

Containers and their advantages

INTRODUCTION TO DOCKER



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Prerequisites



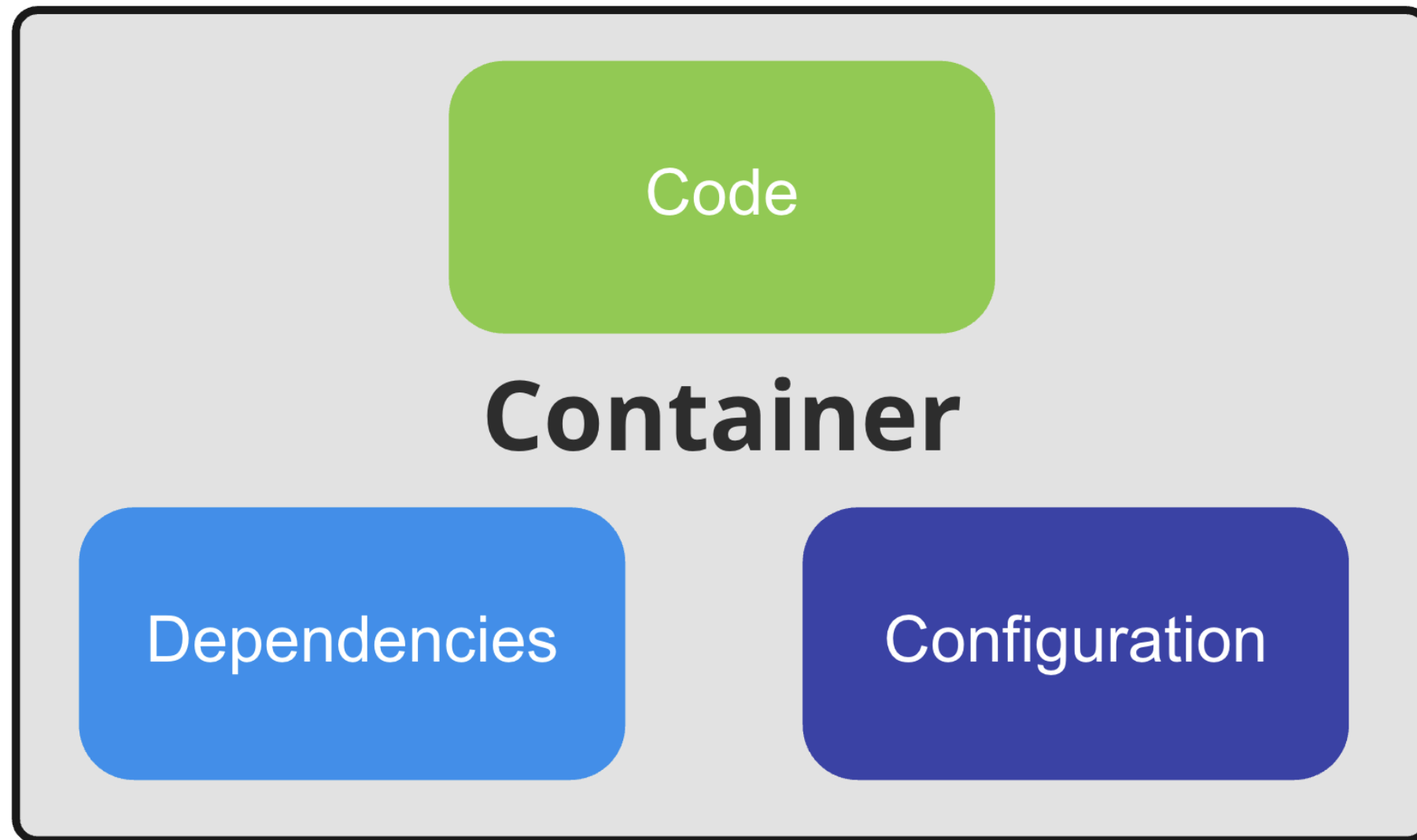
Please take DataCamp's [Introduction to Shell](#) before starting this course.

We will use:

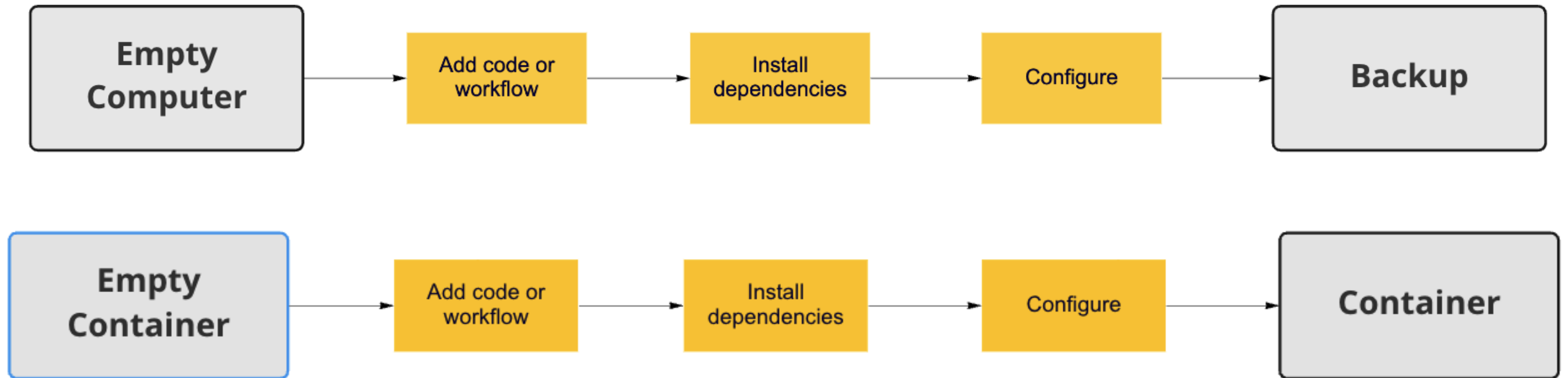
- `nano` to edit files.
- `ls`, `cd`, and `mkdir` to find our way in and manage the file system.

Containers

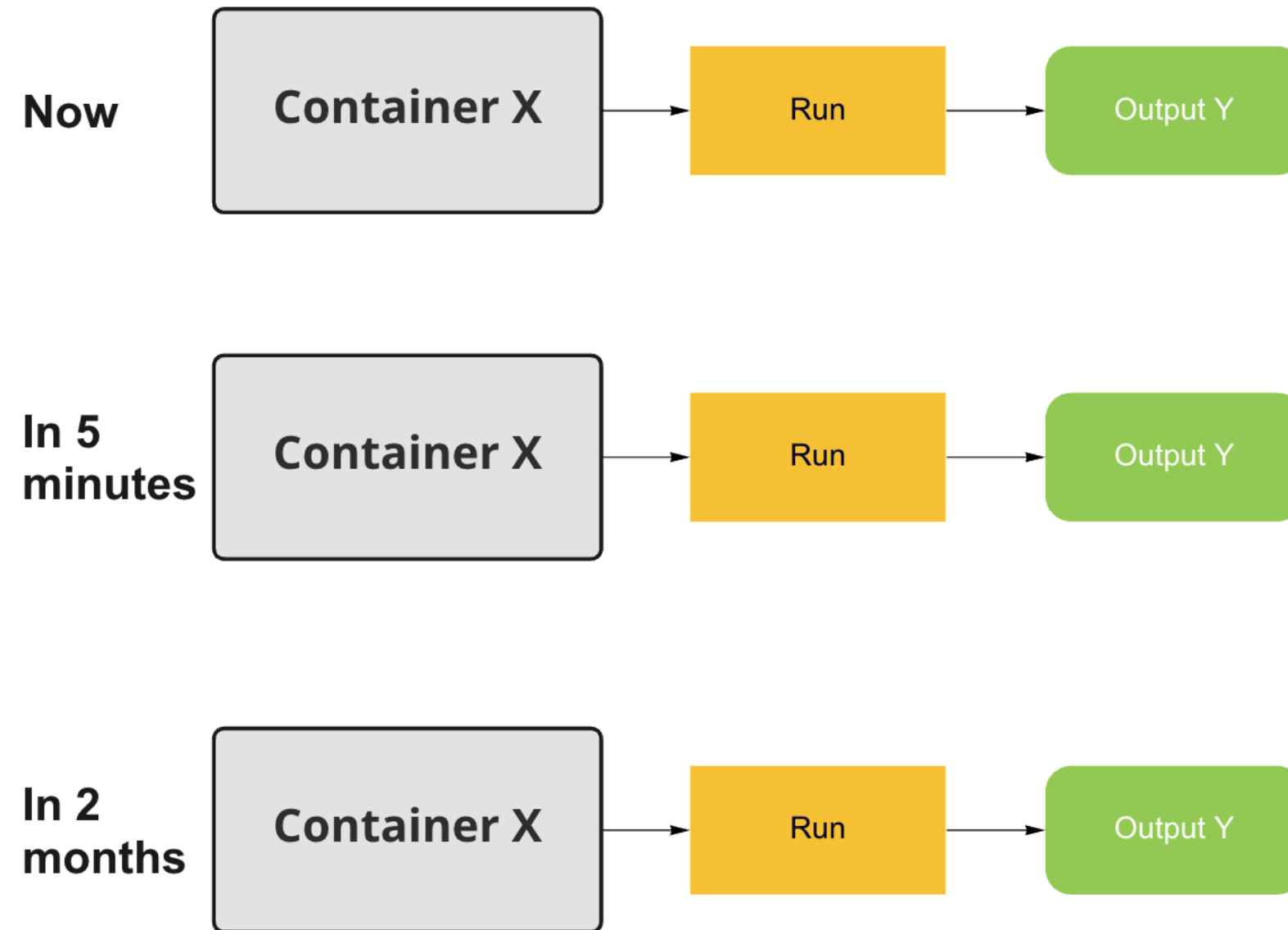
A portable computing environment



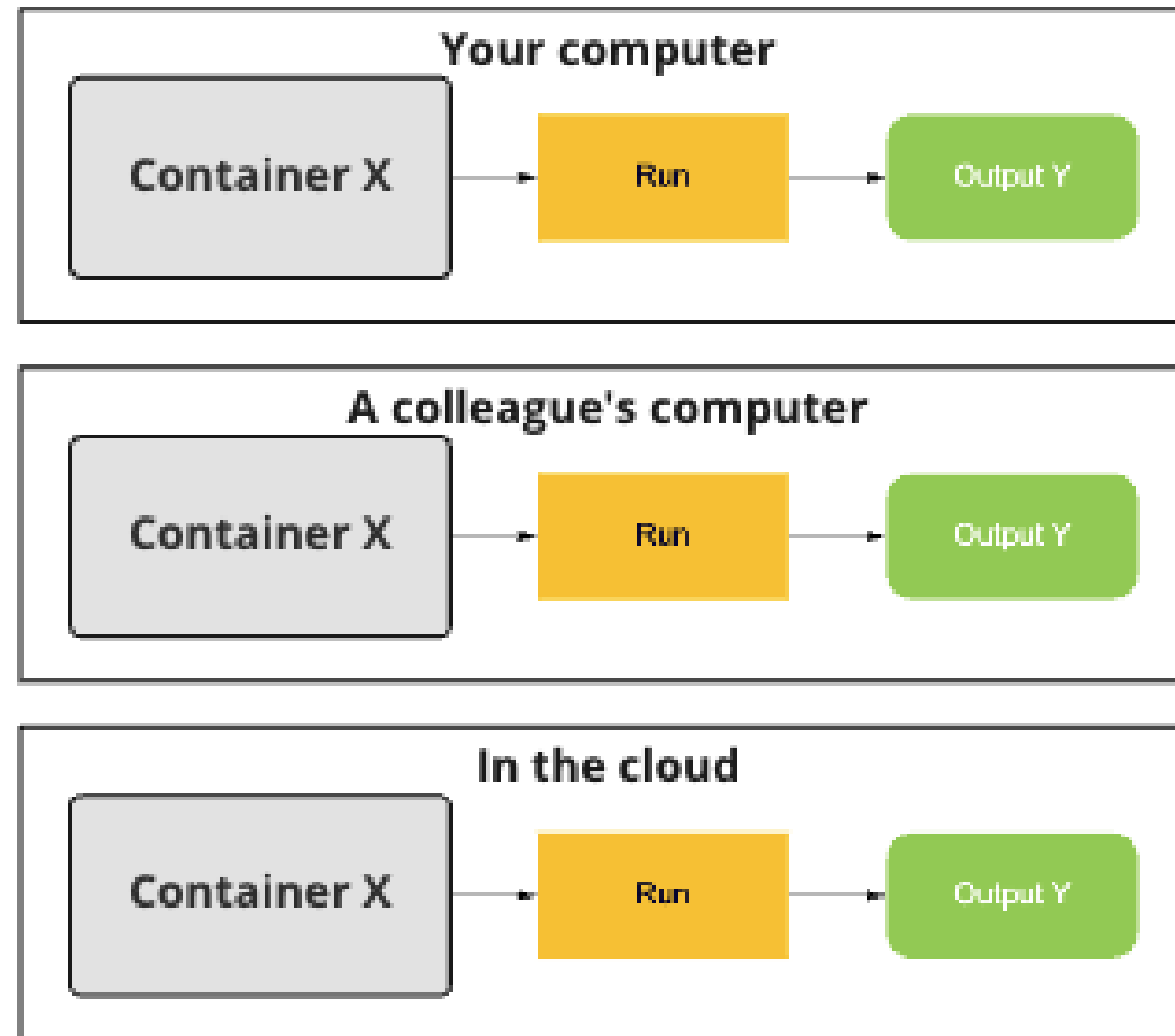
Making it less abstract



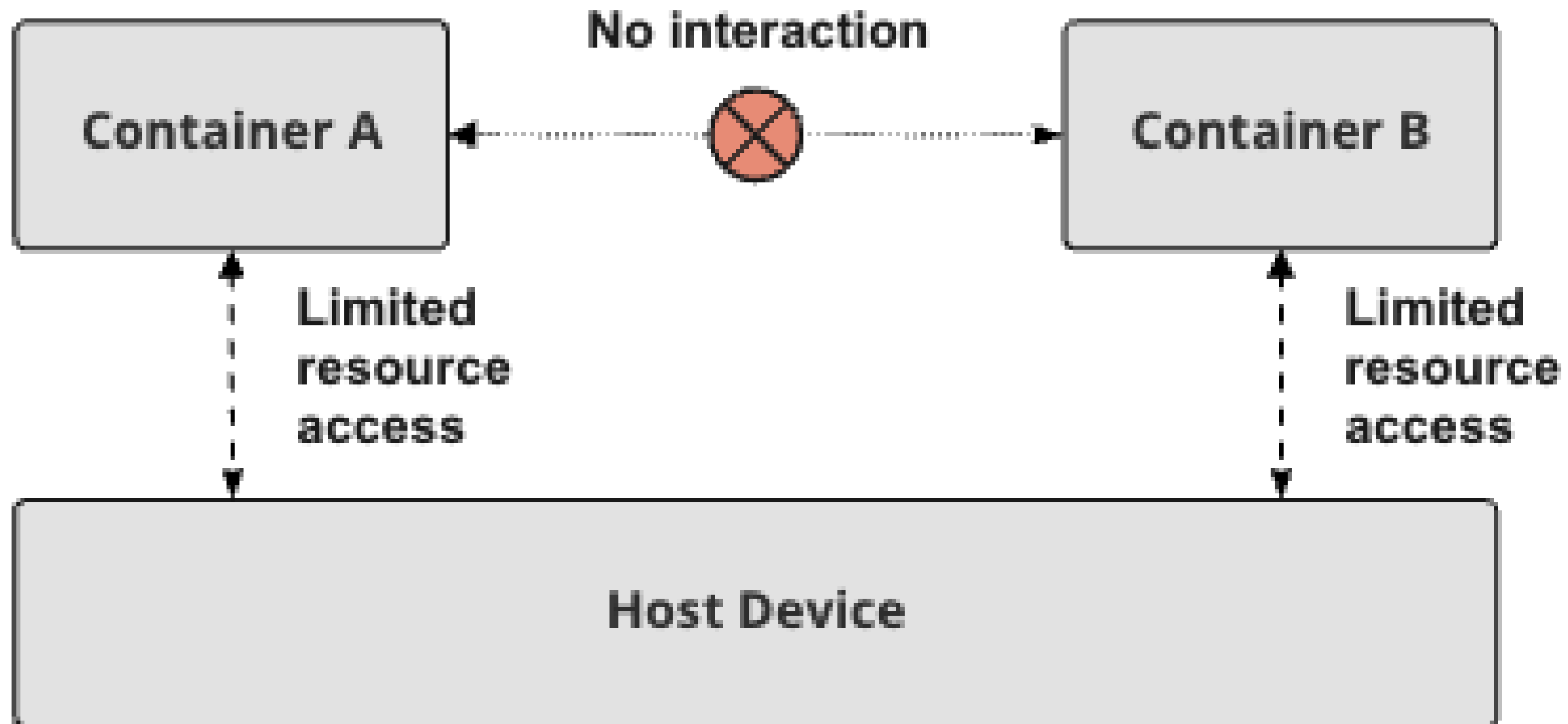
Containers run identically every time



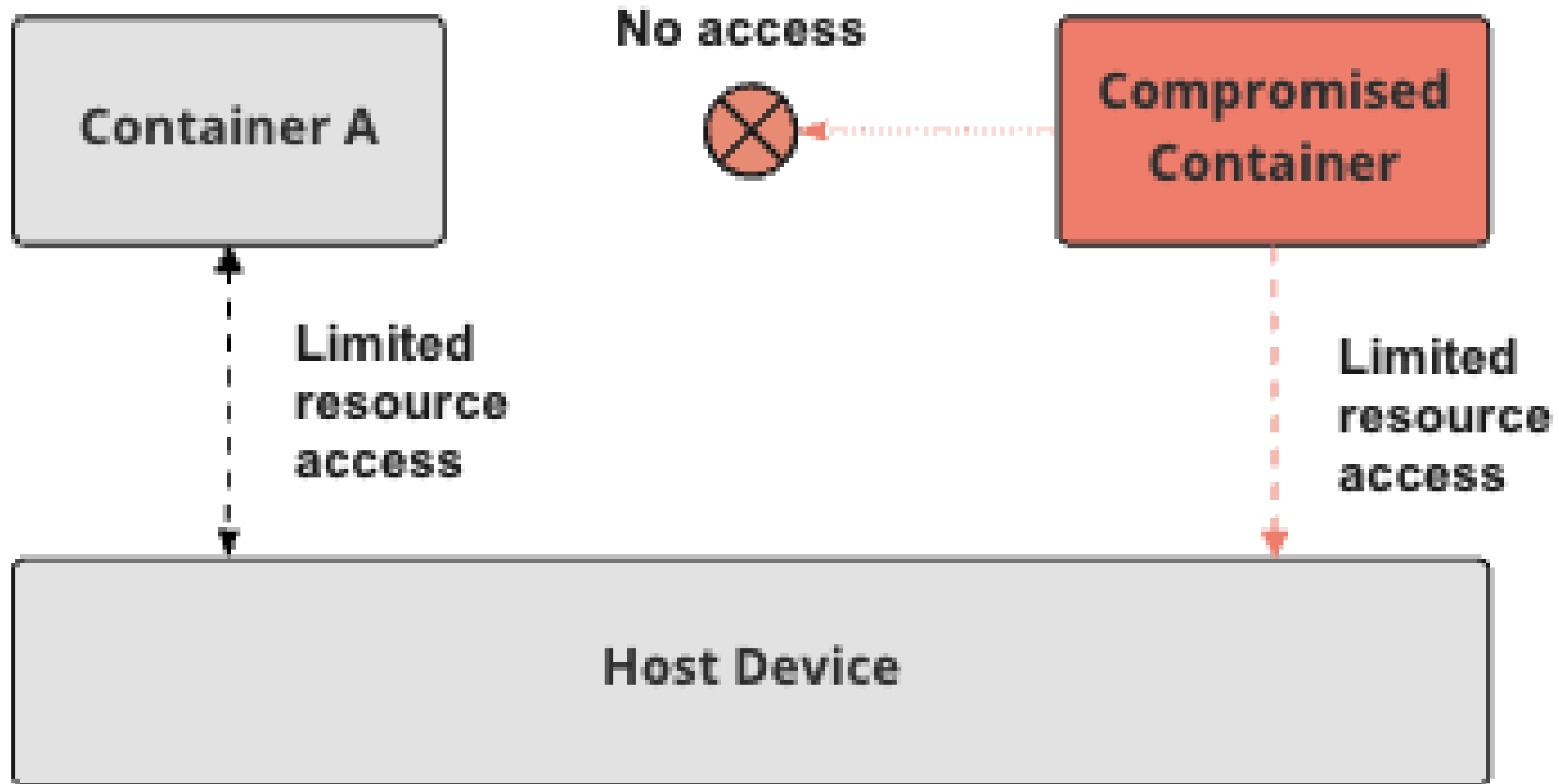
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Isolation



Containers provide security



Containers are lightweight

- Security
- Portability
- Reproducibility
- **Lightweight**
 - In comparison to running an application:
 - Outside of a container
 - Using a virtual machine

Containers and data science

- Automatically reproducible
- Dependencies are automatically included
- Datasets can be included
- Code will work on your colleagues machine
- Easier sharing than alternatives

Let's practice!

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The Docker Engine

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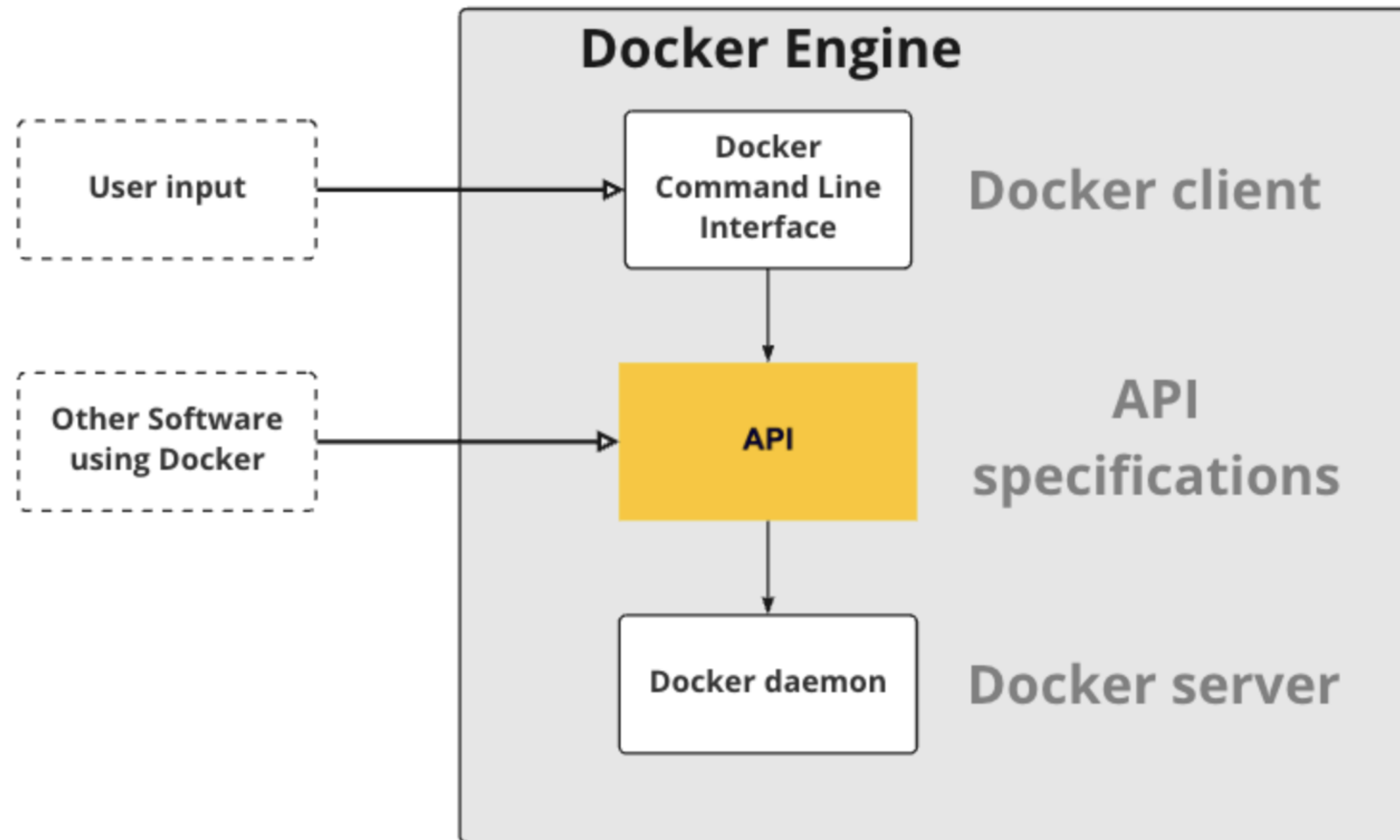
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Docker ecosystem

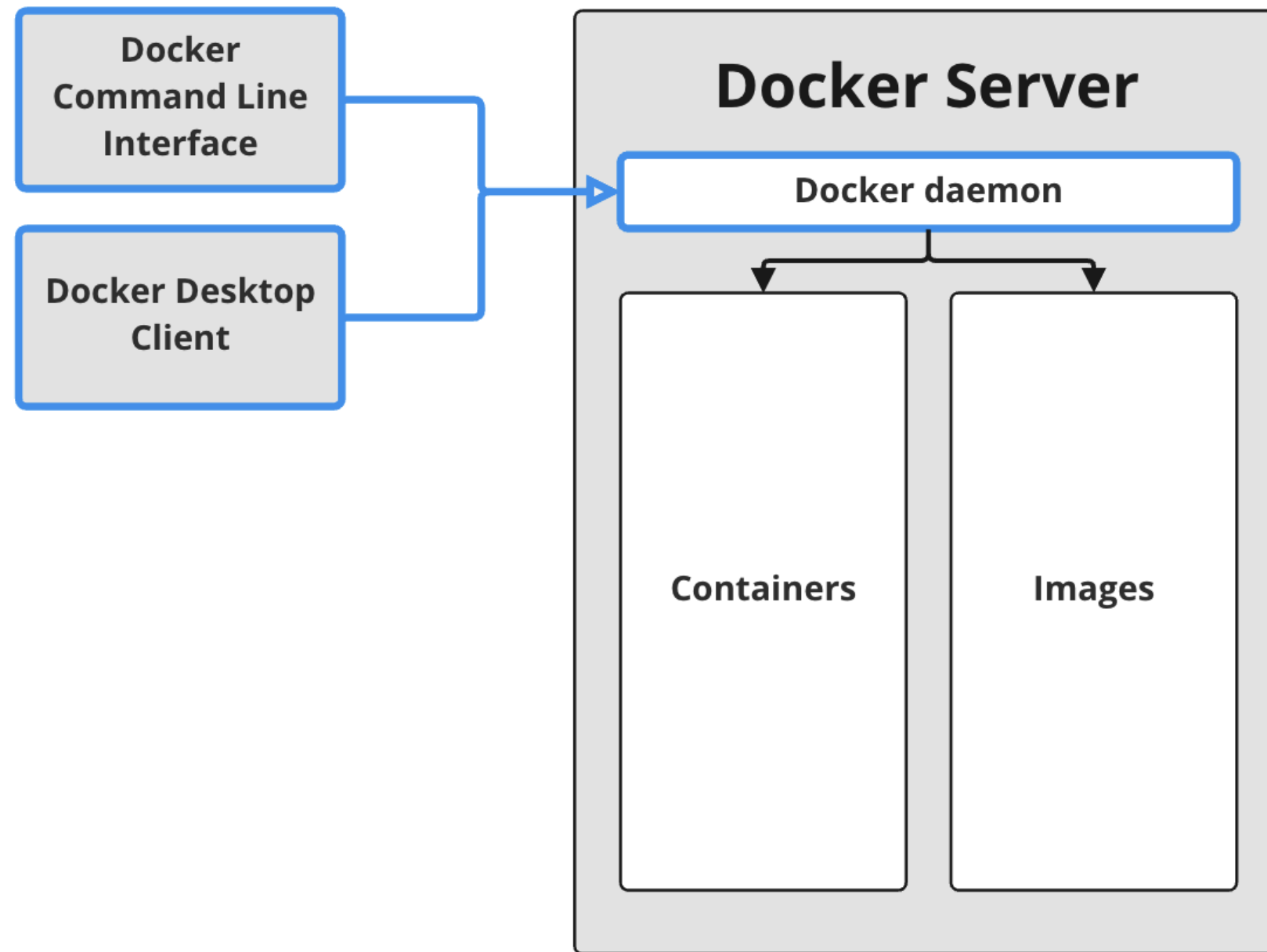


Docker Engine



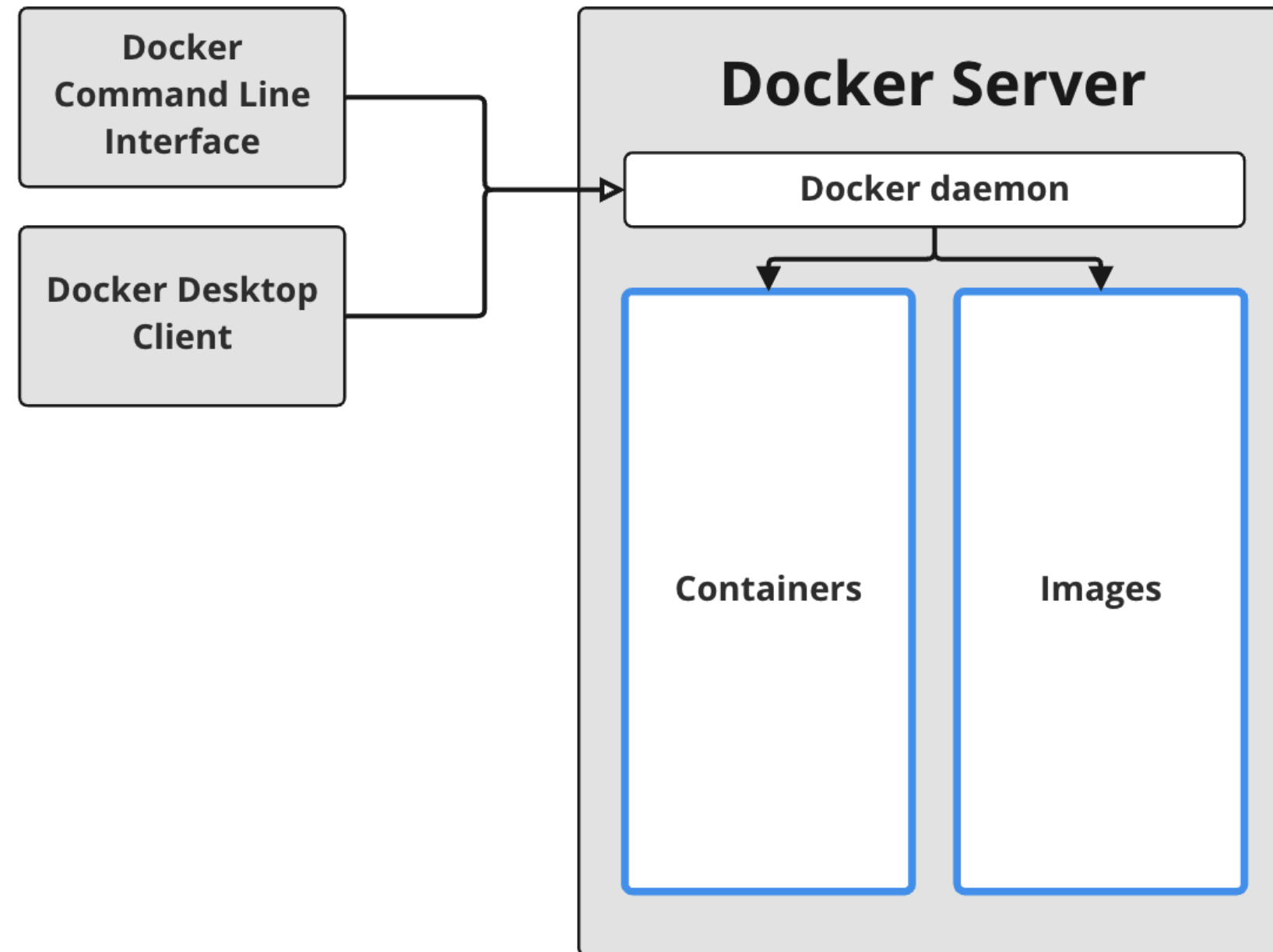
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The Docker daemon



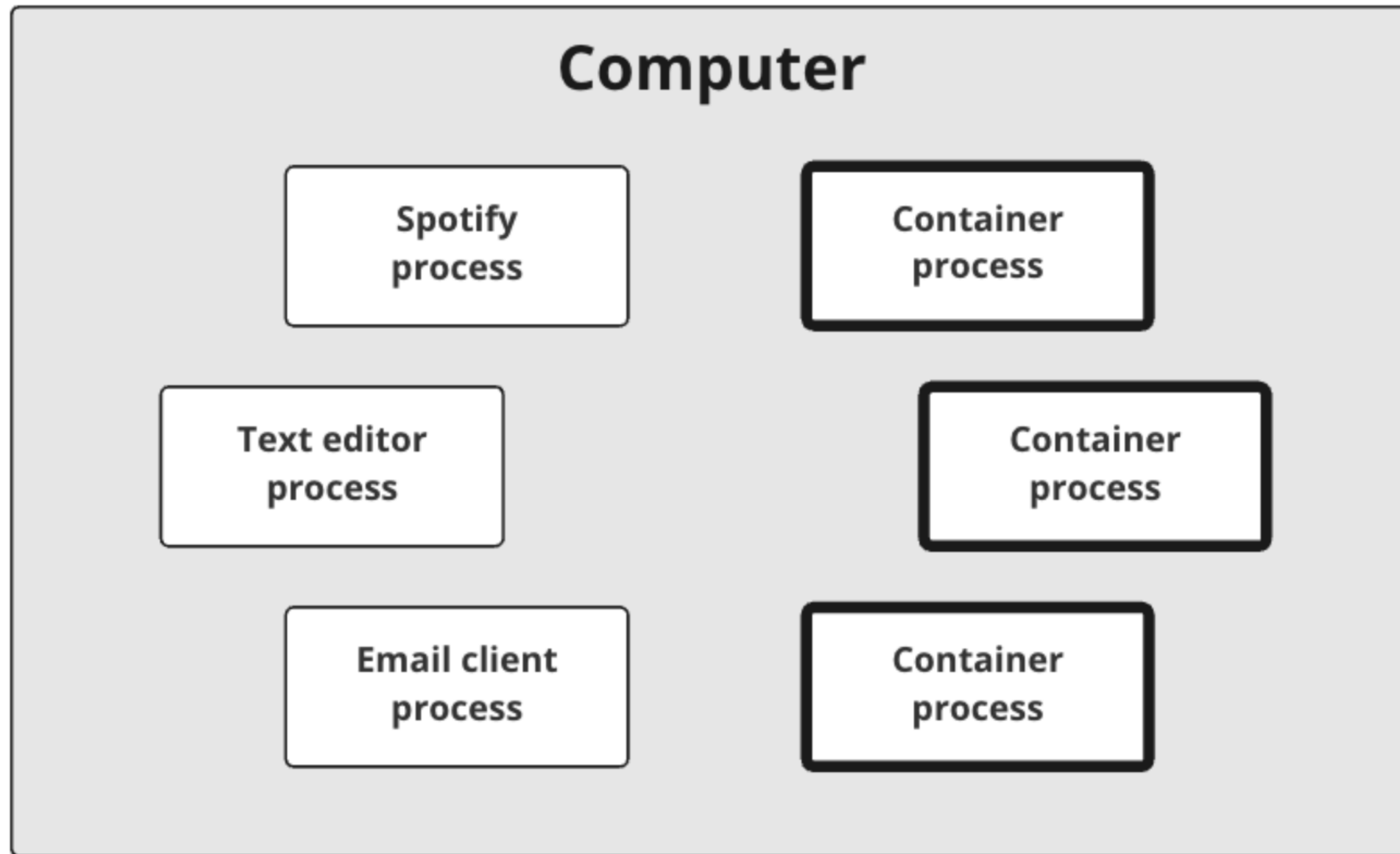
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Images and Containers

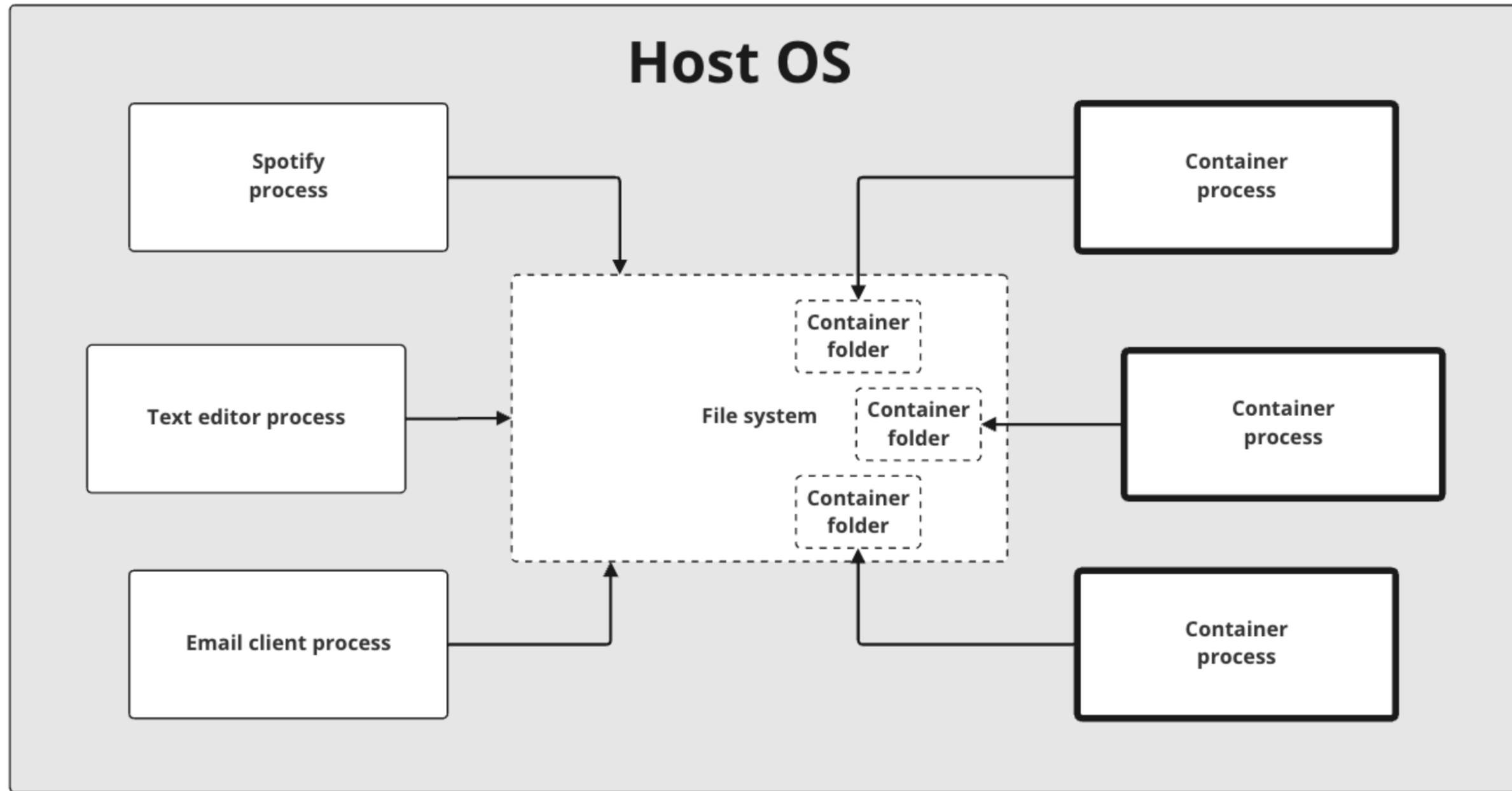


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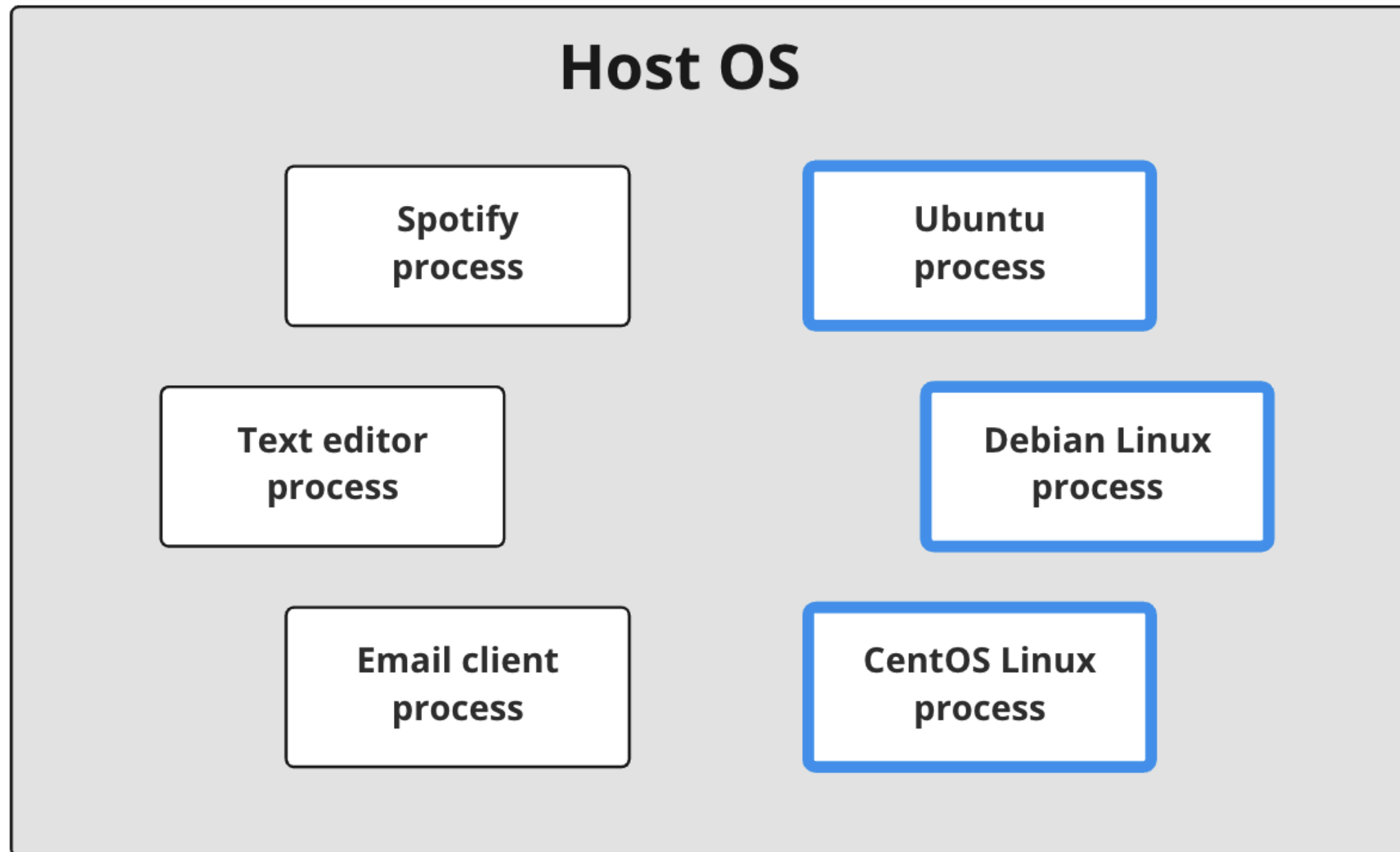
Containers are processes



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Containers are isolated processes



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Containers vs. Virtual Machines

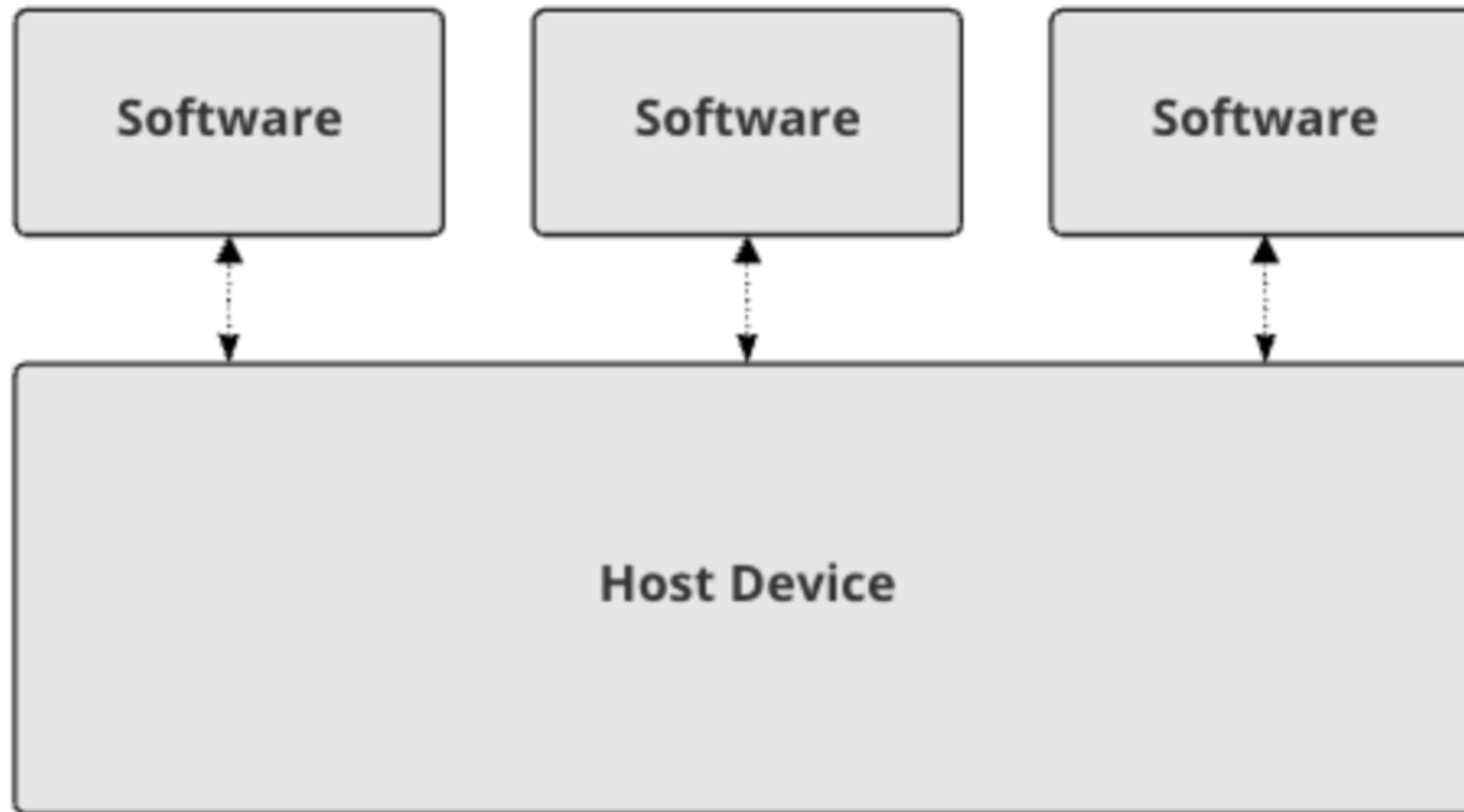
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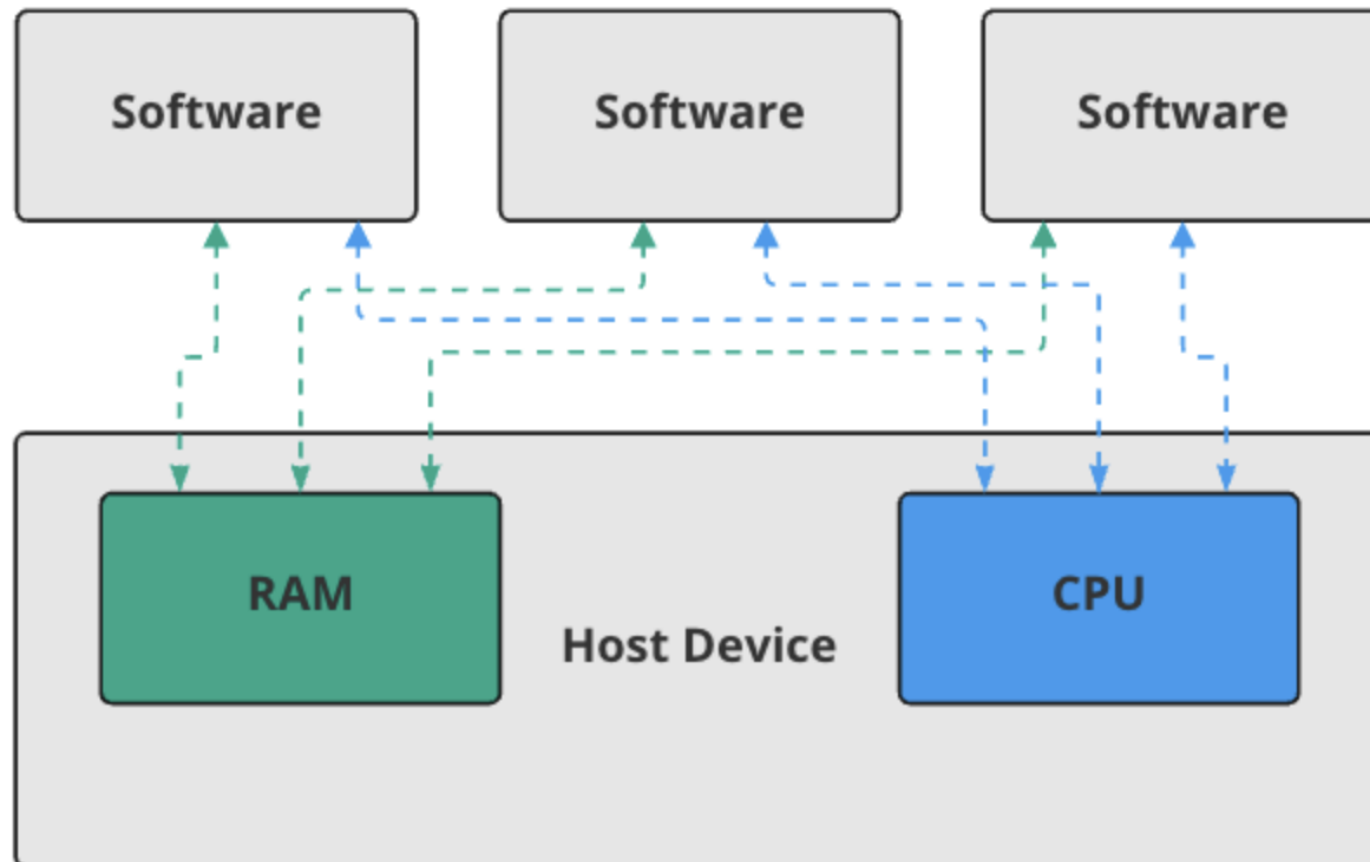
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Containers and Virtual Machines

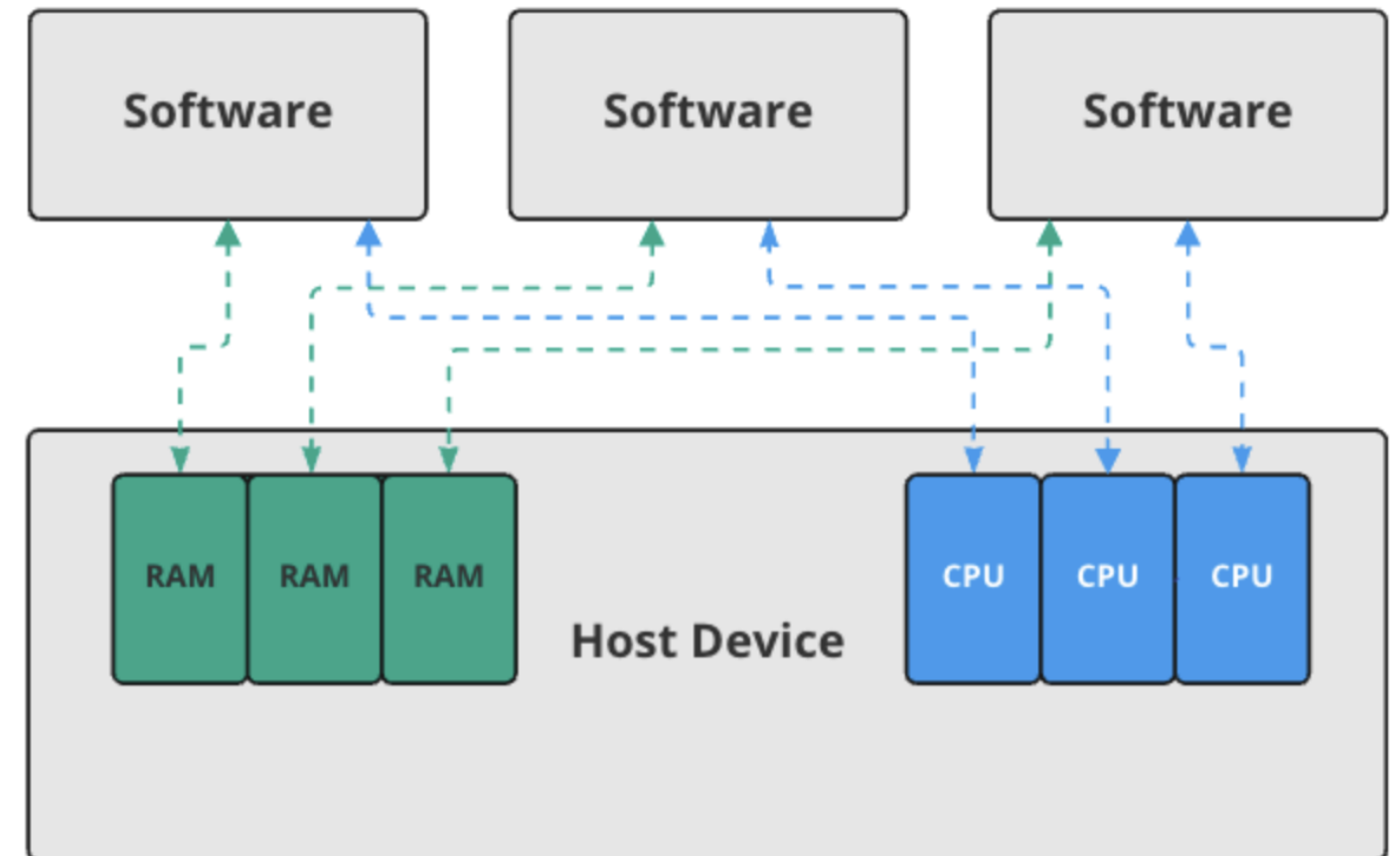


Resource Virtualization

Without Virtualization

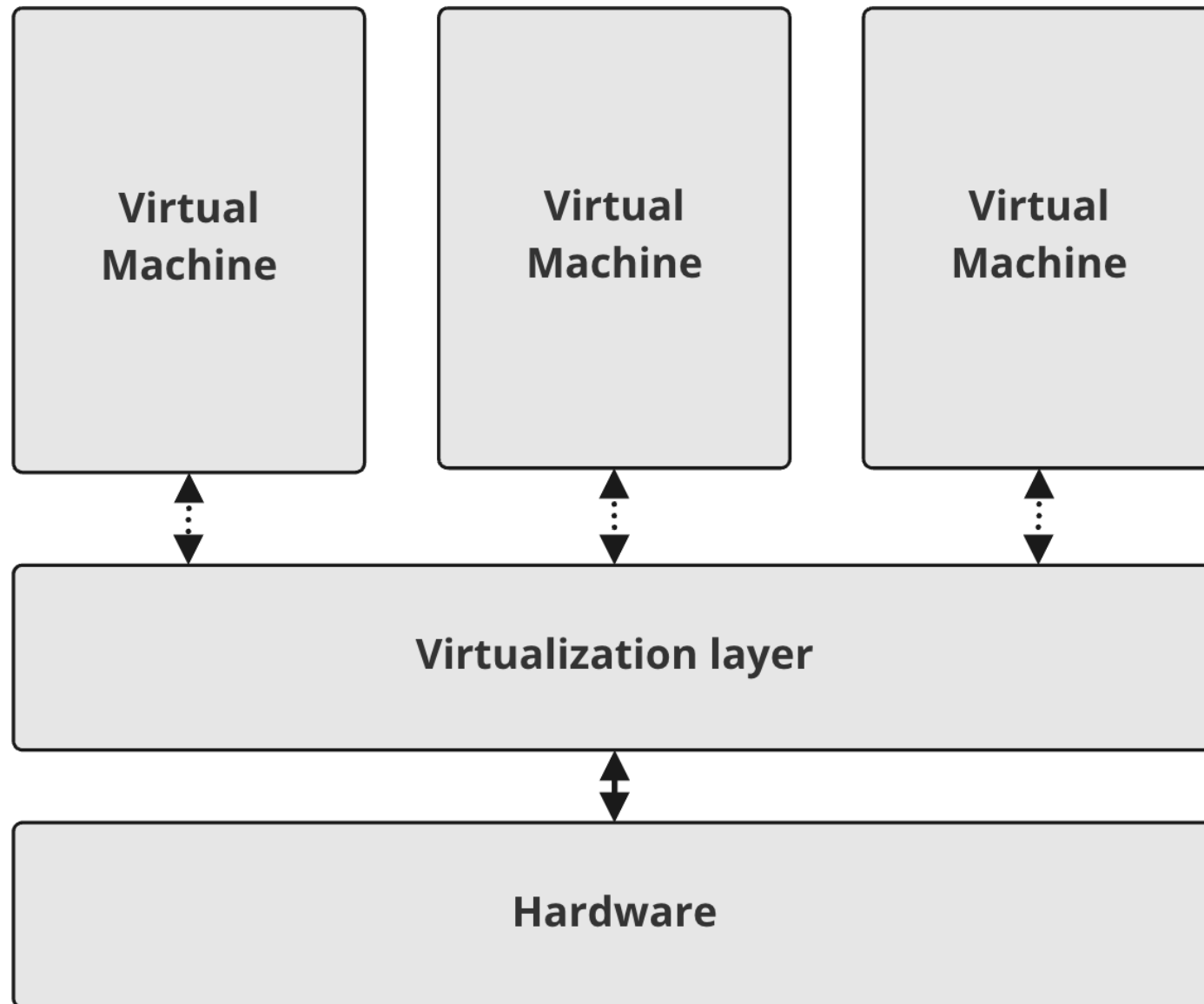


With Virtualization

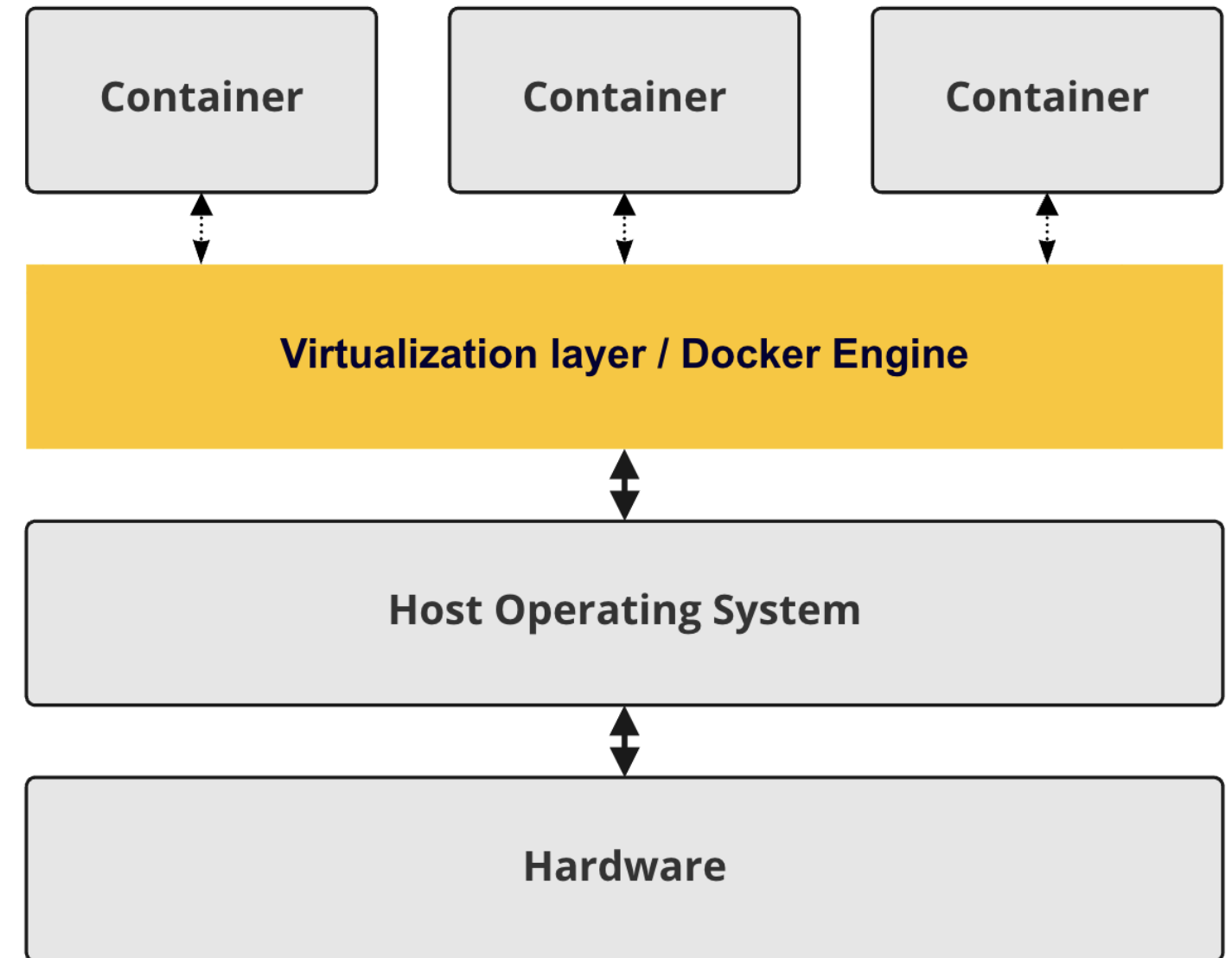


Containers vs Virtual Machines

Virtual Machines

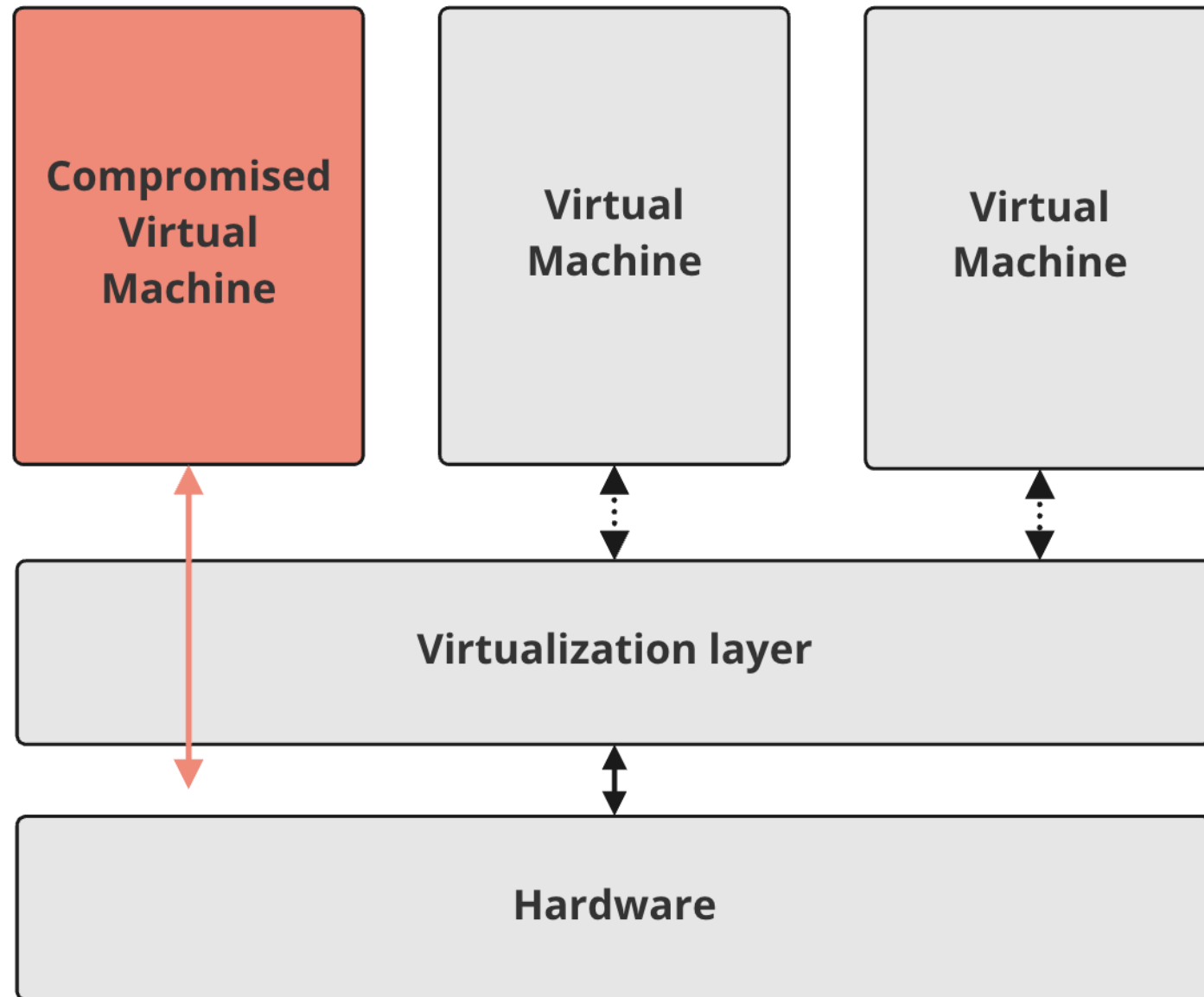


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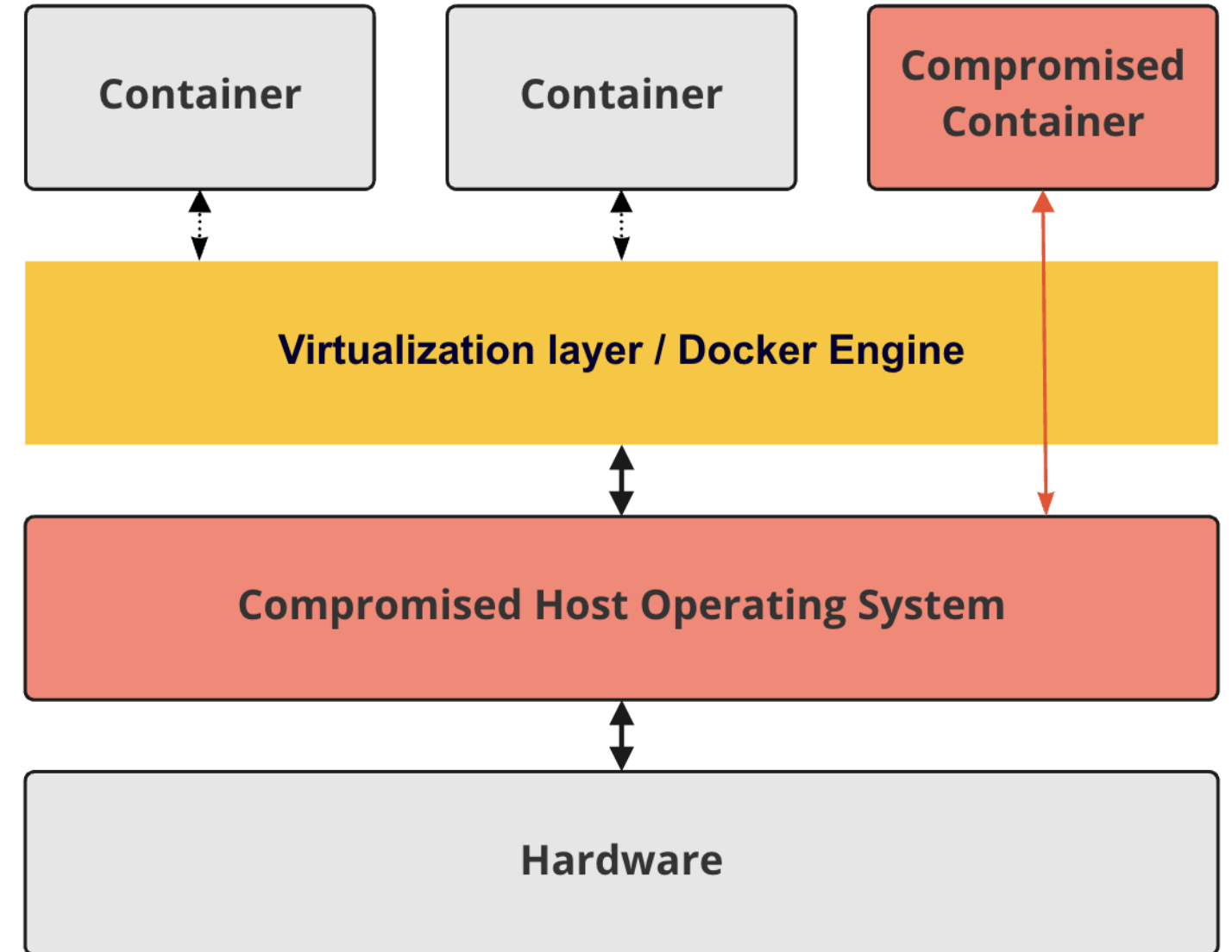


Security of Virtualization

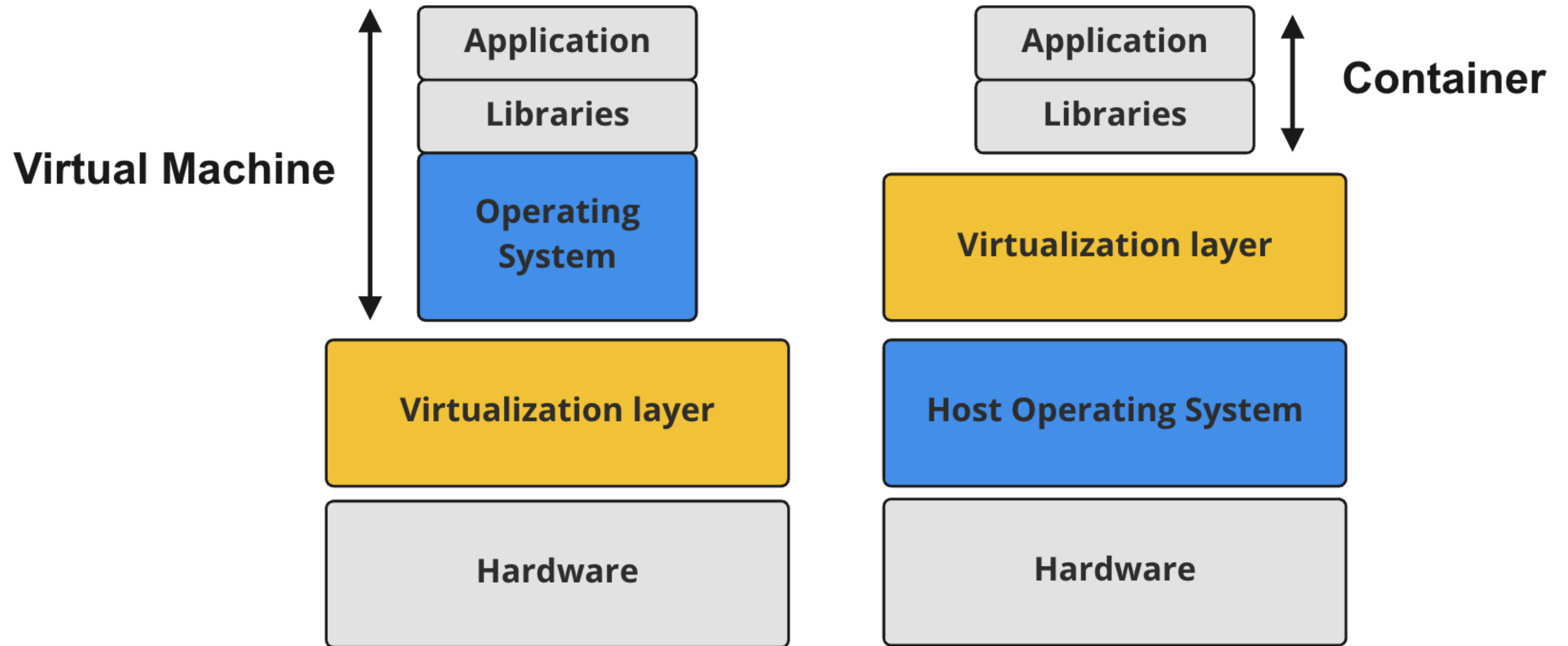
VMs have no lower layer to access



Attacker breaks out of container



Containers are lightweight



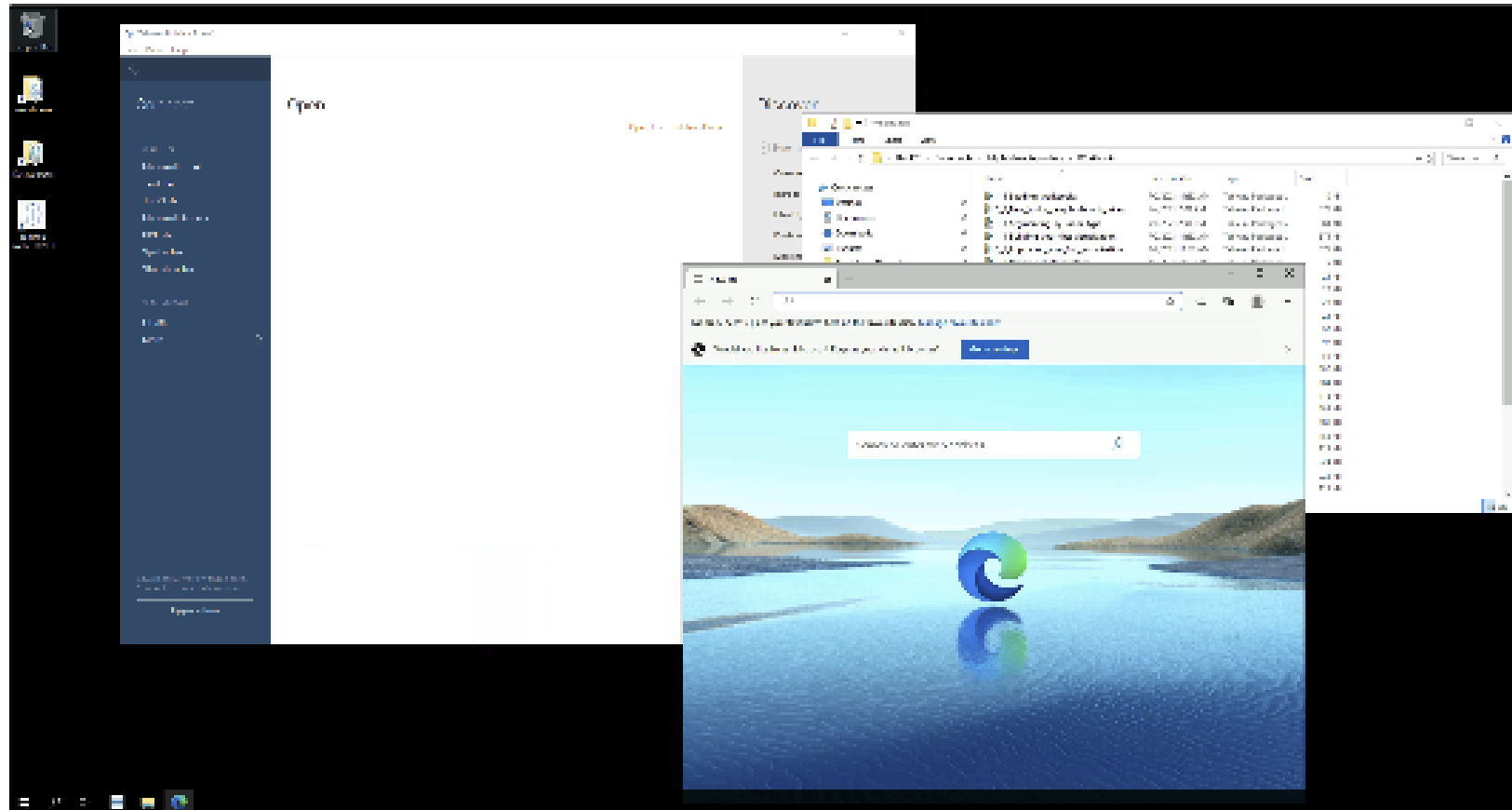
Advantages of containers

Because of their smaller size containers

- Are faster to
 - Start
 - Stop
 - Distribute
 - To change or update
- Have a large ecosystem of pre-made containers

Advantages of Virtual Machines

Graphical User Interface (GUI)



Command Line Interface (CLI)

```
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/# ls
bin boot dev etc home lib media mnt opt proc root run sbin srv sys tmp usr var
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/# cd tmp
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/tmp# ls
my_folder
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/tmp# cd my_folder/
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/tmp/my_folder# ls -ld
.  ..  example.txt
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/tmp/my_folder# rm example.txt
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/tmp/my_folder# ls
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/tmp/my_folder# cd /
root@47ac41fb1ff3:/#
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