

# What you Need to Know about SQL Server and Docker Containers

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### WHAT THIS SESSION COVERS

- Container and Docker basics
  - Container platforms
  - Containers vs. VMs
  - Docker types
    - Docker for Windows Containers vs Docker for Windows
  - Running your first container
- SQL Server in Containers
  - Running SQL Server in Docker
  - Using volumes for data persistence
  - Building custom images
  - Creating container DB startup scripts





### WHY CONTAINERS?



- Lighter weight than VMs
- Fast deployment
  - No need for SQL Server installation
- Portability
- Stateless
- New microservice style applications



### CONTAINER PLATFORMS FOR SQL SERVER

- Windows Server 2016
- Windows 10
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.2
- SUSE Enterprise Linux v12 SP2
- Ubuntu 16.04
- Other Linux distributions?













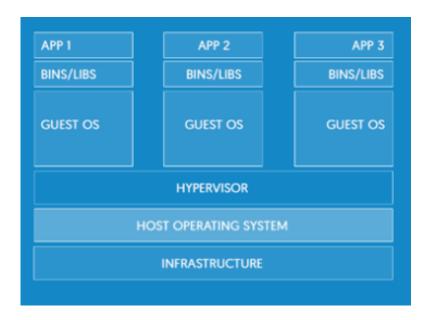
### DOCKER CONCEPTS

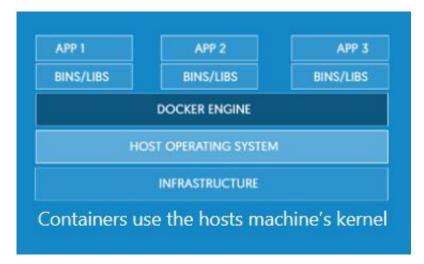


- What is a Docker?
  - Multi-platform container engine that runs on Linux, Windows and Mac
- Container
  - A executing environment that encapsulates code, binaries, files and OS dependencies
  - Used to run applications
- Image
  - Template used for creating containers



### VMS AND CONTAINERS







#### DOCKER TYPES

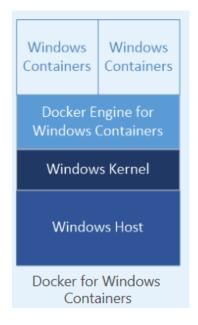


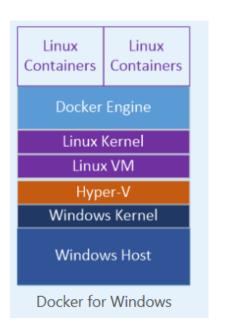
- Docker Engine
  - Installs on Linux and run Linux containers
  - Uses Linux OS
- Docker for Windows Containers
  - Installs on Windows and runs Windows containers
  - Uses Windows OS
- Docker for Mac and Windows
  - Installs a Linux VM on Mac or Windows
  - Uses Linux VM OS
  - Runs Linux containers



#### DOCKER FOR WINDOWS AND MAC

Designed to run Linux VMs

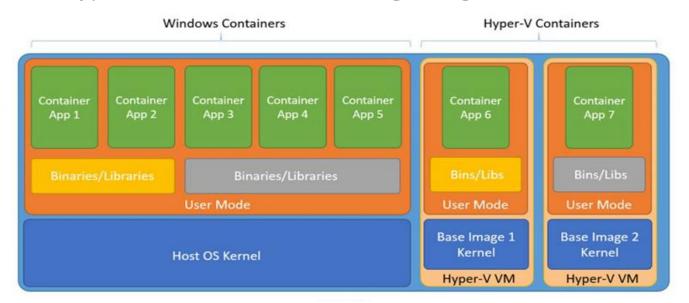






### WINDOWS CONTAINERS & HYPER-V CONTAINERS

Each Hyper-V container has its own lightweight VM





#### WINDOWS CONTAINERS & HYPER-V CONTAINERS

#### **WS Containers**

- Shares host OS
- Does not require virtualization
- Less overhead
- Less secure
- Can run on Nano
- Can not run Linux

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

- Isolated from host OS
- Requires virtualization
- More overhead
- More secure
- Can run on Nano
- Can run Linux (Win10 WS1709)



### WINDOWS CONTAINERS & HYPER-V CONTAINERS

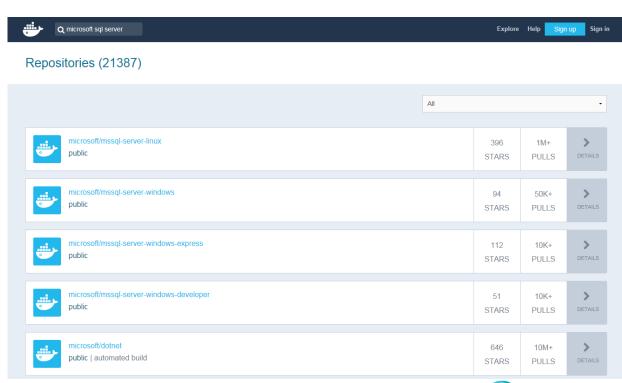
- Running SQL Server Express in a Windows container
  - docker run -d -p 1433:1433 —env sa\_password=<YOUR\_PWD> microsoft/mssql-server-express-windows
- Running SQL Server Express in a Hyper-V container
  - docker run -d -p 1433:1433 —env sa\_password=<YOUR\_PWD>
     —isolation=hyperv microsoft/mssql-server-express-windows





#### DOCKER HUB

- Collection of images
  - Free repository
  - Most can be readily used
  - Posted by
    - Organizations
      - Microsoft
    - Users
  - You can keep your own local repositories





# MICROSOFT SQL SERVER DOCKER IMAGES

- microsoft/mssql-server-linux
  - docker pull microsoft/mssql-server-linux
  - Tags: latest, 2017-latest, 2017-GA
- microsoft/mssql-server-windows-express
  - docker pull microsoft/mssql-server-windows-express
  - Tags: 2017, latest
- microsoft/mssql-server-windows-developer
  - docker pull microsoft/mssql-server-windows-developer
  - Tags: 2017, latest



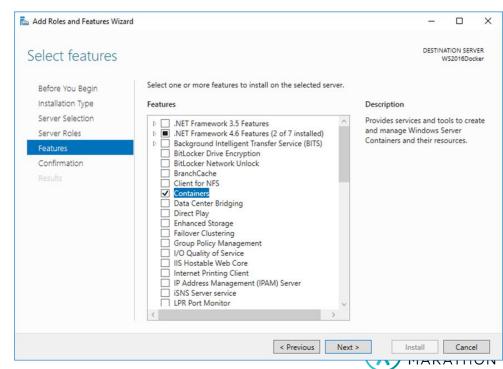


#### DOCKER BASICS

- Installing Container Support on Windows
  - Server Manager
  - Add Features Containers
- Installing Docker
  - Elevated PowerShell Prompt

Install-Module -Name DockerMsftProvider -Repository PSGallery -Force

Install-Package -Name docker -ProviderName DockerMsftProvider



### INSTALLING DOCKER SUPPORT ON LINUX - UBUNTU

- Add the GPG key for the Docker
  - curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | sudo apt-key add -
- Add the Docker repository to APT sources
  - sudo add-apt-repository "deb [arch=amd64] https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu \$(lsb\_release -cs) stable"
- Update the package database with the Docker packages
  - sudo apt-get update
- Install Docker
  - sudo apt-get install -y docker-ce
- Check the Docker daemon status
  - sudo systemctl status docker

```
administrator@UbuntuDocker:~$ sudo systemctl status docker
docker.service - Docker Application Container Engine
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/docker.service; enabled; vendor preset: e
   Active: active (running) since Wed 2017-10-18 19:55:08 PDT; 56s ago
     Docs: https://docs.docker.com
 Main PID: 7918 (dockerd)
   CGroup: /system.slice/docker.service
             -7918 /usr/bin/dockerd -H fd://
            	sime7925 docker-containerd -l unix:///var/run/docker/libcontainerd/dock
Oct 18 19:55:07 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:07.954386622
Oct 18 19:55:07 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:07.954506922
Oct 18 19:55:07 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:07.954919321-
Oct 18 19:55:08 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:08.222622393-
Oct 18 19:55:08 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:08.374140552-
Oct 18 19:55:08 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:08.397605915-
Oct 18 19:55:08 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:08.402435107-
Oct 18 19:55:08 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:08.402744307-
Oct 18 19:55:08 <code>UbuntuDocker</code> <code>systemd[1]</code>: <code>Started</code> <code>Docker</code> <code>Application</code> <code>Container</code> <code>En</code>
Oct 18 19:55:08 UbuntuDocker dockerd[7918]: time="2017-10-18T19:55:08.456353822-
lines 1-19/19 (END)
```

# INSTALLING DOCKER SUPPORT ON LINUX - UBUNTU

- Executing Docker Without sudo (optional)
- Add your username to the docker group
  - sudo usermod -aG docker \${USER}
- Apply the new group membership
  - su \${USER}
- Verify installation
  - Docker
  - Docker version





### BASIC DOCKER TASKS

- Pulling an image from the Docker Hub
  - docker pull hello-world
- Create a container
  - docker run hello-world
- Show images
  - docker images
- Show running containers
  - docker ps





### SQL SERVER CONTAINERS

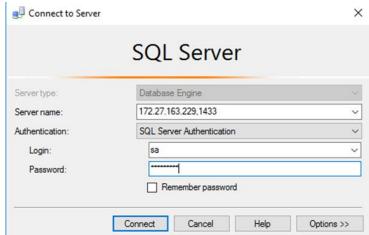
- Your first SQL Server on Windows container
  - > docker pull microsoft/mssql-server-windows-express
  - > docker images
  - docker run –e ACCEPT\_EULA=Y –e SA\_PASSWORD=SQLpwd2017
     –p 1433:1433 –d microsoft/mssql-server-windows-express
- Your first SQL Server on Linux container
  - \$ docker pull microsoft/mssql-server-linux
  - \$ docker images
  - \$ docker run -e ACCEPT\_EULA=Y -e SA\_PASSWORD=SQLpwd2017 -p 1433:1433 -d microsoft/mssql-server-linux





# CONNECTING TO A SQL SERVER CONTAINER

- SQLCMD
  - Server or IP, username sa, password mySQLPWD
- SSMS
  - Server or IP, port
- Finding the container IP address
  - Docker ps
  - docker inspect -format='{{range
     .NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}' <containerid>



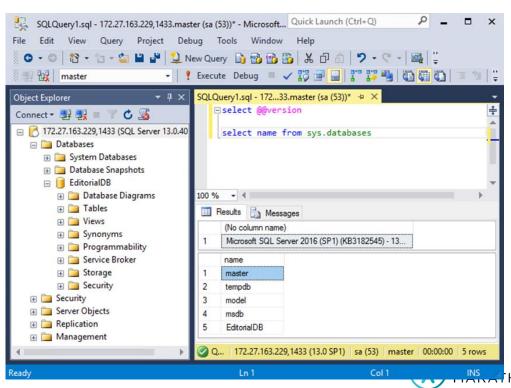


### SQLCMD CONNECTED TO DOCKER • docker exec -it 5e9 sqlcmd -S.

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
1> select @@version
2> qo
Microsoft SQL Server 2016 (RTM) - 13.0.1601.5 (X64)
Apr 29 2016 23:23:58
Copyright (c) Microsoft Corporation
Express Edition (64-bit) on Windows Server 2016 Datacenter 6.3 <X64> (Build 14393: ) (Hypervisor)
(1 rows affected)
```

### SSMS CONNECTED TO A SQL SERVER CONTAINER

- Just like Windows or Linux
- DBs can be created in the container
- DBs can be attached with volumes



### MANAGING A SQL SERVER CONTAINER

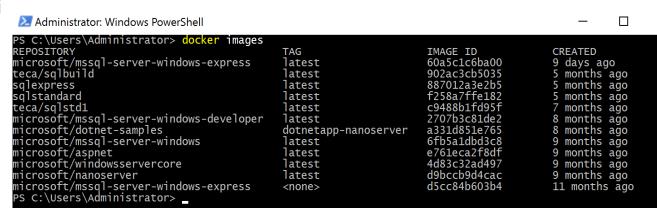
- Show running containers and get IDs
  - > docker ps
- Stop a container
  - > docker stop <containerid>
- Start container
  - > docker start <containerid>
- Remove a container
  - > docker rm <containerid>
- Show container logs
  - > docker logs <containerid>
- Kill/delete
  - >docker kill <containerid>

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
    PS C:\Users\Administrator> docker ps
    CONTAINER ID
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         COMMAND
                                                                                         IMAGE
NAMES
6da7b665d780 microsoft/mssql-server-windows-express "powershell -Comma..."
1->1433/tcp infallible_wing
PS C:\Users\administrator> docker logs 6d
VERBOSE: Starting SQL Server
VERBOSE: Changing SA login credentials
VERBOSE: Attaching 1 database(s)
VERBOSE: Invoke-Sqlcmd -Query IF EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM SYS.DATABASES WHERE NAME
= 'EditorialDb') BEGIN EXEC sp_detach_db [EditorialDb] END;CREATE DATABASE
[EditorialDb] ON (FILENAME = N'C:\temp\EditorialDb.mdf'),(FILENAME =
N'C:\temp\EditorialDb_log.ldf') FOR ATTACH;
VERBOSE: Started SQL Server
    VERBOSE: Started SQL Server.
     TimeGenerated
                                                                                                          EntryType Message
  10/23/2017 1:30:45 PM Information Parallel redo is shutdown for database 'Ed... 10/23/2017 1:30:45 PM Information Parallel redo is started for database 'Edi... 10/23/2017 1:30:45 PM Information Starting up database 'EditorialDb'. 10/23/2017 1:35:57 PM Information Parallel redo is shutdown for database 'Ed... 10/23/2017 1:35:57 PM Information Parallel redo is started for database 'Edi... 10/23/2017 1:35:57 PM Information Starting up database 'EditorialDb'. 10/23/2017 1:35:57 PM Information Using 'xplog70.dll' version '2017.140.1000... 10/23/2017 1:35:57 PM Information Attempting to load library 'xplog70.dll' i... PS C:\Users\Administrator>
```



### MANAGING IMAGES

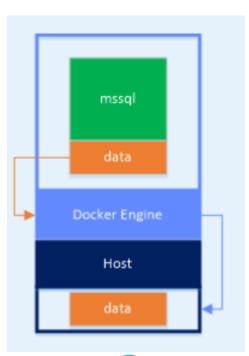
- Creating a new image from a running container
  - >docker commit [containerID] [respository name]
- List images
  - > docker images
- Remove/delete an image
  - > docker rmi <imageid>





### CONTAINERS AND DATA

- Containers are transient.
  - When they are deleted all data in the container is also deleted
    - All data changes are lost
  - When they are restarted the image is fresh from the container
    - Test images can container ready-to-go DBs
- Map volumes from the host to the container
  - Use the –v option (No Mac support)
  - docker run [ContainerInfo] –v <host dir>:<container dir> [Image]





### USING VOLUMES WITH SQL SERVER

Not available for Linux







#### BUILDING A CUSTOM IMAGE

- Start with Windows Server Core image
  - docker run -d -ti --name SQLStd -hostname SQLStd -v C:/SQLinstall/:C:/SQLinstall/ microsoft/windowsservercore
- Perform a command line SQL Server installation
  - docker exec -it SQLStd cmd
  - Setup.exe /Q /ACTION=Install /FEATURES=SQL,IS
    /INSTANCENAME=MSSQLSERVER /SQLSVCACCOUNT="NT Authority\System"
    /SQLSYSADMINACCOUNTS="SQLStd\Administrator" /AGTSVCACCOUNT="NT
    AUTHORITY\Network Service" /SECURITYMODE=SQL /SAPWD="MyPa55w0rd"
    /TCPENABLED=1 /IACCEPTSQLSERVERLICENSETERMS=1
- Commit the image
  - Docker stop SQLStd
  - Docker commit SQLStd teca/sqlstd1:latest



# AUTOMATING CONTAINERS USING DOCKERFILES

- What are dockerfiles?
  - Batch commands to create Docker containers
  - Text files
- Why use them?
  - Automate and standardize container creation
- How do you run them?
  - >docker build
  - > docker build –t .sqlexpress
  - Takes files from the current directory





### AUTOMATING SQL SERVER IMAGES



- The dockerfile runs the SQL Server command line installation
  - Builds a new image with the features you want
  - Does not use the prebuilt SQL Server images
- Starts with the Windows Server Core image
- Runs SQL Server setup.exe
- Can optionally setup databases
- Can connect to external volumes



### AUTOMATING CONTAINERS USING DOCKERFILES

- # SQL Server Express image
- # Build example
- # docker build -t sqlexpress.

FROM microsoft/mssql-server-windows-express

# create directory within SQL container for database files RUN powershell -Command (mkdir C:\\SQLData)

#copy the database files from host to container COPY AdventureWorks2014\_Data.mdf C:\\SQLData COPY AdventureWorks2014\_Log.ldf C:\\SQLData

# Use Host port 1433 EXPOSE 1433





### AUTOMATING CONTAINERS USING DOCKERFILES

• docker build -t sqlexpress.

:\SQLExpressBuild>docker images EPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
none>	<none></none>	97f6acbea55f	44 minutes ago	9.84 GB
qlexpress	latest	887012a3e2b5	2 hours ago	12.4 GB
qlstandard	latest	f258a7ffe182	16 hours ago	12.1 GB
none>	<none></none>	9d6c6622dfa5	18 hours ago	9.84 GB
eca/sqlstd1	latest	c9488b1fd95f	6 weeks ago	11.7 GB
icrosoft/mssql-server-windows-developer	latest	2707b3c81de2	9 weeks ago	14.3 GB
icrosoft/dotnet-samples	dotnetapp-nanoserver	a331d851e765	10 weeks ago	1.03 GB
icrosoft/mssql-server-windows	latest	6fb5a1dbd3c8	3 months ago	14.6 GB
icrosoft/aspnet	latest	e761eca2f8df	3 months ago	10.1 GB
icrosoft/windowsservercore	latest	4d83c32ad497	3 months ago	9.56 GB
icrosoft/nanoserver	latest	d9bccb9d4cac	3 months ago	925 MB
icrosoft/mssql-server-windows-express	latest	d5cc84b603b4	5 months ago	12 GB

docker run -d -e sa\_password=SQLpwd2017 -e ACCEPT\_EULA=Y -e
 attach\_dbs="[{'dbName':'AdventureWorks2014','dbFiles':['C:\\SQLData\\AdventureWorks2014\_Log.ldf']}]"
 reWorks2014\_Data.mdf','C:\\SQLData\\AdventureWorks2014\_Log.ldf']}]"
 sqlexpress

## AUTOMATING SQL SERVER IMAGE



```
# Build command example
             docker build -t teca/sqlbuild:latest.
# Run command example
             docker run -d -ti --name SQLBuildStdContainer teca/sqlbuild
#
# Get IP Address
             docker inspect -format='{{range .NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}'
SQLBuildStdContainer
# Use the Windows Server Core image
FROM microsoft/windowsservercore
# Create directory for database files
RUN powershell -Command (New-Item c:\\SQLData -type directory)
# Copy the database files and setup files to the image
COPY *.mdf C:\\SQLData/
COPY *.ldf C:\\SQLData/
COPY c:\\sqlinstall/ c:\\sqlinstall/
```



### AUTOMATING SQL SERVER IMAGES



# Run the unattended SQL Server setup

RUN c:\sqlinstall\Setup.exe /Q /ACTION=Install /FEATURES=SQL /INSTANCENAME=MSSQLSERVER /SQLSVCACCOUNT="NT AUTHORITY\System" /SQLSYSADMINACCOUNTS="BUILTIN\ADMINISTRATORS" /AGTSVCACCOUNT="NT AUTHORITY\Network Service" /SECURITYMODE=SQL /SAPWD="mySQLPWD" /TCPENABLED=1 /IACCEPTSQLSERVERLICENSETERMS=1

# Setup ENV variables to attach DBs and expose SQL Server port 1433 ENV attach\_dbs="[{'dbName':'AdventureWorks2014','dbFiles':['C:\\SQLData\\AdventureWorks2014\_Data.mdf', 'C:\\SQLData\\AdventureWorks2014\_Log.ldf']}]" EXPOSE 1433

# Delete the setup files from the end container
RUN PowerShell -Command (Remove-Item c:\sqlinstall -Force -Recurse)

# End of dockerfile



# SETTING THE STARTUP PROCES

-e ATTACH\_DBS

docker run -d -p 1433:1433 -e SA\_PASSWORD=myNewpa55w0rd -e ACCEPT\_EULA=Y -v C:/temp/:C:/temp/ -e ATTACH\_DBS="[{'dbName':AdventureWorks,'dbFiles':['C:\\temp\\AdventureWorks2014.mdf','C :\\temp\\ AdventureWorks2014\_log. ldf']}]" microsoft/mssql-server-windows-express

PS C:\> docker inspect -f "{{ .Config.Cmd }}" eb4

[powershell -Command \$ErrorActionPreference = 'Stop'; \$ProgressPreference = 'SilentlyContinue'; .\start -sa\_password \$env:sa\_password -ACCEPT\_EULA \$env:ACCEPT\_EULA -attach\_dbs \"\$env:attach\_dbs\" -Verbose]



### START.PS1

```
docker
```

```
# The script sets the sa password and start the SQL Service
# Also it attaches additional database from the disk
# The format for attach dbs
param(
[Parameter(Mandatory=$false)]
[string]$sa_password,
[Parameter(Mandatory=$false)]
[string]$ACCEPT_EULA,
[Parameter(Mandatory=$false)]
[string]$attach_dbs
if($ACCEPT_EULA -ne "Y" -And $ACCEPT_EULA -ne "y")
    Write-Verbose "ERROR: You must accept the End User License Agreement before this container can start."
    Write-Verbose "Set the environment variable ACCEPT_EULA to 'Y' if you accept the agreement."
  exit 1
```



# START.PS1 (CONTINUED)



```
# start the service
Write-Verbose "Starting SQL Server"
start-service MSSQL`$SQLEXPRESS

if($sa_password -ne "_")
{
    Write-Verbose "Changing SA login credentials"
    $sqlcmd = "ALTER LOGIN sa with password=" +"'" + $sa_password + "'" + ";ALTER LOGIN sa ENABLE;"
    & sqlcmd -Q $sqlcmd
}
$attach_dbs_cleaned = $attach_dbs.TrimStart("\\").TrimEnd("\\")
$dbs = $attach_dbs_cleaned | ConvertFrom-Json
```



# START.PS1 (CONTINUED)



```
if ($null -ne $dbs -And $dbs.Length -gt 0)
  Write-Verbose "Attaching $($dbs.Length) database(s)"
  Foreach($db in $dbs)
    files = @();
    Foreach($file in $db.dbFiles)
       files += "(FILENAME = N'$(file)')";
    $files = $files -join ","
    $sqlcmd = "IF EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM SYS.DATABASES WHERE NAME = "" + $($db.dbName) + "') BEGIN EXEC sp_detach_db
[$($db.dbName)] END;CREATE DATABASE [$($db.dbName)] ON $($files) FOR ATTACH;"
    Write-Verbose "Invoke-Sqlcmd -Query $($sqlcmd)"
    & sqlcmd -Q $sqlcmd
```



## START.PS1 (END)



```
Write-Verbose "Started SQL Server."

$lastCheck = (Get-Date).AddSeconds(-2)
while ($true)
{
    Get-EventLog -LogName Application -Source "MSSQL*" -After $lastCheck | Select-Object
TimeGenerated, EntryType, Message
    $lastCheck = Get-Date
    Start-Sleep -Seconds 2
}
```



### 



Add to dockerfile

#CMD without shell to run the start.ps1 script

```
CMD ["powershell -Command $ErrorActionPreference = 'Stop';
$ProgressPreference = 'SilentlyContinue'; .\\start -sa_password $env:sa_password -
attach dbs $env:attach dbs -Verbose"1
```



## SQL SERVER ON DOCKER BEST PRACTICE'S

- Change the SA password
  - > docker exec -it <containerID> /opt/mssql-tools/bin/sqlcmd

  - -S localhost –U sa –P SQLpwd2017 -Q 'ALTER LOGIN SA WITH PASSWORD="NewPassword";'
- Use different ports for multiple container instances
  - > docker run -e ACCEPT\_EULA=Y -e SA\_PASSWORD=SQLpwd2017 -p 1401:1433 -d microsoft/mssql-server-windows
  - > docker run -e ACCEPT\_EULA=Y -e SA\_PASSWORD=SQLpwd2017 -p 1402:1433 -d microsoft/mssql-server-windows
- Use volumes for persistent data
- Minimize what's running in the container
  - Don't use multiple instances





### CONTROLLING RESOURCE USAGE



- By default each container's access to the host machine's CPU cycles is unlimited
- Might not be the best for SQL Server licensing
- Docker Run
  - --cpus=<value>

docker run -d -p 1433:1433 --cpus=2 -e ACCEPT\_EULA=Y -e SA\_PASSWORD=SQLpwd2017 -d microsoft/mssql-server-linux:latest

docker stats



# PUSHING IMAGES TO THE DOCKER HUB

- Used to share Docker images
- Create an account on Docker Hub
  - docker login -u docker-registry-username
- Push your image
  - docker push docker-registry-username/docker-image-name





### DEBUGGING CONTAINERS



- Docker logs [container ID]
  - STDOUT
  - STDERR
  - Container must be running
- Docker Inspect [container ID]
- Docker events (container ID)
- Docker run –i (interactive)
- Docker run -a (attach)
  - Shows STDOUT/STDERR



### FAQS

Q: Can I run Linux containers on Windows Server?

A: You can with Windows 10 & Windows Server 1709

Q: How will Microsoft license SQL Server in a container

A: Identical to VM licensing – per Server or per Core

Q: Can multiple containers share the same external volume?

A: No. The host OS locks it

Q: My SQL Server container won't start how can I see what's happening?

A: Try running it interactively with the —i switch





## **Additional Resources**





#### Windows Containers on Windows Server

https://docs.microsoft.com/enus/virtualization/windowscontainers /quick-start/quick-start-windowsserver



#### **Dockerfile Reference**

https://docs.docker.com/engin e/reference/builder/



### Run the SQL Server 2017 container image with Docker

https://docs.microsoft.com/enus/sql/linux/quickstart-installconnect-docker



### **Docker images – Docker Hub**

SQL Server 2017 – Windows and Linux



### Tips on how-to Build Your First SQL Server container

http://searchsqlserver.techtarget. com/tip/Tips-on-how-to-buildyour-first-SQL-Server-container



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