

Container Security Best Practices

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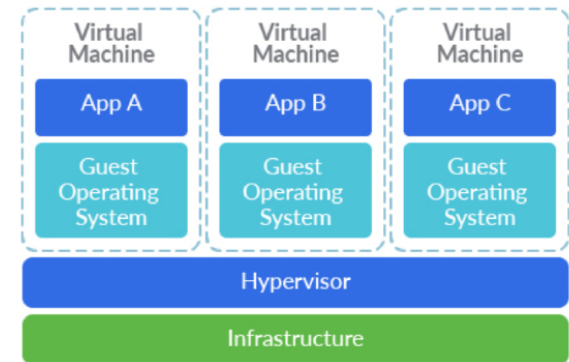
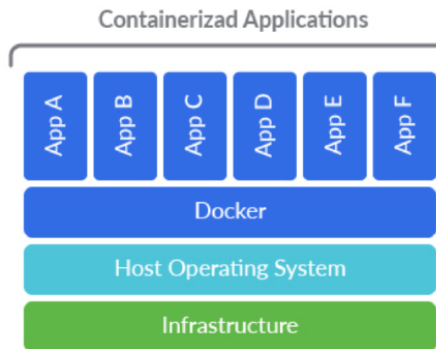
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Agenda

- Container Basics
- Securing Container Host
- Securing Container Images
- Monitoring Containers
- Tools
- Demo

Basics

- What are containers?
- Difference between VM and Container
- Building blocks of container
- Security challenges



Container Host Security

- Keep everything up to date - Host OS + Docker Engine
- Do not expose Docker Daemon Socket
- Run Docker in Rootless Mode
- Avoid privileged containers
- Limit container resources
- Limit container capabilities
- Mount Containers' Root Filesystems as Read-Only

Container Image Security

- Scan container images for vulnerabilities.
- Use minimal base image.
- Don't leak sensitive info to container images.
- Use multi stage builds
- Use fixed tags for immutability
- Create a USER for the container image

Monitoring Containers

- Highly dynamic and ephemeral
- Pose visibility challenges with traditional monitoring solutions
- Use centralized location for storing metrics and logs
- Monitoring Tools
 - Prometheus & Grafana
 - Sematext
 - Solarwinds
 - Dynatrace
 - Datadog

Tools

- [Docker Bench for Security](#)
- [Trivy](#)
- [Semgrep](#)

Demo

References

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Q & A

Thank you!