

Giant Swarm launches Simple Microservice Infrastructure ahead of DockerCon Europe

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Giant Swarm GmbH just launched the Open Alpha of their simple microservice infrastructure shortly ahead of [DockerCon Europe](#). Having tested their offering with early users in a closed alpha since October 2014 and with about 500 registrations from over 40 different countries they are now opening up their Alpha for more users. The service will be completely free in this early phase with virtually no limitations on usage.

The service can be used to easily and instantly deploy apps through Docker containers. Developers only need to describe their architecture in a single configuration file (in JSON format), not having to worry about where their code is running, how the networking works, or where the volumes come from. Giant Swarm takes care of running and scaling these apps. Further, users can collaboratively work on their architectures, being able to share them not only with their colleagues, but also with the whole Docker community. This way they can benefit from the power of the whole Docker ecosystem, not having to reinvent the wheel (or a simple LAMP stack). Giant Swarm is the first solution to be focussed on microservices, a topic that Ben Golub (CEO, Docker Inc.) and Solomon Hykes (CTO, Docker Inc.) will be talking about in their Keynote on the “Future of Microservices” this Friday at [DockerCon Europe](#).

Regarding the recent announcement of [Rocket](#) as a competitor to Docker, Giant Swarm sees this as a positive development in the market. With Rocket and [LXD](#) introducing a healthy competition into the container market, Docker will be kept on its toes. Giant Swarm chooses the best tools to give their users the freedom and power they need to deploy, run, and scale their apps. At the moment the service supports Docker, but they are open to any kinds of containers incl. Rocket, as they see great potential in this new approach to containers.

In the Open Alpha the service will be completely free, with virtually no limitations on usage. Only minor exception is a scaling limit of 10 containers per single component, which can be lifted if needed. In this phase, developers on the waiting list will be invited in batches each week. Interested developers can still sign up to the waiting list on the [company website](#).

About Giant Swarm

[Giant Swarm](#) is a simple yet powerful microservice infrastructure for containers. We are relying on CoreOS and Docker at the core to provide a native container environment, where we take care of the underlying infrastructure and developers declaratively only describe their

architecture of containers very easily. Giant Swarm is simple, instant, scalable, and collaborative.

The company was founded in July 2014 by [Oliver Thylmann](#), [Henning Lange](#), and [Timo Derstappen](#). Investors include [Stefan Glaenzer](#), [Fabian Thylmann](#), and [BoxGroup](#). The team of 12 is working out of [Startplatz](#) offices in Cologne, Germany.

For a press kit (with logo, screenshots, etc.) visit the [press room](#).

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