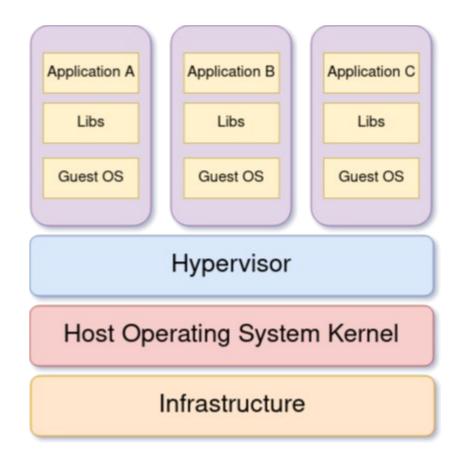


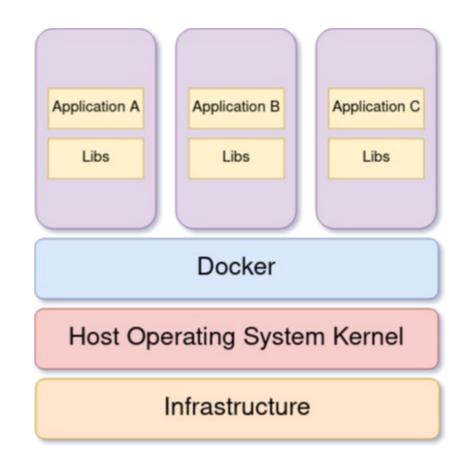
### **Virtual Machines**

- Each VM is a full installation of a complete OS
  - The VM hard drive maps to a file or files on the host OS
  - The guest OS hardware calls are relayed to the host OS by the hypervisor
- VMs are slow to start and have a large footprint
  - Great for emulating a computer
  - Too heavyweight for running a small lightweight process



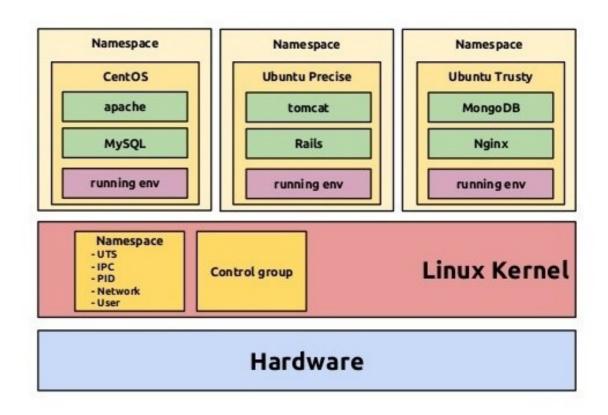
#### **Containers**

- A container is a lightweight process managed by the Docker engine
  - It has no persistent storage
  - Contains only what is needed to run the application
  - Small footprint
  - Fast start up and shutdown
- Based on Linux containers
  - Use specific features of Linux the Linux kernel
  - Windows can run containers by using an embedded Linux VM

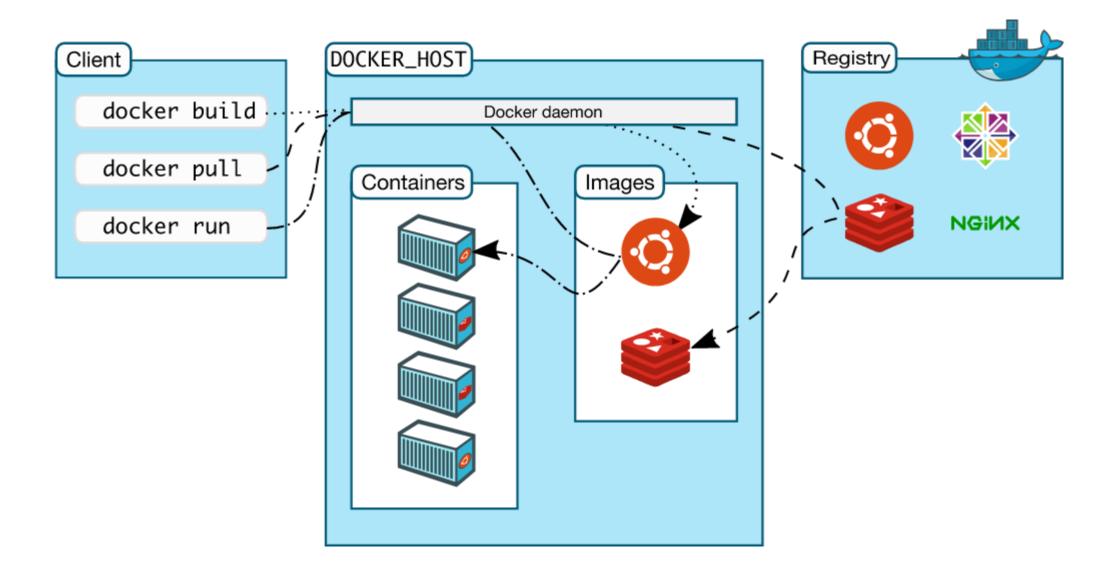


### **Implementation**

- Linux containers run in isolated environments using Linux namespaces and control groups
- Provide resource limitation, prioritization, accounting, and control
- Hides the process space and resource information of each container from the others
- Docker is an implementation of Linux containers



### **Docker Architecture**



## **Docker Terminology**

#### Docker Daemon or Engine

- The process that manages images and containers on the Docker host
- The Docker CLI is used to request services from the Docker engine

### Docker Image

Analogous to an executable file - template for running a container

#### Docker Container

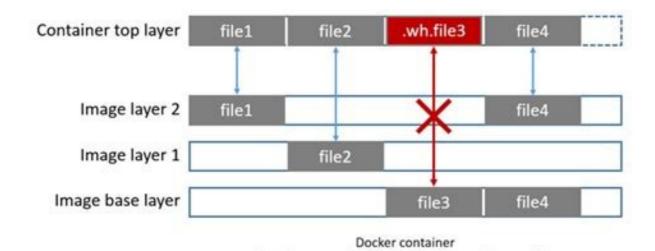
- A Docker image that is executing or has finished executing
- Analogous to a process that is running an executable file
- Multiple containers can be created and run from a single image

### Docker Registry

- A version collection Docker images
- Each set of versions for an image is referred to as an image repository

# **Docker Images**

- Docker images are read only
  - Uniquely identified by hash codes
- Built-up in layers
  - Uses Linux union file system, also referred to an overlay file system
  - Each layer is immutable identified by a unique hash code
  - Layers are shared by images only one copy of a layer exists



(AUFS storage-driver demonstrating whiteout file)

# **Docker Registry**

### The local registry

- On the machine running Docker
- Images pulled from other registries are cached here
- This is the first registry searched for a requested image

#### Docker Hub

- Public repository maintained by Docker
- Searched by default after the local registry

### Other registries

- Docker can be configured to use other registries
- Allows control over which images Docker pulls
- Ensures only approved images are used by Docker installation

## **Docker Repository**

- Images are versioned
  - A set of versioned images is called repository
  - A specific image is referenced by <image\_name>:<version\_tag>
  - The following are different versions of the Ubuntu image
    - ubuntu:18.04
    - ubuntu:20.04
  - If no version tag is specified, then the version defaults to "latest"
    - Pulling the image **ubuntu** is the same as pulling **ubuntu:lates**t
- Images are uniquely identified by their digest value
  - Tags are identifies that are added for convenience
  - Images do not have to have tags but a single image can have multiple tags
  - Images can only be deleted if they have zero or one tags

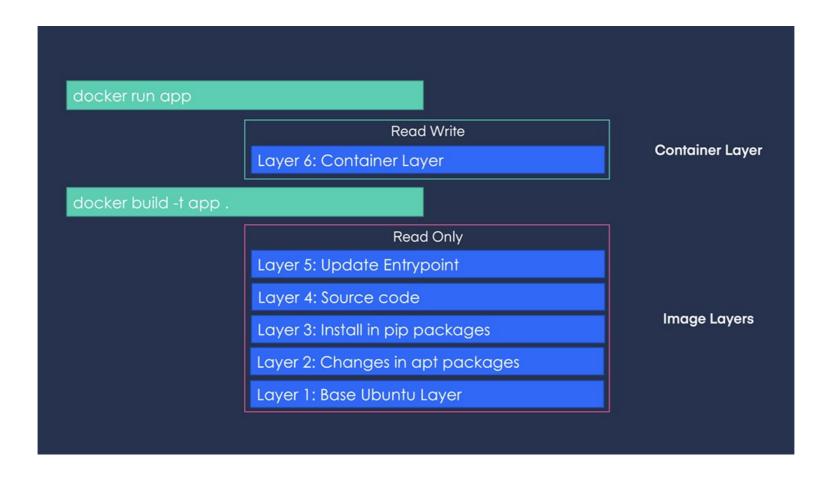






#### **Docker Containers**

- Containers are running copies of a Docker image
- Containers have an additional write-able layer added to the image layers



# **Running Containers**

- The docker run command starts a container based on an image
- The image contains a default command to run when it starts
  - Once the command completes, the container exits
  - Some containers, running a web server for example, do not exit
  - These have to be shut down with the docker stop command or docker kill
- Stopped containers are not destroyed but can be restarted
  - The command **docker start** restarts a stopped container but not exited containers
  - The command **docker create** creates a container but does not run it
  - The command **docker run** = **docker create** followed by **docker start**
- Specific commands inside a container can be executed
  - Inside an already running container with docker exec <cmd>
  - Or by starting up a container with docker run <cmd>

# **Running Containers**

- Running containers have a hash id just like images
  - They also can have an optional name docker run ubuntu --name zippy
  - Containers are assigned default names otherwise
- There can be multiple containers created from a single image
- Commands used to work with containers
  - docker ps lists all the running processes related to containers
  - **docker ps -a** lists all of the running and exited processes related to containers
  - Using **docker container Is (-a)** gives exactly the same output
- Docker keeps logs of all activity in each container
  - We can access both a container's logs and monitor its running processes

### **Running Containers**

- Interactive terminal connections allow us to work within a container if the container supports a shell
  - To work with a shell in Ubuntu we could run docker run -it ubuntu
    - If we omit the **-it**, the shell will start up and immediately exit
  - We can override the default command in the image
    - Normally the nginx image starts a web server and does not exit
    - We can start a shell instead with the following command docker run -it nginix bin/sh
  - For a running container, we can execute a command using docker exec -it <container id>





### **Docker Networks**

#### Docker engine runs a set of private networks

- Each container gets an IP address on the docker network
- If the container provides a service, it normally is exposed through a port on the container
- The docker engine will map ports on the host networks to ports on containers

#### Private docker networks

- Allow containers to run without interfering with IP addresses or ports on the host system
- Network types:
  - Bridge: the default creates a private internal isolated network for containers
  - **Host**: allows containers to run on the host network only implemented for Linux hosts
  - Overlay: allows containers on different hosts to communicate with each other

#### Exposing ports

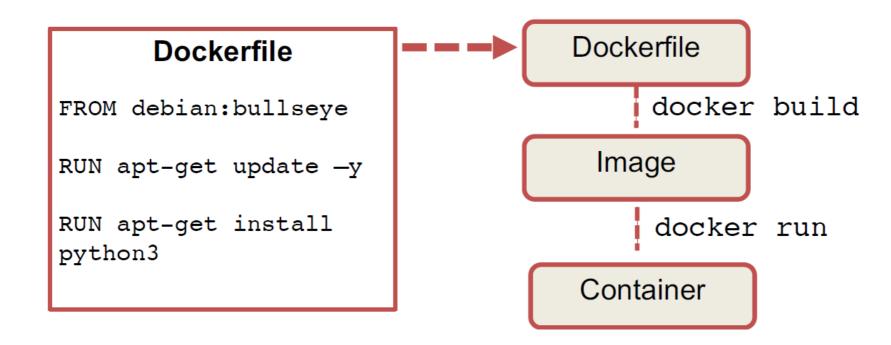
- Services offered by container are specified by port numbers which are made available via port exposing
- Specific ports to be expose can be defined in an image or a container





# **Building Images with Dockerfile**

- Docker can build images automatically by executing instructions in a Dockerfile
  - For example, to build an image with Python three installed on a Debian Linux container



### **Dockerfile**

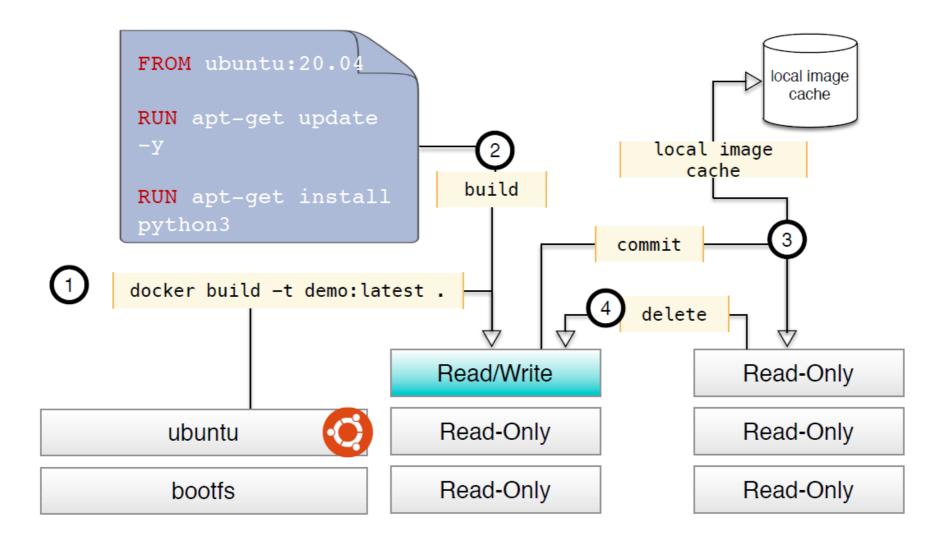
- The Dockerfile is a text file
  - contains the instructions that you would execute on the command line to create an image
  - Docker provides a set of standard instructions to be used in the Dockerfile

Command	Description
#	Comment line
MAINTAINER	Provides name and contact info of image creator
FROM	Tells Docker which base image to build on top of (e.g. centos7)
COPY	Copies a file or directory from the build host into the build container
RUN	Runs a shell command inside the build container
CMD	Provides a default command for the container to run. May be overridden or changed
ADD	Copies new files, directories or remote file URLs
LABEL	Adds metadata to an image

#### **The Build Process**

- Docker builds an image by running a series of containers
  - The FROM base image becomes the first layer in the new image
  - The base image is run in a temporary container
  - The first directive, RUN for example, executes and results written to the container's writeable layer
  - The container is committed to a new temporary image
  - The writeable layer now a new image layer
  - This new temporary image is run in a new container, the next directive executes
  - The container is committed to a new temporary image
  - And this continues until the whole Dockerfile is executed

### **The Build Process**







# **Docker Monitoring Tools**

- Debugging containers can be problematic
- Docker has a number of monitoring tools that can be used
  - docker logs <container>: displays console output of the container
  - docker top <container>: lists all the processes running in a container
  - docker stats <container>: streams real time stats of containers
  - docker inspect <container>: displays detailed container configuration



### **Docker Volumes**

- Volumes are where a directory on the host file system is mounted inside a container
  - Anything written to the volume remains on the host file system
  - Any other container can mount the volume and read what was written
- A wide range of file systems can be mounted
  - Amazon AWS buckets for example
- On Windows, there is not direct access to the underlying file since it is created in the Linux VM
  - However, deleting the volume will delete the underlying file









