

Apache - Host Visual Studio .NET 8 Deployments

Introduction

This is to prep the Linux server to host Visual Studio code.

This is for either RedHat or Rocky Linux installations.

For this configuration we are installing on a Rocky Linux server.

Preparation

Make sure that the server is up to date

```
dnf update -y
```

Configuration

Install the ASP .NET Core Runtime

```
dnf install aspnetcore-runtime-8.0 -y
```

Verification

```
dotnet --info
```

This should bring back the installation results

```
Host:
  Version:      8.0.8
  Architecture: x64
  Commit:       08338fcaa5
  RID:          rocky.9-x64
.NET SDKs installed:
  No SDKs were found.
.NET runtimes installed:
  Microsoft.AspNetCore.App 8.0.8 [/usr/lib64/dotnet/shared/Microsoft.AspNetCore.App]
  Microsoft.NETCore.App 8.0.8 [/usr/lib64/dotnet/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App]
Other architectures found:
  None
Environment variables:
  DOTNET_ROOT      [/usr/lib64/dotnet]
global.json file:
  Not found
Learn more:
  https://aka.ms/dotnet/info
Download .NET:
  https://aka.ms/dotnet/download
```

Setup the Project

You will need to SSH to the Linux server and navigate to the deployment folder.

In our case the project is an API project that is called MyFFLBookAPI

Once in the folder you can start the project this way

```
cd /var/www/html/api
dotnet MyFFLBookAPI.dll
```

```
[/var/www/html/api]# dotnet MyFFLBookAPI.dll
warn: Microsoft.AspNetCore.DataProtection.KeyManagement.XmlKeyManager[35]
      No XML encryptor configured. Key {3cacc8f4-baca-4475-9498-610b5e187653} may be persisted to storage in
unencrypted form.
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[14]
      Now listening on: http://localhost:5000
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
      Application started. Press Ctrl+C to shut down.
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
      Hosting environment: Production
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
      Content root path: /var/www/html/api
```

As you can see the server started on localhost port 5000. If you wish you can change the port to another if needed.

Simply use the Ctrl+C key to shutdown the project

Change Port

You will need to add an entry for Kestrel to redirect the port after the allowed hosts entry

```
"AllowedHosts": "*",  
  "Kestrel": {  
    "Endpoints": {  
      "Http": {  
        "Url": "http://*:8081"  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Now to test restart the project

```
dotnet MyFFLBookAPI.dll
```

```
[/var/www/html/api]# dotnet MyFFLBookAPI.dll  
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[14]  
      Now listening on: http://[::]:8081  
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]  
      Application started. Press Ctrl+C to shut down.  
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]  
      Hosting environment: Production  
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]  
      Content root path: /var/www/html/api
```

Now you can see that is started on the new port 8081

Setup a Service

First you will have to create a unit file for the service by doing the following

```
vi /lib/systemd/system/myfflbookapi.service
```

then for the entries within the unit service file

```
[Unit]  
Description=MyFFLBookAPI  
  
[Service]  
WorkingDirectory=/var/www/html/api  
ExecStart=/usr/bin/dotnet /var/www/html/api/MyFFLBookAPI.dll  
Restart=always
```

```
RestartSec=10
KillSignal=SIGINT
SyslogIdentifier=myfflbookapi
User=root
Environment=ASPNETCORE_ENVIRONMENT=Production
```

[Install]

```
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

Once configured you can test the service

To start the service do the following

```
systemctl start myfflbookapi
```

Then verify the status of the service

```
systemctl status myfflbookapi
```

Results of the above command

```
* myfflbookapi.service - MyFFLBookAPI
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/myfflbookapi.service; disabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sat 2024-08-31 10:14:38 EDT; 6s ago
     Main PID: 59786 (dotnet)
        Tasks: 28 (limit: 408004)
       Memory: 40.5M
          CPU: 515ms
      CGroup: /system.slice/myfflbookapi.service
              └─59786 /usr/bin/dotnet /var/www/html/api/MyFFLBookAPI.dll
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com systemd[1]: Started MyFFLBookAPI.
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com myfflbookapi[59786]: info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[14]
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com myfflbookapi[59786]:   Now listening on: http://[::]:8081
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com myfflbookapi[59786]: info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com myfflbookapi[59786]:   Application started. Press Ctrl+C to shut down.
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com myfflbookapi[59786]: info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com myfflbookapi[59786]:   Hosting environment: Production
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com myfflbookapi[59786]: info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
Aug 31 10:14:38 sfl-web-001.onling.com myfflbookapi[59786]:   Content root path: /var/www/html/api
```

As you can see the service is running.

Now you can set the service to auto start on boot

```
systemctl enable myfflbookapi
```

It will auto create a link for boot

```
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/myfflbookapi.service ->
/usr/lib/systemd/system/myfflbookapi.service.
```

Redirecting Ports

in the "/etc/httpd/sites-available" folder you will need to create a file for the website, in our case we will be using "sflservicesllc.io.conf"

```
cd /etc/httpd/sites-available
```

Then create the following file

```
vi sflservicesllc.io.conf
```

Add the following in the file

```
<VirtualHost *:80>

    ServerName sflservicesllc.io
    ServerAlias www.sflservicesllc.io
    ProxyPreserveHost On
    ProxyPass / https://localhost:8081/
    ProxyPassReverse / https://localhost:8081/

    ErrorLog logs/API_error_log
    TransferLog logs/API_access_log
    RewriteEngine on
    RewriteCond %{SERVER_NAME} =sflservicesllc.io
    RewriteRule ^ https://%{SERVER_NAME}%{REQUEST_URI} [END,NE,R=permanent]

</VirtualHost>

<VirtualHost *:443>

    SSLProxyEngine On
    SSLProxyVerify none
    SSLProxyCheckPeerCN off
    SSLProxyCheckPeerName off
    SSLProxyCheckPeerExpire off
    #SSLProxyCACertificateFile

    ServerName sflservicesllc.io
```

```
ServerAlias www.sflservicesllc.io
ProxyPreserveHost On
ProxyPass / https://localhost:8081/
ProxyPassReverse / https://localhost:8081/
```

```
ErrorLog logs/ssl_API_error_log
TransferLog logs/ssl_API_access_log
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```

Now create a link to allow Apache to start the website

```
cd /etc/httpd/sites-enabled
ln -s /etc/httpd/sites-available/sflservicesllc.io.conf
```

Then restart the Apache web service

```
systemctl restart httpd
```

Other Materials

You can also find on the Microsoft web site how to install on different versions other than the ones mentioned here

[Install the .NET SDK or the .NET Runtime on RHEL and CentOS Stream](#)

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