
mist.client Documentation

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Mist.client is a Python and a command line interface for managing and monitoring servers across clouds from any device that can access the web. To use it you need an account to the freemium <https://mist.io> service or a private open source installation of mist.io.

mist.client - Python interface

1.1 Installation

1.1.1 Install using pip

This is the easiest way to obtain the `mist.client` package:

```
pip install mist.client
```

You now have the `mist.client` module and the `mist` command line tool installed.

1.1.2 Clone from Github

`mist.client` is an opensource project and can be found here on its github page: <https://github.com/mistio/mist.client>

```
git clone https://github.com/mistio/mist.client
```

Install `mist.client`:

```
python setup.py install
```

Install for development:

```
python setup.py develop
```

1.2 Getting Started

Now that you have the `mist.client` package you can import it to use it:

```
from mist.client import MistClient
client = MistClient(email="yourmail@mist.io", password="yourpassword")
```

By default `MistClient` will try to connect to the `mist.io` service, with default url set to <https://mist.io>. However, you may have a custom, in-house installation of `mist.io` as described here: <https://github.com/mistio/mist.io>. In this case you may change the url and even leave email and password blank (if it is an in-house installation without authentication):

```
client = MistClient(mist_uri="http://localhost:8000")
```

1.3 Backends

A backend can be an IaaS cloud, a Docker host, or any single server.

1.3.1 Supported Providers

Mist.io supports a big list of providers including EC2, Rackspace, SoftLayer, Digital Ocean, Nephoscale, Openstack, Docker, HP Cloud and any single server.

In order to see the list of all supported providers:

```
client.supported_providers
```

The result will look like this:

```
[[{'provider': 'bare_metal', 'title': 'Bare Metal Server'},
 {'provider': 'ec2_ap_northeast', 'title': 'EC2 AP NORTHEAST'},
 {'provider': 'ec2_ap_southeast', 'title': 'EC2 AP SOUTHEAST'},
 {'provider': 'ec2_ap_southeast_2', 'title': 'EC2 AP Sydney'},
 {'provider': 'ec2_eu_west', 'title': 'EC2 EU Ireland'},
 {'provider': 'ec2_sa_east', 'title': 'EC2 SA EAST'},
 {'provider': 'ec2_us_east', 'title': 'EC2 US EAST'},
 {'provider': 'ec2_us_west', 'title': 'EC2 US WEST'},
 {'provider': 'ec2_us_west_oregon', 'title': 'EC2 US WEST OREGON'},
 {'provider': 'gce', 'title': 'Google Compute Engine'},
 {'provider': 'nephoscale', 'title': 'NephoScale'},
 {'provider': 'digitalocean', 'title': 'DigitalOcean'},
 {'provider': 'linode', 'title': 'Linode'},
 {'provider': 'openstack', 'title': 'OpenStack'},
 {'provider': 'rackspace:dfw', 'title': 'Rackspace DFW'},
 {'provider': 'rackspace:ord', 'title': 'Rackspace ORD'},
 {'provider': 'rackspace:iad', 'title': 'Rackspace IAD'},
 {'provider': 'rackspace:lon', 'title': 'Rackspace LON'},
 {'provider': 'rackspace:syd', 'title': 'Rackspace AU'},
 {'provider': 'rackspace:hkg', 'title': 'Rackspace HKG'},
 {'provider': 'rackspace_first_gen:us', 'title': 'Rackspace US (OLD)'},
 {'provider': 'rackspace_first_gen:uk', 'title': 'Rackspace UK (OLD)'},
 {'provider': 'softlayer', 'title': 'SoftLayer'},
 {'provider': 'hpcloud:region-a.geo-1', 'title': 'HP Helion Cloud - US West'},
 {'provider': 'hpcloud:region-b.geo-1', 'title': 'HP Helion Cloud - US East'},
 {'provider': 'docker', 'title': 'Docker'}]]
```

1.3.2 Add Backend

Before anything you must add your Backends to the mist.io service. By doing that you'll be able to handle all your machines from the mist.io service or the service's API.

In order to add a backend, you'll need the provider information from the supported providers you listed before. For example to add a "Rackspace LON" backend:

```
client.add_backend(provider="rackspace:lon", title="My Rack London", key="rack_username", secret="rack_secret")
```

See also `mist.client.add_backend` method for detailed information about the different params for each backend.

After adding a new backend, `mist.backends` are automatically updated.

1.3.3 Backend actions

You can see all of your added backends:

```
client.backends
```

This will return a dict like this:

```
{u'2zMXgapqqaw9bSNUzSmuygFLy6Kp': Backend => Rackspace ORD, rackspace, 2zMXgapqqaw9bSNUzSmuygFLy6Kp,
 u'36vp27TVyUCarDNNctalKnsqcr8Z': Backend => Rackspace AU, rackspace, 36vp27TVyUCarDNNctalKnsqcr8Z,
 u'3aJhBzUtAMnCUmpEHKJsqLdm1Z9p': Backend => DigitalOcean, digitalocean, 3aJhBzUtAMnCUmpEHKJsqLdm1Z9p,
 u'B3rbEA6bteaqMWJ4obVbgbqrXWf': Backend => Docker, docker, B3rbEA6bteaqMWJ4obVbgbqrXWf,
 u'W16qxKErSArH9DSNJyxXU81n35w': Backend => Nephoscale, nephoscale, W16qxKErSArH9DSNJyxXU81n35w}
```

You can choose a backend:

```
backend = client.backends['2zMXgapqqaw9bSNUzSmuygFLy6Kp']
```

You can also choose a backend by providing either the backend's name or id:

```
backend = client.backend_from_id("2zMXgapqqaw9bSNUzSmuygFLy6Kp")
backend = client.backend_from_name("DigitalOcean")
```

You can also use the overloaded function `client.search_backend("search_term")` by providing either an id or a name and it will return the first backend with that has either an id or name that matches the given parameter.

Your new backend object has a lot of attributes and methods:

```
backend.id
backend.info
backend.images
...
```

See `mist.client.model.Backend` class for detailed information.

You have the option to rename a backend:

```
backend.rename("newName")
```

Finally, you can delete a backend:

```
backend.delete()
```

1.4 Keys

By uploading your SSH keys to `mist.io` you can access all your machines through `mist.io`, have a shell prompt from your browser and even let `mist.io` take care of enabling monitoring to your machines. You also can have `mist.io` run commands to your machines during provisioning or after an alert is triggered.

1.4.1 Add a new key

When adding a new key, you have 2 choices. Either upload a local ssh-key to `mist.io`, or ask `mist.io` to generate one for you.

When uploading a local ssh-key, you have to provide the private ssh-key as a string. So first you can:

```
with open("/home/user/.ssh/my_key") as f:  
    private = f.read()
```

You now have the private key and can add a new key to mist.io:

```
client.add_key(key_name="MyKey", private=private)
```

Or have mist.io generate a random one for you:

```
private = client.generate_key()  
client.add_key(key_name="MyKey", private=private)
```

After adding a new key, `client.keys` will be automatically updated.

1.4.2 Keys actions

To see all added keys:

```
client.keys
```

The result will be a dict like this:

```
{u'MyKey': Key => MyKey, u'asd': Key => asd, u'newKey': Key => newKey}
```

You can now choose a key:

```
key = client.keys['MyKey']
```

You have the option to set a key as the default one. This becomes handy if you want mist.io to auto-assign this key to a machine if you leave the association blank:

```
key.set_default()
```

You can rename the key:

```
key.rename("newName")
```

Finally, to delete the key:

```
key.delete()
```

See `mist.client.model.Key` class for detailed information.

1.5 Machines

Before you can provision a machine, you have to know some data that are necessary for the creation of a machine. Every backend has different OS Images, locations, machine sizes. You can list all the available options after you have chosen a backend:

```
backend = client.backend_from_name("NephoScale")
```

1.5.1 Images

You can list all available OS Images in a backend:

backend.images

This will return a list of all available images. From the desired image you will need the image's id in order to create a machine with that image:

```
[{u'extra': {u'architecture': u'x86',
  u'billable_type': None,
  u'cores': None,
  u'disks': None,
  u'pcpus': None,
  u'storage': None,
  u'uri': u'https://api.nephoscale.com/image/server/3/'},
  u'id': u'3',
  u'name': u'Linux CentOS 5.5 32-bit',
  u'star': True},
{u'extra': {u'architecture': u'x86_64',
  u'billable_type': None,
  u'cores': None,
  u'disks': None,
  u'pcpus': None,
  u'storage': None,
  u'uri': u'https://api.nephoscale.com/image/server/5/'},
  u'id': u'5',
  u'name': u'Linux CentOS 5.5 64-bit',
  u'star': True},
{u'extra': {u'architecture': u'x86',
  u'billable_type': None,
  u'cores': None,
  u'disks': None,
  u'pcpus': None,
  u'storage': None,
  u'uri': u'https://api.nephoscale.com/image/server/23/'},
  u'id': u'23',
  u'name': u'Linux Debian Server 5.05 32-bit',
  u'star': True},
{u'extra': {u'architecture': u'x86',
  u'billable_type': None,
  u'cores': None,
  u'disks': None,
  u'pcpus': None,
  u'storage': None,
  u'uri': u'https://api.nephoscale.com/image/server/43/'},
  u'id': u'43',
  u'name': u'Linux Ubuntu Server 10.04 LTS 32-bit',
  u'star': True},
{u'extra': {u'architecture': u'x86',
  u'billable_type': None,
  u'cores': None,
  u'disks': None,
  u'pcpus': None,
  u'storage': None,
  u'uri': u'https://api.nephoscale.com/image/server/45/'},
  u'id': u'45',
  u'name': u'Linux CentOS 5.7 32-bit',
  u'star': True},
{u'extra': {u'architecture': u'x86_64',
  u'billable_type': None,
  u'cores': None,
```

```
    u'disks': None,
    u'pcpus': None,
    u'storage': None,
    u'uri': u'https://api.nephoscale.com/image/server/49/'},
    u'id': u'49',
    u'name': u'Linux Ubuntu Server 10.04 LTS 64-bit',
    u'star': True},
{u'extra': {u'architecture': u'x86_64',
  u'billable_type': None,
  u'cores': None,
  u'disks': None,
  u'pcpus': None,
  u'storage': None,
  u'uri': u'https://api.nephoscale.com/image/server/51/'},
  u'id': u'51',
  u'name': u'Linux Debian Server 6.0.3 64-bit',
  u'star': True},
{u'extra': {u'architecture': u'x86_64',
  u'billable_type': None,
  u'cores': None,
  u'disks': None,
  u'pcpus': None,
  u'storage': None,
  u'uri': u'https://api.nephoscale.com/image/server/55/'},
  u'id': u'55',
  u'name': u'Linux Debian 5.0.9 64-bit',
  u'star': True}]
```

```
image_id = backend.images[0][u'id']
```

You also have the option to search for an image. Especially in EC2 backends, the result of the search will include community and public images:

```
client.search_image("Debian")
```

1.5.2 Sizes

To list available machine sizes for the chosen backend:

```
backend.sizes
```

From the list of all available sizes, you'll also need the id of the desired size:

```
[{u'bandwidth': None,
  u'disk': 25,
  u'driver': u'NephoScale',
  u'id': u'219',
  u'name': u'CS05-SSD - 0.5GB, 1Core, 25GB, 10 Gbps',
  u'price': None,
  u'ram': 512},
{u'bandwidth': None,
  u'disk': 25,
  u'driver': u'NephoScale',
  u'id': u'221',
  u'name': u'CS1-SSD - 1GB, 1Core, 25GB, 10 Gbps',
  u'price': None,
  u'ram': 1024},
```

```
...
size_id = backend.sizes[0]['id']
```

1.5.3 Locations

Some backends have different locations for you to provision a machine to. You can list them:

```
backend.locations
```

From the list of available locations, you'll need the id of the desired location:

```
[[{'country': u'US', 'id': u'86945', 'name': u'SJC-1'},
 {'country': u'US', 'id': u'87729', 'name': u'RIC-1'}]

location_id = backend.locations[0]
```

1.5.4 Create machines

In order to create a machine you basically need to have chosen a backend, a key, image_id, location_id, size_id and a name for the machine:

```
backend.create_machine(name="production.server", key=key, image_id=image_id, location_id=location_id,
```

In some backends some extra information is needed. You can see `mist.client.model.Backend.create_machine` method for more details.

1.5.5 Machine actions

You can see a list of all your created machines for a given backend:

```
backend.machines
```

You can choose one:

```
machine = backend.machines[machine_id]
```

Or you can choose a machine by providing the machine's id, name or public_ip:

```
machine = backend.machine_from_ip("132.34.65.0")
machine = backend.machine_from_name("prodServer1")
machine = backend.machine_from_id("i-7983873")
```

You can also use the overloaded function `backend.search_machine("search_term")` by providing either id, name or ip and it will return the first machine instance that it finds with a matching id, name or ip.

Machines support actions like:

```
machine.reboot()
machine.start()
machine.stop()
machine.destroy()
```

After creating a machine, the machine may take some time to be up and running. You can see that by using `machine.probe()`. Machine probe, if successful will show that the machine is up and running and that the key association was successful. It will also return some useful information about the machine like the machine's uptime etc.

In case you want, you can associate another ssh-key to the machine, provided you have uploaded that key to mist.io service:

```
machine.associate_key(key_id, host="187.23.43.98")
```

The host of the machine can be found in the `machine.info['public_ips']` list. You can also provide two more parameters, `ssh_user` and `ssh_port`.

1.6 Monitoring

1.6.1 Enable monitoring

In case you have an account with the mist.io service (<https://mist.io>), you can enable monitoring to a machine:

```
machine.enable_monitoring()
```

This will take some time, cause mist.io will auto-install `collectd` and configure it to send monitoring data to mist.io servers. One way to see that the process has finished and you have data coming is:

```
machine.get_stats()
```

In case enabling monitoring has finished you'll get your monitoring data in a dict.

1.6.2 Advanced monitoring options

By default, mist.io's `collectd` will be configured with some metrics, like Disk usage, CPU usage etc. However, mist.io supports a huge list of `collectd` plugins that you can choose from:

```
machine.available_metrics
```

Using your desired metric id, you can add that to a monitored machine. For example to have data about the number of users that are currently logged in, we can use the `users` metric:

```
machine.add_metric("users")
```

1.6.3 Custom metrics

Since the last updates of mist.io, you can now upload custom python metrics that can literally monitor anything. These plugins are simple python files that you can upload to the machine. They can be as simple as:

```
import random

def read():
    # return random value
    return random.random()
```

Or more complex, taking care of pings to other servers etc.

To upload a custom plugin to a monitored machine, all you need is the python file's path in your computer, and a name for the plugin:

```
machine.add_python_plugin(name="Random", python_file="/home/user/random.py")
```

Some more advanced options can be used, determining the `value_type`, the `unit` etc. You can see `mist.client.model.Machine.add_python_plugin` method for more info.

mist - command line interface

2.1 Getting Started with mist command

The `mist` command line tool gets installed alongside `mist.client` package.

`mist` will prompt for your mist email and password. At the end it will ask you to create a config file `~/.mist`. By having the config file you'll be able to use `mist` command without providing your credentials every time. The config file will look like this:

```
[mist.io]
mist_uri=https://mist.io

[mist.credentials]
email=user@mist.io
password=mist_password
```

Note: *In case you have a private installation of mist.io you can change the `mist_uri` to point to your custom url*

To see your accounts' specific information:

```
mist user info
```

Output:

User Details:

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| country | company_name | number_of_servers | name | number_of_people |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Greece | Mist | 1-5 | John Doe | 1-5 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

Current Plan:

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| machine_limit | promo_code | title | started | isTrial | has_expired |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 20 | | Startup | Mon Oct 28 18:49:50 2013 | True | False | Mon Jun 2
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

2.1.1 General Usage

The command line tool is used as `mist <action> <target> [--extra-params...]`

A few examples of actions and targets:

List backends, machines, keys:

- mist list

```
mist list providers
```

Display specific information:

- mist show

```
mist show backend --name EC2NorthEast
```

Add new backends, keys:

- mist add

```
mist add backend --name EC2 --provider ec2_ap_northeast --key IU00LK90980LIU --secret sahkjlhadioiu09
```

Create a new machine:

- mist create

```
mist create machine --name dbServer
```

Delete/remove:

- mist delete

```
mist delete backend --id 3aJoiuYB9mpEHKJsqLdm1Z9p
```

2.2 mist backends

With mist you can handle multiple machines on multiple providers from one interface, the mist.io service. In order to do so, the very first thing to do when using mist.io is to ensure that you have added your backends. After doing that you'll be able to provision, monitor and in general handle all your machines on all those providers.

2.2.1 Supported Providers

Before you add a new backend, you'll find it useful to see a list of all the providers that mist.io supports:

```
mist list providers
```

Output:

```
+-----+-----+
|           Title           | Provider ID |
+-----+-----+
| Bare Metal Server        | bare_metal  |
| EC2 AP NORTHEAST         | ec2_ap_northeast |
| EC2 AP SOUTHEAST         | ec2_ap_southeast |
| EC2 AP Sydney           | ec2_ap_southeast_2 |
| EC2 EU Ireland          | ec2_eu_west  |
| EC2 SA EAST              | ec2_sa_east  |
| EC2 US EAST              | ec2_us_east  |
| EC2 US WEST              | ec2_us_west  |
| EC2 US WEST OREGON      | ec2_us_west_oregon |
| Google Compute Engine    | gce          |
+-----+-----+
```

NephoScale	nephoscale
DigitalOcean	digitalocean
Linode	linode
OpenStack	openstack
Rackspace DFW	rackspace:dfw
Rackspace ORD	rackspace:ord
Rackspace IAD	rackspace:iad
Rackspace LON	rackspace:lon
Rackspace AU	rackspace:syd
Rackspace HKG	rackspace:hkg
Rackspace US (OLD)	rackspace_first_gen:us
Rackspace UK (OLD)	rackspace_first_gen:uk
SoftLayer	softlayer
HP Helion Cloud - US West	hpcloud:region-a.geo-1
HP Helion Cloud - US East	hpcloud:region-b.geo-1
Docker	docker

From here on you'll need your desired provider's id in order to use it when adding a new backend.

2.2.2 Backend Actions

To add a new backend you'll need at least the provider's id, a name for the backend, an apikey/username and apise-cret/password. For example, in order to add a Rackspace backend:

```
mist add backend --name RackBackend --provider rackspace:ord --key rackspace_username --secret racksp
```

You can now see a list of all your added backends:

```
mist list backends
```

Output:

Name	ID	Provider	State
NephoScale	W16qxKErSArH9DSNJyxXU81n35w	nephoscale	online
DigitalOcean	3aJhBzUtAMnCUmpEHKJsqLdm1Z9p	digitalocean	online
Rackspace ORD	2zMXgapqqaw9bSNUzSmuygFLy6Kp	rackspace	online
EC2	D1g9abwqGUmQuZKGGBMfCgw8AUQ	ec2_ap_northeast	online
Docker	B3rbEA6bteaqMWJ4obVbgbqrXWf	docker	online
Rackspace AU	36vp27TVyUCarDNNcta1Knsqcr8Z	rackspace	online

You can also display information about a specific backend, either by providing the backend's name or ID. The following commands are equivalent:

```
mist show backend --name EC2
mist show backend --id D1g9abwqGUmQuZKGGBMfCgw8AUQ
```

Output:

Title	ID	Provider	State
Rackspace AU	36vp27TVyUCarDNNcta1Knsqcr8Z	rackspace	online

Machines:

Name	ID	State	Pub
dbServer	9da278-48cf-4673-97-5b101db72769	running	119.19.32.217 -- 2400:170

You have the option to rename a backend:

```
mist rename backend --name EC2 --new_name RenamedBackend
```

Finally you can delete a backend. The following two commands are equivalent:

```
mist delete backend --name DigitalOcean
mist delete backend --id D1g9abwqGUmQuZKGGBMfCgw8AUQ
```

You can see a full use case [here](#)

2.3 mist keys

By uploading your SSH keys to mist.io you can access all your machines through mist.io, have a shell prompt from your browser and even let mist.io take care of enabling monitoring to your machines. You also can have mist.io run commands to your machines during provisioning or after an alert is triggered.

2.3.1 Add a new key

You can use one of your existing keys and upload it to mist.io for further usage:

```
mist add key --name MyKey --key /home/user/.ssh/mist_key
```

Or you can ask mist.io to auto-generate a key for you:

```
mist add key --auto --name AutogeneratedKey
```

2.3.2 Keys Actions

To list all of your added keys:

```
mist list keys
```

Output:

Name	Is Default
newKey	True
Yeah	False
asd	False
MyKey	False

You can also inspect a specific key:

```
mist show key --name MyKey
```

Output:

Name: newKey

Private key:

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

```
MIIEpAIBAAKCAQEAz1aWE6y8uB3PQJh1Vdc1RpZyRlBFQpN8c2edGIP/SfdAeGT3
QdOoTJfKvZTxk99YJG/cRPzanl9PAjZXJjYX1CiyFSYpJivRfN7j/QzzMJv6ouK/
62WxyjwWxDa9pixAQj2na9N0Gn8sqIIFxFqEXW0wFkac3A4I8vke8AZrRitGw3MO
FoIfrZjCicW6U2b4XLgK3vLSIe5myN9bgAqTPYPOLm/m8Rz3cv+1B0qCbPZEHBG3
2zoLTG40F6JgmekUrNSQhKaEWJjWlJRRj4aEtw7WeSbP3lnVNm0ch34j4+vVIp0L
+hFYAt9gjI2p/aa/YRg++H5Wfpvz21POWw4pTQIDAQABAoIBAA4ai7bm5yd3D6QL
OclvDDazAS77QtrWgX6wK6WBRrpY8U+/PnqB1U7wDO0tZolyheJkoY0nZg872HoE
DEWTJGfQJNz/bYk1LejamJocD+bc1V4DIp72mC6vi7TpLF1jZTOcUgkppxouUHFd
9tp2dc6NINpDD2SAp+cvPwWAykdJhuKI/cruyZ2y6b+FNC0JPF0f1yB6gwD3KAj0
YjcvDRjDaZKwFej+97YaKt37FuQaUjOKIruMyt1cxm9qzQfSPEubfHEya61dL+Za
epJjm4NN5+x9PqSGhNpSbj1KwEbI67zNLLovEep7IC/7Et4rXm3/OtbNg1Kb/s67
YAifgVkcGyEA1H6PgSHp2Y12m+fIBFLyQqWOW3dJBV267h+R26pLOLfQCBaONZjS
35Ru+prQEcIGRBGD5BC/DP19qkk0VIuVY1KIRfgryEmS2Uq+h24htpaqw+Ehges6
yN7q5pqikONP8wJ+y25u8TN8kssZm8U8Q3qOCgnZ2prP/ctB1eefkvcCgYEA+cnG
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SWbT/d+7foCyMwWIK3eCT71FHsiR8nNIvet8AFjnm3aa8xTgvJwZ1CLhvyWA3FHT
8NpVCBubPk4+fs2x0j/D3Uwqho51XXztngE/R3nr1XeB7xDSJm1iEA==
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

Public key:

```
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQDPVpYTrLy4Hc9AmGVV1zVGlnJGUEVck3xzZ50Yg/9J90B4ZPdB06hMkWRV1PPT
```

You have the option to rename a key:

```
mist rename key --name MyKey --new_name RenamedKey
```

And delete one:

```
mist delete key --name MyKey
```

You can see a full example [here](#).

2.4 mist machines

Now that you have added your backends and keys you can provision and monitor any machine on any of your providers.

Before you provision a machine, you'll need to provide some information, regarding the OS Image to use, the size of the machine and on which Backend's location. All of these information differ with each provider. However you can list all of them and choose your desired values.

2.4.1 Images

To see all the available images for a backend. *The --backend option can be either the backend's id or name. Both will do.*

```
mist list images --backend DigitalOcean
```

Output:

Name	ID
Linux CentOS 5.5 32-bit	3
Linux CentOS 5.5 64-bit	5
Linux Debian Server 5.05 32-bit	23
Linux Ubuntu Server 10.04 LTS 32-bit	43
Linux CentOS 5.7 32-bit	45
Linux Ubuntu Server 10.04 LTS 64-bit	49
Linux Debian Server 6.0.3 64-bit	51
Linux Debian 5.0.9 64-bit	55
Linux Debian 5.0.9 32-bit	57
Linux CentOS 6.2 64-bit	59
Linux CentOS 5.8 64-bit	64
Linux Ubuntu Server 12.04 LTS 64-bit	75
VOD Cloud Storage Proxy (FTP:HTTP)	101
Linux Debian Server 7.1 64-bit	177
Linux CentOS 5.10 64-bit	269
Linux CentOS 6.5 64-bit	271
Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS	317

The list of images can be huge, especially on providers such as EC2. My default mist.io will return a list of the most used images. You can however use the `--search` option. If you provide `--search all` mist.io will provide all available images. If you want to narrow your search you can search for a specific image:

```
mist list images --backend DigitalOcean --search all
mist list images --backend DigitalOcean --search gentoo
```

From the returned list you'll need your desired image's ID to be used with machine creation.

2.4.2 Sizes - Locations/Regions

Each provider offers different options for machine sizes and locations/regions to choose from. For each of them you'll need the corresponding ID:

```
mist list sizes --backend DigitalOcean
```

Output:

Name	ID
CS05-SSD - 0.5GB, 1Core, 25GB, 10 Gbps	219
CS1-SSD - 1GB, 1Core, 25GB, 10 Gbps	221
CS2.1-SSD - 2GB, 1Core, 37GB, 10 Gbps	223
CS2.2-SSD - 2GB, 2Core, 50GB, 10 Gbps	225
CS4.2-SSD - 4GB, 2Core, 75GB, 10 Gbps	227
CS4.4-SSD - 4GB, 4Core, 100GB, 10 Gbps	229
CS8.4-SSD - 8GB, 4Core, 150GB, 10 Gbps	231
CS8.8-SSD - 8GB, 8Core, 200GB, 10 Gbps	233
CS16.8-SSD - 16GB, 8Core, 300GB, 10 Gbps	235
CS16.16-SSD - 16GB, 16Core, 400GB, 10 Gbps	237
CS32.8-SSD - 32GB, 8Core, 600GB, 10 Gbps	239

```
| CS32.16-SSD - 32GB, 16Core, 800GB, 10 Gbps | 241 |
| CS64.20-SSD - 64GB, 20Core, 1600GB, 10 Gbps | 243 |
|     CS05 - 0.5GB, 1Core, 25GB, 1 Gbps      | 5   |
|     CS1  - 1GB, 1Core, 50GB, 1 Gbps        | 3   |
|     CS2.1 - 2GB, 1Core, 75GB, 1 Gbps       | 46  |
|     CS2.2 - 2GB, 2Core, 100GB, 1 Gbps      | 7   |
|     CS4.2 - 4GB, 2Core, 150GB, 1 Gbps      | 48  |
|     CS4.4 - 4GB, 4Core, 200GB, 1 Gbps      | 9   |
|     CS8.4 - 8GB, 4Core, 300GB, 1 Gbps      | 50  |
|     CS8.8 - 8GB, 8Core, 400GB, 1 Gbps      | 11  |
|     CS16.8 - 16GB, 8Core, 600GB, 1 Gbps    | 52  |
|     CS16.16 - 16GB, 16Core, 800GB, 1 Gbps  | 1   |
|     CS32.8 - 32GB, 8Core, 1000GB, 1 Gbps   | 56  |
|     CS32.16 - 32GB, 16Core, 1200GB, 1 Gbps | 54  |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

```
mist ls locations --backend DigitalOcean
```

Output:

```
+-----+-----+
| Name | ID |
+-----+-----+
| SJC-1 | 86945 |
| RIC-1 | 87729 |
+-----+-----+
```

2.4.3 Create a new machine

Now that you have gathered the information needed for machine creation you can tell mist to provision a machine on a specific backend. Alongside the image, location and size ID's you'll also need to provide a keys' name to be assigned to the newly created machine:

```
mist create machine --backend EC2 --name dev.machine --image ami-bddaa2bc --size t1.micro --location
```

2.4.4 Machine Actions

You can list all your machines on all your Backends, or list machines on a specific backend:

```
mist list machines
mist list machines --backend Docker
```

You can start, stop, reboot or destroy a machine:

```
mist reboot machine --backend Docker --name db-server-1
mist destroy machine --backend Docker --name db-server-1
```

You can also probe a machine. By probing a machine you verify that sshd is up and running and that you have access to the machine with the previously assigned key. A successful probe will return the machine's uptime:

```
mist probe machine --name db-server-1 --backend Docker
```

After creating a new machine it might take a little time for the probe to be successful.

You can see a full example [here](#)

2.5 mist monitoring

Mist.io offers plans for monitoring your machines. By default it will install a `collectd` instance pre-configured with some basic metrics and send the results to mist.io's servers. By visiting mist.io you can see live graphs of your monitored machines.

Furthermore, you have a huge list of collectd plugins that you can add to your machine and even upload custom python scripts to be used as collectd plugins, allowing you to monitor...well, almost everything.

2.5.1 Enable monitoring

In order to enable monitoring on a machine:

```
mist enable-monitoring machine --backend EC2 --name dbServer
```

Now, your dbServer machine has collectd installed and you can visit mist.io to see live graphs (note that the first time you enable collectd it may take some time for the package to install).

To disable monitoring on a machine:

```
mist disable-monitoring machine --backend EC2 --name dbServer
```

2.5.2 Add Metrics

Collectd supports a huge list of custom metrics/plugins. To see all available plugins/metrics for a monitored machine:

```
mist list plugins --backend EC2 --name dbServer
```

If you wish to add one of those plugins you have to use the plugin's id. For example, to add the plugin `users`:

```
mist add plugin --backend EC2 --name dbServer --plugin users
```

Mist.io supports custom, python plugins. For example, if you have a `~/plugin.py`:

```
import random

def read():
    # return random value
    return random.random()
```

You can add it by providing the `--custom_plugin` parameter and providing a plugin name with the `--plugin` parameter:

```
mist add plugin --backend EC2 --name dbServer --plugin MyPlugin --custom_plugin ~/plugin.py
```

2.6 Sync

`mist sync` is used when you have such a custom installation of mist.io that keeps all of the data in a yaml file. In case you want to sync your local `db.yaml` with your account in <https://mist.io> you could use the `sync` action:

```
mist sync dbyaml --dbyaml /path/to/local/db.yaml
```

`mist sync` will only add Keys and Backends that are added in your local mist.io installation and not in the mist.io service. It will not remove Backends and Keys that are added in the service and are absent in your local installation.

Package Info

3.1 Changelog

3.1.1 Release 0.1.1 (in development)

3.1.2 Release 0.1.0 (released Sep 3, 2014)

Features added:

- `mist` command line interface
- Add `client.backend_from_name`, `client.backend_from_id` and `client.search_backend` methods
- Add `backend.machine_from_name`, `backend.machine_from_id`, `backend.machine_from_ip` and `backend.search_machine` methods
- `client.backends` is now a dict with backend ids as dict.keys
- `backend.machines` is now a dict with machine ids as dict.keys

Bugs fixed:

- #5: Fix `pip` hanging up when installing requirements for the first time
- #6: Fix `mist sync` when syncing Bare Metal Backends

3.2 Roadmap

3.2.1 Upcoming Release 0.1.2

Features to be added:

- Save `api_token` in tmp file and use it to reconnect rather than opening a new connection upon each request
- Add ansible capabilities to `mist` command (e.g `mist run ansible playbook.yml`)
- Add tests

3.2.2 Upcoming Release 0.1.1

Features to be added:

- Integrate the functionality to add rules from both `mist.client` Python interface and `mist` command line interface
- Use `mist` command line tool to automatically open an ssh connection to a machine (e.g. `mist connect machine`)
- See real time stats from monitored machines in terminal with `mist show stats`
- Refactor duplicate code in `mist.cmd.helpers` methods
- Add option to connect to https installations of `mist.io` with self-signed certificate (option in config file)

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