

# Running LLMs Locally With Docker Model Runner

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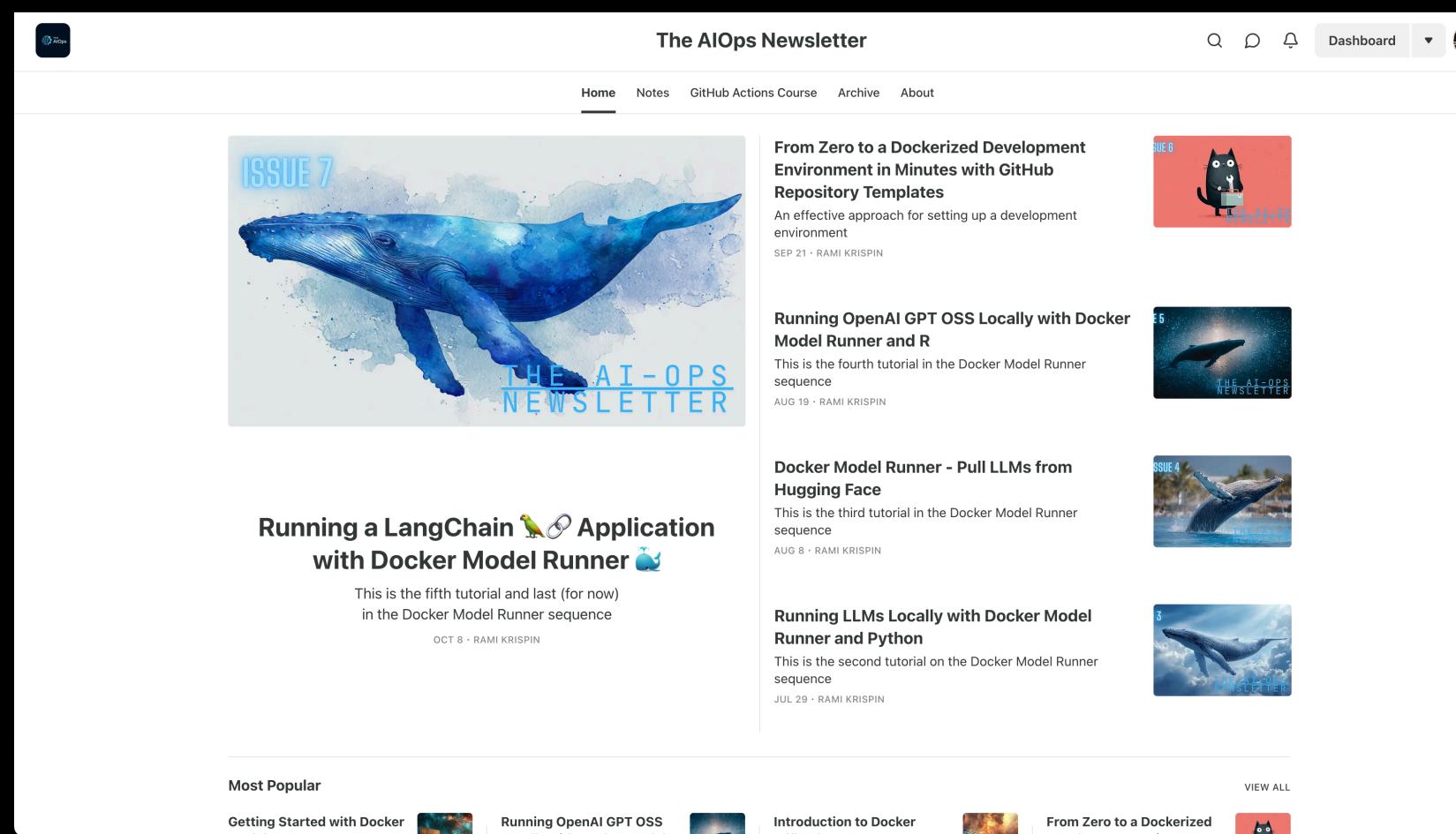


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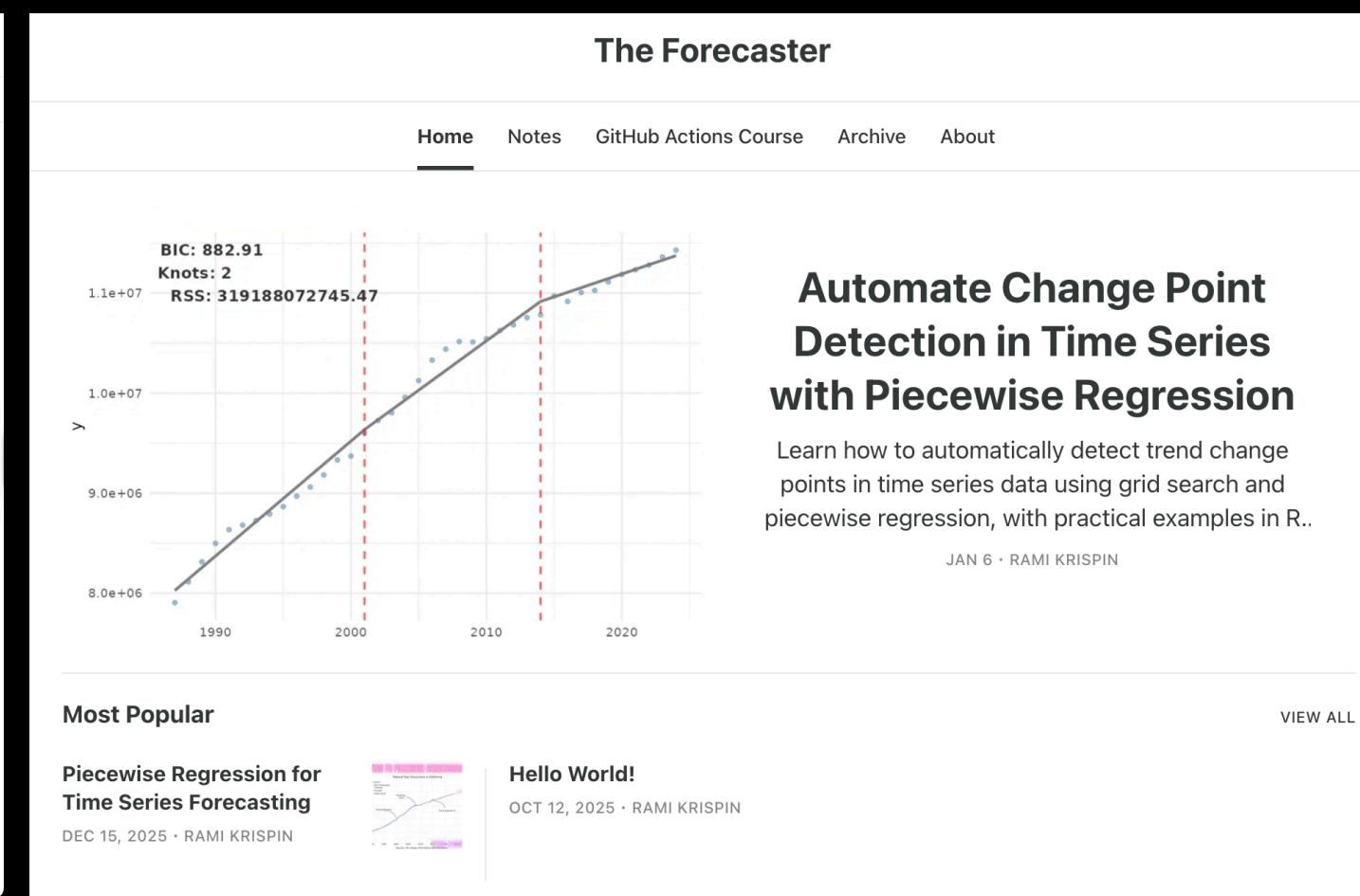
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# Agenda

- Introduction to DMR
- Setup
- Pull LLMs from Docker Hub & Hugging Face
- Running LLMs via the CLI
- Running LLMs with R
- OpenCode

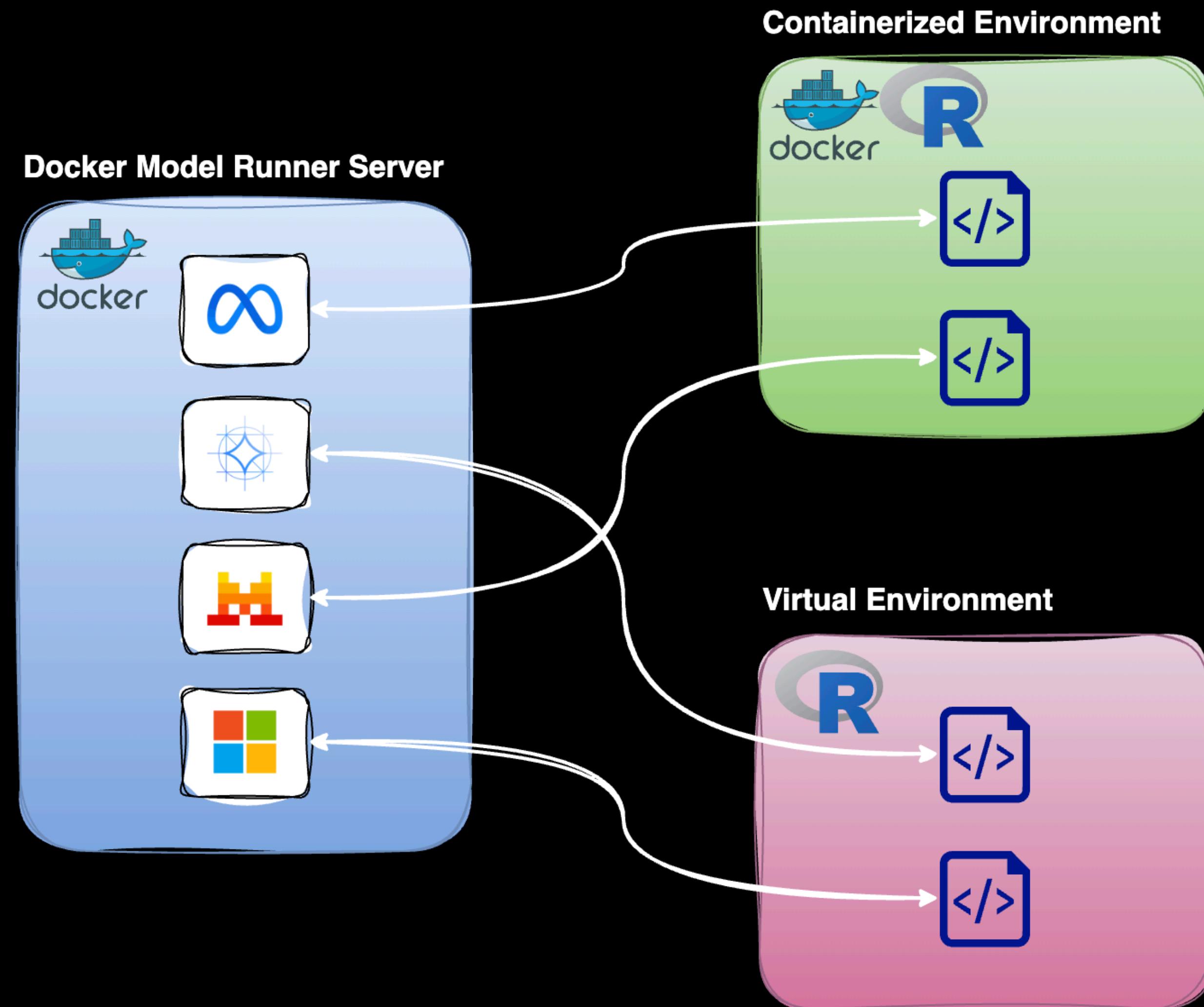
# Poll

- Docker
- OpenAI Python SDK
- Ellmer

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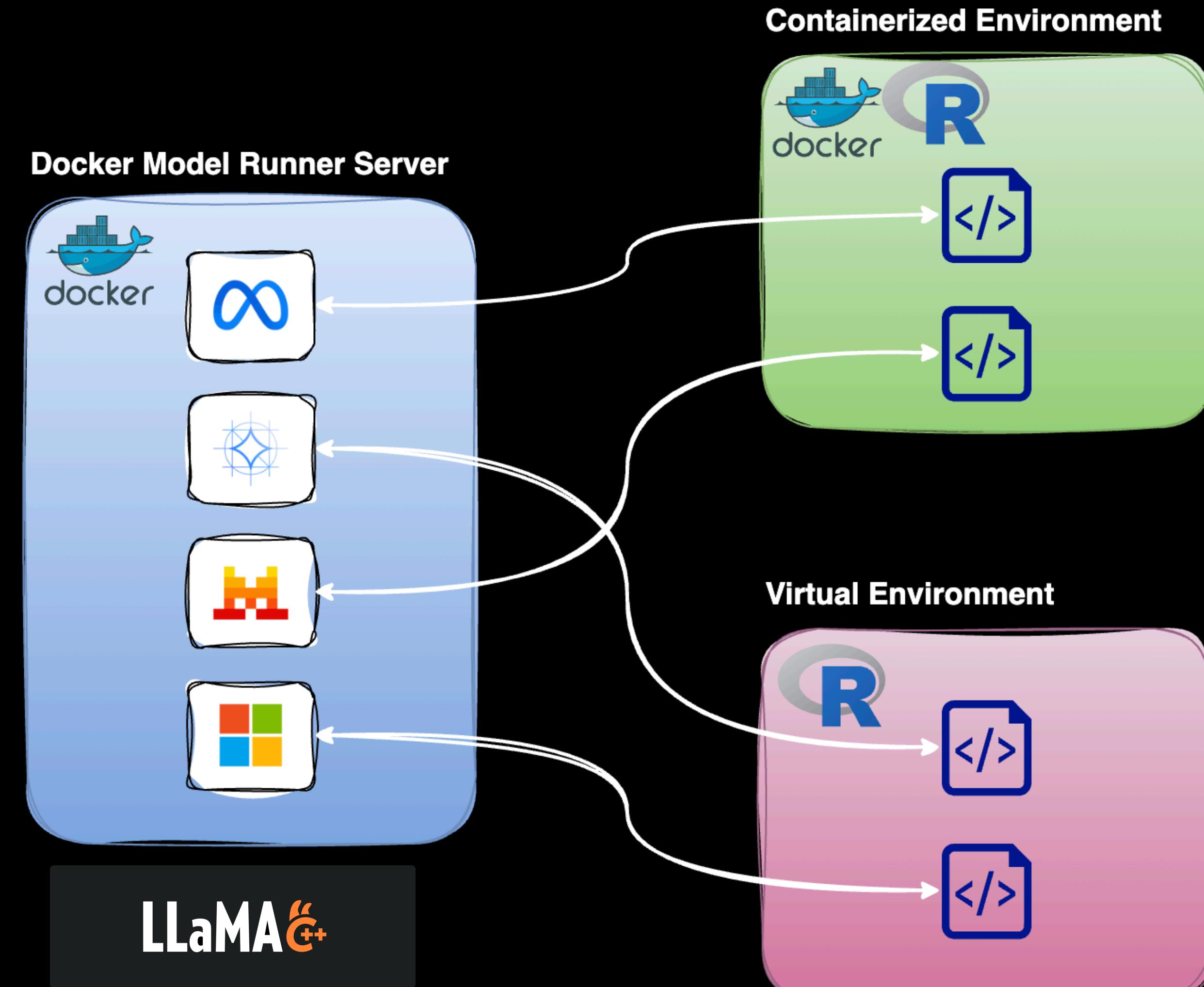
**DMR Doesn't Require Prior Docker Knowledge**

# Introduction to DMR



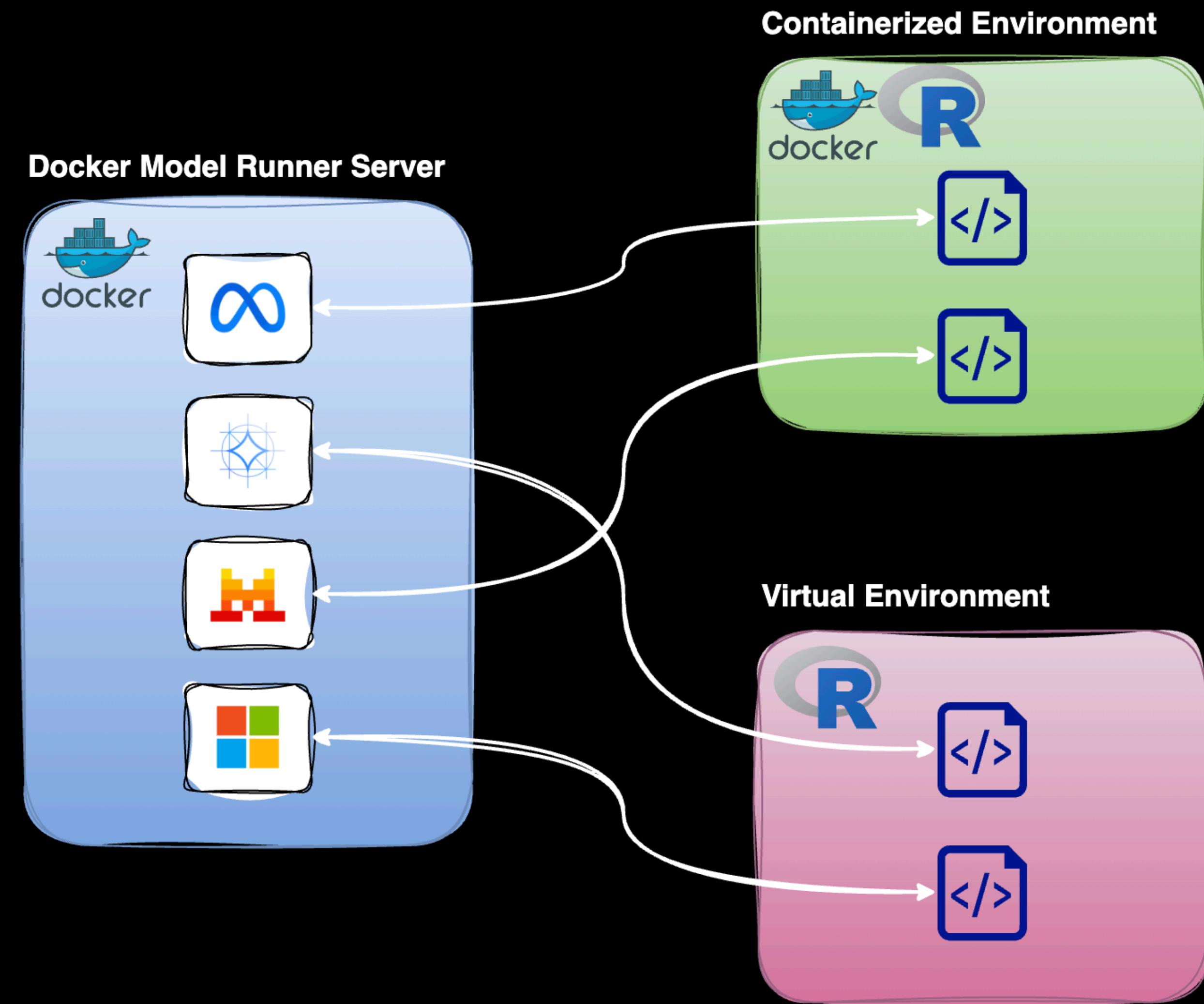
# Introduction to DMR

- Docker Desktop feature
- Based on Llama.cpp
- Easy to setup and use
- Open Container Initiative
- Supports GGUF format
- OpenAI API SDK compatible



# Applications

- Local development of AI applications
- Running local AI applications (local AI agents, code generation, etc.)
- Privacy



# DMR Backend



# General Requirements

- Docker Engine (Linux)
- Docker Desktop 4.40 (Mac) or 4.41 (Windows)
- Docker Hub account
- Hugging Face API key (optional)
- OpenCode (optional)
- Local computational resources

# Setup

# Setup

The screenshot shows the Docker Desktop website and application. At the top, there's a banner with a 'New' badge, a message about Docker + E2B, and links for Docs, Get Support, and Contact Sales. Below the banner is the Docker logo and a navigation bar with AI, Products, Developers, Pricing, Support, Blog, and Company dropdowns, along with a search icon, Sign In, and Get Started buttons. The main heading on the page is 'The #1 containerization software for developers and teams'. Below it, a subtext says 'Streamline development with Docker Desktop's powerful container tools.' Two buttons are visible: 'Choose plan' and 'Download Docker Desktop'. A large pink arrow points to the 'Download Docker Desktop' button. At the bottom, a screenshot of the Docker Desktop application interface is shown, featuring a sidebar with 'Containers', 'Images', 'Volumes', 'Builds', and 'Dev Environments' options, and a main panel displaying container usage statistics and a list of running containers.

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Streamline development with Docker Desktop's powerful container tools.

Choose plan Download Docker Desktop

Containers Images Volumes Builds Dev Environments

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Container CPU usage 0.01% / 1200% (12 CPUs allocated)

Container memory usage 249.6MB / 7.47 GB

Search Only show running containers

Name	Container ID	Image	Port(s)	Last started	CPU %	Actions

# Setup

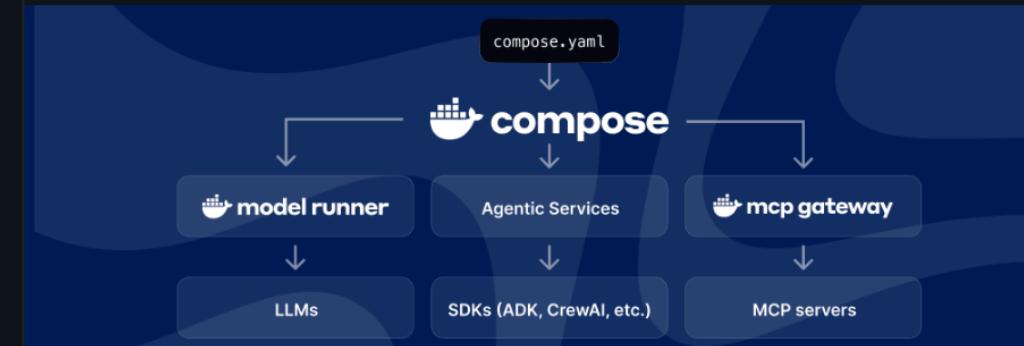


The screenshot shows the Docker Hub homepage. At the top, there's a blue header bar with the Docker Hub logo, a search bar, and navigation links for 'Sign in' and 'Sign up'. Below the header is a large purple banner with the text 'Docker Hardened Images - Secure & Compliant' and a subtext: 'Enterprise-grade Docker images with built-in security, compliance, and continuous updates. Minimize vulnerabilities and deploy with confidence.' A 'Visit catalog now' button is located in the center of the banner.

On the left side, there's a sidebar with several categories:

- Generative AI**
  - AI Models
  - MCP Servers
- Trusted content**
  - Docker Hardened Images
  - Docker Official Images
  - Verified Publisher
  - Sponsored OSS
- Categories**
  - Networking
  - Security
  - Languages & frameworks

The main content area features three spotlight sections:

- AI MEETS COMPOSE**  
**Build AI Agents Faster with Docker Compose**  
Use the workflow you know to develop and deploy across local, cloud, and multi-cloud environments with Docker Compose.  

- MCP**  
**E2B + Docker: Trusted AI**  
Every E2B sandbox includes direct access to Docker's MCP Catalog, a collection of 200+ tools such as GitHub, Perplexity, Browserbase, and ElevenLabs, all enabled by the Docker MCP Gateway.  

- SOFTWARE SUPPLY CHAIN**  
**Secure Your Supply Chain with Docker Hardened Images**  
Use Docker's enterprise-grade base images: secure, stable, and backed by SLAs for Ubuntu, Debian, Java, and more. Regularly scanned and maintained with CVE remediation and long-term support.  


At the bottom, there are sections for 'Machine Learning & AI' and 'Languages & frameworks', each with a 'IMAGE + 1 MODE' button.

# Setup

The screenshot shows the Hugging Face homepage with a dark theme. On the right side, a user profile dropdown menu is open for the user "RamiKrispin". The menu includes options like "Profile", "Notifications", "Inbox (0)", and several "New" buttons for creating new models, datasets, spaces, etc. A yellow arrow points to the "Access Tokens" option in the bottom section of the menu.

**Hugging Face** Search models, datasets, users...

Models Datasets Spaces Community Docs Enterprise Pricing

**RamiKrispin**

- + New
- Profile
- Inbox (0)
- Settings
- Billing
- Get PRO

**My activity**

- All Models Datasets Spaces Papers Collections Community Posts Upvotes Likes Articles

Updated 2 Spaces over 1 year ago  
My Streamlit

Updated 2 Spaces almost 2 years ago  
Shiny for Python template

Liked a model about 2 years ago  
Deci/DeciLM-6b-instruct

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- All Models Datasets

deepseek-ai/DeepSeek OCR Demo  
PaddlePaddle/PaddlePaddle  
tencent/Hunyuai  
krea/krea-real  
HuggingFaceFW/HuggingFaceFW  
DeepSeek OCR Demo  
veo3.1-fast  
DeepSite v3  
Wan2.2 Animate  
karpathy/fineweb-edu-100b-shuffle  
nick007x/github-code-2025

Create organization

Usage Quota

Private Storage 0 GB/100 GB  
Zero GPU 0/4 min  
Inference Usage \$0.00 / \$0.10  
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Settings

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# Setup

## opencode

- Intro
- Config
- Providers
- Enterprise
- Troubleshooting

Usage

- TUI
- CLI
- IDE
- Zen
- Share
- GitHub
- GitLab

Configure

- Tools
- Rules
- Agents
- Models
- Themes
- Keybinds
- Commands
- Formatters
- Permissions
- LSP Servers

### Install

The easiest way to install OpenCode is through the install script.

```
curl -fsSL https://opencode.ai/install | bash
```

You can also install it with the following commands:

Using Node.js

NPM    BUN    PNPM    YARN

```
npm install -g opencode-ai
```

Using Homebrew on macOS and Linux

```
brew install sst/tap/opencode
```

Using Paru on Arch Linux

```
paru -S opencode-bin
```

# Setup

```
ramikrispin ~ ⟳ 17:06 ⟳ docker login
Authenticating with existing credentials... [Username: rkrispin]

ℹ Info → To login with a different account, run 'docker logout' followed by 'docker login'

Login Succeeded

ramikrispin ~ ⟳ 17:07 ⟳ hf auth login --token $HF_TOKEN
The token has not been saved to the git credentials helper. Pass `add_to_git_credential=True` in this
function directly or `--add-to-git-credential` if using via `hf` CLI if you want to set the git credential
as well.
Token is valid (permission: fineGrained).
The token `DMR Workshop` has been saved to /Users/ramikrispin/.cache/huggingface/stored_tokens
Your token has been saved to /Users/ramikrispin/.cache/huggingface/token
Login successful.
Note: Environment variable `HF_TOKEN` is set and is the current active token independently from the tok
en you've just configured.
```

# Setup

The screenshot shows the Docker Desktop settings interface in dark mode. The left sidebar lists various sections: General, Resources, Docker Engine, Builders, **AI**, Kubernetes, Software updates, Extensions, Beta features, Notifications, and Advanced. The AI section is highlighted with a pink rectangle and has a teal arrow pointing to it from the left. The main content area is titled 'AI' and contains the sub-section 'Docker Model Runner'. It includes a note about beta AI features and links to feedback. Two checkboxes are present: 'Enable Docker Model Runner' (checked) and 'Enable host-side TCP support' (checked). The 'Port' field is set to '12434'. A blue callout bubble points to the 'Port' field with the text: 'In case you have NVIDIA GPUs - enable it'.

Search settings

**AI**

Settings for beta AI features can be found [here](#).

**Docker Model Runner**

Enable Docker Model Runner [Give feedback](#)

Enable GPU-accelerated inference engines on /var/run/docker.sock and model-runner.docker.internal:80  
Note: Inference engine support may take a few minutes to initialize.

Enable host-side TCP support

Port

12434

default: 12434

CORS Allowed Origins

Custom

Add origin +

In case you have NVIDIA GPUs - enable it

Close Apply

Engine running RAM 8.26 GB CPU 0.40% Disk: 181.52 GB used (limit 1006.85 GB) > v4.48.0

# Models

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Docker Verified Publisher

Verified Publisher Docker San Francisco, CA, USA https://www.docker.com

**Repositories**

Search by repository name Displaying 1 to 30 of 32 repositories

MODEL	NAME	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	PULLS	STARS	LAST UPDATED
ai/granite-docling	ai/granite-docling	IBM Docker	Granite Docling is a multimodal model for efficient document conversion.	5.7K	1	17 days
ai/moondream2	ai/moondream2	IBM Docker	An open-source visual language model that interprets images via text prompts, fast and powerful.	2.9K	0	17 days
ai/smolvlm	ai/smolvlm	IBM Docker	SmolVLM: lightweight multimodal model for video, image, and text analysis, optimized for devices.	4.1K	2	18 days
ai/granite-4.0-h-small	ai/granite-4.0-h-small	IBM Docker	32B long-context instruct model with RL alignment, IF, tool use, and enterprise optimization.	3.1K	1	25 days
ai/granite-4.0-h-tiny	ai/granite-4.0-h-tiny	IBM Docker	7B long-context instruct model with RL alignment, IF, tool use, and enterprise optimization.	3.1K	2	25 days
ai/granite-4.0-h-micro	ai/granite-4.0-h-micro	IBM Docker	3B long-context instruct model with RL alignment, IF, tool calling, and enterprise readiness.	2.0K	2	25 days

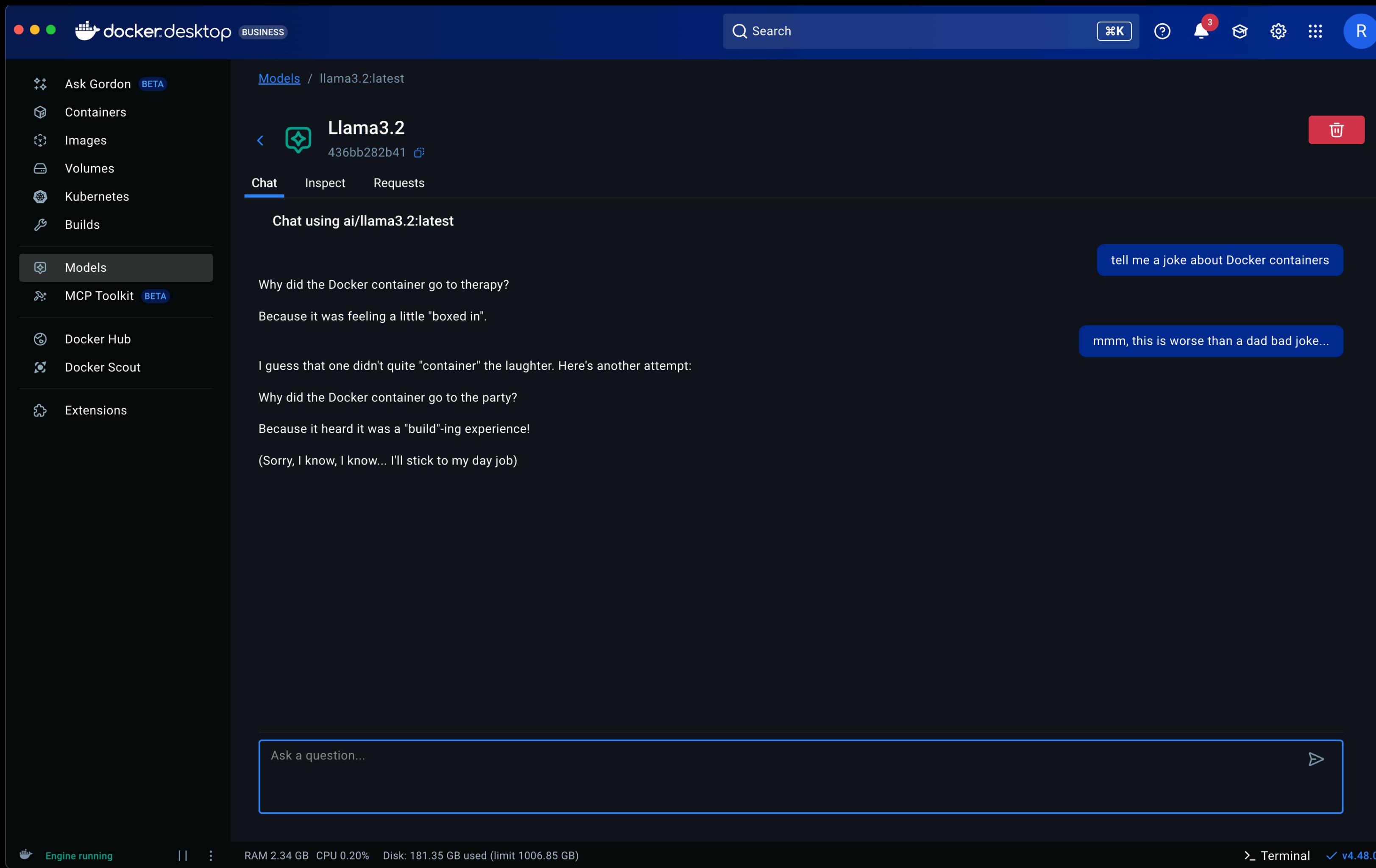
# Models

The screenshot shows the Docker Desktop application interface. The left sidebar has a dark theme with white icons and text. The 'Models' option is selected, highlighted with a grey background. Other options in the sidebar include 'Ask Gordon (BETA)', 'Containers', 'Images', 'Volumes', 'Kubernetes', 'Builds', 'MCP Toolkit (BETA)', 'Docker Hub', 'Docker Scout', and 'Extensions'. The main content area is titled 'Models' and shows a grid of nine Docker Hub model cards. Each card includes the model name, a 'Pull' button, a brief description, download statistics (e.g., 5.7K), and a star rating. A navigation bar at the bottom shows page 1 of 2.

Model Name	Description	Downloads	Stars
granite-docling	Granite Docling is a multimodal model for efficient document conversion.	5.7K	1
moondream2	An open-source visual language model that interprets images via text prompts, fast and powerful.	2.9K	0
smolvlm	SmolVLM: lightweight multimodal model for video, image, and text analysis, optimized for devices.	4.1K	2
granite-4.0-h-small	32B long-context instruct model with RL alignment, IF, tool use, and enterprise optimization.	3.1K	1
granite-4.0-h-tiny	7B long-context instruct model with RL alignment, IF, tool use, and enterprise optimization.	3.1K	2
granite-4.0-h-micro	3B long-context instruct model with RL alignment, IF, tool calling, and enterprise readiness.	2.0K	2
granite-4.0-micro	3B long-context instruct model with RL alignment, IF, tool use, and enterprise optimization.	1.4K	0
devstral-small	Agentic coding LLM (24B) fine-tuned from Mistral-Small-3.1 with a 128K context window	3.5K	2
magistral-small-3.2	24B multimodal instruction model by Mistral AI, tuned for accuracy, tool use & fewer repeats	7.0K	1

# Hello World!

# Running LLMs via Docker Desktop



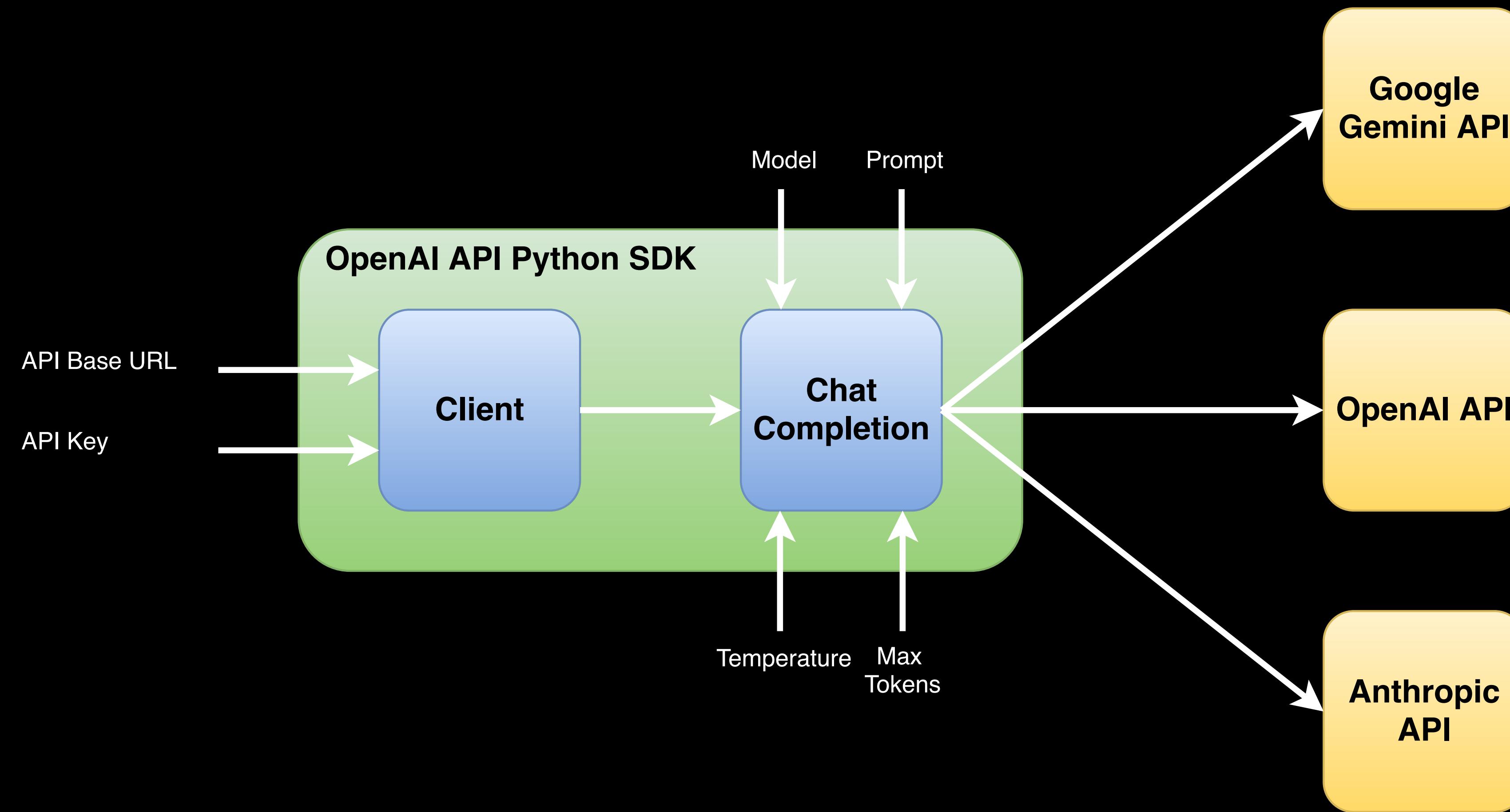
# Running LLMs via the CLI

- CLI core commands
- Running LLMs
- Pull models from Docker Hub
- Pull LLMs from Hugging Face
- Update the context window

# Running LLMs with R

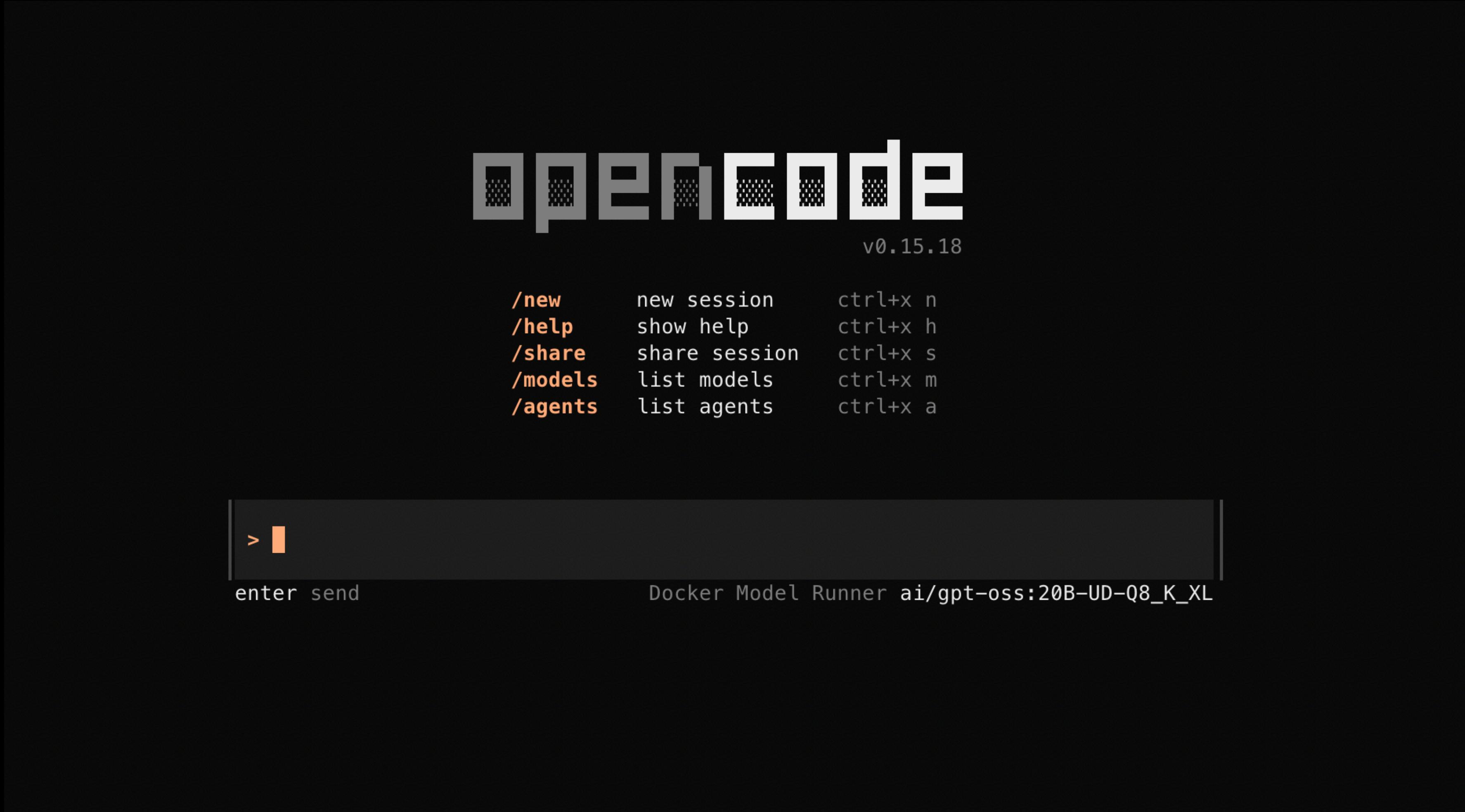
- OpenAI API SDK
- Calling LLMs from Virtual Environment vs. Container
- Ellmer

# OpenAI API SDK



# Demo

# OpenCode



# OpenCode

```
{  
  "$schema": "https://opencode.ai/config.json",  
  "provider": {  
    "dmr": {  
      "npm": "@ai-sdk/openai-compatible",  
      "name": "Docker Model Runner",  
      "options": {  
        // Case using inside a container:  
        // "baseURL": "http://model-runner.docker.internal/engines/v1",  
        // Otherwise use the following base URL:  
        "baseURL": "http://localhost:12434/engines/v1",  
        "apiKey": "docker"  
      },  
      "models": {  
        "ai/gpt-oss:20B-UD-Q8_K_XL": {  
          "name": "ai/gpt-oss:20B-UD-Q8_K_XL"  
        },  
        "ai/llama3.2:3B-Q4_0": {  
          "name": "ai/llama3.2:3B-Q4_0"  
        },  
        "ai/devstral-small:24B": {  
          "name": "ai/devstral-small:24B"  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Resources

- DMR documentation - <https://docs.docker.com/ai/model-runner/>
- Docker podcast - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XryO1Oxb4A>
- Workshop repo - <https://github.com/RamiKrispin/SoCal-RUG-workshop>
- The AIOps Newsletter - <https://theaiops.substack.com/>