

# Developing Applications with Containers



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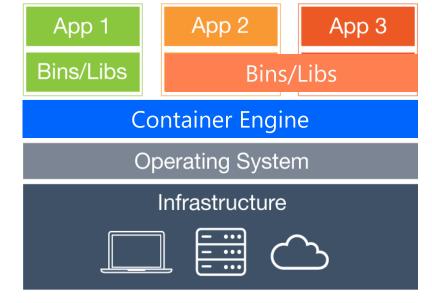
## Why do we care about Containers?

#### Virtual Machine versus Containers

Virtual Machine

App 1 App 3 App 2 Bins/Libs Bins/Lik ins/Libs Guest OS **Guest OS** Hypervisor **Host Operating System** Infrastructure

Container



#### Benefits of Containers

- Build it once, built it anywhere.
  - No more "It works on my machine."
  - No environmental inconsistencies to worry about.
- Isolation and resource sharing
- Resource efficiency
- Speed: start, stop, create, and scale containers in seconds
- Operational simplicity (host updates, no licensing headaches)
- Effective DevOps pipelines
- Goes well with microservices architecture

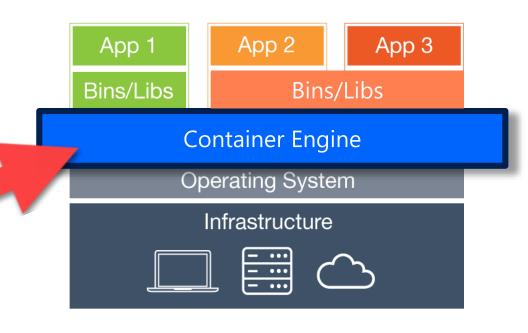
### How do we run Containers?

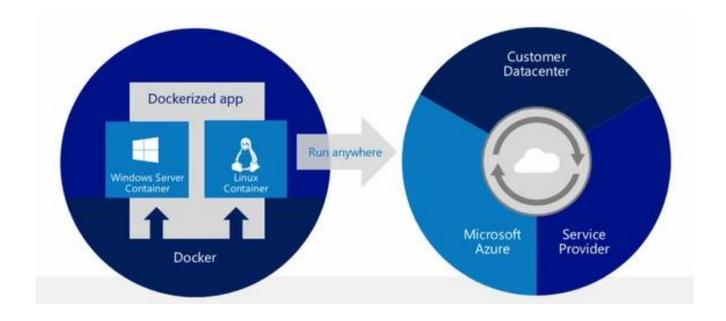
#### Container Runtime/Engine

- Software that executes and manages containers
- Many choices, Docker is most popular, followed by rkt

Docker, containerd, rkt, lxd, containerd, turbo, Clear, runc, etc...

#### Container





- Container native approach, can be run inside pods for Kubernetes or as-is with Swarm orchestrator
- Build any app in any language using any stack (OS), Cross-OS platform support
- Integration with Microsoft products like Visual Studio. Microsoft direct support for Docker hub images.

#### Docker

#### **Docker Containers**

#### Docker Vocabulary

Host

A VM or on premise server running the Docker Daemon to host a collection of Docker Containers

Image

An ordered collection of filesystems (layers) to be used when instancing a container (more on it later)

Container

A runtime instance of an image

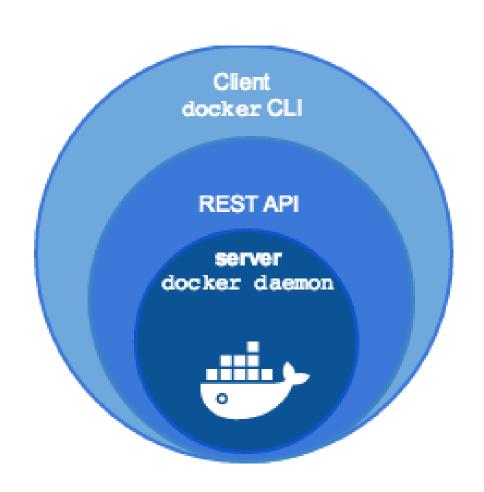
Registry

A collection of docker images

If an image is a class, then a container is an instance of a class—a runtime object.

## Docker Engine

- Docker CLI
  - Allows you to issue Docker commands to create / manage containers.
- Docker API
  - Interface for interacting with the daemon
- Docker Daemon
  - The program that enables containers to be built, shipped, and run.
  - Uses Linux Kernel namespaces and control groups to give an isolated runtime environment for each application



### Quick Question?

How fast you can launch a fully functional WordPress blog engine?

How about multiple WordPress blog engines running side by side on same host?

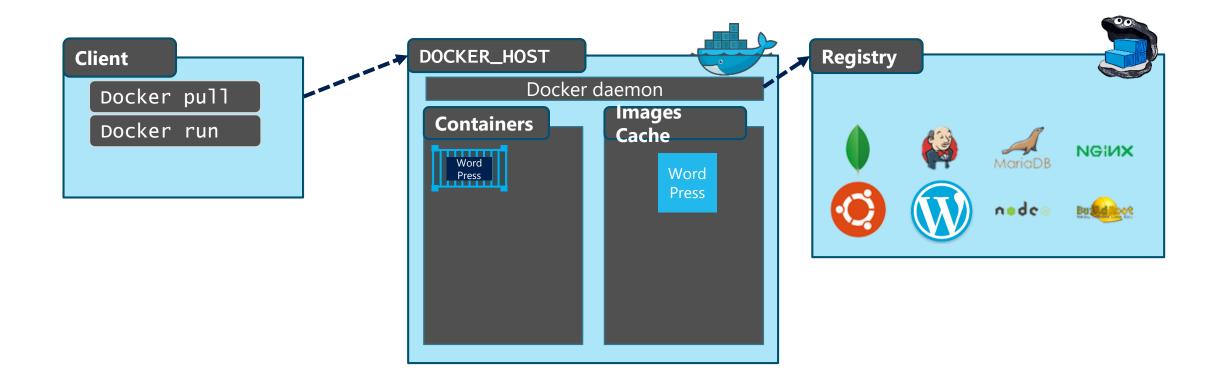
# Demonstration: Running Docker Containers

Launch a single WordPress Container

Running multiple WordPress Containers side by side



#### Docker In Action



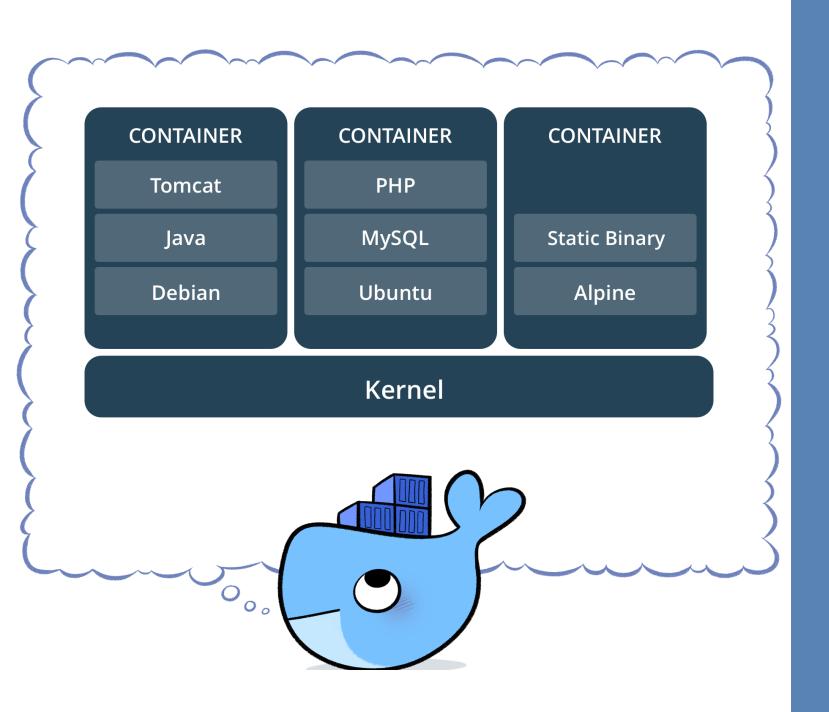
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 You can only run Windows containers on a Windows host and Linux containers on a Linux host.

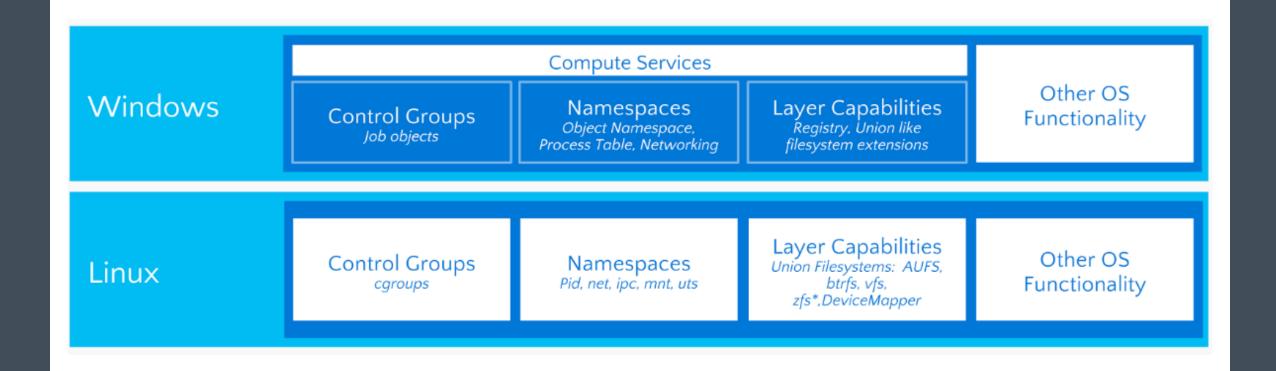
#### Linux

- Containers were originally built for Linux and support tends to be more stable and better on Linux, though Windows is catching up.
- Windows
  - Docker supports only certain versions of Windows: Windows Server 2016 and Windows 10



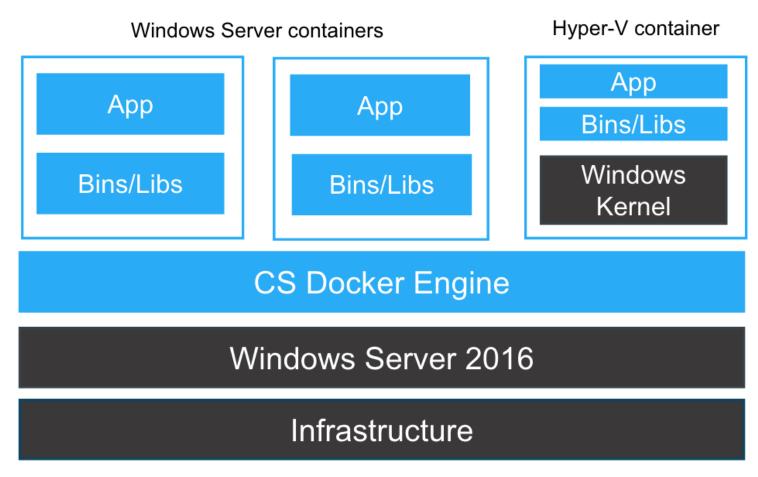
Containers share the kernel with the host OS

#### Linux vs. Windows Containers



#### Windows Hyper-V Containers

Hyper-V Containers offer both OS virtualization (container) and machine virtualization (VM) in a slightly lighter-weight configuration than a traditional VM.



Demonstration: Nano Server

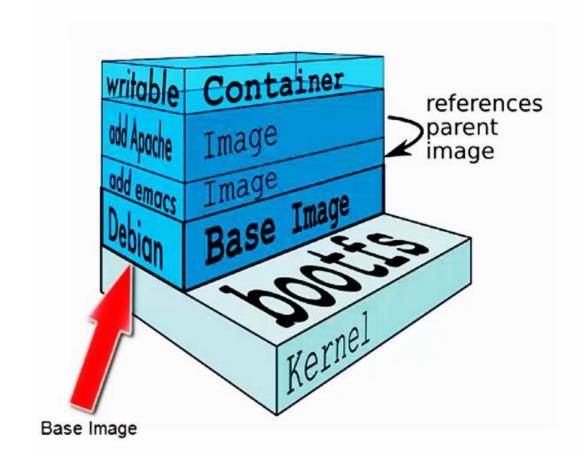
Working with Nano Server Container



# Docker Images: What are they and where to get them?

### Docker Images

- A Docker image is built up from a series of layers.
- Base platform OS image is provided by vendors like Microsoft for Windows OS image, Canonical for Ubuntu image etc. These images get published to DockerHub.
- Each layer represents an instruction in the image's Dockerfile.
- Each layer except the last one is readonly.



Demonstration: Docker Image Layers

List All Layers for Docker Image



#### Manifest List – "fat manifest"

- Points to specific image manifests for one or more platforms.
- Optional.
- A client will distinguish a manifest list from an image manifest based on the Content-Type returned in the HTTP response.

```
"schemaVersion": 2,
"mediaType": "application/vnd.docker.distribution.manifest.list.v2+json",
"manifests": [
    "mediaType": "application/vnd.docker.image.manifest.v2+json",
    "size": 7143,
    "digest": "sha256:e692418e4cbaf90ca69d05a66403747baa33ee08806650b51fab815ad7fc331f",
    "platform": {
      "architecture": "ppc64le",
      "os": "linux",
    "mediaType": "application/vnd.docker.image.manifest.v2+json",
    "size": 7682,
    "digest": "sha256:5b0bcabd1ed22e9fb1310cf6c2dec7cdef19f0ad69efa1f392e94a4333501270",
    "platform": {
     "architecture": "amd64",
     "os": "linux",
     "features": [
        "sse4"
```

#### Manifest List – "fat manifest"

#### ubuntu®

docker pull microsoft/aspnetcore

#### **Fat Manifest**

```
"manifests": [
    {
        "mediaType": "application/vnd.docke
        "size": 7143,
        "digest": "sha256:e692418e4cbaf90ca
        "platform": {
            "architecture": "ppc64le",
            "os": "linux",
        }
}
```

### Compatible image

```
91e54dfb1179 0 B
D74508fb6632 1.895 KB
C22013c84729 194.5 KB
D3a1f33e8a5a 1881.MB
```



docker pull microsoft/aspnetcore

```
"mediaType":
   "application/vnd.docker.
   json",
   "size": 7682,
   "digest":
   "sha256:5b0bcabd1ed22e9f
19f0ad69efa1f392e94a4333
   "platform": {
        "os": "windows"
        ]
}
```



## Docker Registries

#### **Registry - Stores docker images**

- Azure Container Registry (ACR)
  - The program that enables containers to be built, shipped, and run.
  - Uses Linux Kernel namespaces and control groups to give an isolated runtime environment for each application
- Docker Hub
  - A online registry of Docker images
- Docker Trusted Registry
  - Private on-site Registry for Docker images



The Registry is open-source under the permissive Apache License.

Demonstration: Docker Registry

Search Docker Registry using Docker CLI

Search Images on DockerHub

Docker Image Naming Convention



# Building Docker images with Dockerfiles

#### Dockerfile

- Text file with Docker commands in it to create a new image. You can think of it as a configuration file with set of instructions needed to assemble a new image.
- Docker has a docker build command that parses Dockerfile to build a new container image.

```
# Simple Dockerfile for NGINX

FROM nginx:stable-alpine

MAINTAINER Razi Rais

COPY index.html /usr/share/nginx/html/index.html

CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]

CWD ["udiux", "-d", "qsewou ott:"]
```

```
FROM microsoft/dotnet:1.1.0-sdk-projectjson

COPY . /app

WORKDIR /app

RUN ["dotnet", "restore"]

RUN ["dotnet", "build"]

EXPOSE 5000/tcp

CMD ["dotnet", "run", "--server.urls", "http://*:5000"]

CND ["dotnet", "run", "--server.urls", "http://*:5000"]
```

```
# Simple Dockerfile for NodeJS

FROM node:boron

MAINTAINER Razi Rais

# Create app directory
RUN mkdir -p /usr/src/app
WORKDIR /usr/src/app

# Install app dependencies
COPY package.json /usr/src/app/
RUN npm install

# Bundle app source
COPY . /usr/src/app

EXPOSE 8080

CMD [ "npm", "start" ]

CWD [ "ubw", "start" ]
```

#### Common Dockerfile Instructions

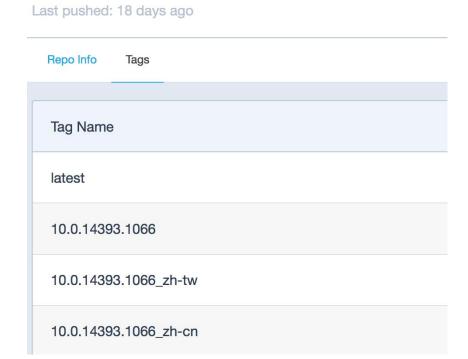
- FROM instruction initializes a new build stage and sets the Base Image for subsequent instructions.
- LABEL is a key-value pair, stored as a string. You can specify multiple labels for an object, but each key-value pair must be unique within an object.
- RUN will execute any commands in a new layer on top of the current image and commit the results.
- WORKDIR instruction sets the working directory for any RUN, CMD, ENTRYPOINT, COPY and ADD instructions that follow it.

- ADD instruction copies new files, directories or remote file URLs from <src> and adds them to the filesystem of the image at the path <dest>.
- COPY instruction copies new files or directories from <src> and adds them to the filesystem of the container at the path <dest>.
- CMD provide defaults for an executing container. These defaults can include an executable.
- ENTRYPOINT allows you to configure a container that will run as an executable.
- EXPOSE instruction informs Docker that the container listens on the specified network port(s).

## Image Tags

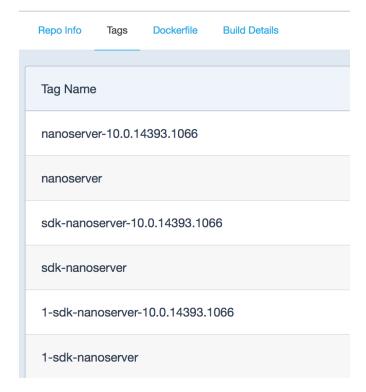
- String value that you can use to distinguish versions of your Docker images.
- PublisherName/ImageName:Tag

#### microsoft/windowsservercore



#### microsoft/dotnet ☆

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# Demonstration: Dockerfile and Docker Build

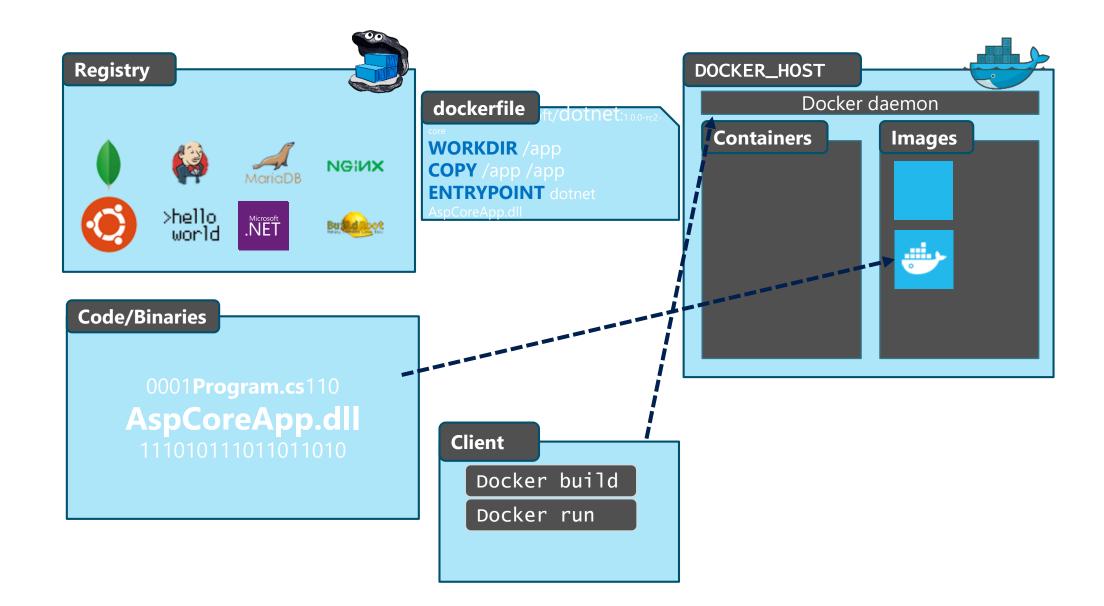
Build a Dockerfile

Build container images using Docker build command:

- NodeJs



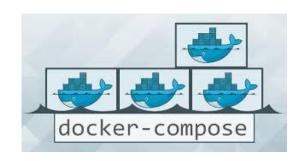
#### How does Docker build work?



# Docker Compose

#### Docker Compose

- Compose is a tool for defining and running multi-container Docker applications.
  - Single compose file defined in yml format defines your application services
  - Single command to create and start all the services
  - Single command to stop all the services
  - Services Discoverability



#### Docker Compose

- Using compose is a three step process:
  - Define your app's environment with a Dockerfile so it can be reproduced anywhere.
  - Define the services that make up your app in docker-compose.yml so they can be run together in an isolated environment.
  - Lastly, run docker-compose up and Compose will start and run your entire app.

```
FROM microsoft/dotnet:nanoserver
WORKDIR /app

COPY published ./

ENV ASPNETCORE_URLS http://+:80

EXPOSE 80

ENTRYPOINT ["dotnet", "mywebapp.dll"]
```

Dockerfile | webapp

```
FROM microsoft/dotnet:nanoserver WORKDIR /app

COPY published ./

ENV ASPNETCORE_URLS http://+:9000

EXPOSE 9000

ENTRYPOINT ["dotnet", "mywebapi.dll"]
```

Dockerfile | webapi

version: '2'

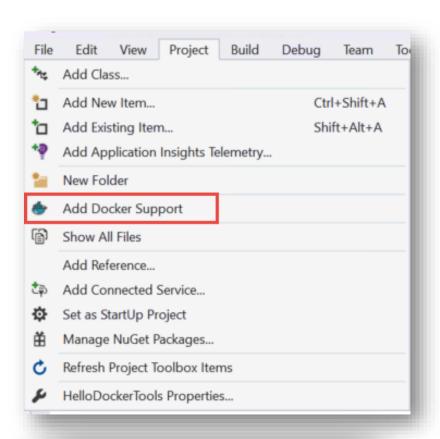
Docker-compose.yml

#### Visual Studio Tools & Docker

#### Visual Studio Tools for Docker

Microsoft Visual Studio 2017 provides integrated developer experience with Docker.

Building, Debugging, and Running .NET Framework and .NET Core web and console applications using Windows and Linux containers.





#### tl;dr Summary

- Containers provide better performance and a streamlined process for DevOps pipelines. No more "it works on my machine".
- Docker is the most common container engine and supported by Microsoft.
- An image contains the base OS, application, and all bins/libs for the app. Images are made of layers.
- If an image is a class, then a container is an instance of a class—a runtime object.
- Container images can be saved in a container registry.
- Dockerfiles are an easy way to make container images.

#### When to use containers

- Microservices applications that require fine-grained scaling
- Goes extremely well with ASP.NET Core because it is cross platform
- Applications requiring high performance (high user load) and uptime
- Legacy lift and shift applications
- Dev/QA databases for easy test data that can be provisioned quickly

#### When not to use containers

- Applications from legacy systems requiring something older than Win 10 and Server 2016
- If you application requires direct access to an IoT device that can only be reached through a native platform
- If your app requires a significant re-write to work well in containers then the cost of moving containers might not be worthwhile.
- If your apps are tightly coupled to their data, or if data management is a key focus of your application.
- Production Databases

## Questions?

# Thank you!