

Meteor in Production

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FREEMAN (me)

- **Coding since 2011**
- **Before 2015, front end dev / startup founder – Backbone.js, Grunt**
- **2015 onwards, full stack contractor – Jekyll, Ember.js, Angular 1, React, Webpack, Rails, Express.js, Swift, Ionic 2, React Native...**
- **...Meteor!**

The Story

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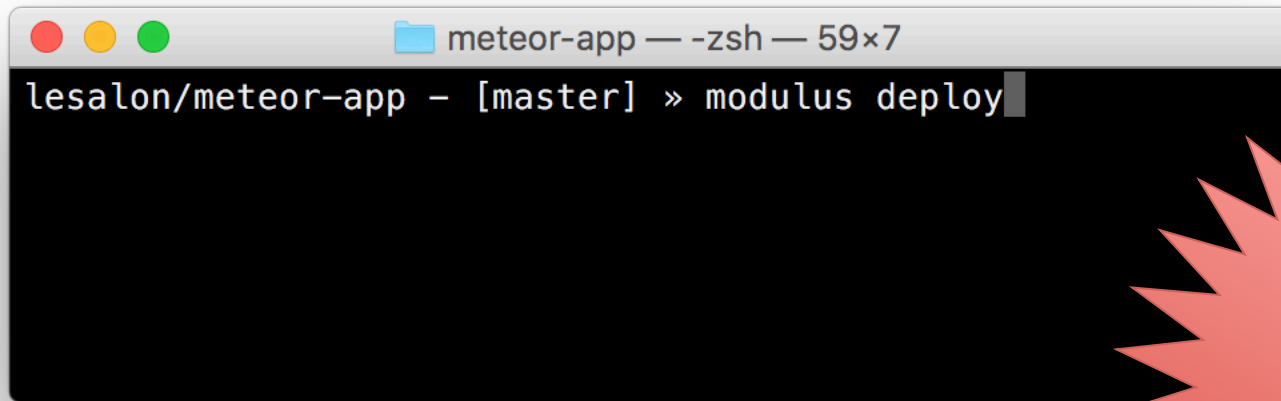
The Story

- **Started working with LeSalon in March 2016**
- **Previous contractor liked to try new things but never finished projects**
- **Meteor running in production... alongside a separate REST Rails API**
- **No documentation** 🤪
- **Bugs everywhere**
- **Great opportunity to learn Meteor from scratch!**

Meteor Impressed Me...

- **Deep connection between client and server means better:**
 - **Reactivity**
 - **Security**
 - **Cross-domain HTTP**
- **Iron Router & Blaze are awesome**
- **NPM support**
- **Build system is really easy to work with**

Deploying LeSalon

A terminal window with a title bar that reads "meteor-app — -zsh — 59x7". The terminal content shows the command "lesalon/meteor-app - [master] » modulus deploy" being entered at the prompt.

```
lesalon/meteor-app - [master] » modulus deploy
```

Up to 20
minutes



Slow but reliable manual process

Continuous Integration

- **Automated**
 - Less time spent doing deploys
- **Frequent**
 - Less integration pain
- **Safe**
 - Unit tests on every deploy
- **Codeship**
 - My favourite CI service
 - Others include Travis, GitLab, Shippable, etc.

Continuously Integrating Meteor

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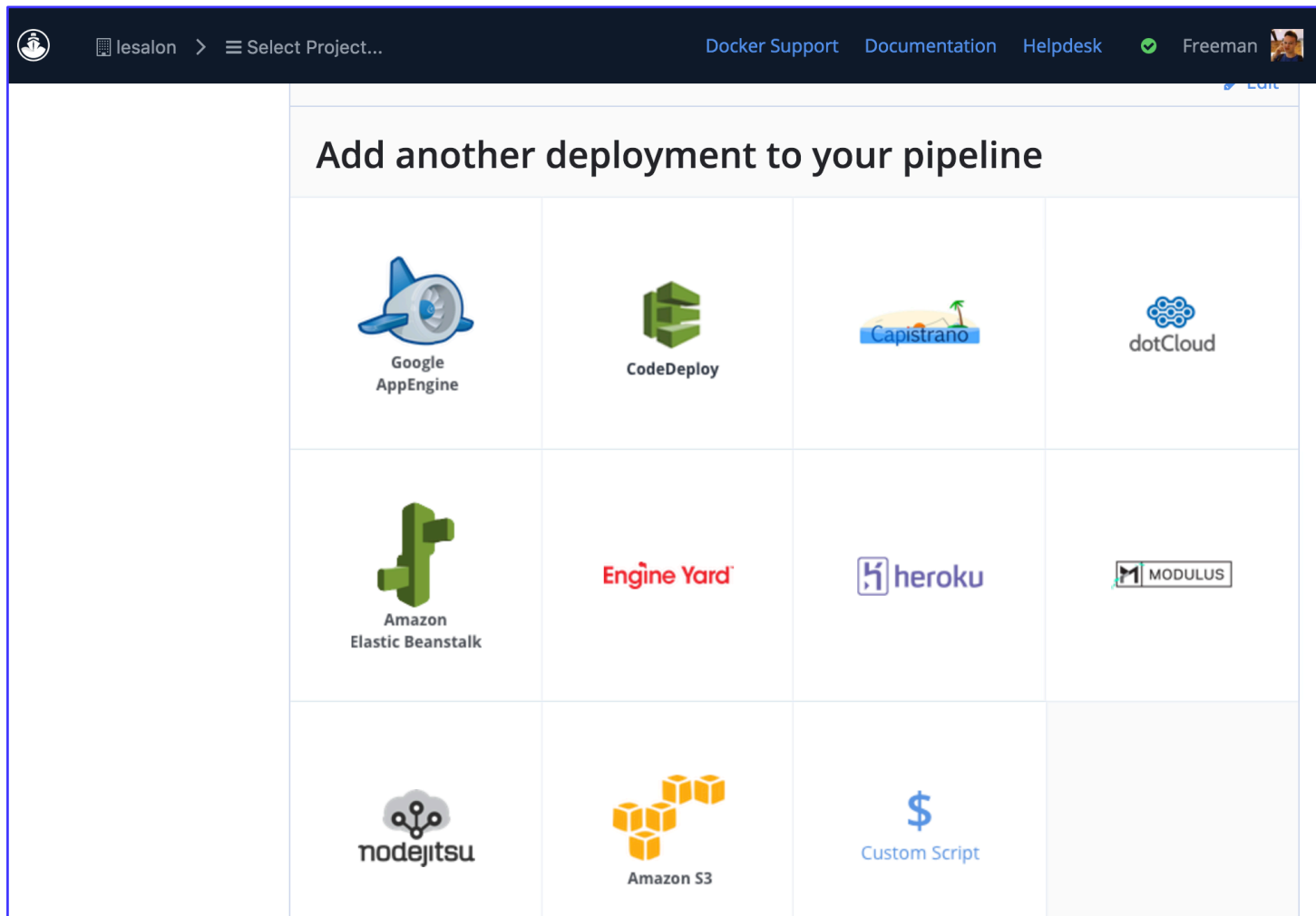


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Codeship Supports Modulus



Pretty easy...

Modulus

Run **modulus token create** on your machine to create a new token. You can read more about this in the [Modulus Documentation](#).

API Token:

We will check if the project exists and create it if it doesn't.

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Project Name:

URL:

If this URL requires HTTP Basic Auth, enter
http://USERNAME:PASSWORD@YOUR_URL into the url field

Create Deployment

 Cancel

Deploy by push / merge to master

New pull request

< 10
minutes

Fire and forget! Codeship's internet is obviously better than my China Telecom 100M line

lesalonapp/meteor-app: avatar support
nabilfree... b5b7ddcc master 5:48 2016-08-05 SUCCESS

TEST COMMANDS

1	Exporting Environment	0 min 1 sec	✓
2	git clone --branch "master" --depth 50 git@github.com:lesalonapp/meteor-app.g...		✓
3	cd clone	0 min 1 sec	✓
4	git checkout -qf b5b7ddcc01ff5a120fcd6037cce1649b9aea738e	0 min 1 sec	✓
5	Preparing Dependency Cache	0 min 5 sec	✓
6	Preparing Virtual Machine	0 min 12 sec	✓
7	npm install -g modulus	0 min 14 sec	✓
8	Export Modulus Token	0 min 1 sec	✓
9	Ensuring project lesalon-webapp exists	0 min 2 sec	✓
10	modulus deploy -p "lesalon-webapp"	8 min 28 sec	✓

Welcome to **Modulus**
You are logged in as **nabil@instafork.com**
Selecting **lesalon-webapp**

Deploying Meteor version 1.3.2.4
Compressing project...

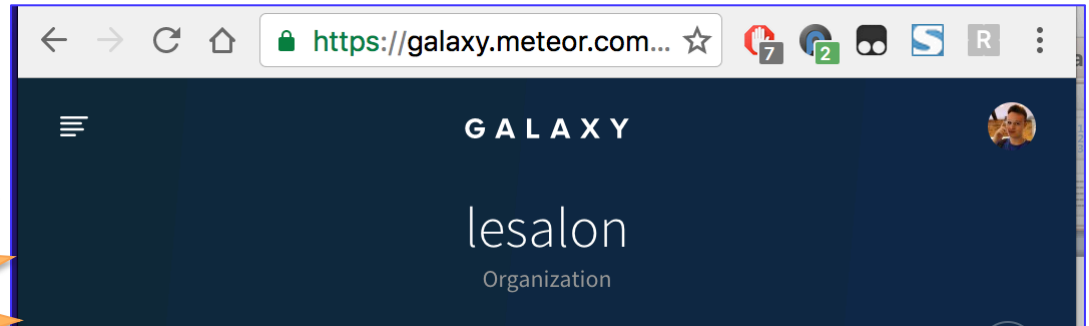
Logs ...

[] lesalon-webapp running at lesalonwebapp-48396.onmodulus.net

11	check_url lesalonapp.com	0 min 12 sec	✓
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The Official PaaS: Galaxy

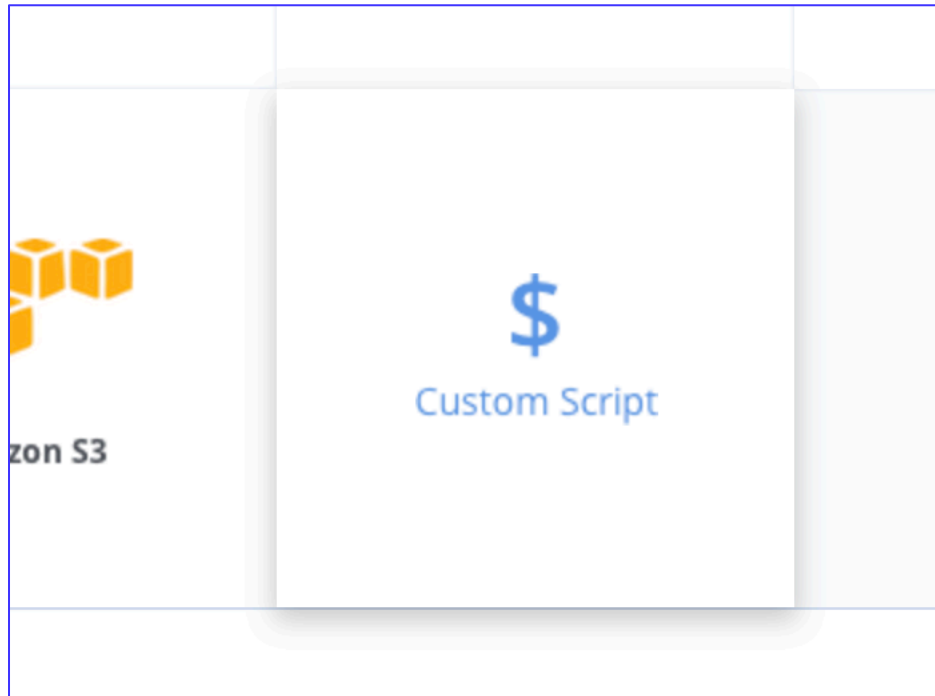
**< 10
minutes**



```
meteor-app — -zsh — 66x7
lesalon/meteor-app - [master] » DEPLOY_HOSTNAME=galaxy.meteor.com
meteor deploy lesalonapp.com --settings settings.production.json
```

Faster (no demeteorizer) and built in to the Meteor command line tools

Codeship Doesn't Support Galaxy



Time to get our hands dirty

Thanks Nate Strauser!



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Migrating Meteor Apps from Modulus to Galaxy with Continuous Deployment from Codeship

Galaxy is the new hosting offering from Meteor Development Group. The business editions have been publicly available for a little while, but they are too expensive for

...for your excellent tutorial on Medium (link in Meteor WeChat group)

Just add something to settings.json...

```
{
  "galaxy.meteor.com": {
    "env": {
      "NODE_ENV": "staging",
      "ROOT_URL": "https://staging.lesalonapp.com",
      "MONGO_URL": "mongodb://some:mongo@data/base"
    }
  },
  "public": {
    "segment_key": "fdhsklhfldkhkldshkl",
    "stripe_key": "pk_test_fdslhflkdhklf",
    "app_name": "web-app-staging",
    "environment": "staging"
  },
  "private": {
    "stripe_key": "sk_test_sdfiodhlfkleewio",
    "facebook": {
      "key": "fdsgosilkdsfl",

```

Create an auth token...

We now need to create a login session **token** file to allow Codeship to deploy to Galaxy without having to supply your username and password.

Create a Meteor session **token** in a json file by running this command locally

```
METEOR_SESSION_FILE=deployment_token.json meteor login
```

This will create session **token** with Meteor's authentication system and store it in a json file `deployment_**token**.json`. If needed, the **token** can be revoked from your Meteor user account settings. The **token** stored in the file looks like

Pretty hard...

Custom script

Enter your custom deployment script line by line. Disable them by putting `#` at the beginning of a line

Deployment Commands:

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```
# install node modules
npm install

# install Meteor
curl -o meteor_install_script.sh https://install.meteor.com/
chmod +x meteor_install_script.sh
sed -i "s/type sudo >\dev\>null 2>&1/\ false /g" meteor_install_script.sh
./meteor_install_script.sh
export PATH=$PATH:~/.meteor/

# deploy app
DEPLOY_HOSTNAME=eu-west-1.galaxy-deploy.meteor.com METEOR_SESSION_FILE=deploy.token.json meteor deploy
staging.lesalonapp.com --settings settings.staging.json
```

Each line is like a command that you execute in a local shell from within the project path.

Create Deployment

...But worth it!!!

New pull request

6
minutes

Fully automated

lesalonapp/meteor-app: Merge pull request #102 ...
nabilfree... 357089a4 master 9:49 2016-11-16 SUCCESS

TEST COMMANDS

1	Exporting Environment	0 min 3 sec	✓
2	git clone --branch "master" --depth 50 git@github.com:lesalonapp/meteor-app.g...		✓
3	cd clone	0 min 1 sec	✓
4	git checkout -qf 357089a4d74adba90f3786ec8e1c161ff129c453	0 min 2 sec	✓
5	Preparing Dependency Cache	0 min 8 sec	✓
6	Preparing Virtual Machine	0 min 14 sec	✓
7	npm install	0 min 3 sec	✓
8	curl -o meteor_install_script.sh https://install.meteor.com/	0 min 1 sec	✓
9	chmod +x meteor_install_script.sh	0 min 1 sec	✓
10	sed -i "s/type sudo >\devVnull 2>&1\ false /g" meteor_install_script.sh	0 min 1 sec	✓
11	./meteor_install_script.sh	0 min 9 sec	✓
12	export PATH=\$PATH:~/..meteor/	0 min 1 sec	✓
13	sh deploy.production.sh	6 min 15 sec	✓

Deploying app with the following settings:

```
{
  "galaxy.meteor.com": {
    "env": {
      "NODE_ENV": "production",
      "ROOT_URL": "https://lesalonapp.com",
      "MONGO_URI":
```

Logs ...

```
request: updating npm dependencies -- request...
Deploying your app...
Upgrading lesalonapp.com to version 28 in lesalon's account in
eu-west-1.
Visit https://eu-west-1.galaxy.meteor.com/app/lesalonapp.com to check the
status of your app.
```

Notes

- From 20 minutes supervised deploys to 6 minutes automatic. Great success!
- settings.json needs to be in source control and contains sensitive information (might not be acceptable for some teams)
- This uses Galaxy, but you could also hack this to work with Meteor Up for custom servers.
- Codeship supports tests, but the Meteor app doesn't have any yet... 😊

Future Meteor Plans

- **Experiment with React framework instead of Blaze (we are transitioning to React Native for our mobile apps)**
- **Implement unit tests**
- **Look at front end testing with CasperJS**
- **Build a Meteor project from scratch (I inherited this one)**

Cheers!

- WeChat me!
- <http://freemans.website>
 - (I'm a talented contractor)
- Suggestions to improve my CI setup are much appreciated

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