlets.traitlets.Unicode

Declare a traitlet.

If *allow\_none* is True, None is a valid value in addition to any values that are normally valid. The default is up to the subclass. For most trait types, the default value for *allow\_none* is False.

Extra metadata can be associated with the traitlet using the .tag() convenience method or by using the traitlet instance's .metadata dictionary.

**info\_text** = 'a unicode string or False'

**validate** ( obj, value)

## user

### Classes

<i>User</i> (*args, **kwargs)	Represents the user.
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```
class remoteappmanager.user.User ( *args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: traitlets.traitlets.HasTraits

Represents the user. It holds a reference to the ORM user, if available.

**account** = Any

Can be none if the username cannot be found in the database.

any value

**name** = Unicode

a unicode string

## utils

## Functions

<code>deprecated</code> (func)	Decorator.
<code>mergedoc</code> (function, other)	Merge the docstring from the other function to the decorated function.
<code>one</code> (elements)	Returns True if only one element is not None, false otherwise
<code>parse_volume_string</code> (volume_string)	Parses a volume specification string SOURCE:TARGET:MODE into its components, or raises click.BadOptionUsage if not according to format.
<code>remove_quotes</code> (s)	Removes start/end quotes from a string, if needed.
<code>url_path_join</code> (*pieces)	Join components of url into a relative url path Use to prevent double slash when joining subpath.
<code>with_end_slash</code> (url)	Normalises a url to have an ending slash, and only one.
<code>without_end_slash</code> (url)	Makes sure there is no end slash at the end of a url.

`remoteappmanager.utils.deprecated` ( *func* )

Decorator. Marks a function/method as deprecated.

`remoteappmanager.utils.mergedoc` ( *function, other* )

Merge the docstring from the other function to the decorated function.

`remoteappmanager.utils.one` ( *elements* )

Returns True if only one element is not None, false otherwise

`remoteappmanager.utils.parse_volume_string` ( *volume\_string* )

Parses a volume specification string SOURCE:TARGET:MODE into its components, or raises click.BadOptionUsage if not according to format.

`remoteappmanager.utils.remove_quotes` ( *s* )

Removes start/end quotes from a string, if needed. If s is not a string, it is returned untouched.

`remoteappmanager.utils.url_path_join` ( *\*pieces* )

Join components of url into a relative url path Use to prevent double slash when joining subpath. This will leave the initial and final / in place

Assume pieces do not contain protocol (e.g. <http://>)

`remoteappmanager.utils.with_end_slash` ( *url* )

Normalises a url to have an ending slash, and only one.

`remoteappmanager.utils.without_end_slash` ( *url* )

Makes sure there is no end slash at the end of a url.

## Classes

<code>mergedocs</code> (other)	Merge the docstrings of other class to the decorated.
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```
class remoteappmanager.utils.mergedocs ( other)
    Bases: object

    Merge the docstrings of other class to the decorated.
```

`__main__`

## Functions

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`main()`

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```
remoteappmanager.cli.remoteapprest.__main__.main ()
```

## Classes

<code>Credentials</code> (url, username, cookies)	Data class to hold the credentials extracted from the credential file.
<code>RemoteAppRestContext</code>	The click context passed around.

```
class remoteappmanager.cli.remoteapprest.__main__.Credentials ( url,      username,
                                                                cookies)
    Bases: object

    Data class to hold the credentials extracted from the credential file.

    classmethod from_file ( credentials_file)
        Extracts the authorization info from the credentials file. Returns a tuple with url, username, and a dict of
        credentials cookies

    write ( credentials_file)
        Stores the credentials in a credentials file.

class remoteappmanager.cli.remoteapprest.__main__.RemoteAppRestContext
    Bases: object

    The click context passed around.

    credentials = None

    credentials_file = None
```

`csv_db`

## Classes

<i>CSVAccounting</i> (id, user, application, ...)	
<i>CSVApplication</i> (id, image)	
<i>CSVApplicationPolicy</i> ([allow_home, ...])	
<i>CSVDatabase</i> (csv_file_path, **kwargs)	Database class that reads a CSV file and is used by the remoteappmanager.
<i>CSVUser</i> (id, name)	

```
class remoteappmanager.db.csv_db.CSVAccounting ( id, user, application, application_policy)
    Bases: remoteappmanager.db.interfaces.ABCAccounting
```

```
class remoteappmanager.db.csv_db.CSVApplication ( id, image)
    Bases: remoteappmanager.db.interfaces.ABCApplication
```

```
class remoteappmanager.db.csv_db.CSVApplicationPolicy ( allow_home=False,          al-
                                                         low_view=False,          al-
                                                         low_common=False,       vol-
                                                         ume_source=None,        vol-
                                                         ume_target=None,        vol-
                                                         ume_mode=None)
    Bases: remoteappmanager.db.interfaces.ABCApplicationPolicy
```

```
class remoteappmanager.db.csv_db.CSVDatabase ( csv_file_path, **kwargs)
    Bases: remoteappmanager.db.interfaces.ABCDatabase
```

Database class that reads a CSV file and is used by the remoteappmanager. Currently only accepts one csv file.

Initialiser

#### Parameters

- **csv\_file\_path** (*str*) – File path for the CSV file
- **\*\*kwargs** – optional keyword arguments for open(csv\_file\_path)

```
create_application ( app_name)
```

Creates a new application with the specified name. Raises if an application with the same name already exists

**Parameters** **app\_name** (*str*) – The name of the application

**Returns** **id** – The id of the created application

**Return type** **int**

**Raises** `exceptions.Exists` – If the application already exists.

```
create_user ( user_name)
```

Creates a user with the specified username, if the backend allows it.

**Parameters** **user\_name** (*str*) – The user name

**Returns** **id** – The unique id of the user

**Return type** **int**

**Raises** `exceptions.Exists` – If the user with that name already exists.

**get\_accounting\_for\_user** ( *user* )

Returns the accounting information for a given user

**Parameters** *user* (*opaque-type*) – Same type as the result of *get\_user*

**Returns** each item of the list should be an instance satisfying the ABCAccounting format (duck typing)

**Return type** list

**get\_user** ( \*, *user\_name=None*, *id=None* )

Return a User for a given user\_name or id, or return None if the User is not found. Only one argument is allowed.

**Parameters**

- **user\_name** (*str*) – The user name
- **id** (*int*) – An id

**Returns** *user* – an user object that the database understands

**Return type** opaque-type

**grant\_access** ( *app\_name*, *user\_name*, *allow\_home*, *allow\_view*, *volume* )

Grant access for user to application.

**Parameters**

- **app\_name** (*str*) – The name of the application
- **user\_name** (*str*) – The name of the user
- **allow\_home** (*bool*) – If the home workspace should be mounted.
- **allow\_view** (*bool*) – If the session should be visible by others.
- **volume** (*str*) – A volume to mount in the format source\_path:target\_path:mode mode being “ro” or “rw”. (e.g. “/host/path:/container/path:ro”).

**Raises**

- exception.NotFound: – if the app or user are not found.
- ValueError: – if the volume string is invalid.

**Returns** *id* – A 32 characters id (mapping\_id)

**Return type** *str*

**list\_applications** ( )

List all available applications

**Returns** *applications* – A list of the available apps.

**Return type** list

**list\_users** ( )

Returns a list of all available users.

**Returns** *users* – A list of users.

**Return type** list

**remove\_application** ( \*, *app\_name=None*, *id=None* )

Remove an existing application by name or id, depending what is provided. Only one argument is allowed. If the application is not present, does nothing.

#### Parameters

- **app\_name** (*str*) – The name of the application
- **id** (*int*) – The id of the application

**Raises** `exception.NotFound` – If the application is not found.

**remove\_user** ( *\**, *user\_name=None*, *id=None* )

Removes a user by name or id, if the backend allows it. Only one argument is allowed. If the user is not present, does nothing.

**Parameters** **user\_name** (*str*) – The user name

**revoke\_access** ( *app\_name*, *user\_name*, *allow\_home*, *allow\_view*, *volume* )

Revoke access for user to application.

#### Parameters

- **app\_name** (*str*) – The name of the application
- **user\_name** (*str*) – The name of the user
- **allow\_home** (*bool*) – If the home workspace should be mounted.
- **allow\_view** (*bool*) – If the session should be visible by others.
- **volume** (*str*) – A volume to mount in the format `source_path:target_path:mode` mode being “ro” or “rw”. (e.g. “/host/path:/container/path:ro”).

#### Raises

- `exception.NotFound`: – if the app or user are not found.
- `ValueError`: – if the volume string is invalid.

**revoke\_access\_by\_id** ( *mapping\_id* )

Like `revoke_access`, but uses the mapping id instead.

**class** `remoteappmanager.db.csv_db.CSVUser` ( *id*, *name* )

Bases: `object`

## interfaces

### Classes

<i>ABCAccounting</i> (id, user, application, ...)	
<i>ABCApplication</i> (id, image)	Description of an application
<i>ABCApplicationPolicy</i> ([allow_home, ...])	Policy for an application
<i>ABCDatabase</i>	Main accounting interface required by the single user application.

**class** `remoteappmanager.db.interfaces.ABCAccounting` ( *id*, *user*, *application*, *application\_policy* )

Bases: `object`

**class** `remoteappmanager.db.interfaces.ABCApplication` ( *id*, *image* )

Bases: `object`

Description of an application

**id** = `None`

Numerical id

**image** = `None`

Name of the image

```
class remoteappmanager.db.interfaces. ABCApplicationPolicy ( allow_home=False,
                                                             allow_view=False,  al-
                                                             low_common=False,
                                                             volume_source=None,
                                                             volume_target=None,
                                                             volume_mode=None)
```

Bases: `object`

Policy for an application

**allow\_common** = `None`

Is the common data volume for the application mounted

**allow\_home** = `None`

Is the home directory mounted

**allow\_view** = `None`

Is the application viewable by others

**volume\_mode** = `None`

Mode for read-write access (ro = Read-only. rw = Read-write)

**volume\_source** = `None`

Source path for the common data volume on the host machine

**volume\_target** = `None`

Target mount point of the common data volume in the application

```
class remoteappmanager.db.interfaces. ABCDatabase
```

Bases: `object`

Main accounting interface required by the single user application.

**create\_application** ( *app\_name* )

Creates a new application with the specified name. Raises if an application with the same name already exists

**Parameters** **app\_name** (*str*) – The name of the application

**Returns** **id** – The id of the created application

**Return type** `int`

**Raises** `exceptions.Exists` – If the application already exists.

**create\_user** ( *user\_name* )

Creates a user with the specified username, if the backend allows it.

**Parameters** **user\_name** (*str*) – The user name

**Returns** **id** – The unique id of the user

**Return type** `int`

**Raises** `exceptions.Exists` – If the user with that name already exists.

**get\_accounting\_for\_user** ( *user* )

Returns the accounting information for a given user

**Parameters** *user* (*opaque-type*) – Same type as the result of *get\_user*

**Returns** each item of the list should be an instance satisfying the ABCAccounting format (duck typing)

**Return type** list

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Return a User for a given user\_name or id, or return None if the User is not found. Only one argument is allowed.

**Parameters**

- **user\_name** (*str*) – The user name
- **id** (*int*) – An id

**Returns** *user* – an user object that the database understands

**Return type** opaque-type

**grant\_access** ( *app\_name*, *user\_name*, *allow\_home*, *allow\_view*, *volume* )

Grant access for user to application.

**Parameters**

- **app\_name** (*str*) – The name of the application
- **user\_name** (*str*) – The name of the user
- **allow\_home** (*bool*) – If the home workspace should be mounted.
- **allow\_view** (*bool*) – If the session should be visible by others.
- **volume** (*str*) – A volume to mount in the format source\_path:target\_path:mode mode being “ro” or “rw”. (e.g. “/host/path:/container/path:ro”).

**Raises**

- exception.NotFound: – if the app or user are not found.
- ValueError: – if the volume string is invalid.

**Returns** *id* – A 32 characters id (mapping\_id)

**Return type** *str*

**list\_applications** ( )

List all available applications

**Returns** *applications* – A list of the available apps.

**Return type** list

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Returns a list of all available users.

**Returns** *users* – A list of users.

**Return type** list

**remove\_application** ( \*, *app\_name=None*, *id=None* )

Remove an existing application by name or id, depending what is provided. Only one argument is allowed. If the application is not present, does nothing.



#### Parameters

- **app\_name** (*str*) – The name of the application
- **id** (*int*) – The id of the application

**Raises** `exception.NotFound` – If the application is not found.

**remove\_user** ( *\**, *user\_name=None*, *id=None* )

Removes a user by name or id, if the backend allows it. Only one argument is allowed. If the user is not present, does nothing.

**Parameters** **user\_name** (*str*) – The user name

**revoke\_access** ( *app\_name*, *user\_name*, *allow\_home*, *allow\_view*, *volume* )

Revoke access for user to application.

#### Parameters

- **app\_name** (*str*) – The name of the application
- **user\_name** (*str*) – The name of the user
- **allow\_home** (*bool*) – If the home workspace should be mounted.
- **allow\_view** (*bool*) – If the session should be visible by others.
- **volume** (*str*) – A volume to mount in the format `source_path:target_path:mode` mode being “ro” or “rw”. (e.g. “/host/path:/container/path:ro”).

#### Raises

- `exception.NotFound`: – if the app or user are not found.
- `ValueError`: – if the volume string is invalid.

**revoke\_access\_by\_id** ( *mapping\_id* )

Like `revoke_access`, but uses the mapping id instead.

## async\_docker\_client

### Classes

<i>AsyncDockerClient</i> ( <i>*args</i> , <i>**kwargs</i> )	Provides an asynchronous interface to dockerpy.
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**class** `remoteappmanager.docker.async_docker_client.AsyncDockerClient` ( *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs* )

Bases: `object`

Provides an asynchronous interface to dockerpy. All Client interface is available as methods returning a future instead of the actual result. The resulting future can be yielded.

This class is thread safe. Note that all instances use the same executor.

Initialises the docker async client.

The client uses a single, module level executor to submit requests and obtain futures. The futures must be yielded according to the tornado asynchronous interface.

The exported methods are the same as from the docker-py synchronous client, with the exception of their async nature.

Note that the executor is a ThreadPoolExecutor with a single thread.

## container

### Classes

<i>Container</i> (*args, **kwargs)	Class representing a container.
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**class** remoteappmanager.docker.container. **Container** ( \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Bases: traitlets.traitlets.HasTraits

Class representing a container. Note that its existence just describes a container. It does not imply that the associated container is still running, registered, or anything

**docker\_id = Unicode**

The docker id of the container

a unicode string

**classmethod from\_docker\_dict** ( *docker\_dict*)

Returns a Container object with the info given by a docker Client.

**Parameters** **docker\_dict** (*dict*) – One item from the result of docker.Client.containers

**Returns** **container**

**Return type** *remoteappmanager.docker.container.Container*

### Examples

```
>>> # containers is a list of dict
>>> containers = docker.Client().containers()
```

```
>>> Container.from_docker_dict(containers[0])
```

**host\_url**

Returns the docker host where this server can be reached, in url form.

**image\_id = Unicode**

And the image docker id

a unicode string

**image\_name = Unicode**

The image name

a unicode string

**ip = Unicode**

The ip address...

a unicode string

**mapping\_id = Unicode**  
Mapping identifier

a unicode string

**name = Unicode**  
The practical name of the container

a unicode string

**port = Int**  
...and port where the container service will be listening

an int

Default: 80

**realm = Unicode**  
a unicode string

**url\_id = Unicode**  
The id that will go in the URL of the container. This is a de-facto replacement for the container docker id. The reason why we don't use that instead is because the container id is difficult to obtain reliably from inside the container, and because we want more flexibility in the form of the user-exposed id. Important: must be globally unique, not just per-user unique.

a unicode string

**urlpath = Unicode**  
The url path of the container as it is exported to the user. e.g. "/home/test/containers/12345" Must not have an end slash.

a unicode string

**user = Unicode**  
The user currently running the container

a unicode string

## image

### Classes

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<i>Image</i> (*args, **kwargs)	Wrap class for the docker client images dict result.
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```
class remoteappmanager.docker.image. Image ( *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: traitlets.traitlets.HasTraits
    Wrap class for the docker client images dict result. Extracts the relevant information in a convenient interface
    configurables = List
        a list
    description = Unicode
```

A long description of the image.

a unicode string

**docker\_id = Unicode**

The docker id of the image

a unicode string

**env = Dict**

a dict

**classmethod from\_docker\_dict** (*docker\_dict*)

Converts the dict response from the dockerpy library into an instance of this class, extracting the relevant information.

**Parameters** **docker\_dict** (*dict*) – Results of *docker.client.inspect\_image* or an item of the result of *docker.client.images*

**icon\_128 = Unicode**

A visual icon to associate to the image.

a unicode string

**name = Unicode**

The name of the image.

a unicode string

**type = Unicode**

The type of the image.

a unicode string

**ui\_name = Unicode**

The user interface (web) name of the image.

a unicode string

## base\_handler

### Classes

<i>BaseHandler</i> (application, request, **kwargs)	Base class for the request handler.
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```
class remoteappmanager.handlers.base_handler. BaseHandler ( application, request,
                                                             **kwargs)
    Bases: tornado.web.RequestHandler, remoteappmanager.logging.logging_mixin.LoggingMixin

    Base class for the request handler.

    authenticator
        The authenticator that is used to recognize the user.

        alias of HubAuthenticator
```

**prepare** ( )

Runs before any specific handler.

**render** ( *template\_name*, *\*\*kwargs* )

Reimplements render to pass well known information to the rendering context.

**write\_error** ( *status\_code*, *\*\*kwargs* )

Render error page for uncaught errors

## user\_home\_handler

### Classes

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<i>UserHomeController</i> (application, request, <i>**kwargs</i> )	Render the user's home page
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```
class remoteappmanager.handlers.user_home_handler. UserHomeController ( application,
                                                                    request,
                                                                    **kwargs )
```

Bases: *remoteappmanager.handlers.base\_handler.BaseHandler*

Render the user's home page

**get** ( )

## logging\_mixin

### Functions

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<i>issue</i> (self, message[, exc])	Accepts a message that will be logged with an additional reference code for easy log lookup.
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```
remoteappmanager.logging.logging_mixin. issue ( self, message, exc=None )
```

Accepts a message that will be logged with an additional reference code for easy log lookup.

The identifier will be returned for inclusion in user-visible error messages.

### Classes

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<i>LoggingMixin</i> (*args, <i>**kwargs</i> )	A HasTrait class that provides logging.
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```
class remoteappmanager.logging.logging_mixin. LoggingMixin ( *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: traitlets.traitlets.HasTraits

    A HasTrait class that provides logging. Used as a mixin.

    log = Instance
        a logging.Logger
```

## hub

### Classes

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<i>Hub</i> (*args, **kwargs)	Provides access to JupyterHub authenticator services.
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```
class remoteappmanager.services.hub. Hub ( *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: remoteappmanager.logging.logging_mixin.LoggingMixin ,
    traitlets.traitlets.HasTraits

    Provides access to JupyterHub authenticator services.

    Initializes the hub connection object.

    api_token = Unicode
        The api token to authenticate the request
        a unicode string

    endpoint_url = Unicode
        The url at which the Hub can be reached
        a unicode string

    verify_token ( cookie_name, encrypted_cookie )
        Verify the authentication token and grants access to the user if verified.
```

#### Parameters

- **cookie\_name** (*str*) – A string containing the conventional name of the cookie.
- **encrypted\_cookie** (*str*) – the cookie content, as received by JupyterHub (encrypted)

**Returns user\_data** – If authentication is successful, user\_data contains the user’s information from jupyterhub associated with the given encrypted cookie. Otherwise the dictionary is empty.

**Return type** *dict*

## reverse\_proxy

### Classes

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<i>ReverseProxy</i> (*args, **kwargs)	Represents the remote reverse proxy.
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```
class remoteappmanager.services.reverse_proxy.ReverseProxy (*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: remoteappmanager.logging.logging_mixin.LoggingMixin ,
    traitlets.traitlets.HasTraits

    Represents the remote reverse proxy. It is meant to have a high level API.

    Initializes the reverse proxy connection object.

    api_token = Unicode
        The authorization API token to authenticate the request

        a unicode string

    endpoint_url = Unicode
        The endpoint url at which the reverse proxy has its api

        a unicode string

    register ( urlpath, target_host_url)
        Register a given urlpath to redirect to a different target host. The operation is idempotent.

        Parameters

        • urlpath (str) – The absolute path of the url (e.g. /my/internal/service/)"
        • target_host_url – The host to redirect to, e.g. http://127.0.0.1:31233/service/

    unregister ( urlpath)
        Unregisters a previously registered urlpath. If the urlpath is not found in the reverse proxy, it will not raise
        an error, but it will log the unexpected circumstance.

        Parameters urlpath (str) – The absolute path of the url (e.g. /my/internal/service/)"
```

## Troubleshoot

### A new user does not see the applications I am adding

You have to restart the user server. As a jupyterhub administrator, go to

<https://your.jupyterhub.url/hub/admin>

and restart the user server.

This problem will appear under this circumstance: 1. User who is not in the remoteappmanager db yet performs a login. 2. Admin adds User to remoteappmanager db, and grants him some applications. 3. User will not see the applications.

The reason is the following: when the user first performs the login, the remoteappmanager subprocess is started. The authentication mechanism looks the user up in the remoteappmanager database, does not find it, and therefore sets account to None. This operation is never performed again, so the user remains None even if later on it is added to the database. Only by restarting remoteappmanager the lookup is performed again.

It is debatable if this behavior is a bug or not (after all, bash also won't alter your current environment if root changes /etc/bashrc, and you will have to logout to get the new environment). Issue #305 debates this point.

## I use the GitHub authenticator. A GitHub user has capitalisation in its username, but I see it as lowercase.

This is by design in both GitHub and JupyterHub. GitHub usernames are case insensitive, and case preserving. JupyterHub authenticator always normalises the usernames to lowercase.

## The database is not initialised properly

Each user's server requires a database setup and readable by the local process on which the `remoteappmanager` web application is started. The error message indicates that the database is not readable (e.g. it does not exist). Please refer to [Setup Database Accounting](#) for details and options on setting up the database.

For more details on how the local process is managed, please refers to `remoteappmanager.spawner`.

## Docker timeouts

If the application is unable to connect to docker and timeouts with the following message

```
Error while fetching server API version: HTTPSConnectionPool(host='192.168.99.100',
port=2376): Max retries exceeded with url: /version (Caused by ConnectTimeoutError(<requests.packages.urllib3.connection.VerifiedHTTPSConnection object at 0x106299518>, 'Con-
nection to 192.168.99.100 timed out. (connect timeout=60)')).
```

The likely problem is that your docker machine is not reachable. The most likely cause is that you recently recreated your default docker machine, or the docker machine is no longer reachable. Make sure that your docker environment (`DOCKER_HOST` environment variable) is compatible with the docker machine current ip address (*docker-machine ip*). If not, reconfigure your docker machine environment with *eval \$(docker-machine env)*.

## Error when connecting to docker: Permission denied

Check if your `/var/run/docker.sock` is accessible and readable. The likely cause is that your current user is not in the *docker* group. Fix this by running:

```
sudo addgroup your_username docker
```

and then logging out and in again.



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