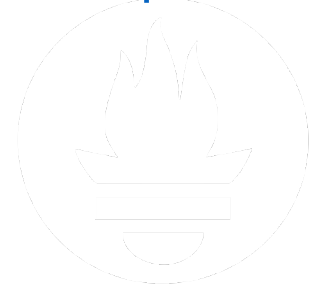


Lima



Linux virtual machines for running containers (on macOS)

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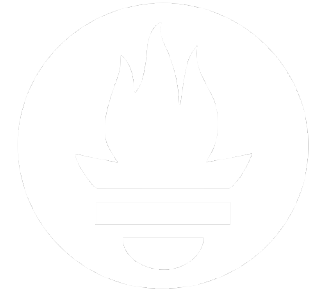
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- Automatic host filesystem sharing
- Automatic port forwarding
- Built-in integration for containerd

(and Docker, Podman, Kubernetes, Apptainer, ...)

```
$ brew install lima
$ limactl start
$ lima nerdctl run -p 80:80 nginx
```

How it works



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- **Hypervisor**

QEMU (default) or Virtualization.framework

- **Intel-on-ARM binary executor**

qemu-user (default) or Rosetta 2 (faster)

- **Filesystem sharing**

reverse sshfs (default), virtio-9p-pci, or virtiofs (faster)

How it works



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- **Network**

QEMU's usermode networking (default)
or `socket_vmnet` (for VM-to-VM communication, etc. with `sudo`)

- **Port forwarding**

Implemented by watching `/proc/net/tcp`, iptables, and
Kubernetes services

Built-in templates



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- **Distros**

almalinux, alpine, archlinux, centos-stream, debian, opensuse, oraclelinux, rocky, ubuntu, ...

- **Container engines**

apptainer, docker, docker-rootful, podman, podman-rootful, ...

- **Container orchestration**

faasd, k3s, k8s, nomad

```
$ limctl start --name=default template://docker
```

Recent updates

- **v0.13:** Lima joined the CNCF Sandbox



- **v0.14:** Added the support for `Virtualization.framework`, `virtiofs`, and `Rosetta 2` for Linux

```
$ limactl start --name=default template://experimental/vz
```

- **v0.15:** In-place YAML modification using `yq` expressions (similar to `jq`)

```
$ limactl start --set='.cpus = 2 | .memory = "2GiB"'
```

Roadmap (tentative)

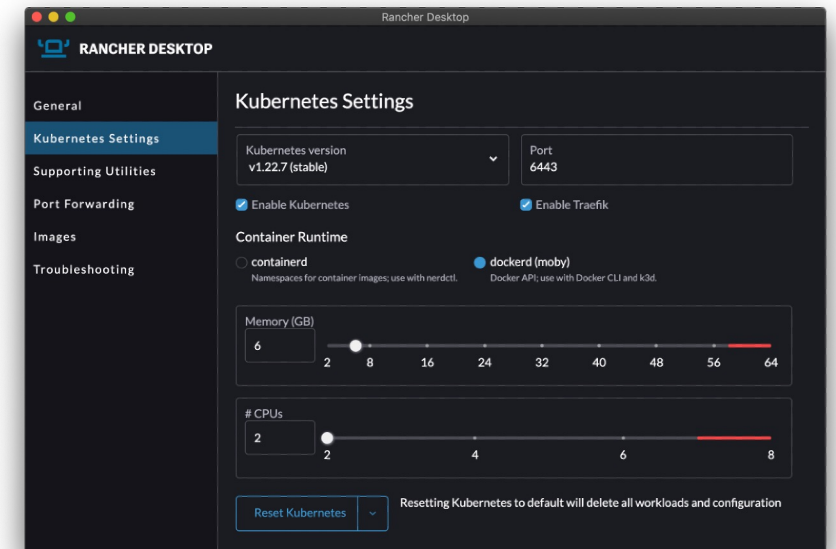
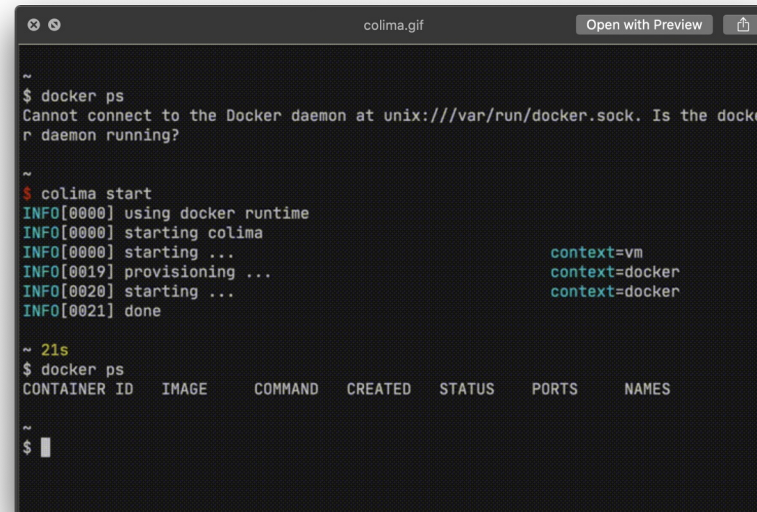
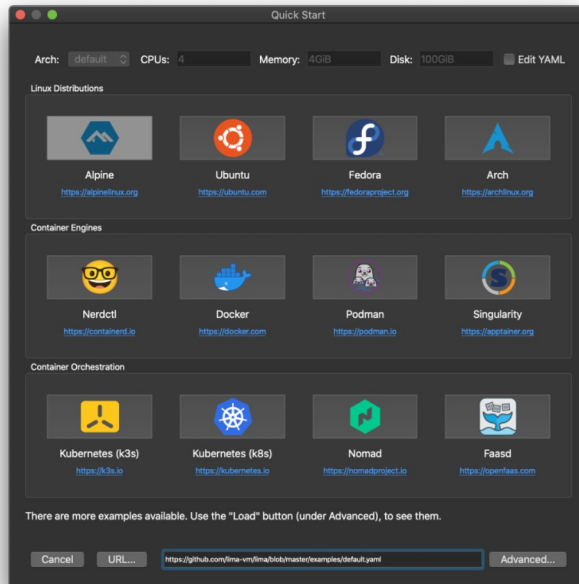
- Enable VM-to-VM communication without the host root privilege (PR [#1383](#))
- Support connecting local VMs to IaaS networks
- Switch the default hypervisor to Virtualization.framework
- Switch the default filesystem driver to virtiofs (for Virtualization.framework) and virtio-9p-pci (for QEMU)



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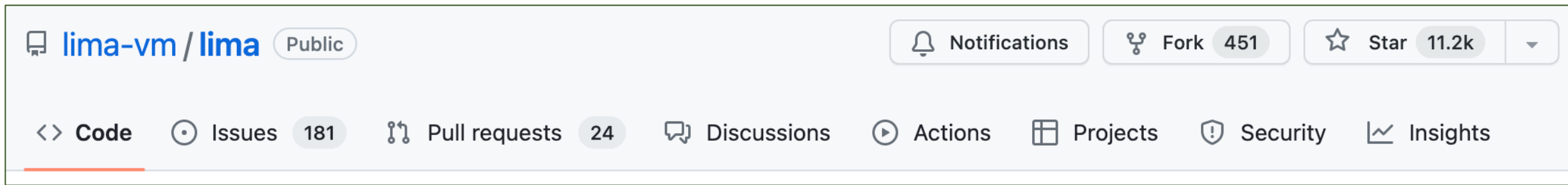
Third party FLOSS projects based on Lima

Lima-GUI	https://github.com/afbjorklund/lima-gui
Colima	https://github.com/abiosoft/colima
Rancher Desktop	https://rancherdesktop.io/
Finch	https://github.com/runfinch/finch



Join the community!

- **GitHub:** <https://github.com/lima-vm/lima/>



- **Slack:** <https://slack.cncf.io/> (Channel: #lima)



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