

# containerd deep dive

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## A Brief History



APRIL 2016 Containerd "0.2" announced, Docker 1.11

Management/Supervisor for the OCI runc executor

Announce expansion of containerd OSS project DECEMBER 2016



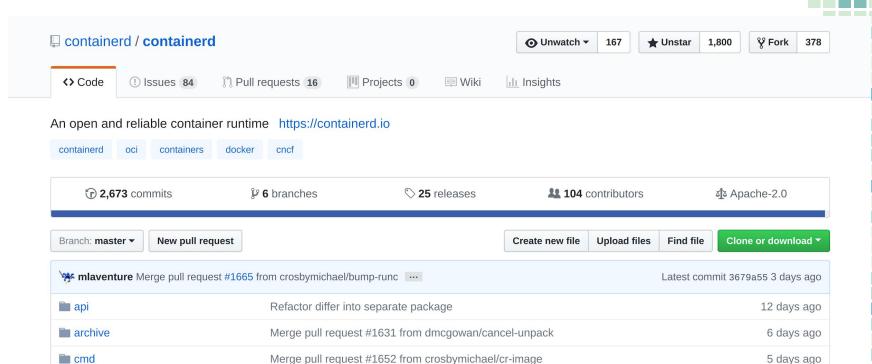
Containerd 1.0: A core container runtime project for the industry

MARCH 2017 Containerd project contributed to CNCF





### https://github.com/containerd/containerd



### Why Containerd 1.0?

- Continue projects spun out from monolithic Docker engine
- Expected use **beyond** Docker engine (Kubernetes CRI)
- Donation to **foundation** for broad industry collaboration
  - Similar to runc/libcontainer and the OCI



### Technical Goals/Intentions

- Clean gRPC-based API + client library
- Full **OCI** support (runtime and image spec)
- Stability and performance with tight, well-defined core of container function
- Decoupled systems (image, filesystem, runtime)
   for pluggability, reuse

Subsystems

Metadata

Snapshots

Runtime

Executor

Supervisor

### Requirements

- A la carte: use only what is required
- Runtime **agility**: fits into different platforms
  - Pass-through container configuration (direct OCI)
- Decoupled
- Use known-good technology
  - OCI container runtime and images
  - gRPC for API
  - Prometheus for Metrics



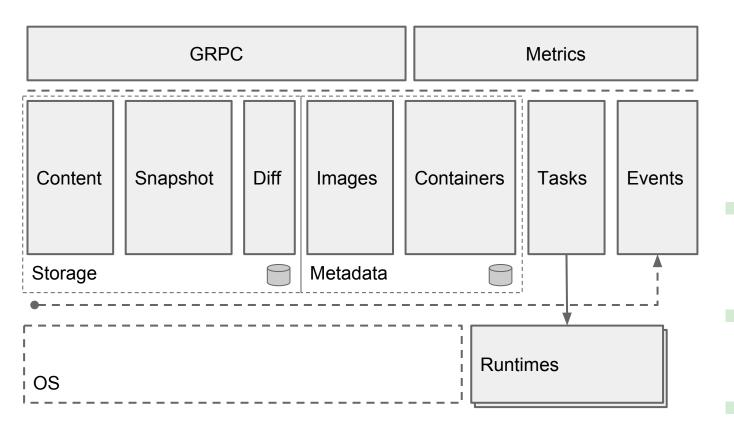
#### Use cases

- Container API
   Implementations
- Building Images
- Container OS

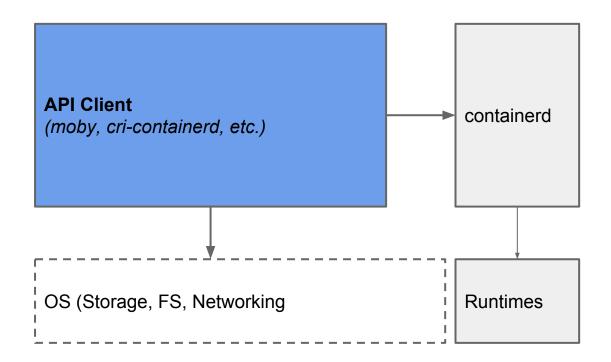
#### - EXAMPLES

- Docker/Moby
- Kubernetes CRI
- alibaba/pouch
- SwarmKit (experimental)
- LinuxKit
- BuildKit
- IBM Cloud

### Architecture



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### Containerd: Rich Go API

#### **Getting Started**

https://github.com/containerd/containerd/blob/master/docs/getting-started.md

#### GoDoc

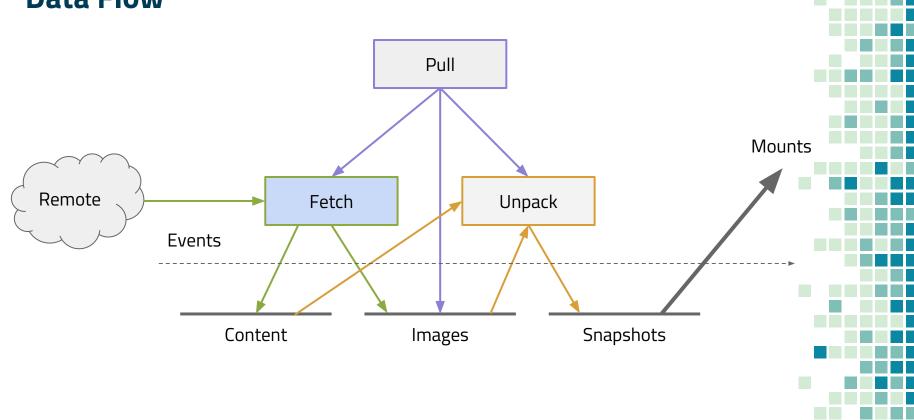
https://godoc.org/github.com/containerd/containerd

# Pulling an Image

What do runtimes need?

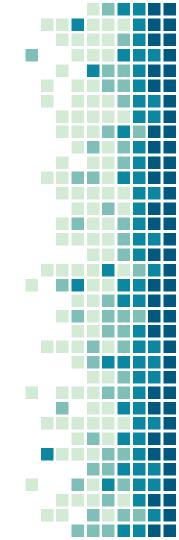
# Pulling an Image

#### **Data Flow**

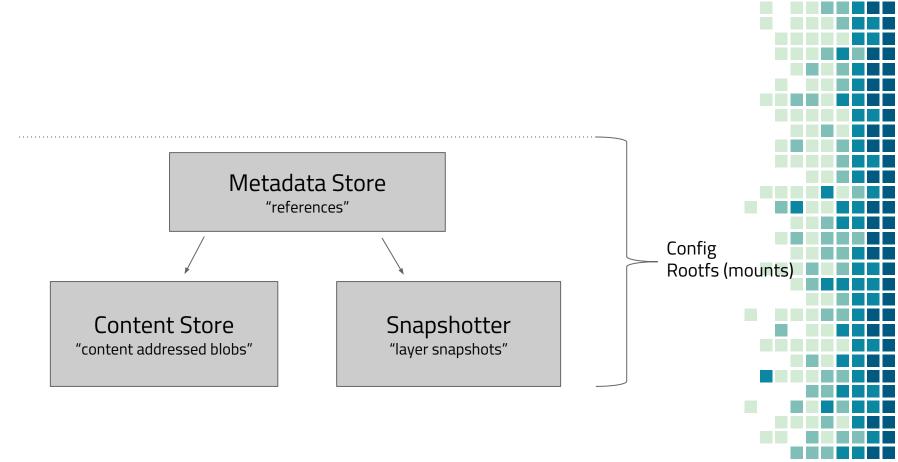


# Snapshotters

How do you build a container root filesystem?



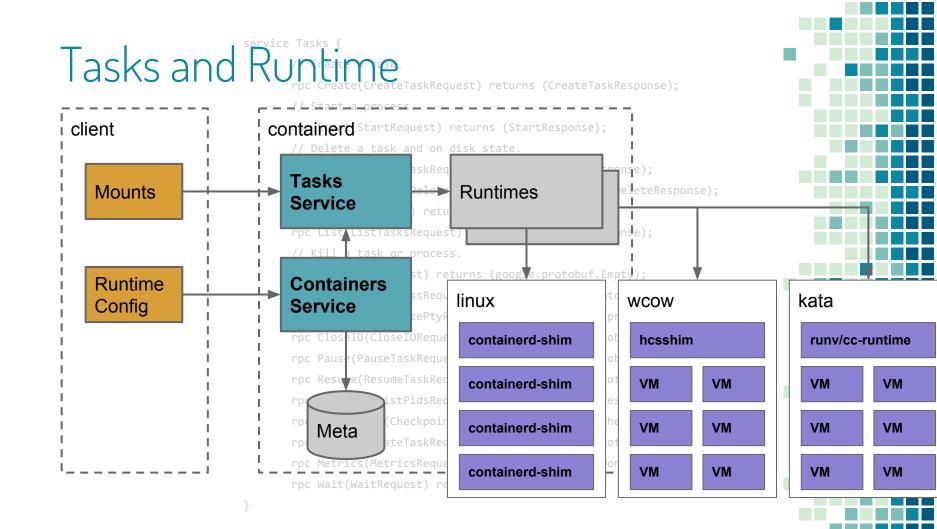
### containerd Storage Architecture



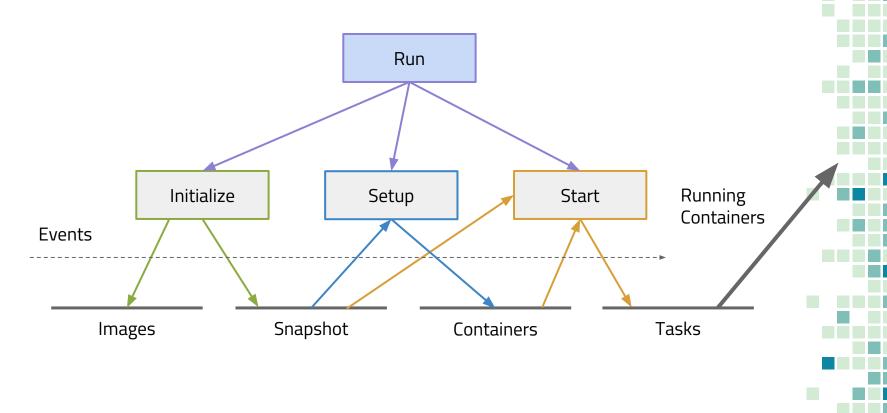
# Example: Investigating Root Filesystem

```
$ ctr snapshot ls
...
$ ctr snapshot tree
...
$ ctr snapshot mounts <target> <id>
```

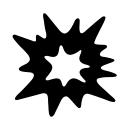
Running a container



# Starting a Container



### Demo





### Example: Pull an Image

#### Via **ctr** client:

```
$ export \
   CONTAINERD_NAMESPACE=example

$ ctr pull \
   docker.io/library/redis:alpine

$ ctr image ls
...
```

```
import
        "context"
        "github.com/containerd/containerd"
        "github.com/containerd/containerd/namespaces"
// connect to our containerd daemon
client, err := containerd.New("/run/containerd/containerd.sock")
defer client.Close()
// set our namespace to "example":
ctx := namespaces.WithNamespace(context.Background(), "example")
// pull the alpine-based redis image from DockerHub:
image, err := client.Pull(ctx,
                "docker.io/library/redis:alpine",
                containerd.WithPullUnpack)
```

### Example: Run a Container

#### Via ctr client:

```
$ export \
   CONTAINERD_NAMESPACE=example

$ ctr run -t \
   docker.io/library/redis:alpine \
   redis-server

$ ctr c
...
```

```
// create our container object and config
container, err := client.NewContainer(ctx,
     "redis-server",
     containerd.WithImage(image),
     containerd.WithNewSpec(containerd.WithImageConfig(image)),
defer container.Delete()
// create a task from the container
task, err := container.NewTask(ctx, containerd.Stdio)
defer task.Delete(ctx)
// make sure we wait before calling start
exitStatusC, err := task.Wait(ctx)
// call start on the task to execute the redis server
if err := task.Start(ctx); err != nil {
     return err
```

### Example: Kill a Task

#### Via **ctr** client:

```
$ export \
   CONTAINERD_NAMESPACE=example
$ ctr t kill redis-server
$ ctr t ls
...
```

```
// make sure we wait before calling start
exitStatusC, err := task.Wait(ctx)
time.Sleep(3 * time.Second)
if err := task.Kill(ctx, syscall.SIGTERM); err != nil {
     return err
// retrieve the process exit status from the channel
status := <-exitStatusC</pre>
code, exitedAt, err := status.Result()
if err != nil {
     return err
// print out the exit code from the process
fmt.Printf("redis-server exited with status: %d\n", code)
```

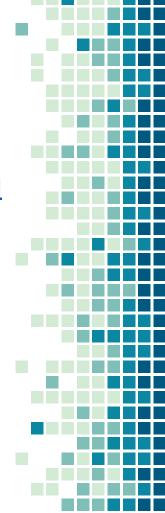
# Example: Customize OCI Configuration

```
// WithHtop configures a container to monitor the host via `htop`
func WithHtop(s *specs.Spec) error {
     // make sure we are in the host pid namespace
     if err := containerd.WithHostNamespace(specs.PIDNamespace)(s); err != nil {
           return err
     // make sure we set htop as our arg
     s.Process.Args = []string{"htop"}
     // make sure we have a tty set for htop
     if err := containerd.WithTTY(s); err != nil {
           return err
     return nil
```

**With{func}** functions cleanly separate modifiers

### Release

https://github.com/containerd/containerd/blob/master/RELEASES.md



# Support Horizon

Release	Status	Start	End of Life
0.0	End of Life	Dec 4, 2015	-
0.1	End of Life	Mar 21, 2016	-
0.2	End of Life	Apr 21, 2016	December 5, 2017
1.0	Active	December 5, 2017	December 5, 2018
<u>1.1</u>	Active	April 23, 2018	max(April 23, 2019, release of 1.2.0, Kubernetes 1.10 EOL)
<u>1.2</u>	Next	TBD	max(TBD+1 year, release of 1.3.0)

# Supported Components

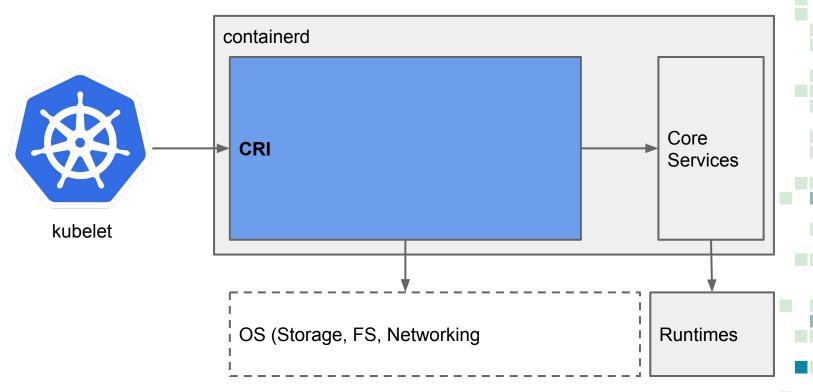
Component	Status	Stabilized Version	Links
GRPC API	Stable	1.0	api/
Metrics API	Stable	1.0	-
Go client API	Unstable	1.2 tentative	godoc
CRI GRPC API	Unstable	v1alpha2 current	api/
ctr tool	Unstable	Out of scope	-

1.1

#### https://github.com/containerd/containerd/releases/tag/v1.1.0

- Merged in Kubernetes CRI Support
- Additional Snapshotter: ZFS, AUFS and native

# Kubernetes CRI Support



### Going further with containerd

- Contributing: <a href="https://github.com/containerd/containerd/">https://github.com/containerd/containerd/</a>
  - Bug fixes, adding tests, improving docs, validation
- Using: See the getting started documentation in the docs folder of the repo
- Porting/testing: Other architectures & OSs, stress testing (see bucketbench, containerd-stress):
  - git clone <repo>, make binaries, sudo make install
- Upstream Testing:
  - https://k8s-testgrid.appspot.com/sig-node-containerd

### KubeCon Talks

- Take Control of your Filesystems with containerd's Snapshotters
  - Wednesday May 2, 2018 16:25 17:00
  - C1-M5
- containerd Deep Dive
  - Friday May 4, 2018 15:40 16:15
  - B5-M1+3

### Thank You! Questions?

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- https://github.com/stevvooe
- @stevvooe
- Docker Community Slack