

{VMR} PACKAGE MANAGE VIRTUAL MACHINES FOR/WITH R



https://rstuff.gitlab.io/vmr/

PRÉSENTATION

{VMR} R package allow to manage, provision and use a Virtual Machine preconfigured for R.

Develop, make tests and build a package in a clean environment with a choice of different providers and OS improve the quality, the productivity, the reproductibility and the share of R productions.

Here we present, the posibilities offered by {VMR} to manipulate a VM using R code.

How these VMs are built using severals pipelines over GitLab CI/CD and stored in the Vagrant cloud repository.



=> R package to use Vagrant CLI tool

- Vagrant have to be installed (>=2.2.10)
- Implement most of the commands
- Currently works for VirtualBox (≥ 6.1.14) provider
- •vmrList(): List boxes (OS, R Versions, providers)
- •vmrCreate(...): Create a VMR environment
- •vmrInitEnv(...): Initialyse environment and download VM
- *vmrStart(), vmrSuspend(), vmrResume(), vmrStop()



Vagrant is a tool for building and managing virtual machine environments in a single workflow and focus on automation.

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Box ~= a Virtual Machine

Provider ~= virtualization product

VirtualBox is a virtualization tool Open Source GPL-v2 – ORACLE

Runs on and supports multiples OS

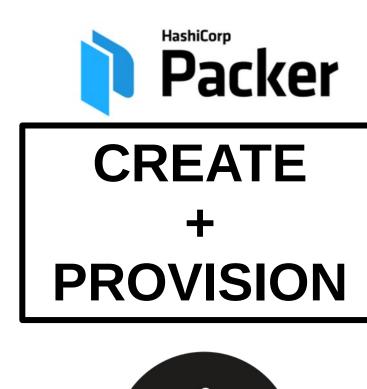




https://gitlab.com/rstuff/vms

Repositories use CI/CD to create, provision and store boxes

For Windows, Linux and Mac OS

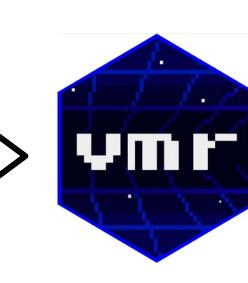








https://app.vagrantup.com/VMR/







VM **R** version OS





VirtualBox Options

Mount Local Directory

opt ← virtualboxOptions()

vmrMountDir(vmr_env, src, dest) opt\$name ← "useR"

opt\$gui ← TRUE

Guest informations

opt\$modifyvm\$memory ← 4096

vmrInfo()

opt\$modifyvm\$cpu ← 4

R in the VM

vmrExec('print("Hello UseR!")')

vmrProvision(cmd="Rscript -e mycode.R", elt="mycode.R")

vmrInstallPackages(pkg = c("vmr"))

R Packages

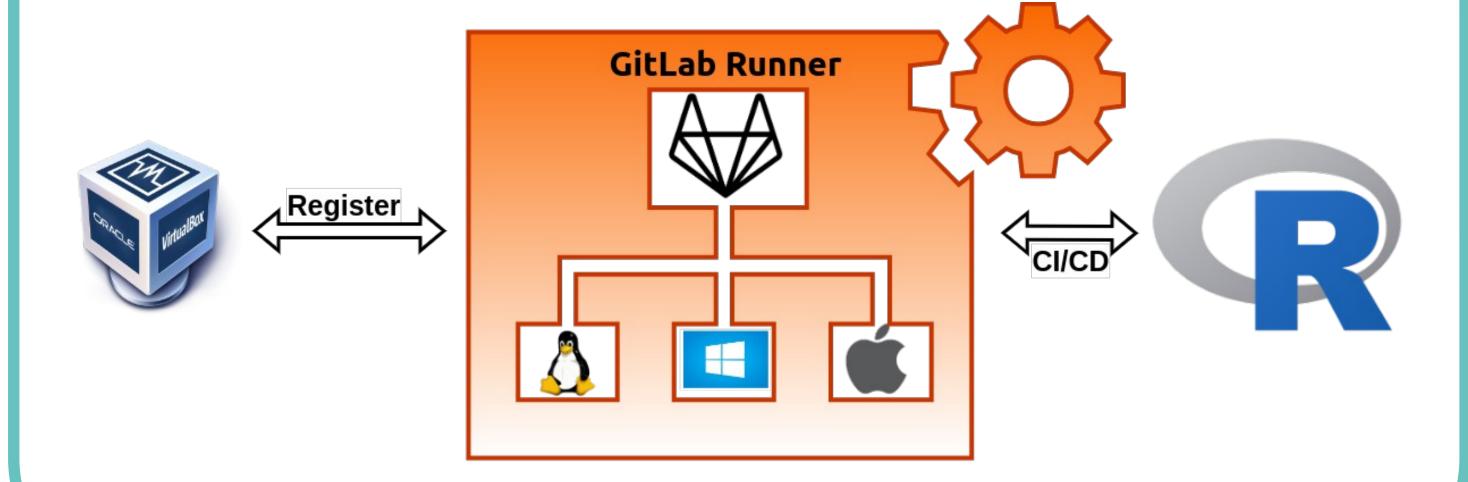
vmrPackageCheck()

vmrPackageTest()

vmrPackageBuild()

Use a VM as a GitLab Runner for CI/CD

VirtualboxGitlabRunner(...) \rightarrow CLI to register the VM as Runner



Automate Tests, Check and Build

PERSPECTIVES

- *Add new providers : Docker, VMware, ...
- Find storage capacity for boxes
- Improve boxes provisionning
- Add new OS (Fedora, Solaris, ...)
- Improve integration for R Dev (simplify remote R, execution interactive shell, Rstudio addins)





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