Docker Tutorial

Anthony Baire

Université de Rennes 1 / UMR IRISA

March 2, 2020



This tutorial is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0 France License

Summary

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Managing docker containers
- 3. Inputs/Outputs
- 4. Managing docker images
- 5. Building docker images
- 6. Security considerations
- 7. The ecosystem & the future

Part 1. Introduction

What is Docker (1/3)





"Docker is an open platform for developers and sysadmins to build, ship, and run distributed applications.

Consisting of Docker Engine, a portable, lightweight runtime and packaging tool, and Docker Hub, a cloud service for sharing applications and automating workflows, Docker enables apps to be quickly assembled from components and eliminates the friction between development, QA, and production environments. As a result, IT can ship faster and run the same app, unchanged, on laptops, data center VMs, and any cloud."

source: https://www.docker.com/whatisdocker/

What is Docker (2/3)

- a container manager
 - lightweight virtualisation (host and guest systems share the same kernel)
 - based on linux namespaces and cgroups
- massively copy-on-write
 - immutable images
 - instant deployment
 - suitable for micro-services (one process, one container)
- → immutable architecture

What is Docker (3/3)



- a build system
 - images may be build from sources
 - using a simple DSL (Dockerfile)
- a set of REST APIs
 - Engine API (control the docker engine)
 - Plugin API (extend the engine \rightarrow network, storage, authorisation)
 - Registry API (publish/download images)
 - Swarm API (manage a clusted of docker machines)

How Docker helps?

- normalisation: same environment (container image) for
 - development
 - jobs on the computing grid
 - continuous integration
 - peer review
 - demonstrations, tutorials
 - technology transfer
- archival (ever tried to reuse old codes)
 - source \rightarrow Dockerfile = recipe to rebuild the env from scratch
 - binary → docker image = immutable snapshot of the software with its runtime environment
 - ightarrow can be rerun it at any time later



In practice

A docker image is an immutable snapshot of the filesystem

A docker container is

- a temporary file system
 - layered over an immutable fs (docker image)
 - fully writable (copy-on-write¹)
 - dropped at container's end of life (unless a commit is made)
- a network stack
 - with its own private address (by defaut in 172.17.x.x)
- a process group
 - one main process launched inside the container
 - all sub-process SIGKILLed when the main process exits

¹several possible methods: overlayfs (default), btrfs, lvm, zfs, aufs

Installation

https://docs.docker.com/engine/installation/

Native installation:

• requires linux kernel >3.8

Docker Machine:

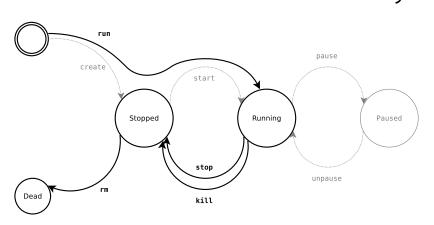
- a command for provisionning an managing docker nodes deployed:
 - in a local VM (virtualbox)
 - remotely (many cloud API supported)

Part 2. Managing containers

- create/start/stop/remove containers
- inspect containers
- interact, commit new images

Lifecycle of a docker container

Rong Tao



Container management commands

command	description
docker create image [command]	create the container
docker run image [command]	= create + start
docker rename container new_name	rename the container
docker update container	update the container config
docker start container	start the container
docker stop container	graceful ² stop
docker kill container	kill (SIGKILL) the container
docker restart container	= stop + start
docker pause container	suspend the container
docker unpause container	resume the container
docker rm [-f ³] container	destroy the container

²send SIGTERM to the main process + SIGKILL 10 seconds later

³-f allows removing running containers (= docker kill + docker rm)

Notes about the container lifecycle

- the container filesystem is created in docker create and dropped in docker rm
 - it is persistent across stop/start
- the container configuration is mostly static
 - config is set in create/run
 - docker update may change only a few parameters (eg: cpu/ram/blkio allocations)
 - changing other parameters require destroying and re-creating the container
- other commands are rather basic

Start one or more stopped containers

```
--add-host=[]
                                Add a custom host-to-IP mapping (host:ip)
                                                                                                             --help=false
                                                                                                                                        Print usage
--blkio-weight=0
                                Block IO (relative weight), between 10 and 1000
                                                                                                             -i, --interactive=false
                                                                                                                                        Attach container's STDIN
--cpu-shares=0
                                CPU shares (relative weight)
--cap-add=[]
                                Add Linux capabilities
--cap-drop=[]
                                Drop Linux capabilities
--cgroup-parent=
                                Optional parent ceroup for the container
--cidfile=
                                Write the container ID to the file
                                                                                                           Usage: docker stop [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER...]
--cpu-period=0
                                Limit CPU CFS (Completely Fair Scheduler) period
--cpu-quota=0
                                Limit CPU CFS (Completely Fair Scheduler) quota
                                                                                                            Stop a running container.
                                CPUs in which to allow execution (0-3, 0.1)
--cpuset-cpus=
                                                                                                           Sending SIGTERM and then SIGKILL after a grace period
--cpuset-mems=
                                MEMs in which to allow execution (0-3, 0,1)
                                Add a host device to the container
--device=[]
                                                                                                             --help=false
                                                                                                                                Print usage
--disable-content-trust=true
                                Skip image verification
                                                                                                             -t, --time=10
                                                                                                                                Seconds to wait for stop before killing it
--dng=[]
                                Set custom DNS servers
--dns-opt=[]
                                Set DNS options
-- Ang-gearcha []
                                Set custom DNS search domains
```

Attach to STDIN, STDOUT or STDERR

UTS namespace to use

Bind mount a volume

Optional volume driver for the container

Working directory inside the container

Mount volumes from the specified container(s)

--utg=

-v. --volume=∏

-w. --workdive

--volume-driver=

-e. --env=∩ Set environment variables Overwrite the default ENTRYPOINT of the image --entrypoint= Hoage: docker restart [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER] --env-file=[] Read in a file of environment variables --expose=∏ Expose a port or a range of ports --eroup-add=[] Add additional groups to join -h, --hostname= Container host name --help=false Print usage --help=false Print usage -t, --time=10 Seconds to wait for stop before killing the container -i, --interactive=false Keep STDIN open even if not attached --ipc= IPC namespace to use --kernel-memory= Kernel memory limit Set meta data on a container

```
-1, --label=[]
--label-files[]
                                                                                                           Usage: docker kill [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER...]
--link=[]
                                Add link to another container
--log-driver=
                                Logging driver for container
                                                                                                           Kill a running container
--log-opt=[]
                                Low driver options
--1xc-conf=[]
                                Add custom 1xc options
                                                                                                             --help=false
                                                                                                                                  Print usage
-m, --memory=
                                Memory limit
                                                                                                             -s, --signal=KILL
                                                                                                                                  Signal to send to the container
--mac-address=
                                Container MAC address (e.g. 92:d0:c6:0a:29:33)
--memory-reservation=
                                Memory soft limit
--memory-swap=
                                Total memory (memory + swap), '-1' to disable swap
--memory-syappiness=-1
                                 Tuning container memory sympoiness (0 to 100)
--name=
                                 Assign a name to the container
                                                                                                           Usage: docker rm [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER...]
                                Set the Network for the container
--com-kill-disable=false
                                Disable COM Killer
                                                                                                           Remove one or more containers
-P, --publish-all=false
                                Publish all exposed ports to random ports
                                Publish a container's port(s) to the host
-p. --publish=∏
                                                                                                             -f. --force=false
                                                                                                                                    Force the removal of a running container (uses SIGKILL)
--pid=
                                PID namespace to use
                                                                                                             --help=false
                                                                                                                                    Print usage
--privileged=false
                                Give extended privileges to this container
                                                                                                             -1, --link=false
                                                                                                                                    Remove the specified link
--read-only=false
                                Mount the container's root filesystem as read only
                                                                                                             -v. --volumes=false
                                                                                                                                    Remove the volumes associated with the container
                                Restart policy to apply when a container exits
--security-opt=[]
                                Security Options
--stop-signal=SIGTERM
                                Signal to stop a container, SIGTERM by default
-t, --tty=false
                                Allocate a pseudo-TTY
-u, --user=
                                Username or UID (format: <name|uid>[:<group|gid>])
                                                                                                            Usage: docker pause [OPTIONS] CONTAINER [CONTAINER...]
--ulimit=[]
                                Ulimit options
```

```
Deage: docker pause (GPTIONS) CONTAINER (CONTAINER...)
Pause all processes within a container
--halp-false Print usage
```

Attach STDGUT/STDERR and forward signals

docker run — Run a container

https://docs.docker.com/reference/run/

```
docker run [ options ] image [ arg0 arg1...]
```

- → create a container and start it
 - the container filesystem is initialised from image image
 - arg0..argN is the command run inside the container (as PID 1)

```
$ docker run debian /bin/hostname
f0d0720bd373
$ docker run debian date +%H:%M:%S
17:10:13
$ docker run debian true ; echo $?
0
$ docker run debian false ; echo $?
1
```

docker run — Foreground mode vs. Detached mode

- Foreground mode is the default
 - stdout and stderr are redirected to the terminal
 - docker run propagates the exit code of the main process
- With -d, the container is run in detached mode:
 - displays the ID of the container
 - returns immediately

```
$ docker run debian date
Tue Jan 20 17:32:07 UTC 2015
$ docker run -d debian date
4cbdefb3d3e1331ccf7783b32b47774fefca426e03a2005d69549f3ff06b9306
$ docker logs 4cbdef
Tue Jan 20 17:32:16 UTC 2015
```

docker run — TTY allocation

Use -t to allocate a pseudo-terminal for the container

\rightarrow without a tty

```
$ docker run debian ls
bin
boot
dev
...
$ docker run debian bash
$
```

\rightarrow with a tty (-t)

```
$ docker run -t debian ls
bin dev home lib64 mmt proc run selinux sys usr
boot etc lib media opt root sbin srv tmp var
$ docker run -t debian bash
root@10d90c09d9ac:/#
```

docker run — interactive mode

- By default containers are non-interactive
 - *stdin* is closed immediately
 - terminal signals are not forwarded⁴

```
$ docker run -t debian bash
root@6fecc2e8ab22:/# date
^C
$
```

- With -i the container runs interactively
 - stdin is usable
 - terminal signals are forwarded to the container

```
$ docker run -t -i debian bash
root@78ff08f46cdb:/# date
Tue Jan 20 17:52:01 UTC 2015
root@78ff08f46cdb:/# ^C
root@78ff08f46cdb:/#
```

⁴^C only detaches the terminal, the container keeps running in background

docker run — override defaults (1/2)

user (-u)

```
$ docker run debian whoami
root
$ docker run -u nobody debian whoami
nobody
```

working directory (-w)

```
$ docker run debian pwd
/
$ docker run -w /opt debian pwd
/opt
```

docker run — override defaults (2/2)

environment variables (-e)

```
$ docker run debian sh -c 'echo $F00 $BAR'

$ docker run -e F00=foo -e BAR=bar debian sh -c 'echo $F00 $BAR'
foo bar
```

hostname (-h)

```
$ docker run debian hostname
830e47237187
$ docker run -h my-nice-container debian hostname
my-nice-hostname
```

docker run — set the container name

--name assigns a name for the container (by default a random name is generated)

```
$ docker run -d -t debian
da005df0d3aca345323e373e1239216434c05d01699b048c5ff277dd691ad535
$ docker run -d -t --name blahblah debian
0bd3cb464ff68eaf9fc43f0241911eb207fefd9c1341a0850e8804b7445ccd21
$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED .. NAMES
0bd3cb464ff6 debian:7.5 "/bin/bash" 6 seconds ago blahblah
da005df0d3ac debian:7.5 "/bin/bash" About a minute ago drunk_darwin
$ docker stop blahblah drunk_darwin
```

Note: Names must be unique

```
$ docker run --name blahblah debian true
2015/01/20 19:31:21 Error response from daemon: Conflict, The name blahblah is already assigned
to 0bd3cb464ff6. You have to delete (or rename) that container to be able to assign blahblah to a
container again.
```

docker run — autoremove

By default the container still exists after command exit

```
$ docker run --name date-ctr debian date
Tue Jan 20 18:38:21 UTC 2015
$ docker start date-ctr
date-ctr
$ docker logs date-ctr
Tue Jan 20 18:38:21 UTC 2015
Tue Jan 20 18:38:29 UTC 2015
$ docker rm date-ctr
date-ctr
$ docker start date-ctr
Error response from daemon: No such container: date-ctr
2015/01/20 19:39:27 Error: failed to start one or more containers
```

With --rm the container is automatically removed after exit

```
$ docker run --rm --name date-ctr debian date
Tue Jan 20 18:41:49 UTC 2015
$ docker rm date-ctr
Error response from daemon: No such container: date-ctr
2015/01/20 19:41:53 Error: failed to remove one or more containers
```

Common rm idioms

Launch an throwaway container for debugging/testing purpose

```
$ docker run --rm -t -i debian
root@4b71c9a39326:/#
```

Remove all zombie containers

```
$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID IMAGE
                        COMMAND
                                    CREATED
                                                       STATUS
2b291251a415 debian: 7.5 "hostname" About a minute ago Exited (0) About a mi
6d36a2f07e18 debian:7.5 "false"
                                    2 minutes ago Exited (1) 2 minutes
                                    2 minutes ago Exited (0) 2 minutes
Of563f110328 debian:7.5 "true"
4b57d0327a20 debian:7.5 "uname -a"
                                    5 minutes ago
                                                       Exited (0) 5 minutes
$ docker container prune
WARNING! This will remove all stopped containers.
Are you sure you want to continue? [y/N] y
Deleted Containers:
2b291251a415
6d36a2f07e18
0f563f110328
4h57d0327a20
```

Inspecting the container

command	description
docker ps	list running containers
docker ps -a	list all containers
docker logs [-f ⁵] container	show the container output
	(stdout+stderr)
docker top container [ps options]	list the processes running
	inside the containers ⁶
docker stats [container]	display live usage statistics ⁷
docker diff container	show the differences with
	the image (modified files)
docker port container	list port mappings
docker inspect container	show low-level infos
	(in json format)

⁵with -f, docker logs follows the output (à la tail -f)

⁶docker top is the equivalent of the ps command in unix

⁷docker stats is the equivalent of the top command in unix

Interacting with the container

command	description
docker attach container	attach to a running container (stdin/stdout/stderr)
docker cp container:path hostpath -	copy files from the container
docker cp hostpath - container:path	copy files into the container
docker export container	export the content of
	the container (tar archive)
docker exec container args	run a command in an existing
	container (useful for debugging)
docker wait container	wait until the container terminates
	and return the exit code
docker commit container image	commit a new docker image
	(snapshot of the container)

docker commit example

```
$ docker run --name my-container -t -i debian
root@3b397d383faf:/# cat >> /etc/bash.bashrc <<EOF
> echo 'hello!'
> FOF
root@3b397d383faf:/# exit
$ docker start --attach my-container
my-container
hello!
root@3b397d383faf:/# exit.
$ docker diff my-container
C /etc
C /etc/bash.bashrc
A /.bash history
C /tmp
$ docker commit my-container hello
a57e91bc3b0f5f72641f19cab85a7f3f860a1e5e9629439007c39fd76f37c5dd
$ docker rm my-container
mv-container
$ docker run --rm -t -i hello
hello!
root@386ed3934b44:/# exit.
$ docker images -t
511136ea3c5a Virtual Size: 0 B
  af6bdc397692 Virtual Size: 115 MR
    667250f9a437 Virtual Size: 115 MB Tags: debian:wheezy, debian:latest
      a57e91bc3b0f Virtual Size: 115 MB Tags: hello:latest
```

Part 3. Inputs/Outputs

- Data volumes (persistent data)
 - mounted from the host filesystem
 - named volumes (interal + volume plugins)
- Devices
- Links
- Publishing ports (NAT)

docker run — mount external volumes

```
docker run -v /hostpath:/ctrpath[:ro] ...
docker run
--mount type=bind,src=/hostpath,dst=/ctrpath[,ro] ...
```

mounts the location /hostpath from the host filesystem at the location /ctrpath inside the container

With the "ro" option, the mount is read-only

Purposes:

- store persistent data outside the container
- provide inputs: data, config files, ... (read-only mode)
- inter-process communication (unix sockets, named pipes)

Note: -v creates /ctrpath automatically, --mount does not

mount examples (1/2)

Persistent data

```
$ docker run --rm -t -i -v /tmp/persistent:/persistent debian
root@Oaeedfeb7bf9:/# echo "blahblah" >/persistent/foo
root@Oaeedfeb7bf9:/# exit
$ cat /tmp/persistent/foo
blahblah
$ docker run --rm -t -i -v /tmp/persistent:/persistent debian
root@Gc8edOO8cO41:/# cat /persistent/foo
blahblah
```

Inputs (read-only volume)

```
$ mkdir /tmp/inputs
$ echo hello > /tmp/inputs/bar
$ docker run --rm -t -i -v /tmp/inputs:ro debian
root@05168a0eb322:/# cat /inputs/bar
hello
root@05168a0eb322:/# touch /inputs/foo
touch: cannot touch `/inputs/foo': Read-only file system
```

mount examples (2/2)

Named pipe

```
$ mkfifo /tmp/fifo
$ docker run -d -v /tmp/fifo:/fifo debian sh -c 'echo blah blah> /fifo'
ff0e44c25e10d516ce947eae9168060ee25c2a906f62d63d9c26a154b6415939
$ cat /tmp/fifo
blah blah
```

Unix socket

```
$ docker run --rm -t -i -v /dev/log:/dev/log debian
root@56ec518d3d4e:/# logger blah blah blah
root@56ec518d3d4e:/# exit
$ sudo tail /var/log/messages | grep logger
Jan 21 08:07:59 halfoat logger: blah blah blah
```

docker run — named volumes

Named volumes

- stored inside /var/lib/docker
- lifecycle managed with the docker volume command
- plugin API to provide shared storage over a cluster/cloud⁸

⁸https://docs.docker.com/engine/tutorials/dockervolumes/

initialisation: bind volumes vs named volumes

- bind volumes are created empty
- named volumes are created with a copy of the image content at the same mount point

```
$ docker run --rm -t alpine ls /etc/apk
                                      protected paths.d repositories
arch
                                                                            world
$ docker run --rm -t -v /tmp/dummy:/etc/apk alpine ls /etc/apk
$ ls /tmp/dummv/
$ docker run --rm -t -v dummy:/etc/apk alpine ls /etc/apk
arch
                                      protected paths.d repositories
                   kevs
                                                                            world
$ ls /var/lib/docker/volumes/dummv/ data
arch
                   keys
                                      protected paths.d repositories
                                                                            world
```

docker run — grant access to a device

By default devices are not usable inside the container

```
$ docker run --rm debian fdisk -1 /dev/sda
root@dcba37b0c0bd:/# fdisk -1 /dev/sda
fdisk: cannot open /dev/sda: No such file or directory

$ docker run --rm debian sh -c 'mknod /dev/sda b 8 0 && fdisk -1 /dev/sda'
fdisk: cannot open /dev/sda: Operation not permitted

$ docker run --rm -v /dev/sda:/dev/sda debian fdisk -1 /dev/sda
fdisk: cannot open /dev/sda: Operation not permitted
```

They can be whitelisted with --device

```
docker run --device /hostpath[:/containerpath] ...
```

```
$ docker run --rm --device /dev/sda debian fdisk -1 /dev/sda
Disk /dev/sda: 250.1 GB, 250059350016 bytes
...
```

docker run — inter-container links (legacy links⁹)

Containers cannot be assigned a static IP address (by design) \rightarrow service discovery is a must

Docker "links" are the most basic way to discover a service

```
docker run --link ctr:alias ...
```

→ container ctr will be known as alias inside the new container

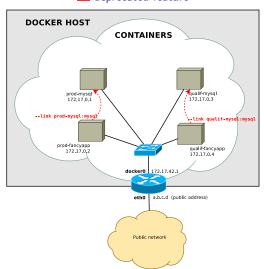
```
$ docker run --name my-server debian sh -c 'hostname -i && sleep 500' & 172.17.0.4

$ docker run --rm -t -i --link my-server:srv debian root@d752180421cc:/# ping srv
PING srv (172.17.0.4): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.17.0.4: icmp_seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.195 ms
```

⁹since v1.9.0, links are superseded by user-defined networks

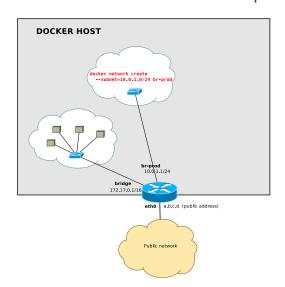
Legacy links

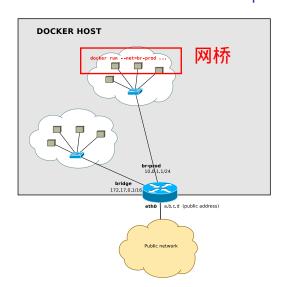
△ deprecated feature

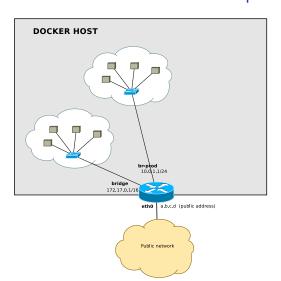


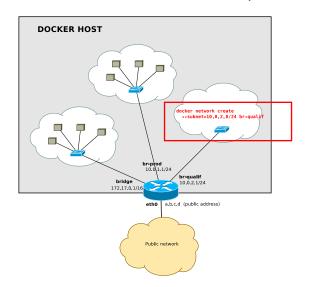
User-defined networks (since v1.9.0)

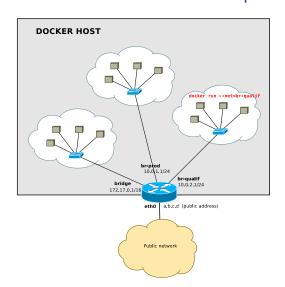
- by default new containers are connected to the main network (named "bridge", 172.17.0.0/16)
- the user can create additional networks: docker network create NETWORK
- newly created containers are connected to one network: docker run --net=NETWORK
- container may be dynamically attached/detached to any network:
 - docker network connect NETWORK CONTAINER
 docker network disconnect NETWORK CONTAINER
- networks are isolated from each other, communications is possible by attaching a container to multiple networks

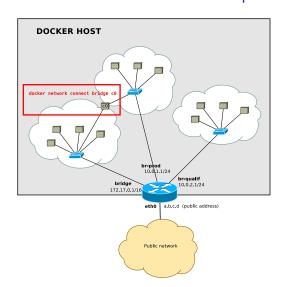












docker run — publish a TCP port

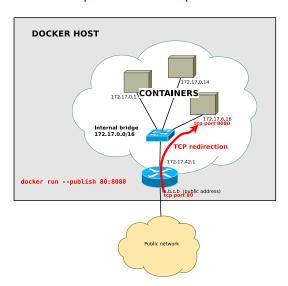
Containers are deployed in a private network, they are not reachable from the outside (unless a redirection is set up)

docker run -p [ipaddr:]hostport:containerport

ightarrow redirect incoming connections to the TCP port *hostport* of the host to the TCP port *containerport* of the container

The listening socket binds to 0.0.0.0 (all interfaces) by default or to ipaddr if given

publish example



publish example

bind to all host addresses.

```
$ docker run -d -p 80:80 nginx
52c9105e1520980d49ed00ecf5f0ca694d177d77ac9d003b9c0b840db9a70d62

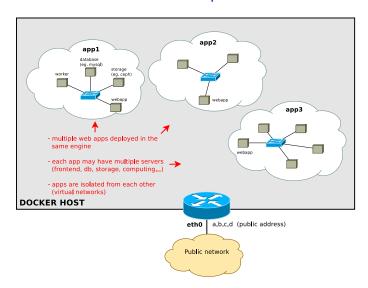
$ wget -nv http://localhost/
2016-01-12 18:32:52 URL:http://localhost/ [612/612] -> "index.html" [1]
$ wget -nv http://172.17.42.1/
2016-01-12 18:33:14 URL:http://172.17.42.1/ [612/612] -> "index.html" [1]
```

bind to 127 0 0 1

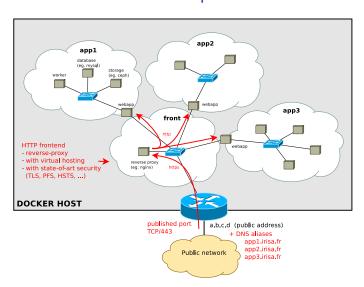
```
$ docker run -d -p 127.0.0.1:80:80 nginx
4541b43313b51d50c4dc2722e741df6364c5ff50ab81b828456ca55c829e732c

$ wget -nv http://localhost/
2016-01-12 18:37:10 URL:http://localhost/ [612/612] -> "index.html.1" [1]
$ wget http://172.17.42.1/
--2016-01-12 18:38:32-- http://172.17.42.1/
Connecting to 172.17.42.1:80... failed: Connection refused.
```

The whole picture



The whole picture



Part 4.

Managing docker images

Docker images

A docker image is a snapshot of the filesystem + some metadata

- immutable
- copy-on-write storage
 - for instantiating containers
 - for creating new versions of the image (multiple layers)
- identified by a unique hex IDs
 - Image ID: randomly genreated
 - Digest: hashed from the content
- may be tagged¹⁰ with a human-friendly name
 eg: debian:wheezy debian:jessie debian:latest

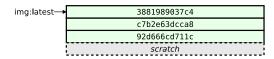
¹⁰possibly multiple times

Image management commands

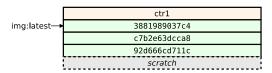
command	description
docker images	list all local images
docker history image	show the image history
	(list of ancestors)
docker inspect image	show low-level infos
	(in json format)
docker tag image tag	tag an image
docker commit container image	create an image
	(from a container)
docker import url- [tag]	create an image
	(from a tarball)
docker rmi image	delete images

scratch

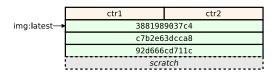
docker pull img



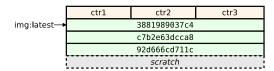
docker run --name ctrl img



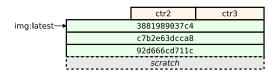
docker run --name ctr2 img



docker run --name ctr3 img



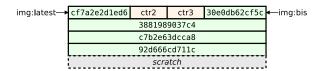
docker rm ctrl



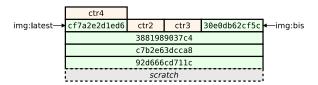
docker commit ctr2 img

img:latest 	cf7a2e2d1ed6	ctr2	ctr3
		388198	9037c4
		c7b2e6	3dcca8
		92d666	cd711c
		scra	atch

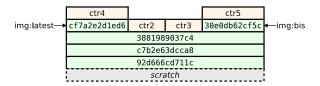
docker commit ctr3 img:bis



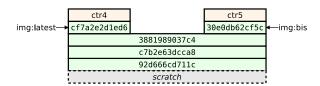
docker run --name ctr4 img



docker run --name ctr5 img:bis



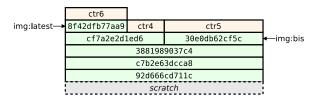
docker rm ctr2 ctr3



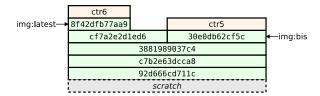
docker commit ctr4 img



docker run --name ctr6 img



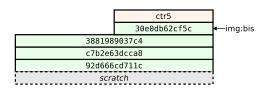
docker rm ctr4



docker rm ctr6

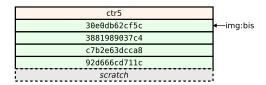


docker rmi img



docker rmi img:bis

Error: image img:bis is reference by ctr5



docker rmi -f img:bis

ctr5
30e0db62cf5c
3881989037c4
c7b2e63dcca8
92d666cd711c
scratch

docker rm ctr5

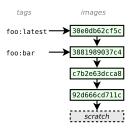
30e0db62cf5c
3881989037c4
c7b2e63dcca8
92d666cd711c
scratch

docker rmi 30e0

scratch

Images vs. Layers

docker < v1.10 no distinction between images & layers



docker >= v1.10 layers are hidden to the user (implementation detail)

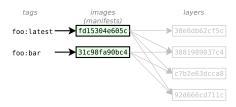


Image tags

A docker tag is made of two parts: "REPOSITORY: TAG"

The *TAG* part identifies the version of the image. If not provided, the default is ":latest"

```
$ docker images
REPOSTTORY
           TAG
                          TMAGE ID
                                        CREATED
                                                       VIRTUAL SIZE
                          835c4d274060
debian
           8
                                        2 weeks ago
                                                       122.6 MB
debian
           8.0
                          835c4d274060
                                        2 weeks ago
                                                       122.6 MB
debian
           jessie
                          835c4d274060
                                       2 weeks ago
                                                       122.6 MB
debian
           rc-buggy
                         350a74df81b1 7 months ago
                                                       159.9 MB
debian
           experimental 36d6c9c7df4c
                                       7 months ago
                                                       159.9 MB
           609
debian
                          3b36e4176538
                                       7 months ago
                                                       112.4 MB
debian
           squeeze
                          3b36e4176538
                                       7 months ago
                                                       112 4 MR
debian
           wheezv
                          667250f9a437
                                       7 months ago
                                                       115 MB
debian
           latest
                          667250f9a437
                                        7 months ago
                                                       115 MB
debian
           7.5
                          667250f9a437
                                       7 months ago
                                                       115 MB
debian
           unstable
                          24a4621560e4 7 months ago
                                                       123.6 MB
debian
           testing
                          7f5d8ca9fdcf
                                       7 months ago
                                                       121.8 MB
debian
           stable
                          caa04aa09d69
                                       7 months ago
                                                       115 MB
debian
           sid
                         f3d4759f77a7 7 months ago
                                                       123.6 MB
debian
           7.4
                                       9 months ago
                                                       115 MB
                          e565fbbc6033
debian
           7.3
                          b5fe16f2ccba 11 months ago 117.8 MB
```

Tagging conventions (1/2)

Local tags may have arbitrary names, however the docker push and docker pull commands expect some conventions

The *REPOSITORY* identifies the origin of the image, it may be:

- a name (eg: debian)
 - \rightarrow refers to a repository on the official registry
 - \rightarrow https://store.docker.com/
- a hostname+name (eg: some.server.com/repo)
 - \rightarrow refers to an arbitrary server supporting the registry API
 - ightarrow https://docs.docker.com/reference/api/registry_api/

Tagging conventions (2/2)

Use slashes to delimit namespaces (for subprojects):

image name	description
debian	(semi-)official debian images
fedora	official fedora images
fedora/apache	apache images provided
	by the fedora project
fedora/couchdb	couchdb images provided
	by the fedora project

Image transfer commands

Using the registry API

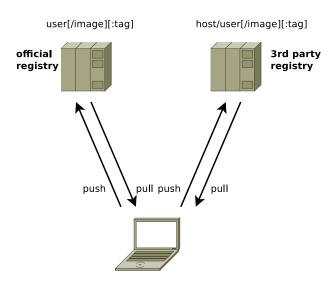
docker pull repo[:tag]	pull an image/repo from a registry
docker push repo[:tag]	push an image/repo from a registry
docker search text	search an image on the official registry
docker login	login to a registry
docker logout	logout from a registry

Manual transfer

ivialiuai tralisici	
docker save repo[:tag]	export an image/repo as a tarbal
docker load	load images from a tarball
docker-ssh ¹¹	proposed script to transfer images
	between two daemons over ssh

¹¹https://github.com/a-ba/docker-utils/

Transferring images



Part 5.
Docker builder

What is the Docker builder? Rong Tao

Docker's builder relies on

- a DSL describing how to build an image
- a cache for storing previous builds and have quick iterations

The builder input is a **context**, i.e. a directory containing:

- a file named Dockerfile which describe how to build the container
- · possibly other files to be used during the build

Build an image

docker build [-t tag] path

 \rightarrow build an image from the context located at *path* and optionally tag it as tag

The command:

- 1. makes a tarball from the content¹² of path
- 2. uploads the tarball to the docker daemon which will:
 - 2.1 execute the content of Dockerfile, committing an intermediate image **after each** command
 - 2.2 (if requested) tag the final image as tag

 $^{^{12}\}mbox{unwanted}$ files may be excluded if they match patterns listed in .dockerignore

Dockerfile example

```
# base image: last debian release
FROM debian:wheezy

# install the latest upgrades
RUN apt-get update && apt-get -y dist-upgrade

# install nginx
RUN apt-get -y install nginx

# set the default container command
# -> run nginx in the foreground
CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]

# Tell the docker engine that there will be somenthing listening on the tcp port 80
EXPOSE 80
```

Dockerfile format

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

- comments start with "#"
- commands fit on a single line (possibly continuated with \)
- first command must be a FROM (indicates the parent image or scratch to start from scratch)

Builder instructions (1/3)

Instructions affecting the image filesystem		
instruction	description	
FROM image scratch	base image for the build	
COPY path dst	copy <i>path</i> from the context	
	into the container at location dst	
ADD <i>src dst</i>	same as COPY but untar archives	
	and accepts http urls	
RUN command	run an arbitrary command inside	
	the container	

Note: commands may be expressed as a list (exec) or a string (shell)

```
# exec form

RUN ["apt-get", "update"]

# shell form

RUN apt-get update # equivalent to: RUN ["/bin/sh", "-c", "apt-get update"]
```

Builder instructions (2/3)

Instructions setting the default container config¹⁴

instruction	description
CMD command	command run inside the container
ENTRYPOINT command	entrypoint ¹³
USER name[:group]	user running the command
WORKDIR path	working directory
ENV name="value"	environment variables
STOPSIGNAL signal	signal to be sent to terminate the
	container(instead of SIGTERM)
HEALTHCHECK CMD command	test command to check
	if the container works well
EXPOSE port	listened TCP/UDP ports
VOLUME path	mount-point for external volumes
LABEL name="value"	arbitrary metadata

 $^{^{13}}$ the ENTRYPOINT is a commmand that wraps the CMD command

¹⁴i.e. the default configuration of containers running this image

Builder instructions (3/3)

Extra instructions

instruction	description
ARG name[=value]	build-time variables
ON BUILD instruction	instruction run when building
	a derived image

- build-time variables are usable anywhere in the Dockerfile (by variable expansion: \$VARNAME) and are tunable at build time: "docker build --build-arg name=value..."
- instructions prefixed with ONBUILD are not run in this build, their execution is triggered when building a derived image

Builder cache

Each layer created by the builder is fingerprinted according to:

- the ID of the previous image
- the command and its arguments
- the content of the imported files (for ADD and COPY)

⚠ RUN's side-effects are not fingerprinted

When rebuilding an image docker will reuse a previous image if its fingerprint is the same

Good practices¹⁵ for docker files

- use stable base images (eg. debian:jessie)
- run the app as PID 1 inside the container (to be killable) \rightarrow write CMD ["app", "arg"] instead of CMD app arg
- standardise the config, but allow the admin to override it with env variables or additional config files (eg. ENV MYSQL_HOST="mysql")

 $^{^{15}}_{\rm see~also~https://docs.docker.com/engine/userguide/eng-image/dockerfile_best-practices/$

Multi-stage build (since v17.05)

```
#===== Stage 1: build the app from sources =====#
FROM debian:stretch AS builder
# update the package lists an install the build dependencies
RUN apt-get -ggv update
RUN apt-get -qqy install gcc make libacme-dev
# install the sources in /opt/src and build them
COPY . /opt/src
RUN cd /opt/src && ./configure && make
# install the files in a tmp dir and make an archive that we can deploy elsewhere
RUN cd /opt/src && make install DESTDIR=/tmp/dst \
&& cd /tmp/dst && tar czvf /tmp/myapp.tgz .
#===== Stage 2: final image ======#
FROM debian:stretch
# update the package lists and install the runtime dependencies
RUN apt-get -qqy update
RUN apt-get -qqy install libacme1.0
# install the app built in stage 1
COPY --from=builder /tmp/myapp.tgz /tmp/
RUN cd / && tar zxf /tmp/mvapp.tgz
CMD ["myapp"]
```

Part 6. Security

- host/container isolation
- container/container isolation
- other security considerations

Security strategies

Docker containers are not really sandboxed from the host machine. They talk with the **same kernel**. You may want to consider strategies to reduce the risks of privilege escalation.

Container/Host isolation

- run the container with an ordinary user (docker run -u)
- reduce root privileges (capabilities, seccomp, apparmor)
- configure a user namespace
- run the docker engine inside a VM

Container/Container isolation

- disable intercontainer communications (--icc=false)
- isolate containers in different networks

Running containers as normal user

```
docker run -u USER ...
```

should be safe. but...

- setuid executables in the docker image
 - → should mount /var/lib/docker with '-o nosuid'
- setuid executables in external volumes
 - → should mount all data volumes with '-o nosuid'
- /etc/passwd in the docker image
 - → should use numeric ids: (docker run -u UID:GID)
- \rightarrow not easily enforcable if the image provider is malicious

Reduced root capabilities

- kernel capabilities supported since docker v1.2
- containers use a default set limited to 14 capabilities¹⁶:

```
AUDIT_WRITE CHOWN NET_RAW SETPCAP
DAC_OVERRIDE FSETID SETGID KILL
NET_BIND_SERVICE FOWNER SETUID
SYS_CHROOT MKNOD SETFCAP
```

- add additional capabilities: docker run --cap-add=XXXXX ...
- drop unnecessary capabilities: docker run --cap-drop=XXXXX ...
 → should use --cap-drop=all for most containers

```
$ docker run --rm -t -i debian
root@04223cbb1334:/# ip addr replace 172.17.0.42/16 dev eth0
RTNETLINK answers: Operation not permitted
root@04223cbb1334:/# exit

$ docker run --rm -t -i --cap-add NET_ADMIN debian
root@9bf2a570a6a6:/# ip addr replace 172.17.0.42/16 dev eth0
root@9bf2a570a6a6:/#
```

 $^{^{16}}$ over the 38 capabilities defined in the kernel (man 7 capabilities)

Reduced syscall whitelist

seccomp-bpf == fine-grained acces control to kernel syscalls

- enabled by default since docker v1.10
- default built-in profile¹⁷ whitelists only harmless syscalls¹⁸
- alternative configs:
 - disable seccomp (--security-opt=seccomp:unconfined)
 - provide a customised profile (derived from the default¹⁹)

```
$ docker run --rm debian date -s 2016-01-01
date: cannot set date: Operation not permitted
$ docker run --rm --cap-add sys_time debian date -s 2016-01-01
date: cannot set date: Operation not permitted
$ docker run --rm --security-opt seccomp:unconfined debian date -s 2016-01-01
date: cannot set date: Operation not permitted
$ docker run --rm --cap-add sys_time --security-opt seccomp:unconfined debian date -s 2016-01-01
Fri Jan 1 00:00:00 UTC 2016
```

¹⁷ https://docs.docker.com/engine/security/seccomp/

 $^{^{18}\}mathrm{harmful}$ means everything that deals with administration (eg: set time) or debugging (eg: ptrace)

 $^{^{19} {\}tt https://github.com/moby/moby/blob/master/profiles/seccomp/default.json}$

User namespaces

since docker v1.10 but not enabled by default

- UIDs/GIDs inside the containers mapped to another range outside the container
- useful for:
 - preventing fs-based attacks (eg: root user inside the container creates a setuid executable in an external volume)
 - isolating docker users from each other (one docker daemon for each user, with uids remapped to different ranges)
- limits (as of v1.10)
 - global config only (daemon scope)
 - coarse mapping only (hardcoded range: 0..65535)

Docker is not a sandbox!

Even with *capabilities+seccomp+user_namespaces* enabled, you may still be vulnerable, because the kernel's attack surface is **big**

CVE-2019-5736

runc through 1.0-rc6, as used in Docker before 18.09.2 and other products, allows attackers to overwrite the host runc binary (and consequently obtain host root access)

CVE-2018-15664

In Docker through 18.06.1-ce-rc2, the API endpoints behind the 'docker cp' command are vulnerable to a symlink-exchange attack with Directory Traversal, giving attackers arbitrary read-write access to the host filesystem with root privileges

Run the docker engine inside a VM

Hypervisors have a smaller attack surface and are much more mature that containers. **Use a VM if you need good isolation!**

- either manually-administrated VMs
- either transparently-launched VMs
 - on a per-engine basis (docker daemon inside a VM)
 docker machine: https://docs.docker.com/machine/overview/
 - on a per-container basis (each container in a separate VM)
 kata containers: https://katacontainers.io/
 runv: https://github.com/hyperhq/runv
 gvisor: https://github.com/google/gvisor

Container/Container isolation

- by default all containers can connect to any other container (located in the same bridge)
 - run the daemon with --icc=false
 - all communications filtered by default
 - whitelist-based access with --link (only EXPOSEd ports will be whitelisted)
 - attach containers to different networks
- by default RAW sockets are enabled (allows ARP spoofing) 20 \rightarrow use docker run --cap-drop=NET_RAW

²⁰ http://lwn.net/Articles/689453

Other security considerations

- images are immutable
 - \rightarrow need a process to apply automatic security upgrades, e.g.:
 - apply upgrades & commit a new image
 - regenerate the image from the Dockerfile
- docker engine control == root on the host machine
 - give access to the docker socket only to trusted users
- avoid docker run --privileged (gives full root access)
- beware of symlinks in external volumes
 eg. ctr1 binds /data, ctr2 binds /data/subdir, if both are malicious and cooperate, ctr1 replaces /data/subdirwith a symlink to /, then on restart ctr2 has access the whole host filesystem

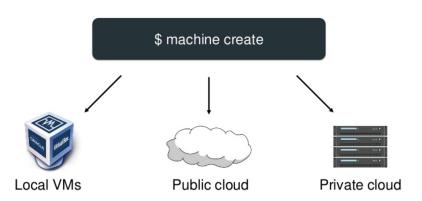
[→] avoid binding subdirectories, prefer using named volumes

Part 7. Docker Ecosystem

- infrastructure
 - docker machine (provisioning)
 - docker swarm (clustering)
 - swarm mode (clustering)
 - underlying projects (moby, containerd, infrakit, ...)
- container deployment & configuration
 - docker compose
- image distribution
 - docker distribution (registry)
 - docker notary (content trust, image signing)

Docker Machine

abstraction for provisionning and using docker hosts



Docker Swarm

manage a cluster of hosts running docker

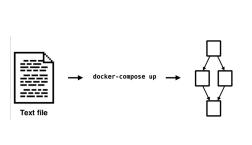
⚠ Docker Inc. folks are misleading: the name swarm is actually used for two different products:



- docker swarm (or legacy swarm or just swarm)
 - early solution (first released in dec 2014)
 - standalone server
 - superset of the docker engine API
 - requires a an external discovery service (eg. etcd, consul)
 - network-agnostic (overlay networks to be configured separately)
- the swarm mode
 - embedded within the docker engine (since v1.12 in july 2016)
 - turnkey cluster (integrated discovery service, distributed, network aware, encryption by default)
 - API break: introduces the service abstration

Docker Compose

configure and deploy a collection of containers



```
group.yml
name: counter
 web:
   command: python app.py
      - "5000:5000"
   volumes:
      - .:/code
     - redis
  redis:
    image: redis:latest
```

Part 8. The Future is Now

- swarm mode (since v1.12)
- plugins (since v1.13)
- experimental features
- Docker EE & time-based releases
- The Orchestration Wars

The Future is Now

- Swarm mode (since v1.12)
 - service abstraction
 - scaling
 - service discovery & load balancing
 - rolling updates
 - stack deployment (docker-compose) (since v1.13)
 - secrets management (since v1.13) + config objects (since v17.06)
- plugins API for datacenter integration (since v1.13)
 - volume plugins (eg: flocker)
 - network plugins (eg: contiv)
 - authorization plugins
 - swarm secrets (since v17.07)

Docker CE & Docker EE

since march 2017

Docker inc's business strategy:

1. be flexible and interoperable with everybody (especially cloud providers) so that no competing tool emerges

ightarrow open source engine, plugin API for network, storage, authorization integrations

2. sell Docker EE

docker $\mathsf{EE} = \mathsf{docker} \ \mathsf{CE} + \mathsf{support} + \mathsf{off}\text{-the-shelves} \ \mathsf{datacenter} \ \mathsf{management}$ (ldap integration, role-based access-control, security scanning, vulnerability monitoring)

Time-based release

since march 2017 (docker v17.03.0-ce)

- Docker CE
 - open source
 - edge version released every month
 - stable version released every 3 months
 - security upgrades during 4 months
- Docker EE
 - proprietary
 - stable version released every 3 months
 - security upgrades during 1 year

The Orchestration Wars

The Container Wars will actually be the Orchestration Wars

- under the hood the base building blocs (runc, containerd) are open and the competitors cooperate to keep them standard.
- docker itselfs is still free software, although the company ulture is shifting towards something more "corporate"
- the real fight will be on orchestration solutions
 - managing clouds, service hosting
 - swarm has opponents (Mesos, Kubernetes, Openshift, ...) and is lagging.

Apache Mesos

- predates Docker
- designed for very large clusters
- agnostic to the virtualisation technology
 - multiple virtualisation tool may coexist in the same cluster
 - two-level management
- hard to configure

Kubernetes (k8s)

- project started in 2014 by a group of google developers
- inspired from Google's internal orchestration framework
- large scale, very sophisticated, not easy to learn
- now hosted by a fundation and adopted by others that use it as their orchestration backend
 - Openshift
 - Docker EE

The Open Container Initiative (OCI)

https://github.com/opencontainers/

A Linux Foundation standard for linux containers:

- v1.0.0 released in July 2017
 - runtime-spec (launching containers)
 - image-spec (image interoperability)

