Containers







Introduction

What is a Container?

Containers are packages of software that contain all of the necessary elements to run in any environment.

- → software or code functions in exactly the same way regardless of where it's executed (mac/windows, cluster/local)
- → Containers are in many ways similar to virtual machines but more lightweight.
- → Containers can be used to allow others to reproduce a complete analysis
- → Containers can also be used to define software environments and settings for benchmarking studies

Making self-contained, distributable projects with





The battle





runs as a daemon process with superuser privileges

runs as regular user

images stored centrally

image files that you can move around. No layers!

isolates the host and container file system by default

containers have access to host file system

well supported on Mac/Linux/Windows

limited support on Mac/Windows





Standardized packaging for software and dependencies

Docker lets you create and run applications securely isolated in a container, packaged with all its dependencies and libraries.

Docker nomenclature:

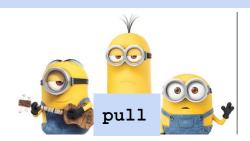
A **Docker file** is a recipe used to build a Docker image

A **Docker image** is a standalone executable package of software

A **Docker container** is a standard unit of software run on the Docker Engine.

Docker Hub is an online service for sharing docker images

The basics



Downloading containers

docker pull ubuntu:latest
docker image ls

Running containers

docker run ubuntu uname -a

Running interactively

docker run -ti ubuntu

- # -t terminal connection btw shell
 # -i interactif
 # -v bind mount volume
 # -w workdir inside the container
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Containers inside scripts



```
shell:
    11 11 11
    bowtie2-build tempfile intermediate/{wildcards.genome id} > {log}
    11 11 11
$curl -o NCTC8325.fa.gz URL to file.fa.gz
$qunzip -c NCTC8325.fa.qz > tempfile
docker run -v /path/to/dir/analysis:/home
quay.io/biocontainers/bowtie2:2.5.0--py310h8d7afc0 0 bowtie2-build
/home/tempfile /home/NCTC832
```

Building a docker image

Format

Here is the format of the Dockerfile:

Comment
INSTRUCTION arguments

FROM
LABEL
MAINTAINER
SHELL
WORKDIR
RUN
ENV
EXPOSE
CMD

. . .

COPY







+ layers !!!



Understanding from Dockerfiles

```
FROM ubuntu:16.04
LABEL description = "Minimal image for the NBIS reproducible research course."
MAINTAINER "John Sundh" john.sundh@scilifelab.se
# Use bash as shell
SHELL ["/bin/bash", "-c"]
# Set workdir
WORKDIR /course
# Install necessary tools
RUN apt-get update && \
  apt-get install -y --no-install-recommends bzip2 \
                         ca-certificates \
                          curl \
                          [...]
                         unzip \
                         wget \
```

&& apt-get clean

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Install necessary tools RUN apt-get update

RUN apt-get clean

```
# Install Miniconda and add to PATH
RUN curl -L https://repo.continuum.io/miniconda/Miniconda3-4.7.12.1-Linux-x86 64.sh -O && \
  bash Miniconda3-4.7.12.1-Linux-x86 64.sh -bf -p /usr/miniconda3/ && \
  rm Miniconda3-4.7.12.1-Linux-x86 64.sh && \
  /usr/miniconda3/bin/conda clean -tipsy && \
  In -s /usr/miniconda3/etc/profile.d/conda.sh /etc/profile.d/conda.sh && \
  echo ". /usr/miniconda3/etc/profile.d/conda.sh" >> ~/.bashrc && \
  echo "conda activate base" >> ~/.bashrc
# Add conda to PATH and set locale
ENV PATH="/usr/miniconda3/bin:${PATH}"
ENV LC ALL en US.UTF-8
ENV LC LANG en US.UTF-8
# Configure Conda channels and install Mamba
RUN conda config --add channels bioconda \
  && conda config --add channels conda-forge \
  && conda config --set channel priority strict \
  && conda install mamba \
  && mamba clean --all
```

Open port for running Jupyter Notebook EXPOSE 8888

Start Bash shell by default CMD /bin/bash

And now it's your turn!

TP: Building from Dockerfiles

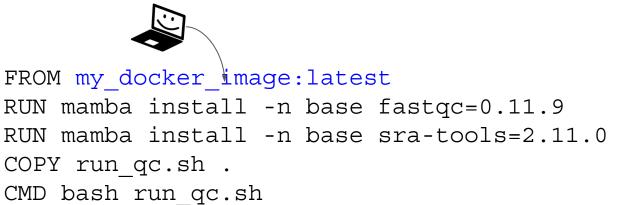
TP: Creating your own Dockerfile

Building from Dockerfiles

```
docker build -f Dockerfile_slim -t my_docker_image .
-f dockerfile recipe name
```

- -t tag
- . /this/path

Creating your own Dockerfile



Managing containers

```
docker run my_docker_conda

# -t terminal connection btw shell
# -i interactif
# -v bind mount volume
# -w workdir inside the container
...
```



docker run -d --rm --name my_container my_docker_conda
-rm remove docker image when run is finished
-d detached



docker containers ls --all

```
# -ls : list
```

--all : show all the containers

check if container is running ...

docker exec -it my_container_ID /bin/bash

@Jacques à dit : un container (avec ce nom) peut avoir runné plusieurs fois pour faire des choses différents... du coup il faut utiliser l'ID qui est unique pour savoir avec qui tu communiques

docker ps

CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES a36ad8e57f0a ubuntu:jammy "bash" 15 minutes ago Up 15 minutes elated_haslett

docker exec a36ad8e57f0a echo "toto"
toto
docker exec elated_haslett echo "coucou"
coucou



Bind mounts



docker run --rm -v HOST:DOCKER_PATH my_docker_conda

```
mkdir -p fastqc_results
docker run --rm -v $(pwd)/fastqc_results:/course/results/fastqc my_docker_conda
## /course/results/ is created by run qc.sh
```

docker run --rm -v HOST:DOCKER PATH my_docker_conda

You can enter into the container and modify script $run_qc.sh$ and run it BUT modifications in $run_qc.sh$ are not saved when you exit

docker run -it --rm -v \$(pwd):/course/ my_docker_conda /bin/bash



Distributing your images

Docker Hub

<u>Quay</u>

Biocontainers

Rocker

Jupyter containers

register into https://hub.docker.com/







Distributing your images

```
# login you (once)
docker login -u your dockerhub id
# build image:1.3.0 can be pushed into dockerhub
# ... run it
docker run -it image:1.3.0
# and recovery image ID (fd8a0825c9c9 in this example)
docker ps
# commit!
docker commit -m "First push" -a "Julie Orjuela" fd8a0825c9c9
your dockerhub id/image:1.3.0
# and push
docker push your dockerhub id/image:1.3.0
# Now image can be download/pull for collaborators from dockerhub
docker pull your dockerhub id/image:1.3.0
```

Packaging the case study

Multiresistant bacteria MRSA. Here we will build and run a Docker container that contains all the work we've done so far.

- We've set up a GitHub repository for version control and for hosting our project.
- We've defined a <u>Conda environment</u> that specifies the packages we're depending on in the project.
- We've constructed a <u>Snakemake workflow</u> that performs the data analysis and keeps track of files and parameters.
- We've written a <u>R Markdown document</u> that takes the results from the Snakemake workflow and summarizes them in a report

```
# explore it :
ls training_reproducible_research/tutorials/containers
drwxrwxr-x 2 orjuela orjuela 4096 juin 5 10:34 code
-rw-rw-r-- 1 orjuela orjuela 1569 juin 5 10:34 config.yml
-rw-rw-r-- 1 orjuela orjuela 2292 juin 5 10:34 Dockerfile
-rw-rw-r-- 1 orjuela orjuela 1824 juin 5 10:34 Dockerfile_slim
-rw-rw-r-- 1 orjuela orjuela 515 juin 5 10:34 environment.yml
-rw-rw-r-- 1 orjuela orjuela 765 juin 5 10:34 run_qc.sh
-rw-rw-r-- 1 orjuela orjuela 6577 juin 5 10:34 Snakefile
```

it install the conda packages listed in environment.yml
CMD => it will run the whole Snakemake workflow

Look the **Dockerfile**

```
# Build it
docker build -t my_docker_project -f Dockerfile
# OR pull it if they are in dockerhub
docker pull nbisweden/workshop-reproducible-research
# Validate
docker image ls
# Reproduce your analysis workflow
docker run -it -p 8888:8888
nbisweden/workshop-reproducible-research \
jupyter notebook --ip=0.0.0.0 --allow-root
```



Singularity Nomenclature

A Singularity definition file (.def) is a recipe used to build a Singularity image

A **Singularity image (.sif)** is the builded container

Singularity Nomenclature

	Docker	Singularity
Base	FROM ubuntu:16.04	Bootstrap: docker From: ubuntu:16.04
people	MAINTAINER "John Sundh" john.sundh@scilifelab.se	
description	LABEL description = "Minimal image for the NBIS reproducible research course."	%labels "Minimal image for the NBIS reproducible research course."
workdir	WORKDIR /course	%post mkdir /course cd /course

Singularity Nomenclature

	Docker	Singularity
Installations	RUN apt-get update && \ apt-get install -yno-install-recommends bzip2 \ ca-certificates \ curl \ [] \ vim \ && apt-get clean	<pre>%post apt-get update -y && \ apt-get install -yno-install-recommends bzip2 \</pre>
set environment	ENV PATH="/usr/miniconda3/bin:\${PATH}" ENV LC_ALL en_US.UTF-8 ENV LC_LANG en_US.UTF-8	%environment PATH="/usr/miniconda3/bin:\$PATH" LC_ALL=en_US.UTF-8 LC_LANG=en_US.UTF-8
execution	CMD /bin/bash	%startscript /bin/bash

Singularity commands

```
# Build a container
singularity build Singularity.sif Singularity.def
# Run a command from a container:
singularity run Singularity.sif echo toto
# Use a container interactively:
singularity shell Singularity.sif
#Get a singularity container from a docker image:
singularity pull mrsa proj.sif
docker://nbisweden/workshop-reproducible-research
```

What/where to use ?

	Docker	Singularity
Limitations	To maintain the Docker engine, Docker daemon needs to be run in the background Docker daemon needs <u>root privileges</u> , which could potentially be a security concern.	Smaller community Not good for windows (a lot of dependencies needed)
Strengths	Docker is suitable for DevOps engineering Docker Hub provides a great number of pre-built Docker images, which is convenient to meet the needs of many applications. Big community Containers strictly isolated from the system	More suitable for scientific users Singularity containers are preferred when running applications in HPC systems. Singularity containers can be run without sudo. Unprivileged users can also use –remote or –fakeroot features to build Singularity containers. Singularity can convert Docker containers to Singularity