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Introduction

The containerization technology is rapidly emerging and inspiring many software companies to adopt and use it in their DevOps tool chain to get maximum resource utilization and reduce time-to-market. Docker containerization has become habitual than a buzzword. Docker Universal Control Plane (UCP) offers container datacenter for the application and operations team to install or deploy software; and application with pre-baked dependencies inside a container ensures the application deployment certainty. This whitepaper describes how HPE Cloud Service Automation (CSA) and HPE Codar are integrated with Docker UCP and the benefits the end-user will get by using this integration. HPE CSA is primarily used by the IT Ops or Central IT for providing IaaS & PaaS for their LOB's or application team. HPE Codar offers release pipeline automation along with deployment automation intelligence. Both the products can utilize Docker UCP platform to deploy containers which have software or application in them.

Configuration Requirements

The following configurations must be completed, tested and should be operational before you proceed with the integration:

- Configure HPE Codar.
- Configure Docker Universal Control Plane
- Configure HPE Operations Orchestration.

Supported versions

The following table shows the major components required to use this implementation.

Component	Supported version	Recommended version
HPE Codar	1.81	1.81
HPE Operations Orchestration	10.22 and later	10.60 with the following HPE Operations Orchestration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• oo10-base-cp-1.8.0.jar• oo10-cloud-cp-1.8.2.jar• oo10-hpe-solutions-cp-1.8.2.jar• oo10-sa-cp-1.2.2.jar• oo10-sm-cp-1.0.3.jar• oo10-virtualization-cp-1.8.0.jar
Docker Universal Control Plane	1.11	1.11

Configure Docker UCP Datacenter Resource Provider


Docker UCP Datacenter resource provider can be used to integrate with Docker UCP 1.11 datacenter to import image as component and spawn containers across multiple nodes configured as part of UCP. Docker UCP endpoints with credentials and Docker Trusted Registry endpoints with credentials can be configured within HPE CSA and HPE Codar through OOTB resource provider.

Edit Resource Provider

Provider Type
DOCKER UCP DATA CENTER

Display Name *

Description

Image

[Change Image](#)

Access Point Configuration

Service Access Point *

User ID *

Password *

Confirm Password *

Enabled ⓘ

Save **Cancel**

Instructions:
 Provide the Docker UCP controller endpoint and credentials to connect to the UCP server.

Service Access Point: Docker UCP HTTPS endpoint.
User ID: Docker UCP username
Password: Docker UCP password

Fig: 1 → Docker Universal Datacenter Resource Provider

Docker UCP	
Overview	Properties
Properties	
organizationName	hpe-cloud-orchestrate
The organization name created in Docker Trusted Registry. Configuring the organization will help you to pull images specific to that organization	
trustedDockerRegistryHost	dockertr.americas.hpqcorp.net
Docker Trusted Registry hostname or ipaddress	
trustedDockerRegistryPassword	[*****]
Docker Trusted Registry account password	
trustedDockerRegistryUsername	willalex
Docker Trusted Registry account Username	
ucpClientHostname	16.103.31.60
Docker UCP Client hostname or ipaddress. The client can be configured in HA node or cluster node. The client machine should have UCP certificates and environment set to reflect Docker UCP nodes and cluster.	
ucpClientPassword	[*****]
Docker UCP Client host password	
ucpClientPrivatekey	Not Set
Docker UCP Client host privatekey	
ucpClientSshPort	22
Docker UCP Client host ssh port	
ucpClientUsername	root
Docker UCP Client host username	

Fig: 2 → Additional properties to configure “Docker Trusted Registry” endpoints and credentials.

UCP Client

A UCP client can be used to connect to Docker UCP controller node and send request to create or terminate containers.

The UCP client machine should be a UNIX machine and should be configured with UCP client bundle. The client bundle can be downloaded from Docker UCP server. Ensure to add the env.sh variables into user's home **“.bashrc”, “.profile” and `/etc/environment`** files. The UCP client machine can also be one of Docker UCP's HA nodes, cluster nodes, or Docker containers. Refer detailed description for each of the properties in Fig 2.

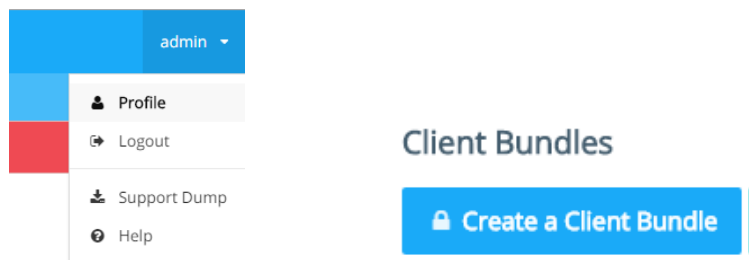


Fig: 3 → Download the client bundle files from the Docker UCP controller portal

The client bundles can be download using command line option and also by executing the below commands on the client machine:

```
cd /home/<username>
mkdir ucpcerts
AUTHTOKEN=$(curl -sk -d '{"username":"<username>","password":"<password>"}' https://<controller>/auth/login | jq -r .auth_token)
curl -k -H "Authorization: Bearer $AUTHTOKEN" https://<controller>/api/clientbundle -o bundle.zip
```

Add the environment variables into user's home directory .bashrc , .profile and /etc/environments

```
export NO_PROXY=localhost,127.0.0.0/8,::1,/var/run/docker.sock,<additional>
export DOCKER_HOST=tcp://<UCP Controller FQDN/IP Address>:443
export DOCKER_TLS_VERIFY=1
export DOCKER_CERT_PATH=</home/<username>/ucpcerts
```

Embrace Docker Image as Component

HPE CSA and HPE Codar support topology-based designs. The components are the building blocks for the service blueprints and can be imported from various resources like HPE Operations Orchestration, HPE Server Automation, Chef, Puppet, etc.

In the same fashion, a Docker image can be imported from Docker-trusted registry/registry as component, and can be added as part of the service blueprints. A Docker image once imported can be further configured to set the dependency over other Docker components which attributes to another Docker image or any other component from any other resource provider.

The images can be imported based on the organization configured in the DOCKER UCP DATA CENTER resource provider.

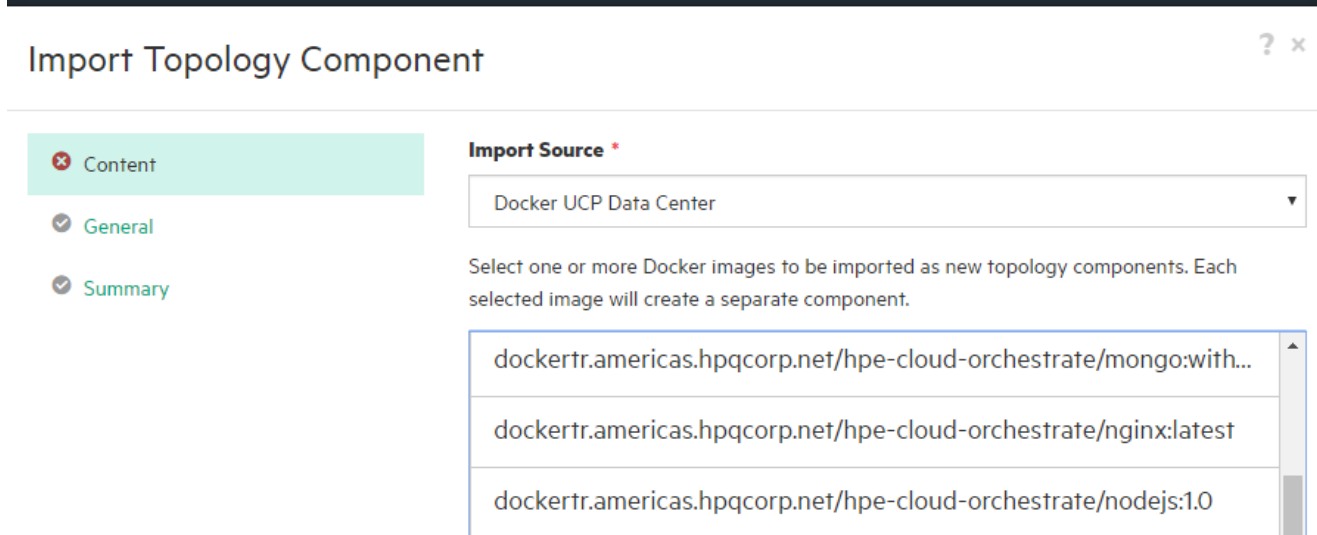


Fig: 4 → Import Docker images as components by selecting one or more from the list

Imported Components

The imported component needs to be configured for the relationship, if required, and for setting the capabilities and characteristics. The default operations available are Deploy and Undeploy. Other custom operations can be imported from the content.

The custom operation includes the following:

1. Start
2. Stop

3. Restart
4. Inspect
5. Get Logs
6. GetStats

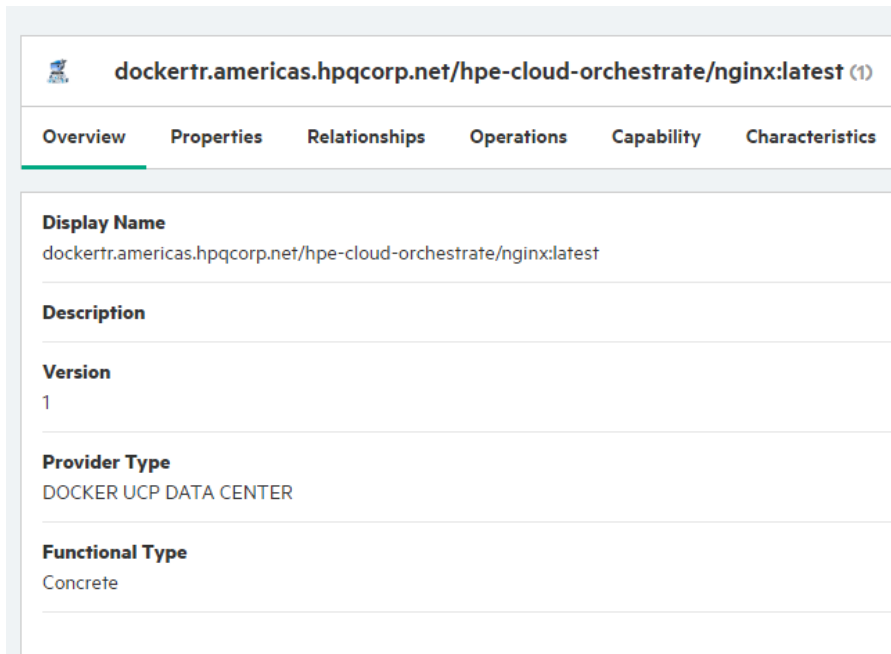


Fig: 5 → A sample Docker UCP component

Component Properties

The component properties include input, output, and provider properties. The input properties are given below.

Note: For information on passing user inputs to individual “docker run” command line arguments, refer the section ‘Docker ‘run’ command Line Arguments as Component Properties’.

Refer the information below to pass inputs to create containers in a non-controlled environment. If it is made visible to consumer, the end-users can pass the docker run options on their own and pass any inputs based on their requirement. They can be hardcoded too and these arguments need not be made visible.

Property	Description
<code>dockerArgs</code>	All the Docker “run” arguments can be provided which can create containers with specified options. Example: <code>-P / -p 18080:8080 -v /tomcat-8:/usr/local/tomcat8</code>
<code>environmentVariables</code>	Optional argument but environment variables can be provided as part of <code>dockerArgs</code> also. Ex: <code>-e http_proxy=http://mydomainproxy.mydomain.com:8080/ -e artifactURL=http://mynexus/com/product/myweb.war</code>
<code>launchCommand</code>	An entrypoint or launch command which should be triggered inside container once it is created. Eamplex: <code>/run.sh</code>

You can mask component properties like 'dockerContainerID' from end-user by unchecking the options like 'designer visible' and 'consumer visible'.

Note: Modifying the image name will not incur any change and it is strongly recommended not to modify the default "imageName" property.

All the other property values are automatically fetched from the provider property.

The screenshot displays the 'Properties' tab for a Docker UCP component. The component name is 'dockertr.americas.hpqcorp.net/hpe-cloud-orchestrate'. The 'Properties' section lists several attributes, most of which are 'Not Set'. A detailed view on the right shows the following values:

- launchCommand: Not Set
- timeOut: 500000
- ucpClientHostname: Not Set
- ucpClientPassword: Not Set
- ucpClientPrivatekey: Not Set
- ucpClientSshPort: 22
- ucpClientUsername: Not Set

Fig: 6 → Default Component Properties

The screenshot displays the 'Operations' tab for a Docker UCP component. The component name is 'dockertr.americas.hpqcorp.net/hpe-cloud-orchestrate/nginx:latest (1)'. The 'Operations' section lists two main actions:

- Deploy:** dockerArgs, environmentVariables, imageName, launchCommand, timeOut, ucpClientHostname, ucpClientPassword, ucpClientPrivatekey, ucpClientSshPort, ucpClientUsername
- Undeploy:** dockerContainerID, ucpClientHostname, ucpClientPassword, ucpClientPrivatekey, ucpClientSshPort, ucpClientUsername

Fig: 7 → Default operations as part of Docker UCP component

The Deploy operation will have some properties exposed as output properties which can be used further in different components. There is no need to change these property mappings.

The properties include the following:

Output Parameter Mappings

<input type="radio"/>	dockerContainerID
<input type="radio"/>	dockerContainerIP
<input type="radio"/>	dockerExposedPorts
<input type="radio"/>	hostedOnIPAddress

Fig: 8 → Deploy flow output properties

Application Blueprints

You can create application blueprints by adding the imported components. A sample application blueprint is given below with a component which represents an “nginx” Docker image.

The screenshot shows a configuration panel for a Docker component. The component name is `dockertr.americas.hpqc...`. The configuration includes:

- dockerArgs:** `-P -v nginx:/etc/nginx:rw` (checkbox: Modifiable during package deploy)
- dockerContainerID:** (checkbox: Modifiable during package deploy)
- environmentVariables:** `-e http_proxy=http://web-prc` (checkbox: Modifiable during package deploy)
- launchCommand:** (checkbox: Modifiable during package deploy)

On the right side, a summary of the configuration is shown:

- Image:** `dockertr.americas.hpqcorp.net/hpe-cloud-orchestrate/nginx:latest`
- launchCommand:** (empty field)
- dockerArgs:** `-P -v nginx:/etc/nginx:rw`
- timeOut:** `500000`
- environmentVariables:** `-e http_proxy=http://web-proxy.houston.hp.com:8080`

Fig: 9 → Sample Docker image component which represents nginx server



Fig 10: Test Run Result

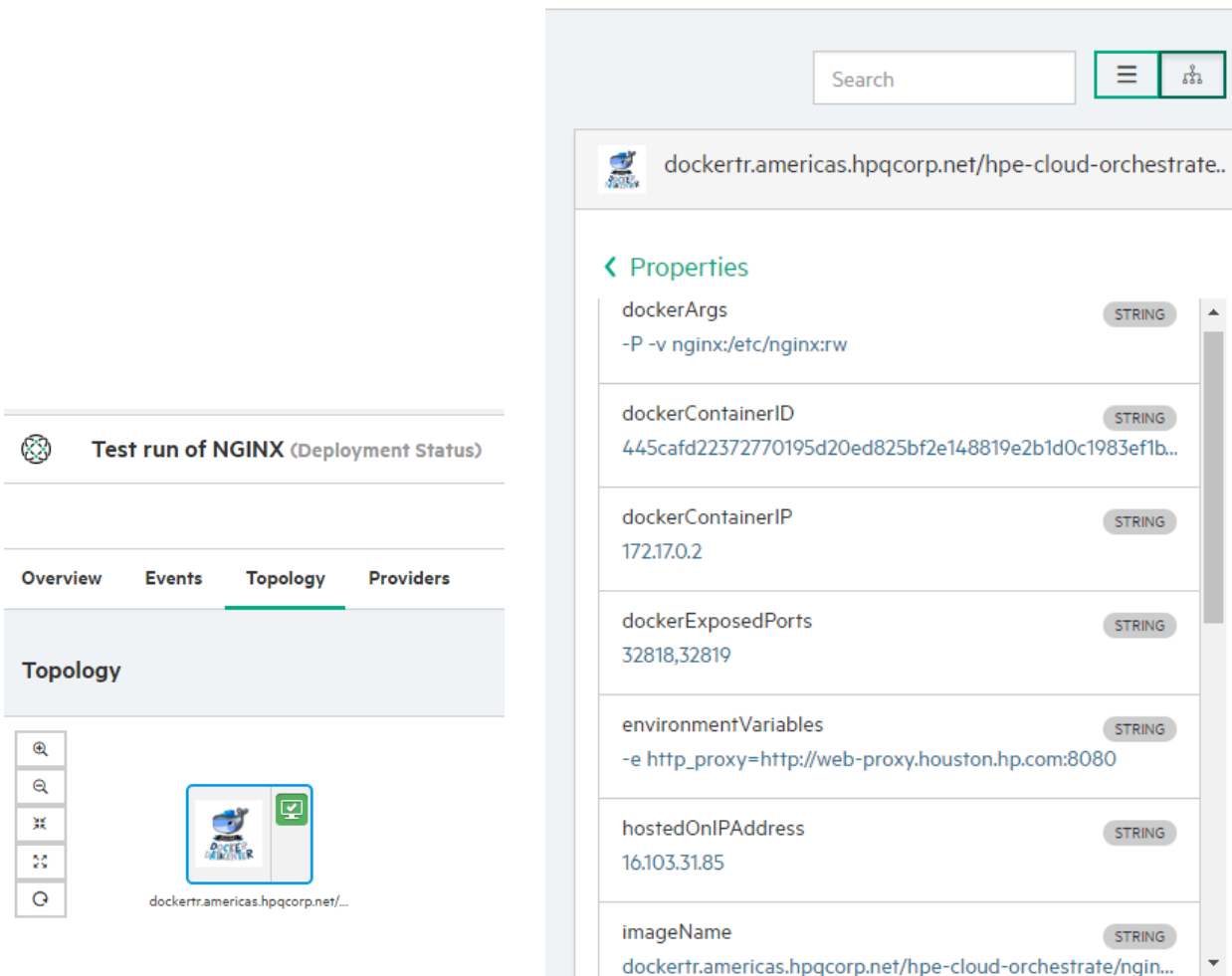


Fig 11 → Topology view with output properties like docker container ID, published ports, and IP address it is hosted on.

Docker “run” Command Line Arguments as Component Properties

This section describes how you can pass an end-user’s input or an input from external system as part of Docker run arguments which include ports, volumes, environment variables, etc. This can help the end-user to avoid creating “docker-compose” yml file; and using the topology design, one can completely stand up Docker service with all the necessary actions like publishing the ports, linking to another container, creating volumes, etc.

Special Component Property “dockerArgs”

A topology component property can take inputs from various types through property mapping types as given below,

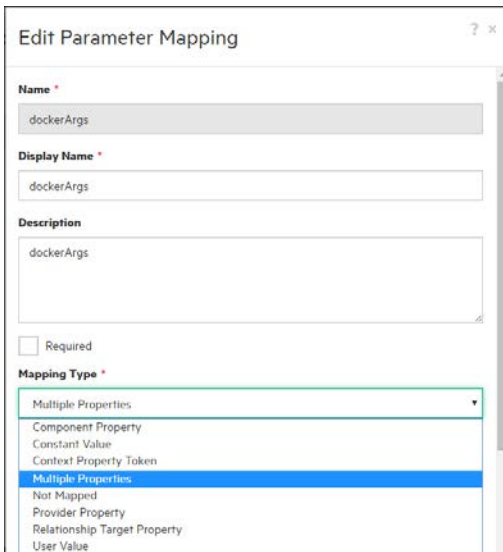


Fig:12 → List of mapping types

This “Docker UCP Datacenter” content capsule has the capability to take inputs from various mapping types as given below:

For example,

If an application team wants to receive the ports to be published from end-user, below steps can be performed,

1. Create a component property named “exposePort” and enable the options Designer and Consumer visible

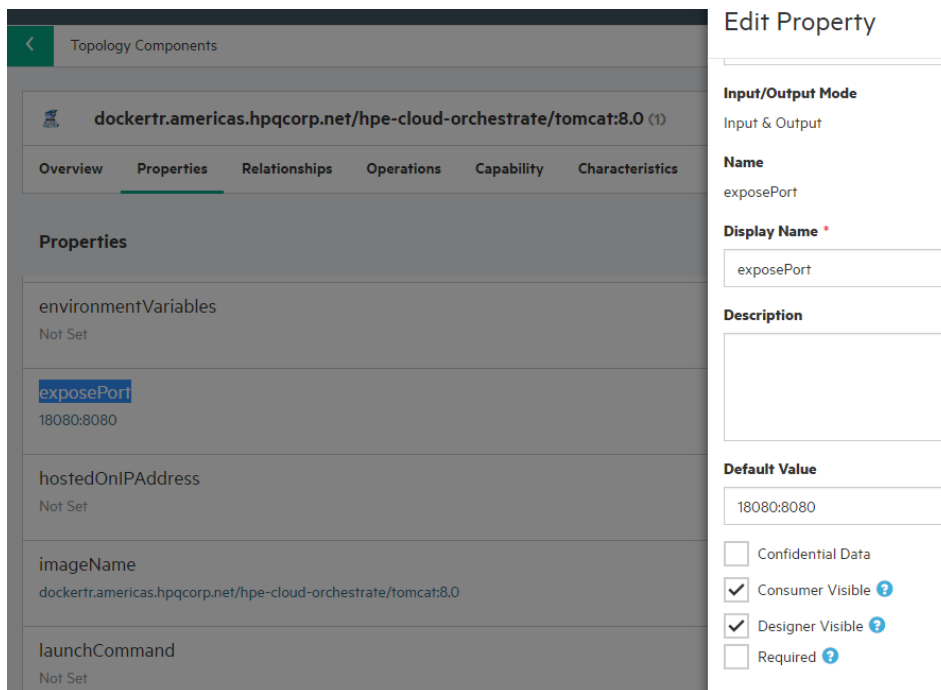



Fig: 13 → Create component property

2. Go to “Operations” →Deploy → Edit (gear ).



3. Click Parameters.

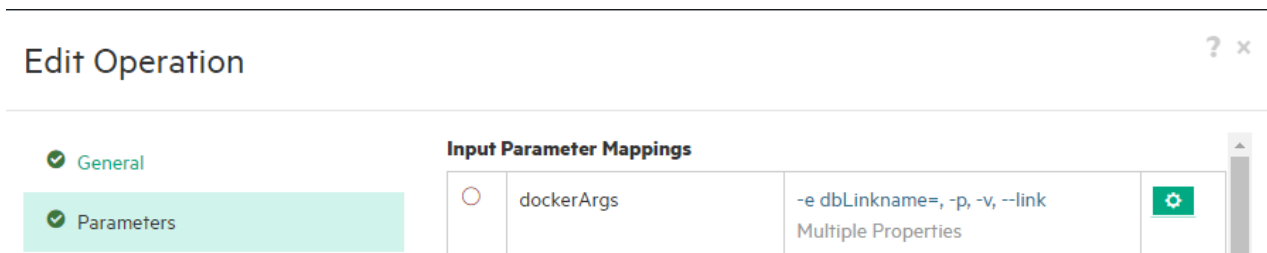



Fig :14 → Special Docker UCP component property “dockerArgs”

4. Click “dockerArgs” gear box  and edit the property.

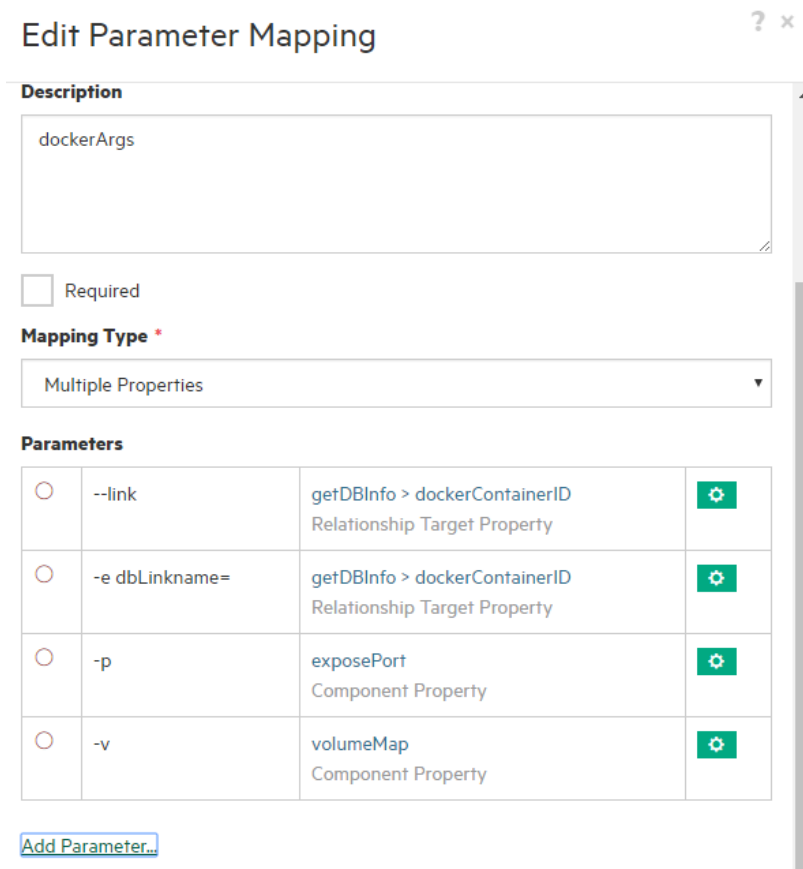


Fig: 15 → Edit parameter mapping to add additional parameter

5. Select 'Multiple Properties' as the mapping type option.
6. Now start adding the parameter using 'Add Parameter' link.

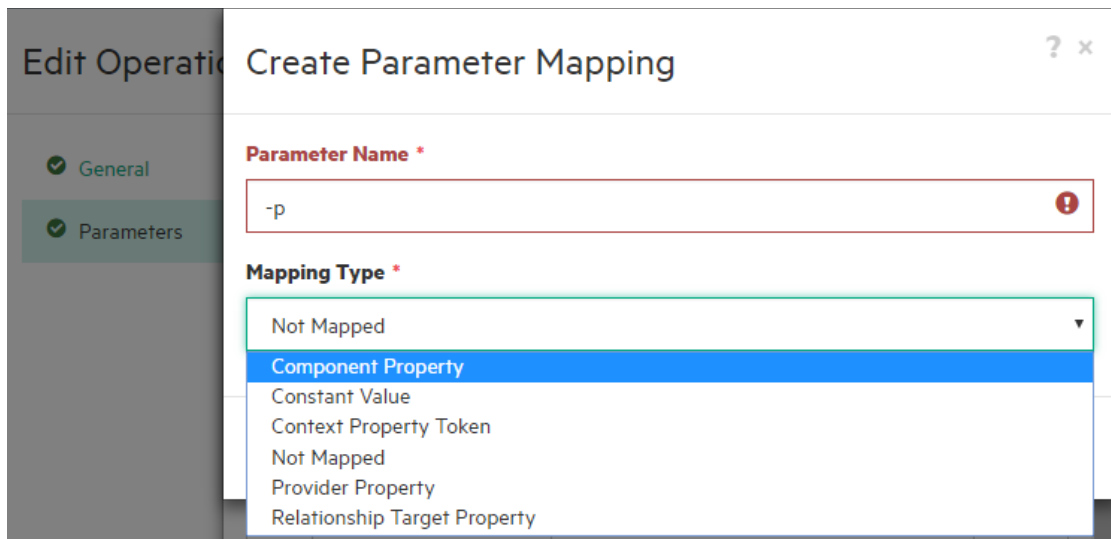


Fig: 16-1 → List of mapping type to pass the values to parameter

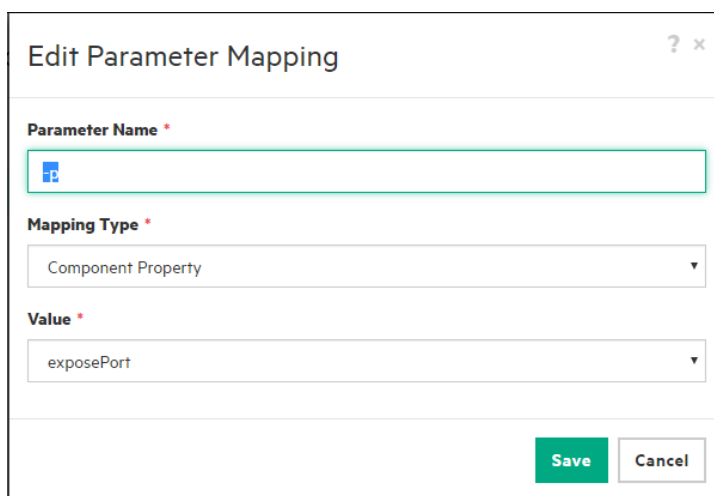


Fig: 16-2: Component mapping type selected to pass input from user to “-p” option to publish ports (example)

7. Select the option accordingly from where the inputs should be passed to this parameter. For example, to get input from end-user, select the 'Component Property' mapping type,
8. To get an input from 'Relationship Target Property', select the mapping type accordingly. For example, if there is a dependency over another Docker component, native HPE Operation Orchestration component, or any other topology component, this approach can be used.

Container Linking

The special component property 'dockerArgs' facilitates container linking. It helps you to use the Docker linking feature

—'--link ' by setting a relationship to another Docker UCP component or Docker component using container ID which is exposed as the output parameter. After the deployment, the container ID will get generated and will be passed as input to the Docker UCP component which is set as relationship.

In the example below, the Tomcat 8.0 Docker UCP has a relationship with MySQL Docker UCP component and using this parameter mapping, the end-user can pass —'--link ' Docker run option as the parameter name and the value can come from the relationship property set for to get the MySQL Docker UCP Component.

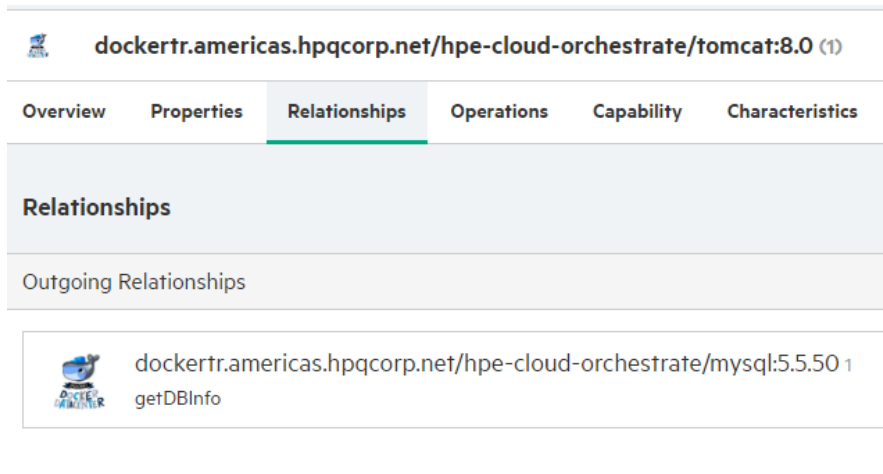


Fig: 17 → Sample Docker UCP component with dependency set on another Docker UCP component using topology “Relationships”

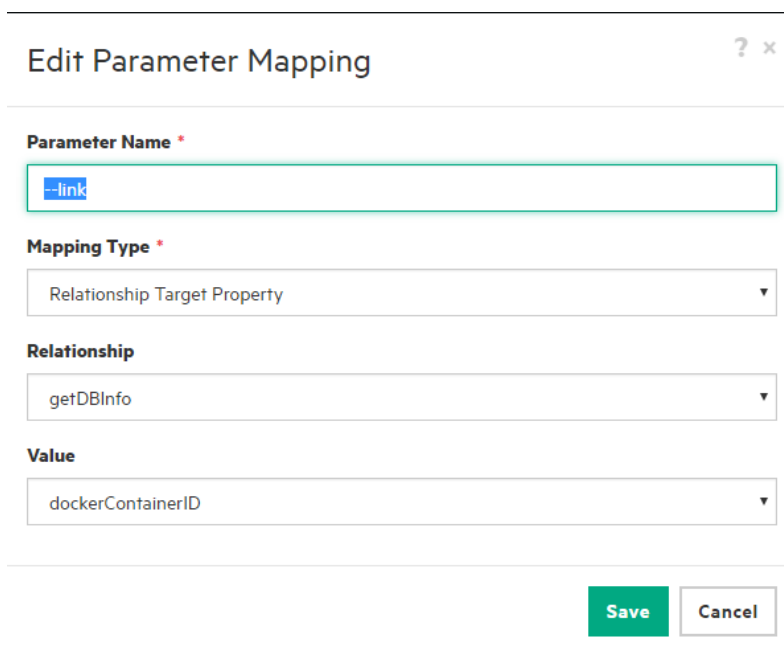


Fig: 18 → Way to provide link option as part of “docker run” command and pass the value fetched from another container realized through Docker UCP component.

Edit Parameter Mapping ? x

Description

dockerArgs

Required

Mapping Type *

Multiple Properties

Parameters

<input type="radio"/>	--link	getDBInfo > dockerContainerID Relationship Target Property	
<input type="radio"/>	-e dbLinkname=	getDBInfo > dockerContainerID Relationship Target Property	
<input type="radio"/>	-p	exposePort Component Property	
<input type="radio"/>	-v	volumeMap Component Property	

[Add Parameter...](#)

Save **Cancel**

Fig: 19 → List of sample possible inputs to pass to the dockerArgs special component property.

How to “link” another container using relationship

In figure 19, multiple inputs are provided to dockerArgs. For example, ports to be published, volume to be created, linking to another container through container id and to get the link name pass the container id information as environment name.

The parameter ‘-e dbLinkname=’ will automatically create an environment name on the container. This environment variable can be used to identify the respective dependent container environment variables which are set on the component’s Relationships tab as part of topology component.

Note: the symbol ‘=’ should be provided in order to pass any environment variables with ‘-e’ option.

Syntax: ‘-e <environment name>=’ (Set the appropriate mapping type)

Component Property “environmentVariables”

When using the environment variables in the dockerArgs, it is optional to use the input component property “environmentVariables” but the component will still accept any inputs passed as part of this input property.

Sample Designs

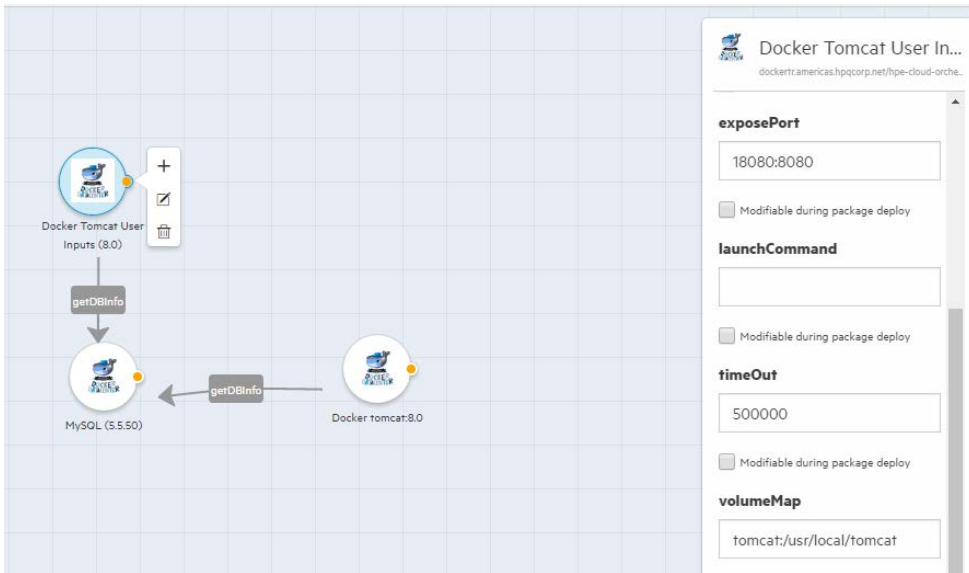


Fig: 20 → A sample design which take ports to publish and volume to map as input component property

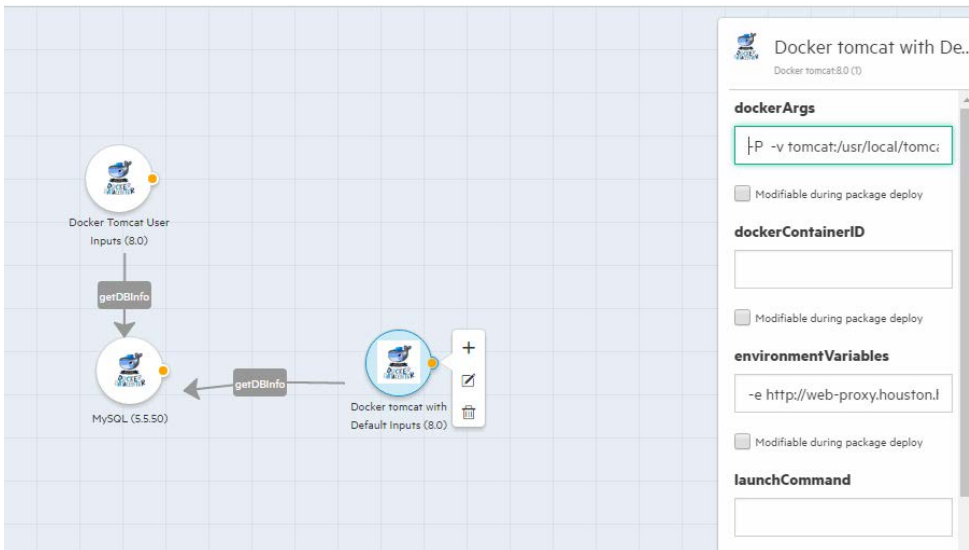


Fig: 21 → A sample design which take inputs using default input component property

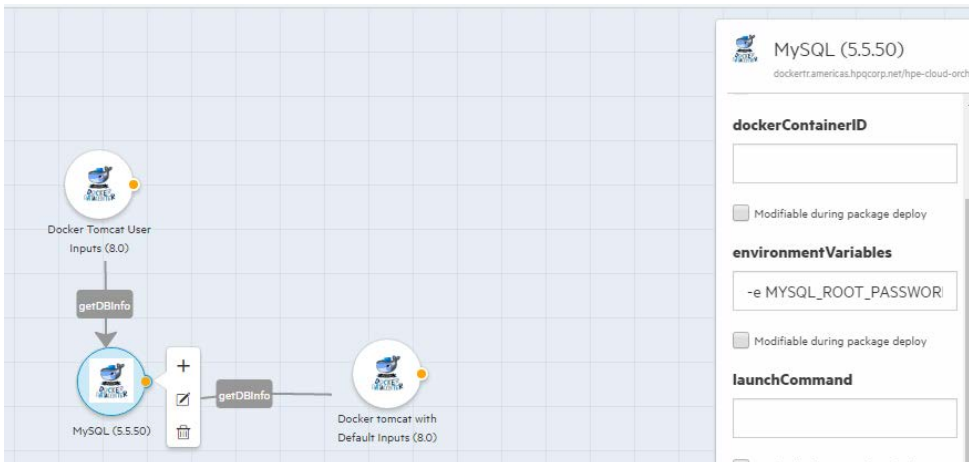


Fig: 22 → A sample design which has the link to different components

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