

Open Education Template - developer's guide

Introduction

This document is intended to assist the jupyter notebook template developers in understanding and contributing to the templates.

The OPE project is an initiative towards making education open source, and to achieve highly interactive teaching and presentation material.

- Prof. Jonathan Appavoo's talk <https://research.redhat.com/events/steps-toward-open-source-education/>

Implementation

From the implementation perspective, the project has two significant components.

Infrastructure/templates

Provide required support for the textbook content, building source-to-image builder image/templates for the jupyter notebooks.

- <https://github.com/OPEFFORT/ope/tree/container-redhat>
- <https://github.com/jappavoo/UndertheCovers/tree/container>

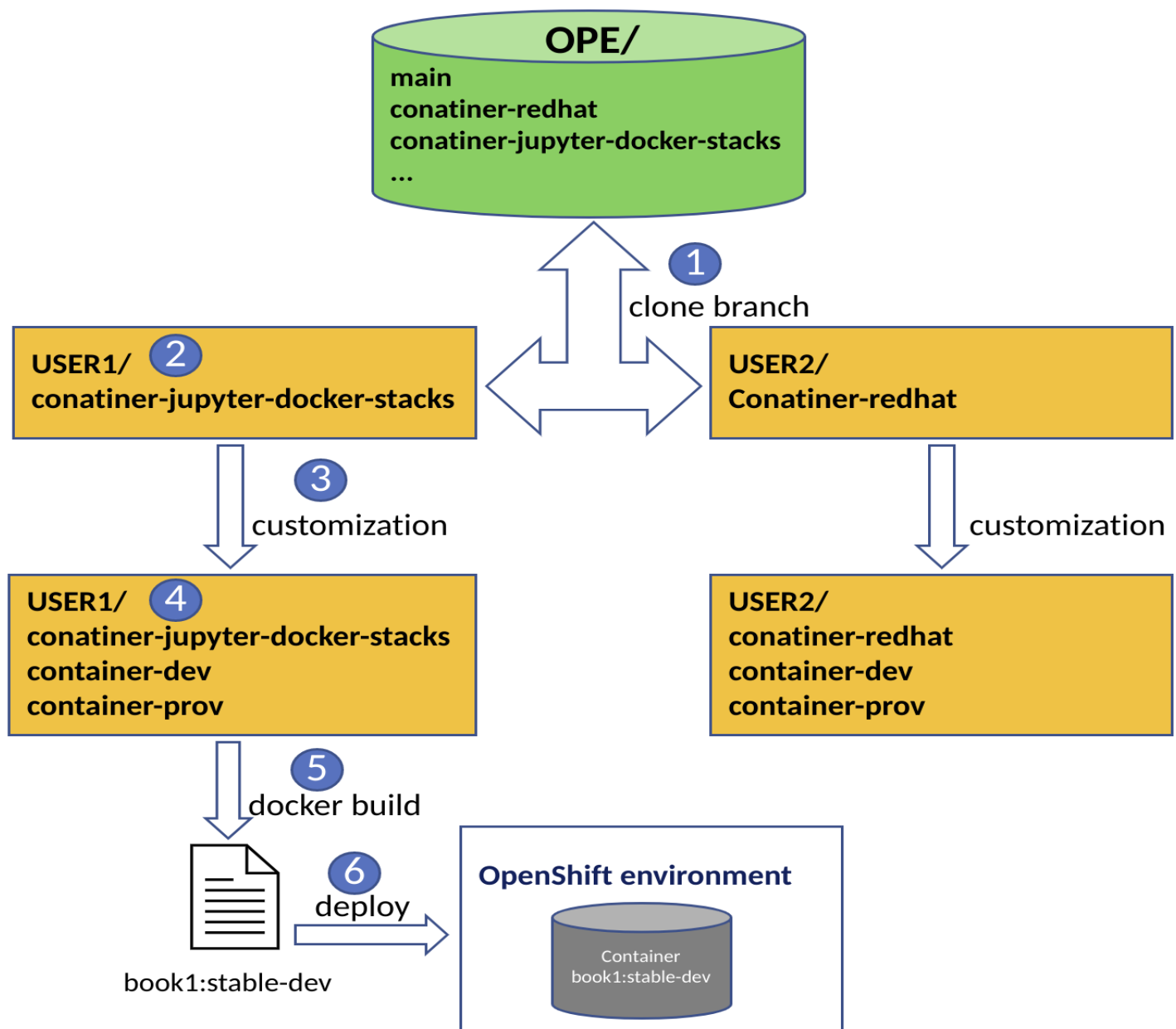
Textbook content

Actual teaching material based on JupyterBook with rich presentations etc.

- <https://github.com/jappavoo/UndertheCovers/tree/main>
- <https://github.com/okrieg/openos>

Developing a new textbook template - stages

[OPE repo](#) contains the fedora-based and ubuntu based templates as branches for the jupyter notebook builder-image. This is the starting point and the subsequent steps are as below:

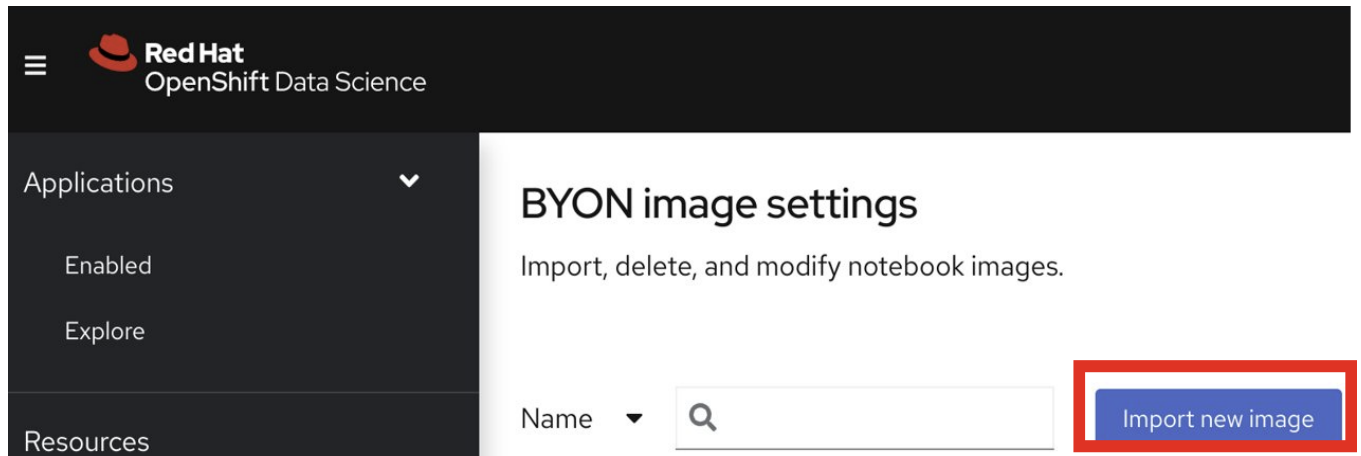


1. Choose the required base template i.e fedora or ubuntu based images. Clone the respective branch to your local repository.
2. Update configurations related to target image registry, docker image tags etc. Add new layers to the Dockerfile to include additional libraries and other configurations to meet the requirements.
 - a. **Configure the resulting builder image tag:**
Update the respective files in the base folder to tag your builder image. The format is like below.
ope_book_registry:private_user/ope_book/:stable-<CUST>
 quay.io/<user>/ope_book_fedora:stable-dev
 - b. **Customizing image:**
Customization includes all additional changes that are required in addition to the current image, to cater the requirements. It could be:
 - Adding the additional system libraries
 - New python libraries or updating the version of the current packages
 - Enabling/disabling jupyter extensions
 - Other configurations to the Dockerfile under [stage-one or stage-two](#) that best matches the need

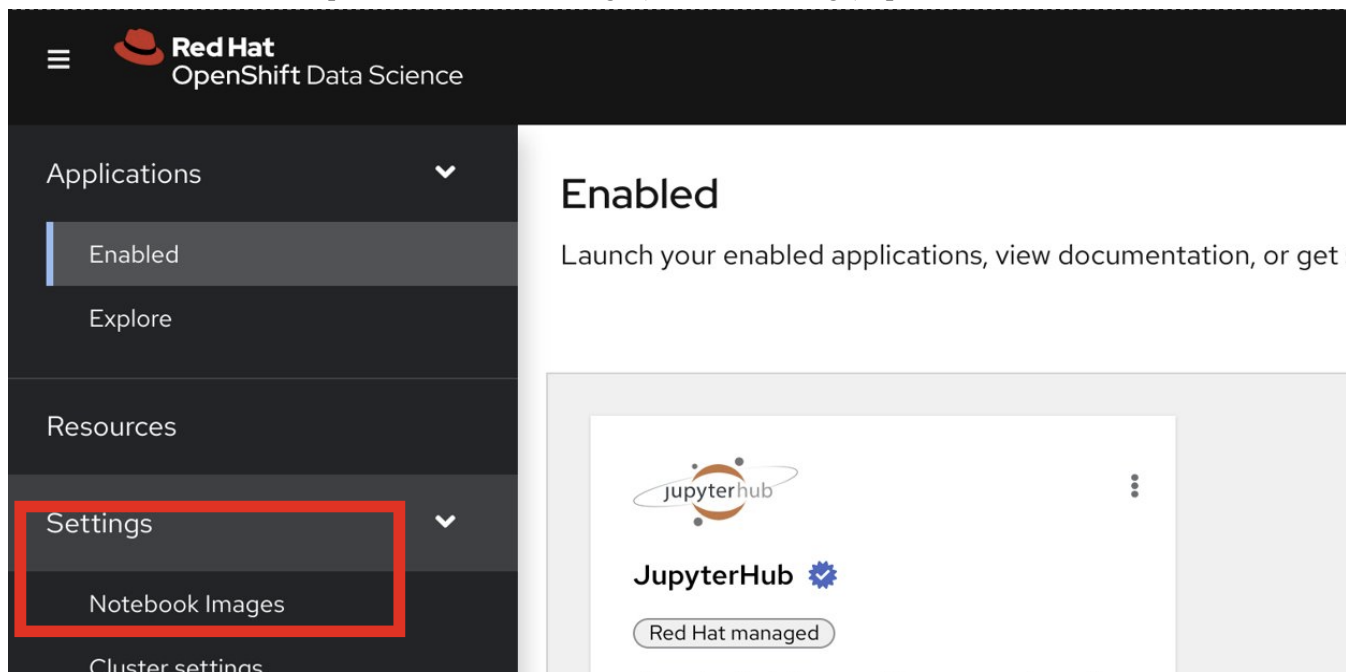
3. Create new branches for every deploying environment like development, staging, test, production. Remember to update uid in the **ope_uid** file with that of the target environment user id.
4. For any target environment say dev, build the docker image with the respective customization (CUST) option.
make CUST=dev build
This is start the docker image build and the final imaged will be tagged as:
ope_book_registry:private_user/ope_book/:stable-<CUST>

Export to docker image registries and make the repository publicly visible.

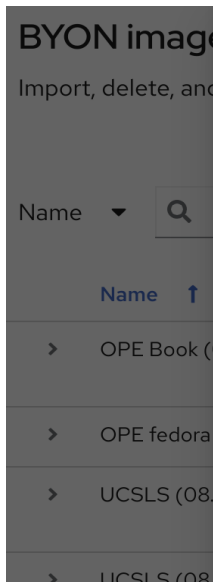
5. Add the new image details in the OpenShift environment and deploy.



- a. Admin access is required to view the settings (to add new image) option the the RHODS environment.



- b. Provide the image registry details and import the image. The repository should be publicly accessible. Launch the Jupyterlab application and the newly imported image will be available in the options.



Import BYON images

Repository *

Repo where byon images are stored.

Name *

Description

Software

Packages

Jupyter notebook templates

We have created a fedora (**container-redhat**) and an ubuntu based (**container-jupyter-docker-stacks**) jupyter notebook template. The container template docker image is built over two stages to achieve better organization and to reduce size.

The dockerfile of these templates includes the two stages as:

```
##### STAGE ONE #####
ARG arg1
ARG arg2
.
.
ARG argn

FROM base_image:tag AS stage-one

RUN layer1
.
.
RUN layern

##### STAGE TWO #####

ARG arg1
.
.
ARG argn

FROM base_image:tag AS stage-two

COPY --from=stage-one <source_path> <dest_path>

RUN layer1
.
.
RUN layern
```

Fedora based template

Source code base - <https://github.com/AbiShanna/ope/tree/container-redhat>

UBI : <https://access.redhat.com/articles/4238681>

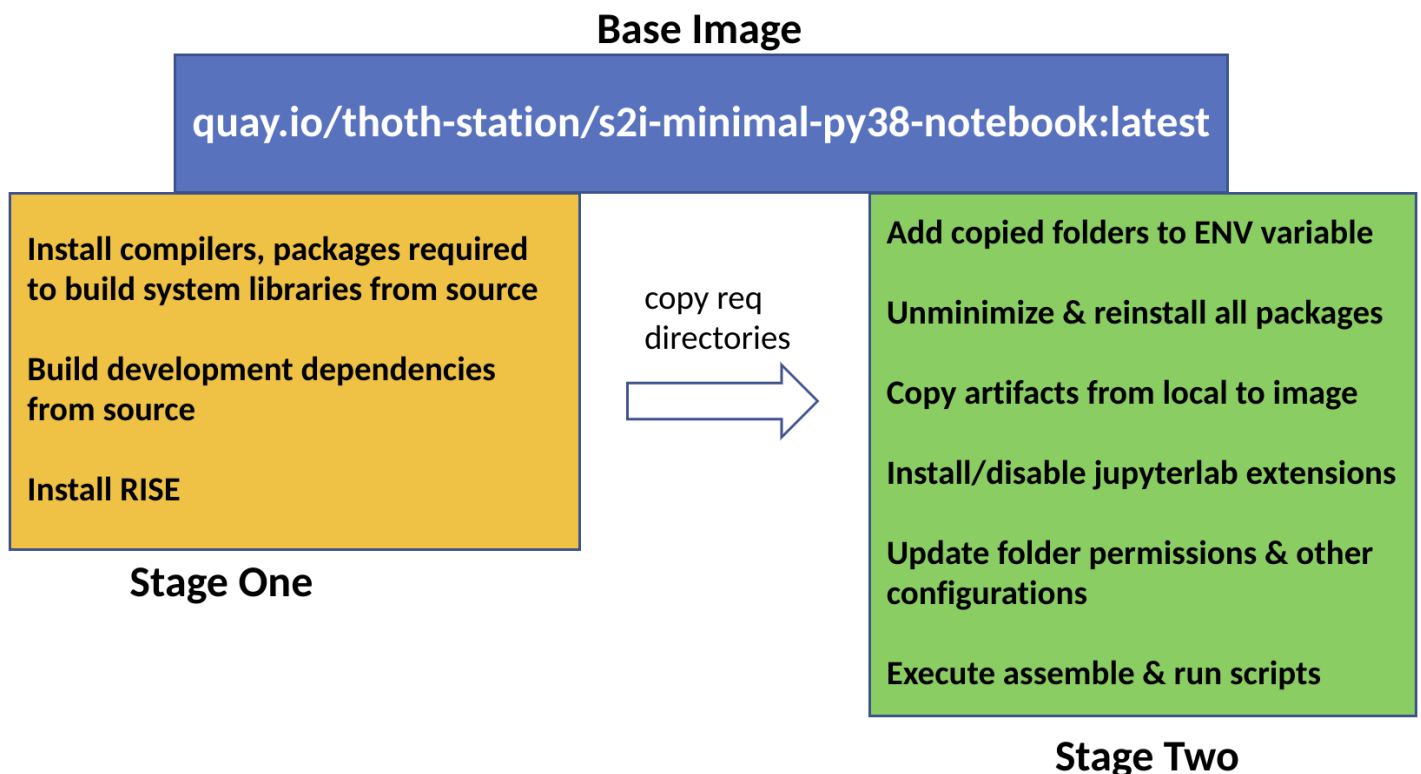
This generic template is built using Red Hat's Universal Base Image (UBI). The base image [s2i-minimal-jupyter-notebook](#) is customized with multiple layers of softwares to support author, build and publish textbooks, extensions to notebook and configurations that can be deployed in an OpenShift managed cloud environment.

To customize and author materials, one can clone the OPE/container branch and can from there create more branches based on the local repo for each environment like development, testing, production etc.

Ubuntu based template

Source code base : <https://github.com/AbiShanna/UndertheCovers/tree/container>.

The ubuntu based template is created using the open source [Jupyter Book project](#) and the [executablebooks/cookiecutter-jupyter-book template](#). The below diagram represents the stages for the ubuntu-based jupyter template <https://github.com/OPEFFORT/ope/tree/container-redhat>



Understanding the artifacts involved in the build step

Both the fedora and the ubuntu based repository has the following folder structure.

The build command invokes the actual docker build process with a list of arguments passed from multiple configuration files. The assemble and run scripts are from the s2i-minimal-notebook image of thoth-station. The assemble script installs the provided list of python libraries, basic jupyterlab extensions and the run script is executed during the run time which creates the user account, sets the required folder structure etc.

Source-to-image:

Source-to-image is a framework for building reproducible container images from source code. S2I produces ready-to-run images by injecting source code into a container image and creating a new image that runs the assembled application.



The jupyter notebook templates created will be ingested with the textbook content and the final containers will be made available for the students to use.

Reference:

- <https://github.com/openshift/source-to-image>
- https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/3.11/dev_guide/migrating_applications/S2I_tool.html

Makefile Targets

We are utilizing the make tool to efficiently build, run, tag and publish the jupyter notebook s2i builder image.

- **build** - builds the custom s2i builder image

```
[abiramidhayalan@fedora ope]$ make CUST=base build
docker build --build-arg FROM_REG=quay.io/ --build-arg FROM_IMAGE=thoth-station/s2i-thoth-f34-py39 --build-arg FROM_TAG=:latest --build-arg OPE_UID=1000960000 --build-arg OPE_GID=0 --build-arg OPE_GROUP=root --buil
d-arg ADDITIONAL_DISTRO_PACKAGES="make automake gcc ncurses-devel vim file man-db less findutils bc libasan libubsan acl cmake gcc-c++ openssl openssl-devel elfutils-libelf socat libgcc.1686 libedit-devel.1686 g
lib2 pango cairo atk cairo-gobject gdk-pixbuf2" --build-arg JUPYTER_ENABLE_EXTENSIONS="spellchecker/main splitcell/splitcell hide_input_all/main hide_input/main" --build-arg JUPYTER_DISABLE_EXTENSIONS="@jupyterlab/
fileeditor-extension:plugin @jupyterlab/filebrowser-extension:widget @jupyterlab/filebrowser-extension:browser @jupyterlab/filebrowser-extension:download @jupyterlab/filebrowser-extension:open-browser-tab @jupyterl
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pector @jupyterlab/inspector-extension:notebooks @jupyterlab/shortcuts-extension:shortcuts " --build-arg BUILD_SRC="gmp=https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/gmp/gmp-6.2.1.tar.xz texinfo=https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/texinfo/texinfo-6
.8.tar.gz gdb=https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/gdb/gdb-12.1.tar.gz m4=https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/m4/m4-1.4.tar.gz bison=https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/bison/bison-3.8.tar.gz readline=https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/readline/readline-8.1.tar.
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nd-3.20.0.tar.bz2" --build-arg UNMIN=yes --build-arg MOUNT_DIR=/opt/app-root/src --rm --force-rm -t quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora:stable-base base
```

- **push** - append timestamp to current image and push to private registry mentioned in private_registry:private_user files under base.

```
[abiramidhayalan@fedora ope]$ make CUST=base push
docker tag quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora:stable-base quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora:stable-base_12.02.22_17.30.28
docker push quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora:stable-base_12.02.22_17.30.28
The push refers to repository [quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora]
28984d4e43e4: Pushing [=====] 5.632kB
5f52927b32e1: Preparing
```

- **publish** - tag current image as ope_book_registry/ope_book_user/ope_book files under base directory along with a timestamp and push it like below.

```
[abiramidhayalan@fedora ope]$ make CUST=base publish
docker tag quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora:stable-base quay.io/opeffort/ope_book_fedora:stable-base_12.02.22_17.30.43
docker push quay.io/opeffort/ope_book_fedora:stable-base_12.02.22_17.30.43
The push refers to repository [quay.io/opeffort/ope_book_fedora]
```

- **pull** - pull the most recent public image

```
[abiramidhayalan@fedora ope]$ make CUST=base pull
docker pull quay.io/opeffort/ope_book_fedora:stable-base
```

- **pull-priv** - pulls the most recent private image

```
[abiramidhayalan@fedora ope]$ make CUST=base pull-priv
docker pull quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora:stable-base
```

- **root** - executes the private image as root user like below.

```
[abiramidhayalan@fedora ope]$ make CUST=base root
docker run -it --rm -u 0 quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora:stable-base /bin/bash
(app-root) id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

- **user** - executes the private image as the default user

```
[abiramidhayalan@fedora ope]$ make CUST=base user
docker run -it --rm quay.io/rh_ee_adhayala/ope_book_fedora:stable-base /bin/bash
(app-root) id
uid=1000960000(default) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
(app-root) █
```

- **run** - starts published version with jupyter lab interface
- **run-priv** - starts private version with jupyter lab interface

Notes specific to fedora image:

- These images are aimed to be deployed in an OpenShift managed cloud environment. The default home directory of the s2i images will be '/opt/app-root/src'. The persistent volume provided by the environment is also by default mapped to the same '/opt/app-root/src' directory.
- Understanding micropipenv:

Unlike the Ubuntu based image, where we list the python libraries with versions to be installed, the s2i process utilizes a new wrapper tool called *micropipenv* to handle the installations. 'Pipfile', 'Pipfile.lock' is parsed by Thamos tool. After checking it installs the listed libraries.

- Understanding the Thamos tool:
Project Thoth of Red Hat can resolve python software packages to the "greatest" library version. Thoth offers a recommendation based on security, latest versions, performance etc, to determine the "greatest" version based on different criteria, which guides the installation process. Thoth periodically fetches the database of known vulnerabilities and automatically blocks the resolution of software package versions that are prone to security vulnerabilities.

Thamos is a command-line interface tool to connect with thoth and to perform the static source code analysis/package dependency resolution. Thamos cli is available in the s2i images by default. The thamos engine looks for the requirements.txt/lockfile and runs the advisor to check for issues.

Reference:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvURYXd2Oe4&t=1120s>

- Understanding the user id management in OpenShift environment:

When a Project/Namespace is created, by default OpenShift assigns a UID. Every instance of the jupyter notebook deployed in this namespace will map to the same UID.

Reference:

https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/3.11/admin_guide/manage_users.html

<https://cloud.redhat.com/blog/a-guide-to-openshift-and-uids>

- Understanding the ‘generate_container_user’ script present under ‘*/opt/app-root/etc*’

During the execution of ‘run’ script, if the current user is not root/default(1001), this script creates an entry to /etc/passwd with no home directory and sets the required permissions.

Notes specific to Ubuntu image:

- Jovyan user:

The default user of the docker image is jovyan with uid 1000. During build time, we update this uid with the base/ope_uid to match the target environment user id.

- Different persistent volume mapping:

The base image is container-jupyter-docker-stacks which is not of s2i format. The default home directory is /home/jovyan which is different from the OpenShift’s /opt/app-root/src’. The start-notebook.sh script of the jupyter stacks is modified to handle the persistent volume mapping to the user home directory.

Other resources

- Open Education (OPE) repository - <https://github.com/OPEFFORT/ope>
- Open Education Documentation repository - <https://github.com/AbiShanna/Ope-Documentation>
- Underthecovers ubuntu source - <https://github.com/jappavoo/UndertheCovers/tree/container>
- BU CAS CS210 course material repository of Prof. Jonathan Appavoo - <https://github.com/jappavoo/UndertheCovers>