Experiment 03: Working with Kind in an Air-Gapped Environment

Create Air Gapped Docker Registry

https://www.python.org/downloads/

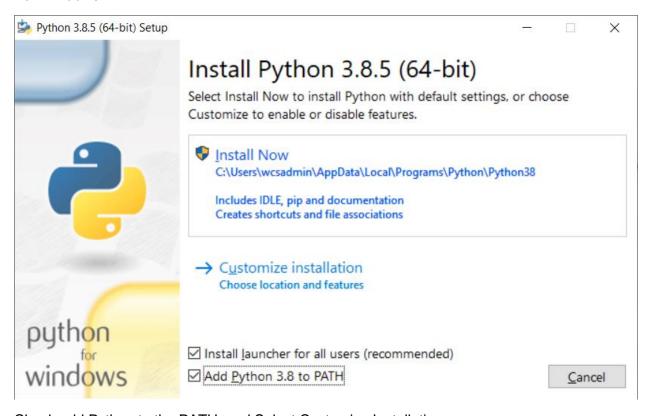
https://www.python.org/downloads/release/python-385/

To use the Docker Standalone registry we install Python 3.X, in this case the current stable release is 3.8.5 and has required Security fixes that should make it the standard 3.X version for those reasons.

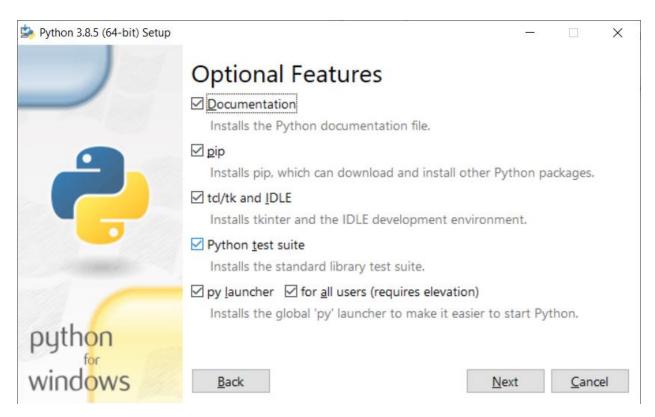
For MacOS:

\$ brew install python@3.8

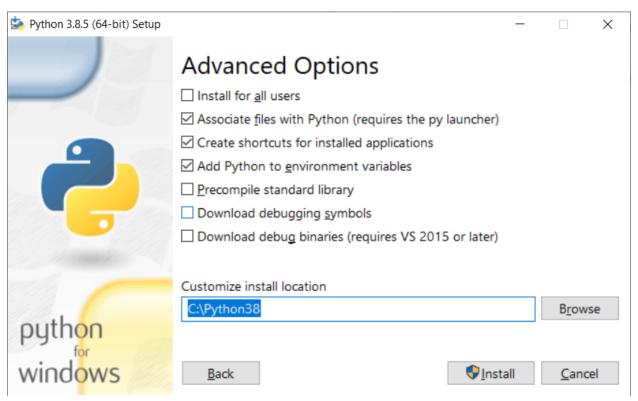
For Windows:



Check add Python to the PATH, and Select Customize Installation



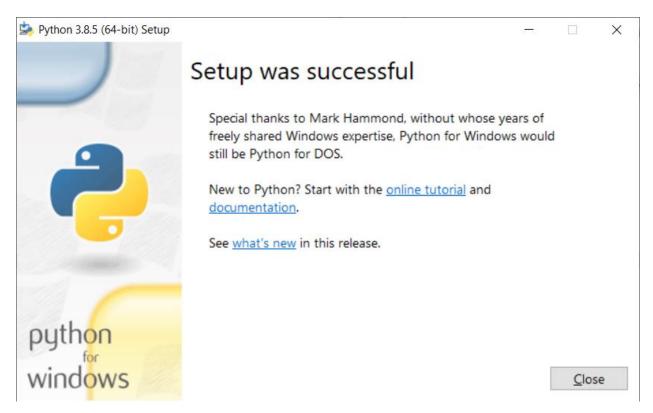
We can leave the defaults and select "Next"



Change the default location to something that isn't a mile long and select "Install"

Click the button to change the MAX_PATH length limitation of 260 characters

Think about how much work Mark Hammond must have done to turn Python into Windows from DOS



Select "Close"

For MacOS and Windows

From our project folder clone the standalone registry repository from github.com

\$> git clone https://github.com/dotcloud/docker-registry.git

Change to the folder

~/projects/kind\$ cd docker-registry/config

Copy the sample YAML configuration file

\$> cp config_sample.yml config.yml

Change directory to the parent for the cloned repo and start the registry

C:\projects\kind\docker-registry\config> cd ..
C:\projects\kind\docker-registry> docker run -p 5000:5000 registry

\$> cd c:\projects\kind

Create your cluster, which if this was truly airgapped would require you to have already tar'd or other pulled the images for kind, i.e. kindest/node/v1.18.2 or similar and the kind/server-kind/agent

\$> kind create cluster --name air-gap-kind

Creating cluster "air-gap-kind" ...

- Ensuring node image (kindest/node:v1.18.2) **...**
- ✓ Ensuring node image (kindest/node:v1.18.2)
- Preparing nodes ...
- √ Preparing nodes
- Writing configuration [] ...
- √ Writing configuration
- Starting control-plane 4 ...
- ✓ Starting control-plane ♣
- Installing CNI 🔌 ...
- Installing CNI
- Installing StorageClass 📋 ...
- √ Installing StorageClass

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Set kubectl context to "kind-air-gap-kind" You can now use your cluster with:

kubectl cluster-info --context kind-air-gap-kind

Thanks for using kind!

Now we'll pull an image for Ubuntu as an example, in the real world for an Air Gapped environment you'd be using a jump box or some other type of internal connectivity to copy the images to use over to the environment since there is not Internet connectivity. For the grep command to work in the below stream we would be referencing the grep command from the Git installation.

latest: Pulling from library/ubuntu 54ee1f796a1e: Pull complete f7bfea53ad12: Pull complete 46d371e02073: Pull complete

b66c17bbf772: Pull complete Digest:

sha256:31dfb10d52ce76c5ca0aa19d10b3e6424b830729e32a89a7c6eee2cda2be67a5

Status: Downloaded newer image for ubuntu:latest

docker.io/library/ubuntu:latest

C:\projects> docker images | grep ubuntu | grep latest

ubuntu latest 4e2eef94cd6b 2 weeks ago 73.9MB

C:\projects> docker tag 4e2eef94cd6b localhost:5000/ubuntu

C:\projects> docker push localhost:5000/ubuntu

The push refers to repository [localhost:5000/ubuntu]

a4399aeb9a0e: Pushed 35a91a75d24b: Pushed ad44aa179b33: Pushed

2ce3c188c38d: Pushed latest:

digest: sha256:6f2fb2f9fb5582f8b587837afd6ea8f37d8d1d9e41168c90f410a6ef15fa8ce5 size:

1152

~/projects\$ docker pull localhost:5000/ubuntu

Using default tag: latest latest: Pulling from ubuntu

Digest: sha256:6f2fb2f9fb5582f8b587837afd6ea8f37d8d1d9e41168c90f410a6ef15fa8ce5

Status: Image is up to date for localhost:5000/ubuntu:latest

localhost:5000/ubuntu:latest

C:\projects\kind\k8s-wp> docker pull ubuntu:xenial-20200807

C:\projects\kind\k8s-wp> docker tag 4b22027ede29

localhost:5000/ubuntu:xenial-20200807

~/projects \$ kind load docker-image localhost:5000/ubuntu:xenial-20200807

Image: "ubuntu:xenial-20200807" with ID

"sha256:4e2eef94cd6b93dd4d794c18b45c763f72edc22858e0da5b6e63a4566a54c03c" not yet present on node "kind-control-plane", loading...

To view the images in KIND we need to use the cri-tools built in to our containerd node images.

C:\projects\kind\kind-wp> kind load docker-image localhost:5000/ubuntu
Image: "ubuntu:latest " with ID

"sha256: 4b22027ede299794c18b45c763f72edc22858e0da5b6e63a4566a54def43423a" not yet present on node "kind-control-plane", loading...

To view the images in KIND we need to use the cri-tools built in to our containerd node images.

~/projects \$ kind get nodes kind-control-plane

~/projects \$ docker exec -it kind-co IMAGE SIZE	ntrol-plane crictl i TAG	mages IMAGE ID
docker.io/fabxc/instrumented_app 254MB	latest	da9b08dfc8399
<pre>docker.io/kindest/kindnetd 35.6MB</pre>	0.1.0	f227066bdc5f9
docker.io/library/ubuntu 76.3MB	latest	4e2eef94cd6b9
docker.io/library/ubuntu 131MB	xenial-20200807	4b22027ede299
k8s.gcr.io/coredns 40.5MB	1.3.1	eb516548c180f
k8s.gcr.io/etcd 258MB	3.3.10	2c4adeb21b4ff
k8s.gcr.io/ip-masq-agent 52MB	v2.4.1	19bb968f77bba
k8s.gcr.io/kube-apiserver 211MB	v1.14.2	e455634c173b0
k8s.gcr.io/kube-controller-manager 159MB	v1.14.2	58f6abb9fb1b3
k8s.gcr.io/kube-proxy 83.9MB	v1.14.2	7387c4b88e2df
k8s.gcr.io/kube-scheduler 83.1MB	v1.14.2	1c93cc1335f8d
k8s.gcr.io/pause 746kB	3.1	da86e6ba6ca19

C:\projects> docker run -d --name ubuntu-air-gap ubuntu 6245ef44c5f648b7c1d25f700dcd6df3dde73fd83a409fe80e894a6bf7f9e00a

~/projects \$ docker run -d --name ubuntu-air-gap2 localhost:5000/ubuntu ac41296aa94471198f215d96f67953475170088a0d9c48b4b75b394d8ab5160a

C:\projects> docker ps -a

CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS

PORTS NAMES

ac41296aa944 localhost:5000/ubuntu "/bin/bash" 11 seconds ago Exited (0) 10

seconds ago ubuntu-air-gap2

6245ef44c5f6 ubuntu "/bin/bash" 11 minutes ago Exited (0) 11

minutes ago ubuntu-air-gap

~/projects \$ docker rm ac41296aa944 ac41296aa944

C:\projects>docker rm 6245ef44c5f6 6245ef44c5f6

stop our registry containers after looking up the container IDs

C:\projects> docker ps -a

CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS

PORTS NAMES

f24b8d68bdf9 registry "/entrypoint.sh /etc..." 40 minutes ago Created

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6647574b37db registry "/entrypoint.sh /etc..." 48 minutes ago Exited (2) 40

seconds ago vigorous cori

4899db42c740 kindest/node:v1.18.2 "/usr/local/bin/entr..." 4 hours ago Up 4 hours

127.0.0.1:51089->6443/tcp kind-control-plane

C:\projects> docker stop 6647574b37db 6647574b37db

~/projects \$ docker stop f24b8d68bdf9 f24b8d68bdf9

Remove the stopped registry containers C:\projects> docker rm 6647574b37db 6647574b37db

~/projects \$ docker rm f24b8d68bdf9 f24b8d68bdf9

Make sure they're gone for good

C:\projects>docker ps -a

CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS

PORTS NAMES

4899db42c740 kindest/node:v1.18.2 "/usr/local/bin/entr..." 4 hours ago Up 4 hours

127.0.0.1:51089->6443/tcp kind-control-plane

C:\projects>

From this experiment we've setup an air-gapped registry, pushed an image into it and then run from that environment into our air-gapped KIND Kubernetes cluster. This allows us to simulate and environment that would be similar to our server air-gapped environment from a developer perspective.

We noted that the Ubuntu environment we ran was setup like a FaaS which just stands up, runs shell and exits.

Finally we cleaned up the environment to remove the ubuntu containers we created.

Lastly, we'll pulverize our cluster

C:\projects\kind\kind-wp> kind delete cluster --name air-gap-kind

Deleting cluster "air-gap-kind" ...