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# About

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# Chapter 1: Getting started with rethinkdb

## Remarks

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## What is RethinkDB?

- **Open-source** database for building realtime web applications
- **NoSQL** database that stores schemaless JSON documents
- **Distributed** database that is easy to scale
- **High availability** database with automatic failover and robust fault tolerance

RethinkDB is the first open-source scalable database built for realtime applications. It exposes a new database access model -- instead of polling for changes, the developer can tell the database to continuously push updated query results to applications in realtime. RethinkDB allows developers to build scalable realtime apps in a fraction of the time with less effort.

## Versions

Version	Release Date
2.3.5	2016-08-27
2.3.4	2016-06-03
2.3.3	2016-05-31
2.3.2	2016-05-05
2.3.1	2016-04-22
2.3.0	2016-04-05

## Examples

### Installation on OS X

### Using Homebrew

*Prerequisites:* Make sure you're on OS X 10.9 (Mavericks) or above, and have [Homebrew](#) installed.

Run the following in your terminal:

```
brew update && brew install rethinkdb
```

## Compile from source

Building RethinkDB from source requires OS X 10.9 (Mavericks) or greater. [Xcode](#) is required to build from source.

### Get the source code

Download and extract the archive:

```
wget https://download.rethinkdb.com/dist/rethinkdb-2.3.4.tgz
tar xf rethinkdb-2.3.4.tgz
```

### Build RethinkDB

Kick off the build process:

```
cd rethinkdb-2.3
./configure --allow-fetch --fetch openssl
make
```

You will find the `rethinkdb` binary in the `build/release/` subfolder.

## Installation on Ubuntu

Ubuntu binaries are available for both 32-bit and 64-bit architectures

```
source /etc/lsb-release && echo "deb http://download.rethinkdb.com/apt $DISTRIB_CODENAME main"
| sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/rethinkdb.list
wget -qO- https://download.rethinkdb.com/apt/pubkey.gpg | sudo apt-key add -
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install rethinkdb
```

## Installation on Windows

### Downloading

*Prerequisites:* We provide native 64-bit binaries for Windows 7 and above. A 64-bit version of Windows is required.

[Download](#) the ZIP archive and unpack it in a directory of your choice.

The Windows port of RethinkDB is a recent addition and hasn't received as much tuning as the Linux and OS X versions yet. Please report any performance issues on [GitHub](#).

## Running RethinkDB

The Windows version of RethinkDB, like the Linux/OS X versions, is executed from the command line. You'll need to start the Windows command shell.

- Press `Win + X` and click "Command Prompt"; or
- Open the Start Menu, click "Run," and type "`cmd`" `ENTER`

Use the `cd` command to go to the directory that you unpacked `rethinkdb.exe` in.

```
C:\Users\Slava\>cd RethinkDB
C:\Users\Slava\RethinkDB\>
```

Then, you can start RethinkDB with its default options.

```
C:\Users\Slava\RethinkDB\>rethinkdb.exe
```

You can also use any of the [command line options](#) to control configuration (as well as specify a [configuration file](#)).

To start with a specific data directory:

```
rethinkdb.exe -d c:\RethinkDB\data\
```

To specify a server name and another cluster to join:

```
rethinkdb.exe -n jarvis -j cluster.example.com
```

Read [Getting started with rethinkdb online](#): <https://riptutorial.com/rethinkdb/topic/2498/getting-started-with-rethinkdb>

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# Chapter 2: Getting started with Node

## Examples

### Installing the RethinkDB package from NPM

```
npm install -g rethinkdb
```

### Making a connection to RethinkDB

```
const r = require("rethinkdb");
```

```
r.connect({host: 'localhost', port: 28015}, (conn) => console.log(conn))

// Or as a promise

let rdb_conn;
r.connect({host: 'localhost', port: 28015}).then((conn) => {
  rdb_conn = conn;
}).then(() => {
  // Continue to use rdb_conn
});
```

### Listing all databases

```
r.connect({host: 'localhost', port: 28015})
  .then((conn) => {
    return r.dbList().run(conn);
  }).then((result) => {
    // Prints out list of databases on the RethinkDB instance
    console.log(result);
  });
```

### Create a new database

```
r.connect({host: 'localhost', port: 28015})
  .then((conn) => {
    return r.dbCreate("stackoverflow").run(conn);
  }).then((result) => {
    console.log(result);
  });
```

### Create a new table on a database

```
r.connect({host: 'localhost', port: 28015})
  .then((conn) => {
    return r.db("stackoverflow").tableCreate("examples").run(conn);
  }).then((result) => {
    console.log(result);
  });
```



```
});
```

## Insert a document into a table

```
r.connect({host: 'localhost', port: 28015})
.then((conn) => {
  return r.db("stackoverflow").table("examples")
    .insert({
      // If `id` is not set, will automatically generate a UUID
      id: 1,

      name: 'Thinker',

      // Will translate Date types.
      creationDate: new Date(),

      // Embedded array
      tags: ['rethinkdb', 'rethinkdb-javascript', 'rethinkdb-python'],

      // Will evaluate `r.now()` using server time
      dateWithServerTime: r.now(),

      // Embedded document
      location: {
        // Using geospatial example
        coordinates: r.point(-122.423246, 37.779388),
        name: 'San Francisco'
      },
    })
    .run(conn);
}).then((result) => {
  // Returns results object which includes array of generated UUIDs
  // for inserted documents
  console.log(result);
});
```

## Querying a document from a table

```
r.connect({host: 'localhost', port: 28015})
.then((conn) => {
  // Can also use .get({id: 1})
  return r.db("stackoverflow").table("examples").get(1).run(conn)
}).then((result) => {
  console.log(result);
})
```

Read Getting started with Node online: <https://riptutorial.com/rethinkdb/topic/6475/getting-started-with-node>

# Chapter 3: Using RethinkDB with Docker

## Examples

### Basic usage

By default, RethinkDB binds all services to `127.0.0.1`. So this following example will persist data to the `host_data_path` on the container's host machine and available to `127.0.0.1` on the standard ports.

Service	Flag	Default Port
Driver	<code>--driver-port</code>	28015
Cluster	<code>--cluster-port</code>	29015
HTTP WebUI	<code>--http-port</code>	8080

```
docker run -d -v host_data_path:/data rethinkdb
```

To open up the driver and cluster port to the external traffic you must specify the address of local interfaces or provide `all`.

```
docker run -d -v host_data_path:/data rethinkdb --bind all
```

### Binding WebUI to localhost or disabling

When deploying RethinkDB in production, you want to either turn off or lock down the WebUI. This will only respond to `localhost` to access the WebUI allowing you to SSH Tunnel to the host machine and access it for diagnostics and troubleshooting.

```
docker run -d \  
  -v host_data_path:/data \  
  rethinkdb \  
  rethinkdb --bind-cluster all --bind-driver all --bind-http 127.0.0.1 -d /data
```

If you'd like to completely turn off the WebUI:

```
docker run -d \  
  -v host_data_path:/data \  
  rethinkdb \  
  rethinkdb --bind-cluster all --bind-driver all --no-http-admin -d /data
```

Read [Using RethinkDB with Docker](https://riptutorial.com/rethinkdb/topic/4499/using-rethinkdb-with-docker) online: <https://riptutorial.com/rethinkdb/topic/4499/using-rethinkdb-with-docker>

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# Chapter 4: using thinky.io with RethinkDB

## Examples

### Starting thinky in node.js

thinky is a lightweight node.js ORM for RethinkDB.

First you need to have RethinkDB running on your server.

Then install the thinky.io npm package into your project.

```
npm install --save thinky
```

Now import thinky into your model file.

```
const thinky = require('thinky')();  
const type = thinky.type
```

Next create a model.

```
const User = thinky.createModel('User' {  
  email:type.string(),  
  password: type.string()  
});
```

You can now create and save a user.

```
const user = new User({  
  email: 'test@email.com',  
  password: 'password'  
});  
  
user.save();
```

The user will be given a unique id.

You can chain a promise onto the save function to use the resulting user, or catch an error.

```
user.save()  
  .then(function(result) {  
    console.log(result);  
  })  
  .catch(function(error) {  
    console.log(error);  
  });
```

Find your user using functions such as filter, and use promises to use the results.

```
User.filter({ email: 'test@email.com' }).run()
  .then(function(result) {
    console.log(result);
  })
  .catch(function(error) {
    console.log(error);
  });
```

Or search for a specific user by the unique id.

```
User.get(id)
  .then(function(user) {
    console.log(user);
  })
  .catch(function(error) {
    console.log(error);
  });
```

Read using thinky.io with RethinkDB online: <https://riptutorial.com/rethinkdb/topic/4068/using-thinky-io-with-rethinkdb>

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1	Getting started with rethinkdb	<a href="#">Community</a> , <a href="#">dalanmiller</a> , <a href="#">Matteo</a>
2	Getting started with Node	<a href="#">dalanmiller</a>
3	Using RethinkDB with Docker	<a href="#">dalanmiller</a>
4	using thinky.io with RethinkDB	<a href="#">alexi2</a>