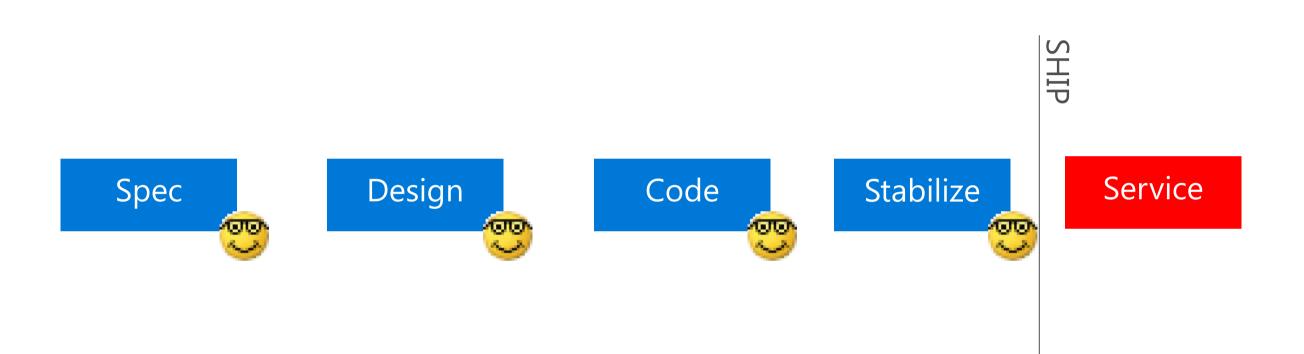


# Breaking Things Early: Designing Secure Containers

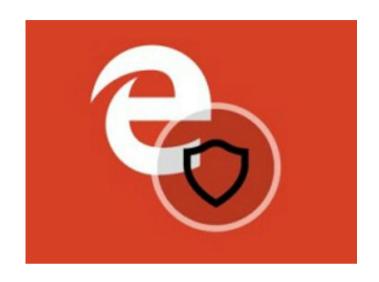
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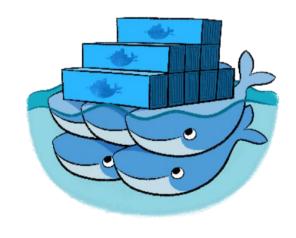


Spec Design Code Stabilize Service

# Containers



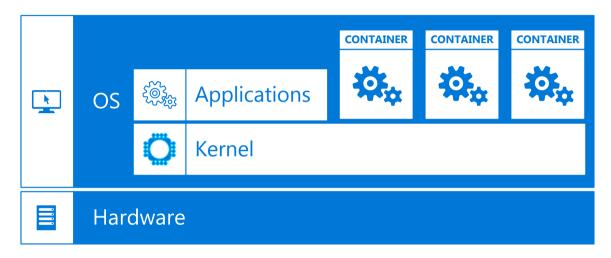




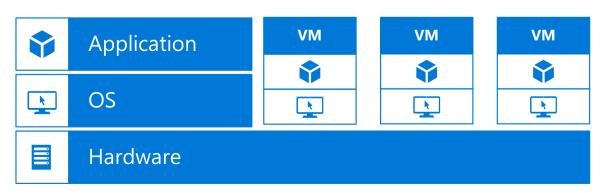


### What is a container?

**Containers** = Operating system virtualization

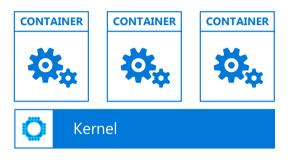


**Traditional virtual machines** = hardware virtualization



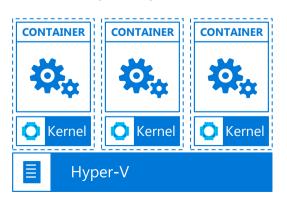
#### **Windows Server Containers**

Maximum speed and density

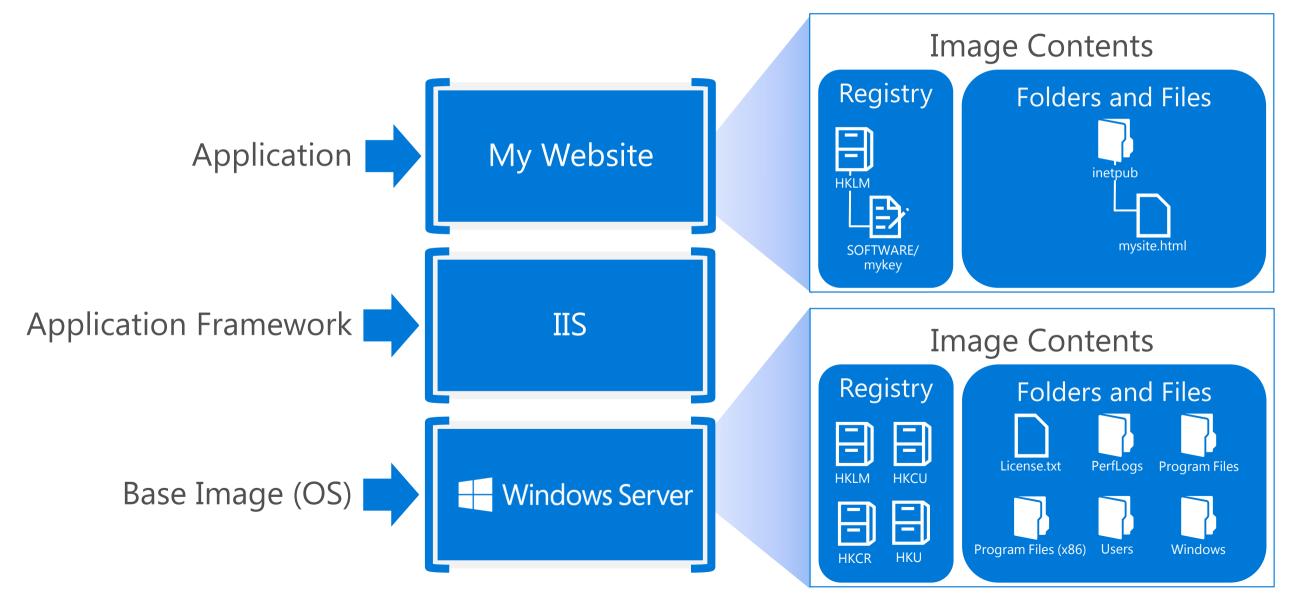


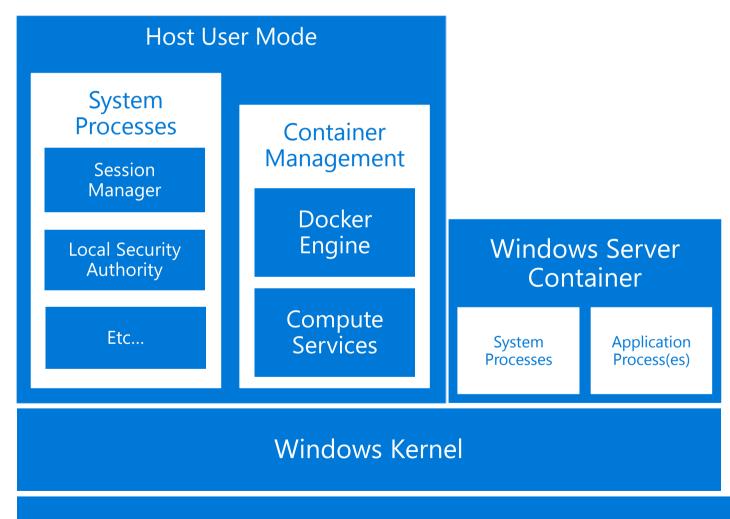
#### **Hyper-V Containers**

Isolation plus performance

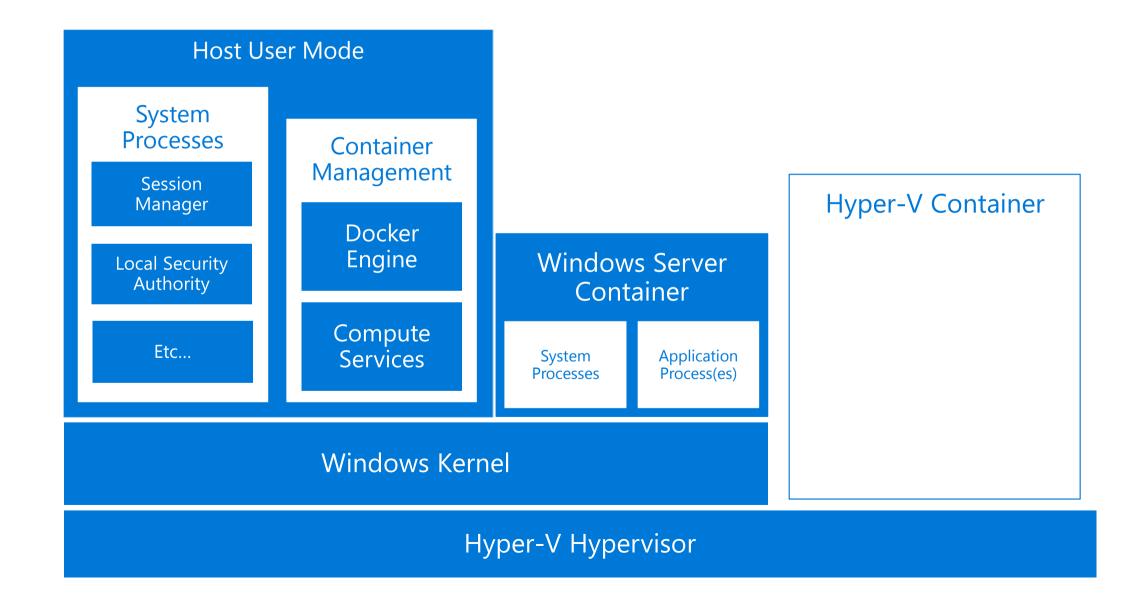


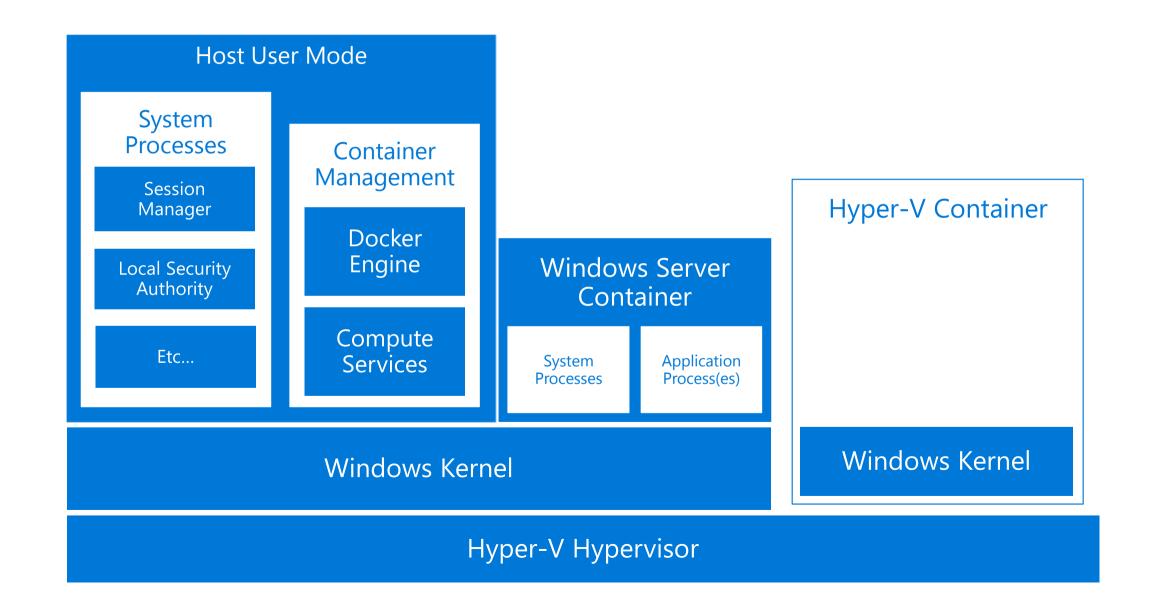
# Layered File System

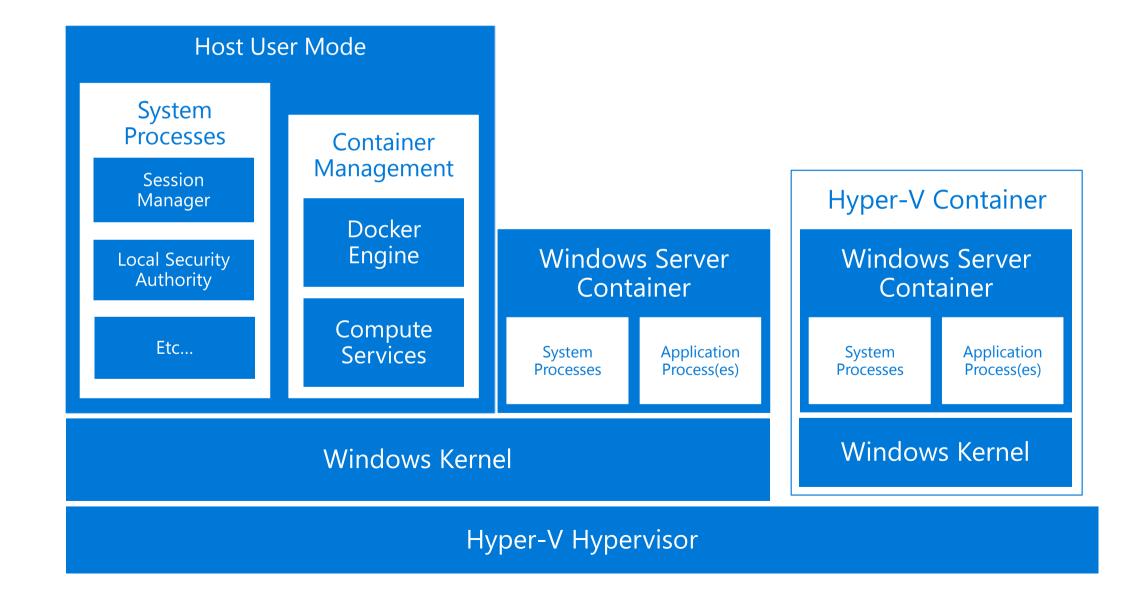


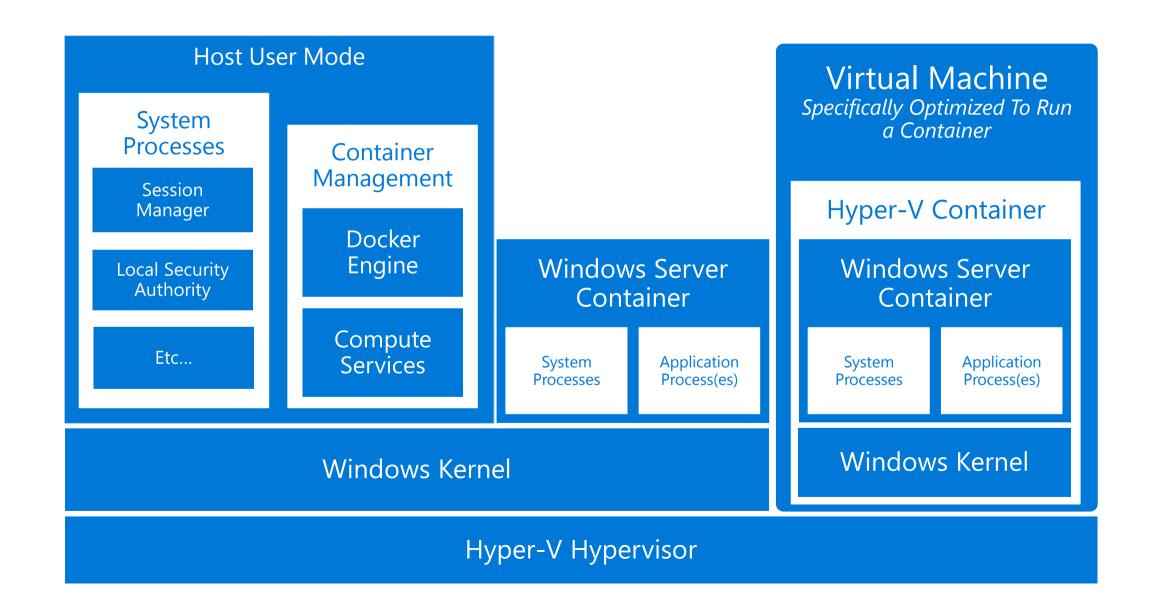


Hyper-V Hypervisor





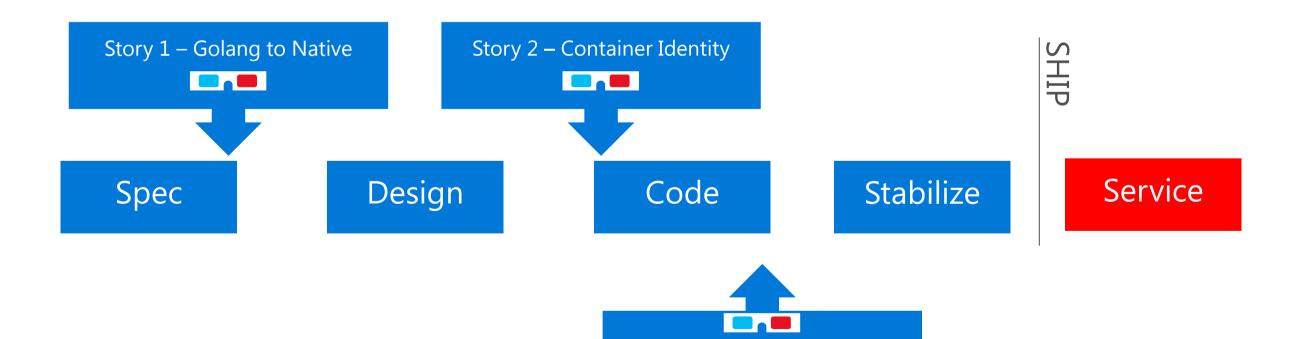






### Three Stories

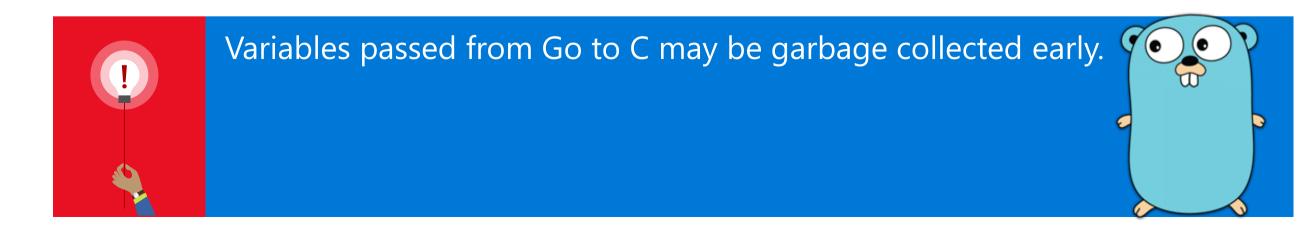




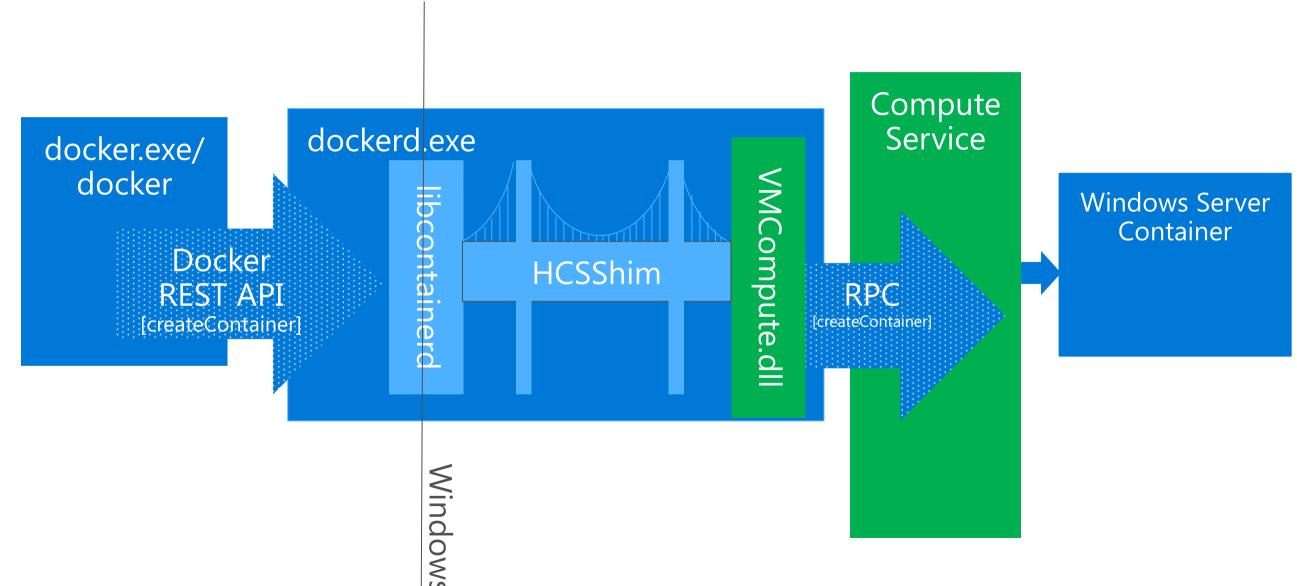
Story 3 – Storage Architecture

# Story 1: Safe(r) golang<->C bridge





# Docker Engine on Windows



# Diving into Docker Engine

#### dockerd.exe

#### libcontainerd

```
func (clnt *client)
Create(containerID
string, checkpoint
string, checkpointDir
string, spec specs.Spec,
options ...CreateOption)
error
..
hcsshim.CreateContainer(c
ontainerID,
configuration)
```

configuration

#### **HCSShim**

```
func CreateContainer(id
string, c *ContainerConfig)
(Container, error) {
  err :=
  hcsOpenComputeSystem(id,
    &handle, &resultp)

func CreateContainer(id
  string, c *ContainerConfig)
  (Container, error) {
  err :=
  hcsOpenComputeSystem(id,
    &handle, &resultp)
```

VMCompute.dll

vmcompute. HcsOpenComputeS

\*configuration

Compute Service



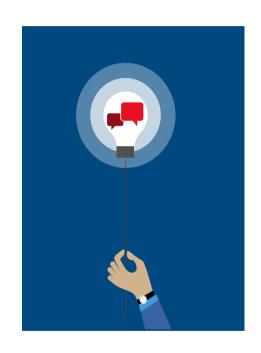
```
132
              // Call the procedure itself.
133
              r1, _, _ := proc.Call(
134
                      uintptr(unsafe.Pointer(idp)),
135
                      uintptr(unsafe.Pointer(paramsJsonp)),
136
                      uintptr(unsafe.Pointer(pid)),
137
                      stdinParam,
138
                      stdoutParam,
139
                      stderrParam)
140
141
              use(unsafe.Pointer(idp))
142
              use(unsafe.Pointer(paramsJsonp))
143
144
             if r1 != 0 {
145
                      err = fmt.Errorf(title+" - Win32 API call
      returned error r1=%d err=%s id=%s params=%v", r1,
      syscall.Errno(r1), id, params)
```

```
99
              err = createProcessWithStdHandlesInComputeSystem(id,
      string(paramsJson), &pid, stdinParam, stdoutParam,
      stderrParam)
100
             if err != nil {
101
                      err := makeErrorf(err, title, "id=%s
      params=%v", id, params)
```



```
func createProcessWithStdHandlesInComputeSystem(id string, paramsJson string, pid *uint32, stdin *syscall.Handle, stdout *sysc
402
                                              var p0 *uint16
403
                                               _p0, hr = syscall.UTF16PtrFromString(id)
404
                                              if hr != nil {
405
                                                                         return
406
407
                                              var p1 *uint16
408
                                               p1, hr = syscall.UTF16PtrFromString(paramsJson)
409
                                              if hr != nil {
410
411
                                                                         return
412
                                              return <a href="mailto:createProcessWithStdHandlesInComputeSystem">createProcessWithStdHandlesInComputeSystem</a>(p0, p1, pid, stdin, stdout, stderr)
413
414
415
                    func <a href="mailto:createProcessWithStdHandlesInComputeSystem">createProcessWithStdHandlesInComputeSystem</a>(id *uint16, paramsJson *uint16, pid *uint32, stdin *syscall.Handle, stdout *syscall.Handle
416
                                              if _perr := procCreateProcessWithStdHandlesInComputeSystem.Find(); _perr != nil {
417
418
                                                                         return _perr
419
420
                                              r0, _, _ := syscall.Syscall6(procCreateProcessWithStdHandlesInComputeSystem.Addr(), 6, uintptr(unsafe.Pointer(id)), uintptr(unsafe.
421
                                              if r0 != 0 {
422
                                                                         hr = syscall.Errno(r0)
423
424
```





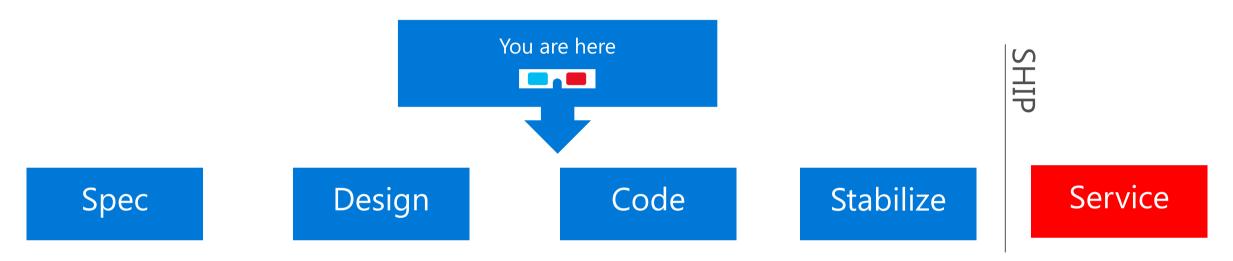
1. Pin the parameters sent to VMCompute.dll.

2. Follow the golang convention for pinning data.

3. Put the syscall in the function return, so variables are not GCed.



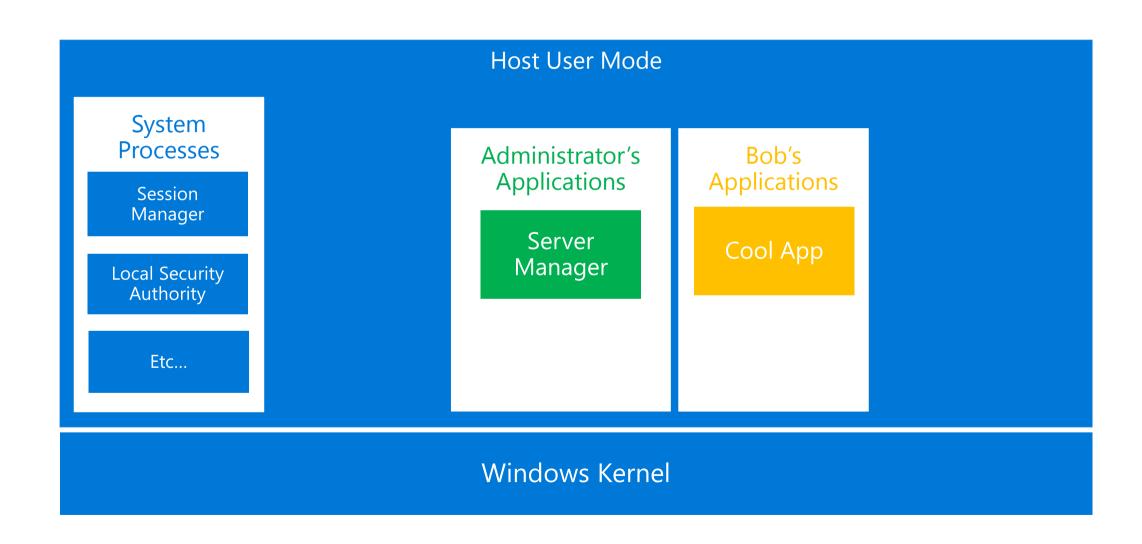
# Story 2: Container Identity



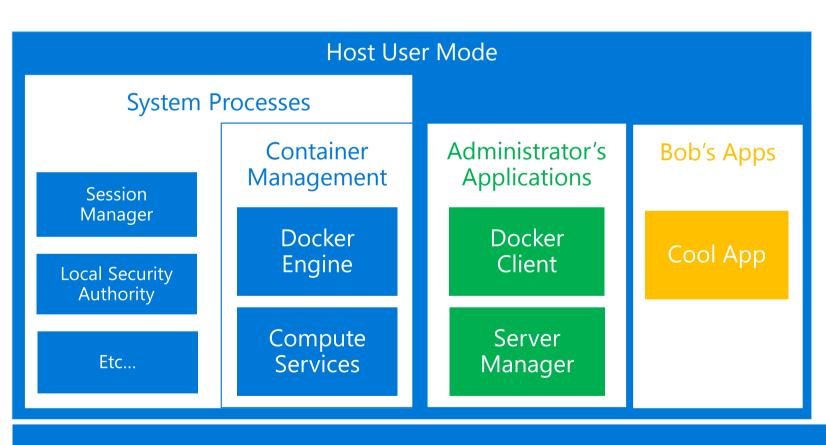


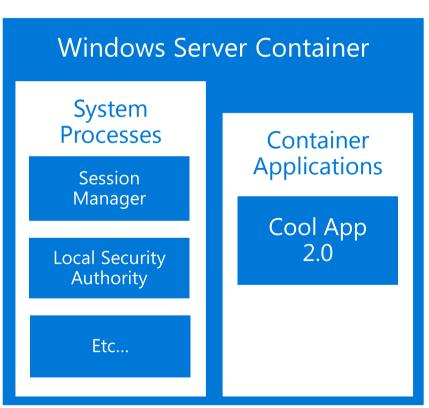
Processes inside a Windows Server Container ran at SYSTEM privileges.

System

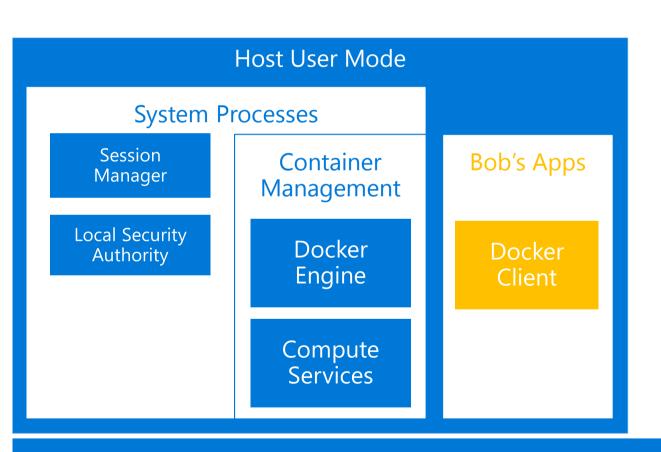


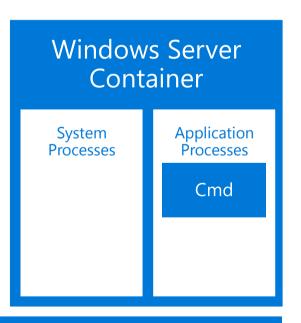
# Then who was Container? Containers do not share host's users





Windows Kernel





Windows Kernel

0 System

1 Medium

2 Medium

0 System

0 System

1 System 2 System

2 System

2 System

1 Medium

1 Medium

1 Medium 1 Medium

1 Medium

1 Medium

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S

■ N nssm.exe

svchost.exe

☐ cmd.exe

svchost.exe

vmms.exe

svchost.exe

svchost.exe

⊕ CcmExec.exe

svchost.exe

svchost.exe

conhost.exe

docker.exe

conhost.exe

ServerManager.exe

sass.exe

dwm.exe

winlogon.exe
 winlogon.exe

csrss.exe
winlogon.exe

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vmcompute.exe

MsMpEng.exe

conhost.exe

docker.exe

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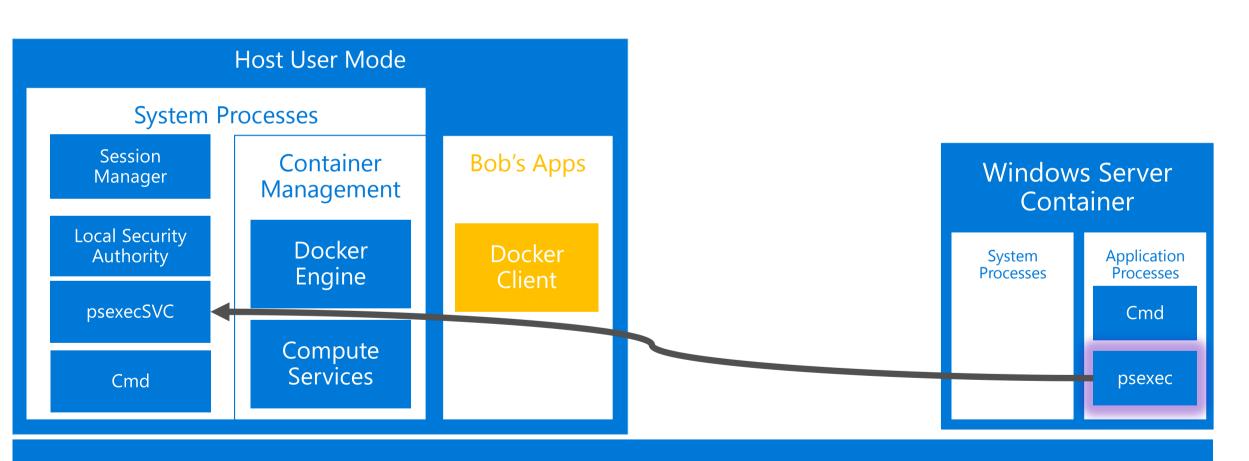
Local Sec Author b's Apps

Docker Client

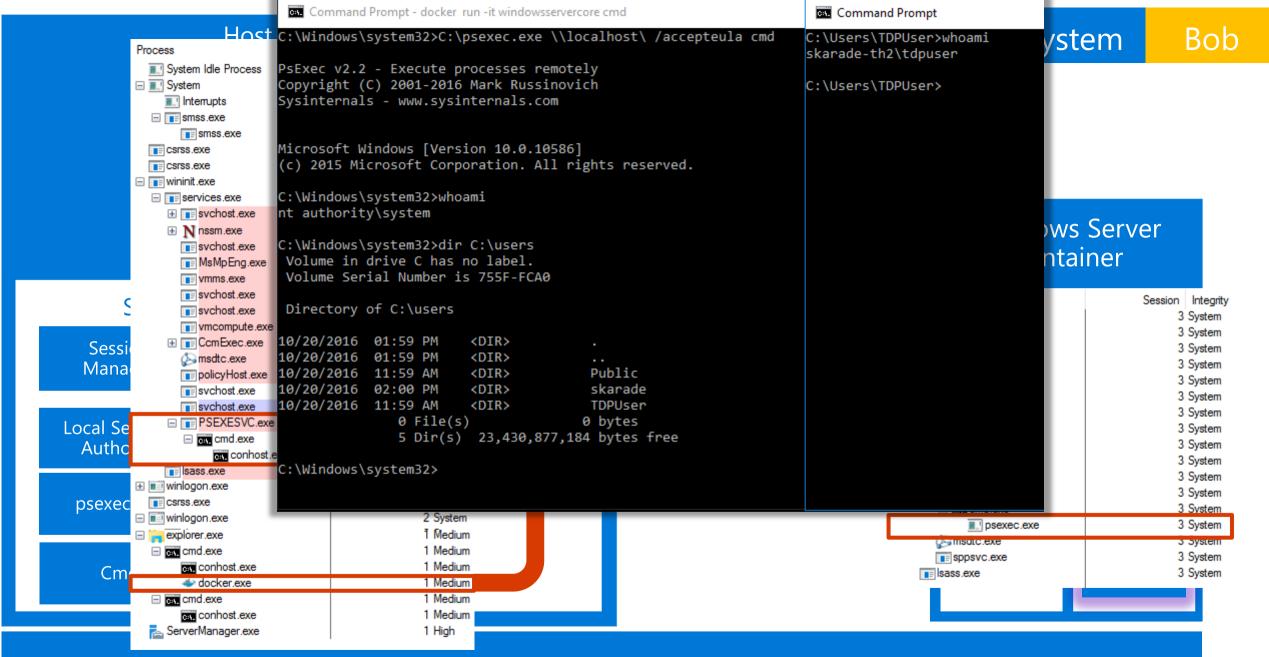
Windows Kernel

#### Windows Server Container

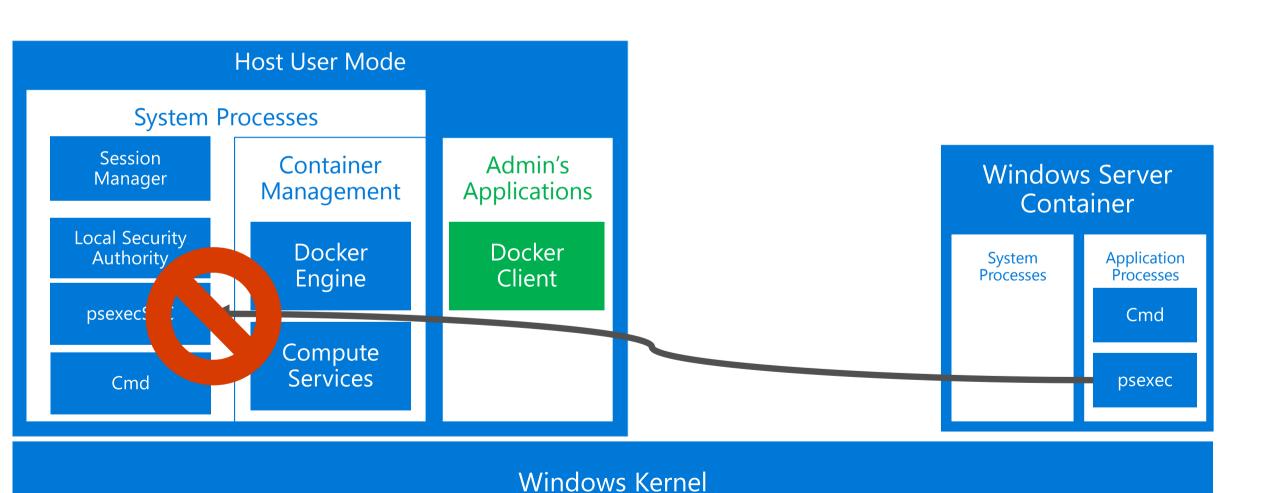
Process	Session	Integrit
csrss.exe	3	System
■ wininit.exe	3	System
—       services.exe	3	System
	3	System
svchost.exe	3	System
	3	System
cmd.exe	3	System
msdtc.exe	3	System
sppsvc.exe	3	System
sass.exe	3	System
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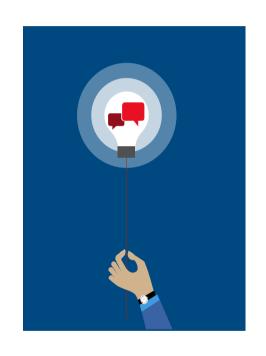
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Windows Kernel







1. Require Admin privileges to communicate to dockerd.exe by default.

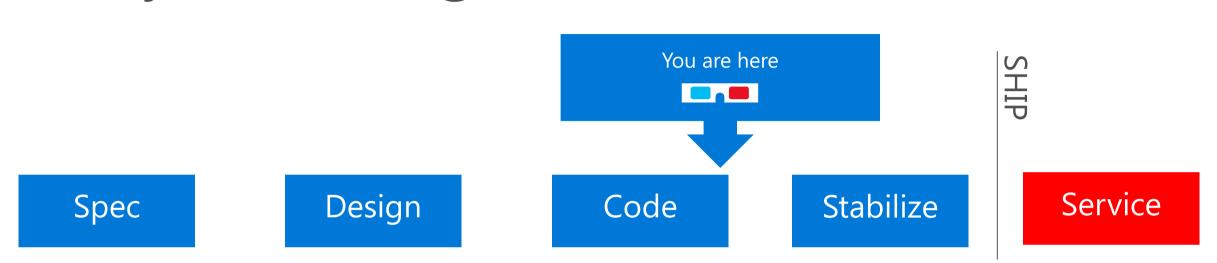
2. Find and block gaps in isolation.

3. Run processes inside the Container as "ContainerUser", not SYSTEM.





# Story 3: Storage Architecture

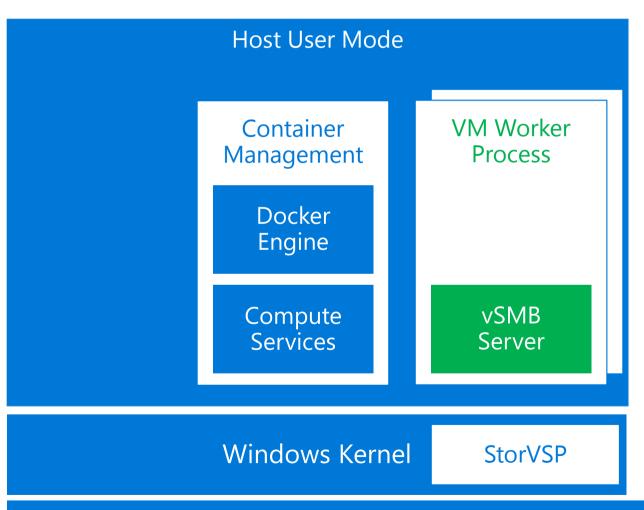


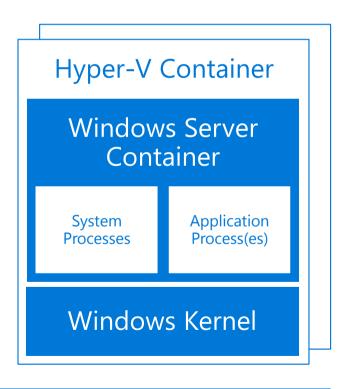


File system access privileges granted to high risk VMWP process that handles untrusted input.

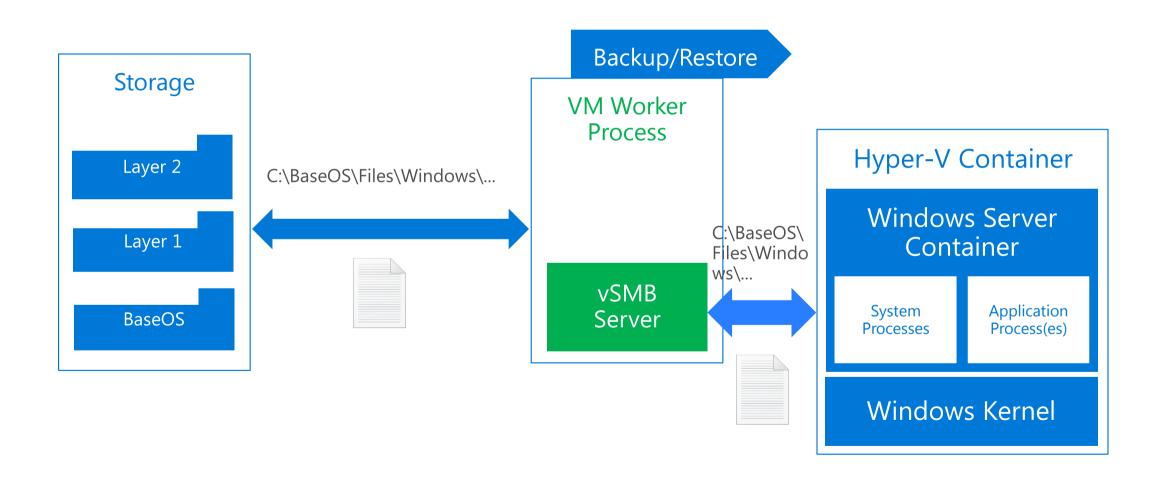
# Storage architecture

Storage Layer 2 Layer 1 BaseOS Scratch **VHD** 

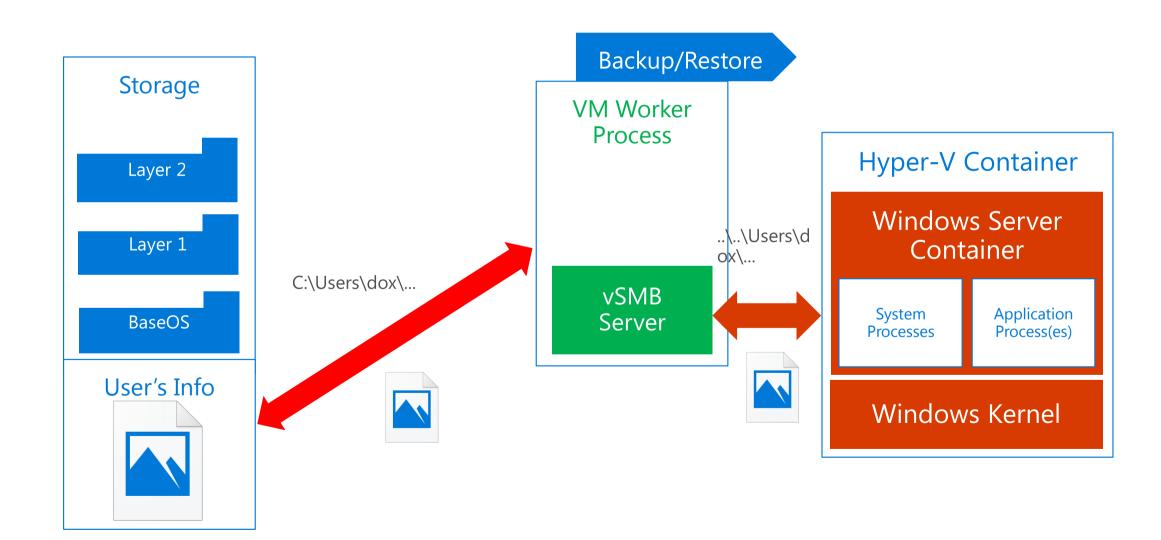




Hyper-V Hypervisor

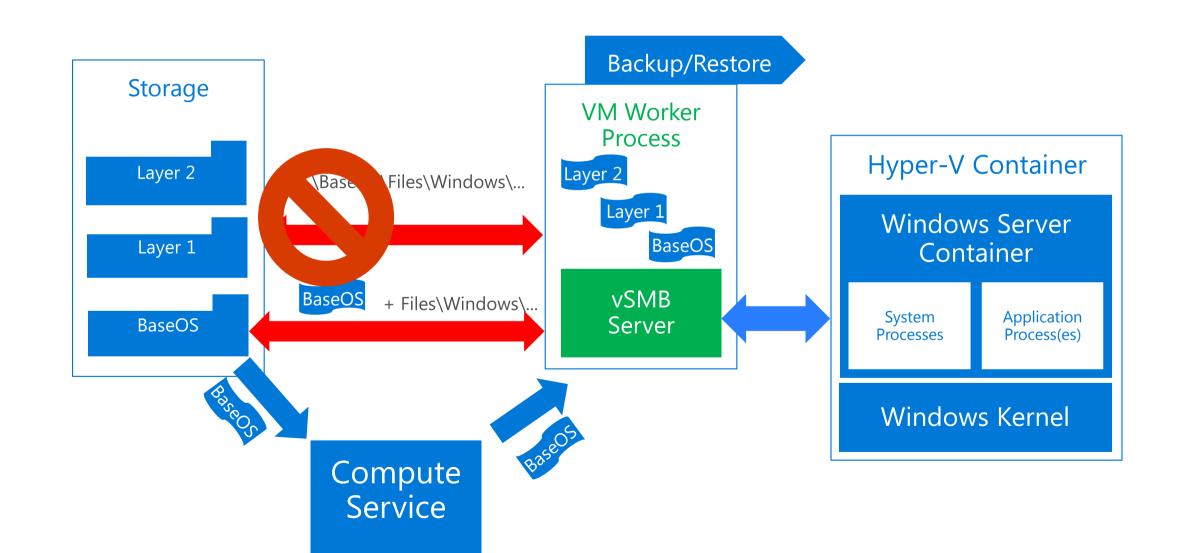


### Before

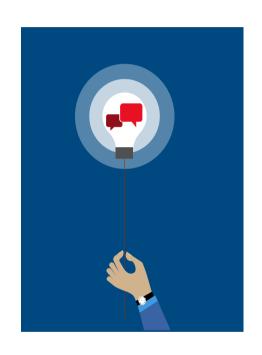


#### Backup/Restore Storage VM Worker **Process Hyper-V Container** Layer 2 C:\..\BaseOS\Files\Windows\... Windows Server Layer 1 Container vSMB Application Process(es) System BaseOS Server Processes Windows Kernel

# After







1. Open a handle to the target folder in a trusted process.

2. Pass the folder handle to VMWP to limited areas and components.

3. Read files using folder handle while unable to read anywhere else.







# Start early

Engage teams

Provide feedback

Stay informed

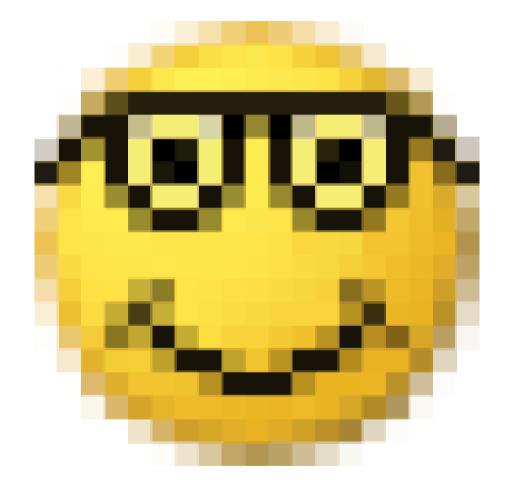












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Submit a novel mitigation bypass against our latest Windows platform, and/or a defense idea that would block an exploitation technique that currently bypasses the latest platform mitigations

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# Thank you! Questions?

### Resources

https://docs.com/taylorbrown/1326/windows-containers-ignite

https://goto.docker.com/Definitive-Guideto-Docker-Whitepaper-LP.html