# Transitioning from Packer to Docker



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## Overview



### Packer vs Docker, Fight!

- Differences
- Why Switch? When?

### Packer and Docker - Playing Nice

- Transition to Docker
- Hybrid Environments



## Packer - What We've Got Now



### Images for cloud and on-premise

- Near-identical

Source controlled

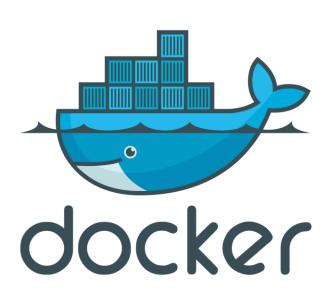
Easy updates, easy rebuilds

Minimal code duplication

- Integration with existing systems



## Docker - What Else Do You Get?



### Binpacking

- Deployment flexibility
- Maximized server utilization

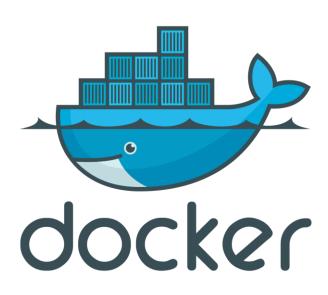
Speed

**Built-In Versioning** 

**Containers - Identical Across Environments** 



## Docker - Disadvantages



### **Orchestration and Scheduling**

- No longer using built-in platform tools

**Monitoring** 

**Service Discovery** 

No Windows Support (yet)



## Should I Switch?

### Stick with Packer

Windows/Linux mixed environment
Simplicity / built-in tooling
Small IT departments
If it ain't broke...

### Move to Docker

Linux-only apps

Minimize per-month infrastructure costs

Perfectly identical environments

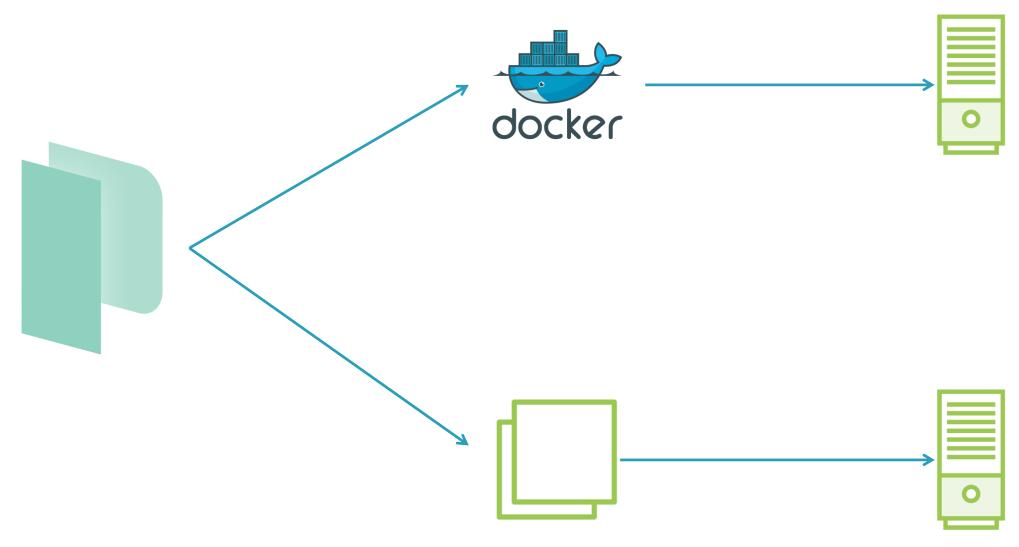
Developer and management support



# Why not both?



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### Docker builder

- Functional, less efficient containers
- Familiar syntax

**Built in parallel** 

**Gradual transition from Packer to Docker** 



## Demo



### **Docker Builder!**

- Export to file
- Push to Docker Hub

**Hybrid Globomantics Middle-Tier** 



# Summary



### Docker

- When, why, how

### **Packer with Docker**

- Easy!



# Course Summary



Packer - Powerful, Simple, Flexible
Images - Multiple Providers
Integrate with Other Tools
Try it today!



# Thanks for Watching!



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