

Project information

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DSy-Watchlist

Getting Started

Prerequisites

- Docker and Docker Compose installed
- .NET SDK (for local development)
- Node.js and npm (for frontend development)
- wrk (for load testing) - optional

Architecture

Overview

DSy-Watchlist is a modern, full-stack web application featuring a containerized microservices-inspired architecture with load balancing, JWT-based authentication, and a clean separation between frontend and backend.

Technology Stack

Frontend:

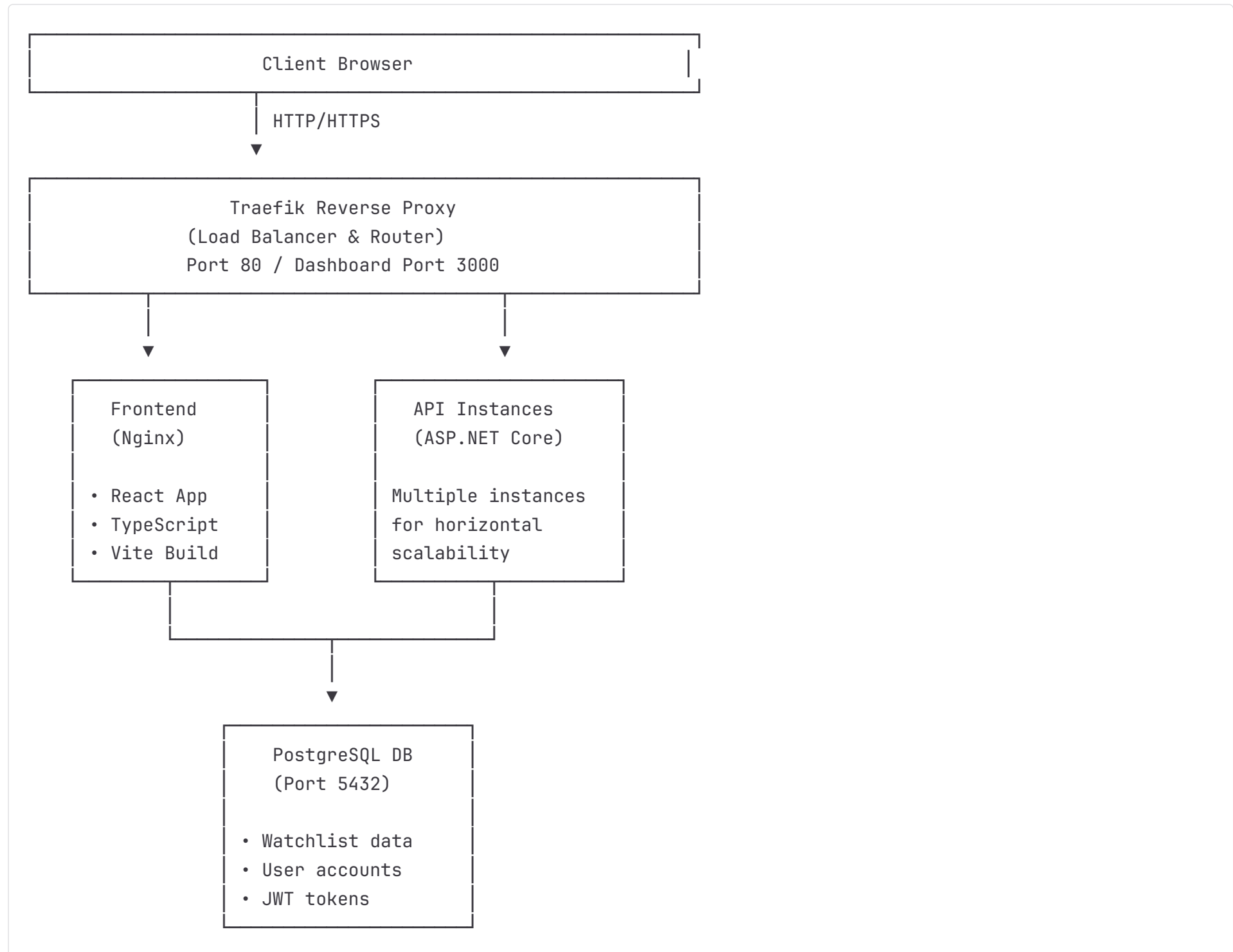
- **Framework:** React 19 with TypeScript
- **Build Tool:** Vite
- **State Management:** Zustand
- **Data Fetching:** TanStack React Query
- **UI Library:** Material-UI (MUI)
- **API Client Generation:** Orval (generates type-safe API clients from OpenAPI specs)
- **Styling:** Emotion
- **Routing:** React Router DOM

Backend:

- **Runtime:** ASP.NET Core (.NET)
- **Database:** PostgreSQL
- **Architecture Pattern:** Layered architecture (API, Core, Persistence layers)
- **Authentication:** JWT (JSON Web Tokens)
- **API Documentation:** OpenAPI/Swagger

Infrastructure:

- **Reverse Proxy & Load Balancer:** Traefik v3.0
- **Containerization:** Docker & Docker Compose
- **Web Server:** Nginx (frontend)
- **Networking:** Docker bridge network

Application Architecture**Backend Layered Architecture**

The backend is organized into multiple projects following a layered architecture pattern:

1. Watchlist.WebApi - API Layer

- HTTP endpoints and controllers
- Request/response handling
- Exception handling and middleware
- OpenAPI/Swagger integration

2. Watchlist.Core - Business Logic & Domain Layer

- Domain models and entities
- Services and business rules
- Authentication and authorization (JWT)
- Configuration management
- OMDb API integration

3. Watchlist.Persistence.PostgreSql - Data Access Layer

- Entity Framework Core integration
- Database migrations
- Repository pattern implementation
- PostgreSQL-specific implementations

4. Watchlist.Tests - Testing

- Unit tests
- Integration tests
- Testing infrastructure

Key Architectural Features

- **Load Balancing:** Multiple API instances (watchlist.webapi-1, watchlist.webapi-2) load-balanced by Traefik
- **Horizontal Scalability:** Easy to add more API instances by extending docker-compose.yml
- **API-First Design:** OpenAPI-compliant REST API with auto-generated client types
- **Type Safety:** Full type coverage from backend to frontend via Orval code generation
- **JWT Authentication:** Stateless authentication mechanism for scalability
- **Database Seeding:** Automatic database initialization and seeding on first run
- **Exception Handling:** Centralized exception handling with problem details response format (RFC 7807)
- **Configuration Management:** Environment-based configuration with validation

Deployment

All services run in Docker containers orchestrated with Docker Compose:

- **Production Environment:** Uses multiple API instances for load distribution
- **Development Environment:** Can run locally with .NET SDK and Node.js
- **Database:** PostgreSQL with automatic migrations and seeding

Starting Docker Compose

To start the entire application stack using Docker Compose:

```
docker-compose up -d
```

This will start:

- **Traefik:** Reverse proxy and load balancer (accessible at <http://localhost:3000>)
- **PostgreSQL:** Database service
- **Watchlist API instances:** Multiple API containers for load distribution

To view logs:

```
docker-compose logs -f
```

To stop the services:

```
docker-compose down
```

To rebuild images and start fresh:

```
docker-compose up -d --build
```

Running the Load Test

Before running the load test, ensure the services are running. The project includes a load test script for testing the API with JWT authentication.

Prerequisites for load testing:

- Install `wrk` (HTTP benchmarking tool)
 - On Windows: Use WSL or install from <https://github.com/wg/wrk>
 - On macOS: `brew install wrk`
 - On Linux: `apt-get install wrk` or equivalent

To run the load test:

Start docker compose:

```
docker-compose up -d
```

Login as user and extract jwt-token

Start load test:

```
wrk -t4 -c100 -d30s -s watchlist-jwt-load-test.lua http://localhost:80
```

Parameters:

- `-t4` : Number of threads (4)
- `-c100` : Number of concurrent connections (100)
- `-d30s` : Duration of test (30 seconds)
- `-s watchlist-jwt-load-test.lua` : Load the Lua script for custom request setup

Example Results:

```
Running 30s test @ http://localhost/api/watchlist
4 threads and 100 connections
Thread Stats   Avg      Stdev     Max    +/-  Stdev
  Latency    23.00ms   16.06ms  350.98ms   84.54%
  Req/Sec    1.16k    302.73    2.18k    72.82%
138393 requests in 29.31s, 121.56MB read
Socket errors: connect 0, read 0, write 0, timeout 184
Requests/sec: 4721.56
Transfer/sec: 4.15MB
```

Note: Update the `watchlist-jwt-load-test.lua` script with a valid JWT token in the `token` variable before running the test.