Cookbook

Small snippets and pieces of knowledge.

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Local v5 Nuts node with Ngrok

> This documentation only applies to use cases requiring the Nuts gRPC network (did:nuts DIDs). If your use cases uses did:web DIDs (v6 functionality), you can use the development Docker image. Refer to the Docker documentation for more information.

Ideally a Nuts node runs in a data center or cloud environment with a fixed IP address behind a ngress proxy. During development this is not always practical and there exists a need for running a Nuts node locally on for instance a laptop behind a NAT.

In order for the node to receive requests, private transactions and synchronize with other nodes, it must be reachable by external nodes. For this you can use the handy service ngrok. Ngrok describes itself as follows:

> ❝ ngrok is a simplified API-first ingress-as-a-service that adds connectivity, security, and observability to your apps in one line

1. Setup ngrok

To get started with ngrok, you can follow this tutorial

Once you have an account and access token setup, add the following lines to your ngrok configuration:

```
tunnels:
  grpc:
    proto: tcp
    addr: 5555
  n2n:
    proto: tcp
    addr: 1323
```

This informs the ngrok application to create 2 tunnels, each forwarding tcp traffic to respectively port `5555` for `grpc` traffic and `1323` for `http` traffic.

When you start ngrok with this config, the output will look something like this:

```
Session Status          online
Account                  OrgName (Plan: Free)
Version                 3.2.2
Region                  Europe (eu)
Latency                 15ms
Web Interface            http://127.0.0.1:4040
Forwarding               tcp://0.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:16077 -> localhost:5555
Forwarding               tcp://7.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:18593 -> localhost:1323


Connections             ttl    opn    rt1    rt5    p50    p90
```

2. Certificates

Your node needs certificates for these endpoints to join a network.

For more information, read the official documentation.

Since ngrok uses the `tcp.eu.ngrok.io` path, you can generate a certificate for the ngrok domains and `stable` network with the following command:

```
$ ./issue-cert.sh stable '*.tcp.eu.ngrok.io'
```

Now, copy the resulting files to a location accessable for your node and add the following section to your `nuts.yaml` config file:

```
tls:
  certfile: "*.tcp.eu.ngrok.io-stable.pem"
  certkeyfile: "*.tcp.eu.ngrok.io-stable.key"
  truststorefile: ./truststore-stable.pem
```

3. Endpoint configuration

Your node needs to broadcast these endpoints to other nodes in order for them to connect to you.

You need to setup a vendor DID document. See step 3 in the [official docs](). For the `NutsComm` service you will use the tunnel url which maps to port `5555`. The url will become `grpc://0.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:16077` in our example.

When a service uses oauth you must configure an oauth endpoint. Following our example, that would become: `http://7.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:18593/n2n/auth/v1/accesstoken`.

An example of the vendor DID document service section with a `test-service` would look like this:

```
{
    "id": "did:nuts:FJ2WaKNaf6jKZ9tgJoNCmQKh3xoe9vFEBzj59WSkmSEV",
    ...
    "service": [
      {
        "id":
"did:nuts:FJ2WaKNaf6jKZ9tgJoNCmQKh3xoe9vFEBzj59WSkmSEV#AYQhYmNeYdoNthAiyAZ9ufAM54DF2ZqJmzGrT
i4dm6nT",
        "serviceEndpoint": "grpc://0.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:16077",
        "type": "NutsComm"
      },
      {
        "id":
"did:nuts:FJ2WaKNaf6jKZ9tgJoNCmQKh3xoe9vFEBzj59WSkmSEV#DtUY29HzYR1H2UofLXVJ3ru6TAxYY59NiBqSyfT
AeM5Y",
        "serviceEndpoint": "http://7.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:18593/n2n/auth/v1/accesstoken",
        "type": "oauth"
      },
      {
        "id":
"did:nuts:FJ2WaKNaf6jKZ9tgJoNCmQKh3xoe9vFEBzj59WSkmSEV#7jbTfYq8vjVwvhJt6Nayxzk1ki4xx1Bw1MwhebL
oDxau",
        "serviceEndpoint": {
          "oauth":
"did:nuts:FJ2WaKNaf6jKZ9tgJoNCmQKh3xoe9vFEBzj59WSkmSEV/serviceEndpoint?type=oauth"
        },
        "type": "test-service"
      }
    ]
}
```

V6 configuration without V5 features

The configuration below show a minimal `nuts.json` config file:

- `did:nuts` disabled, `did:web` enabled
- discovery refresh of 1 minute for faster discovery during development
- default mappings for discovery and policy files (mounts required)
- SQLite will be used as DB
- gRPC network is not started

```
url: https://<your-domain.com>
verbosity: debug
strictmode: false
internalratelimiter: false
http:
  log: metadata-and-body
  internal:
    address: :8081
auth:
  contractvalidators:
    - dummy
  irma:
    autoupdateschemas: false
policy:
  directory: /nuts/config/policy
discovery:
  definitions:
    directory: /nuts/config/discovery
  client:
    refresh_interval: 1m
vdr:
  didmethods:
    - web
```