

Singularity

A container technology with two goals in mind

Image Generator: image can be generated starting from other containers **Runtime:** Does not trust users so it has been design to be secure

- Software stack reproducible and verifiable
- Mobile, the container is a file that can be moved
- Runs everywhere, fits really good in an HPC environment
- Does not trust users :)

Singularity: install

```
$ apt update &&\
  apt install autoconf \
    automake \
    autotools-dev \
    build-essential \
    git \
    libarchive-dev \
    libtool \
    squashfs-tools \
    python

/opt/
rm -rf singularity && rm /usr/local/bin/singularity
git clone https://github.com/singularityware/singularity.git
cd singularity
git checkout tags/2.6.0 -b 2.6.0
./autogen.sh
./configure --prefix=/usr/local
make
sudo make install
```

Singularity: install

in a Dockerfile

```
FROM ubuntu:18.04
```

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        libtool \
        squashfs-tools \
        python
```

```
WORKDIR /opt/
```

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RUN git clone \
    https://github.com/singularityware/singularity.git
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WORKDIR singularity
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RUN git checkout tags/2.6.0 -b 2.6.0 &&\
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    make &&\
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```

Singularity: running w/ Docker

Run singularity inside Docker, this is tricky

```
$ docker run --rm -it singularity:2.6.0
```

Errors are behind the corner :)

Singularity: running w/ Docker

Docker can run a container with special privileges to access hosts' devices

```
$ docker run \
  --privileged
  --rm \
  -it \
  singularity:2.6.0
```

Example of simple Singularity file

Singularity: build w/ Docker Registry

Example of my Singularity file getting data from Docker Registry