

# Streamlining CI/CD with Modern Container Builds

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## GitHub Actions

Introduction and key features

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A simple workflow to get started

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Create container images for different architectures

## Bake

Unleash the power of Bake to simplify your development workflows

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Explore the vast potential of using containers in CI

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Cache management for fast builds

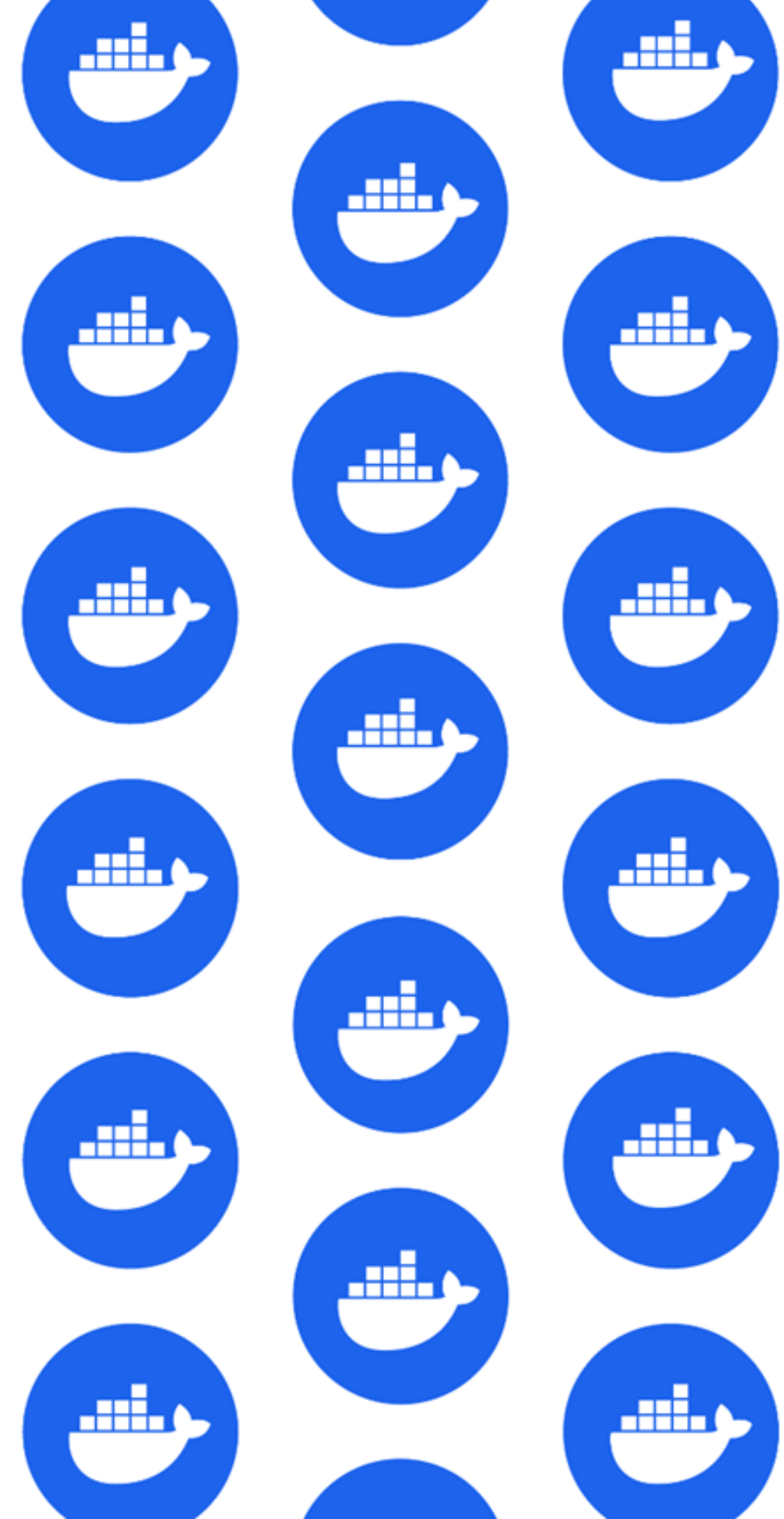
## Automating tags/labels

Strategies to manage and automate tags and labels based on CI events

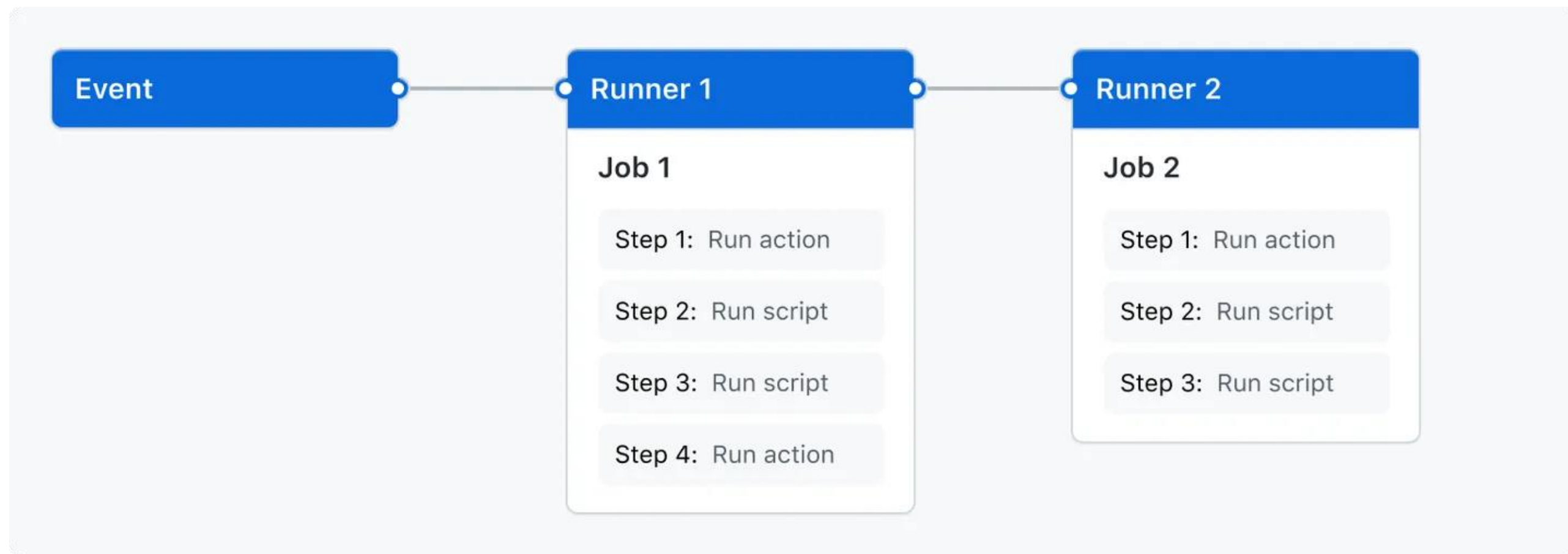
## Secrets

Securely integrate build-time secrets within your workflow

# GitHub Actions



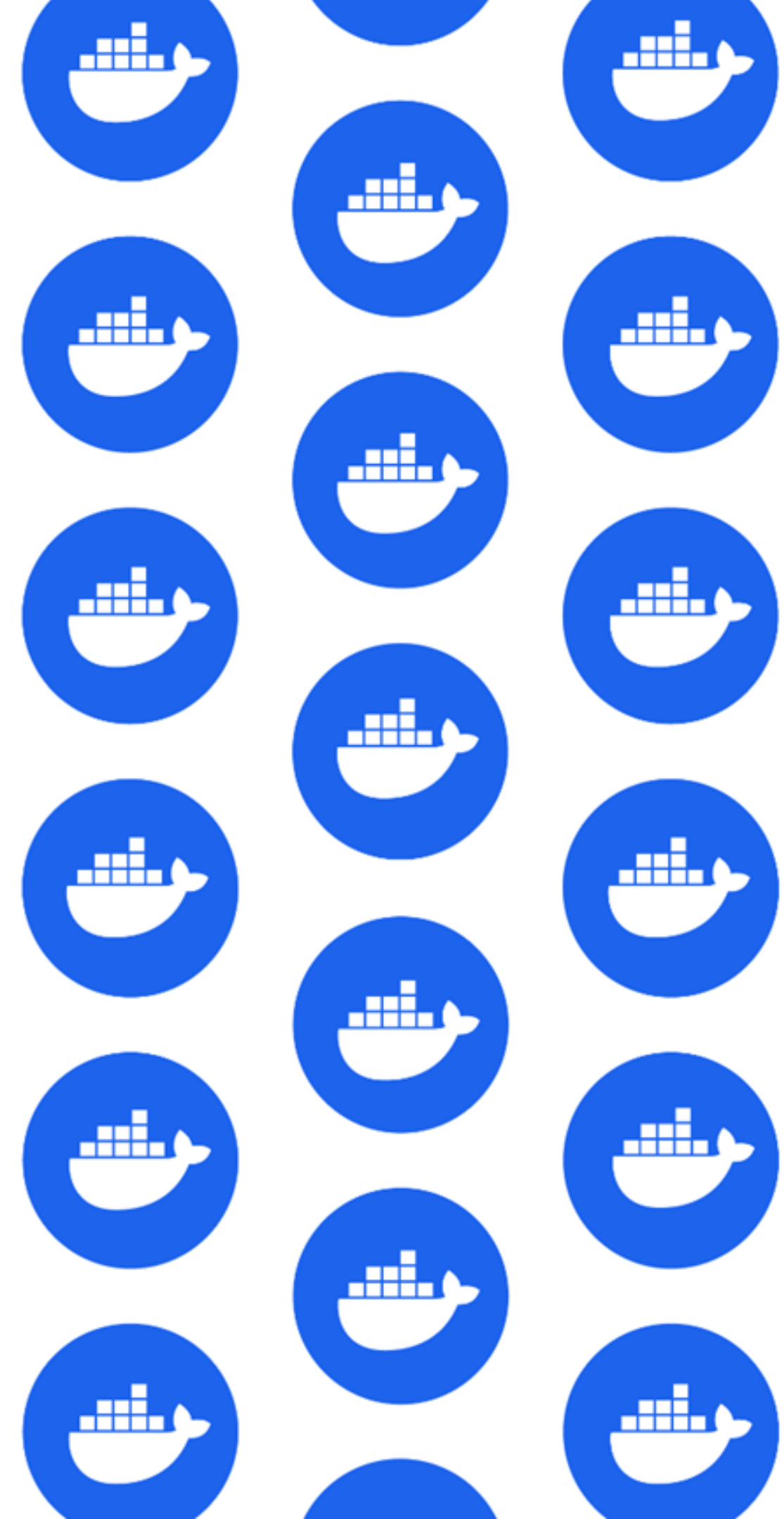
# Key features



- **Workflow:** A set of automated steps defined in YAML files
- **Events:** Workflows are triggered by events (e.g., push, pull request, workflow\_dispatch)
- **Runners:** Agents that execute workflows on various platforms
- **Jobs:** Units of work within a workflow
- **Actions:** Individual tasks within a workflow

More info: <https://docs.github.com/en/actions/learn-github-actions/understanding-github-actions/>

# Docker Actions



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### actions-toolkit

Public

Toolkit for Docker (GitHub) Actions

● TypeScript ☆ 39 ⚖ Apache-2.0 🦋 8 🕒 0 📄 6  
Updated 16 hours ago

### build-push-action

Public

GitHub Action to build and push Docker images with Buildx

● TypeScript ☆ 3,561 ⚖ Apache-2.0 🦋 527 🕒 45 📄 4  
Updated 2 weeks ago

### login-action

Public

GitHub Action to login against a Docker registry

● TypeScript ☆ 790 ⚖ Apache-2.0 🦋 158 🕒 7 📄 2  
Updated 2 days ago

### bake-action

Public

GitHub Action to use Docker Buildx Bake as a high-level build command

● TypeScript ☆ 133 ⚖ Apache-2.0 🦋 25 🕒 3 📄 4  
Updated last week

### setup-qemu-action

Public

GitHub Action to install QEMU static binaries

● TypeScript ☆ 340 ⚖ Apache-2.0 🦋 46 🕒 5 📄 1  
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### setup-buildx-action

Public

GitHub Action to set up Docker Buildx

● TypeScript ☆ 729 ⚖ Apache-2.0 🦋 127 🕒 10 📄 4  
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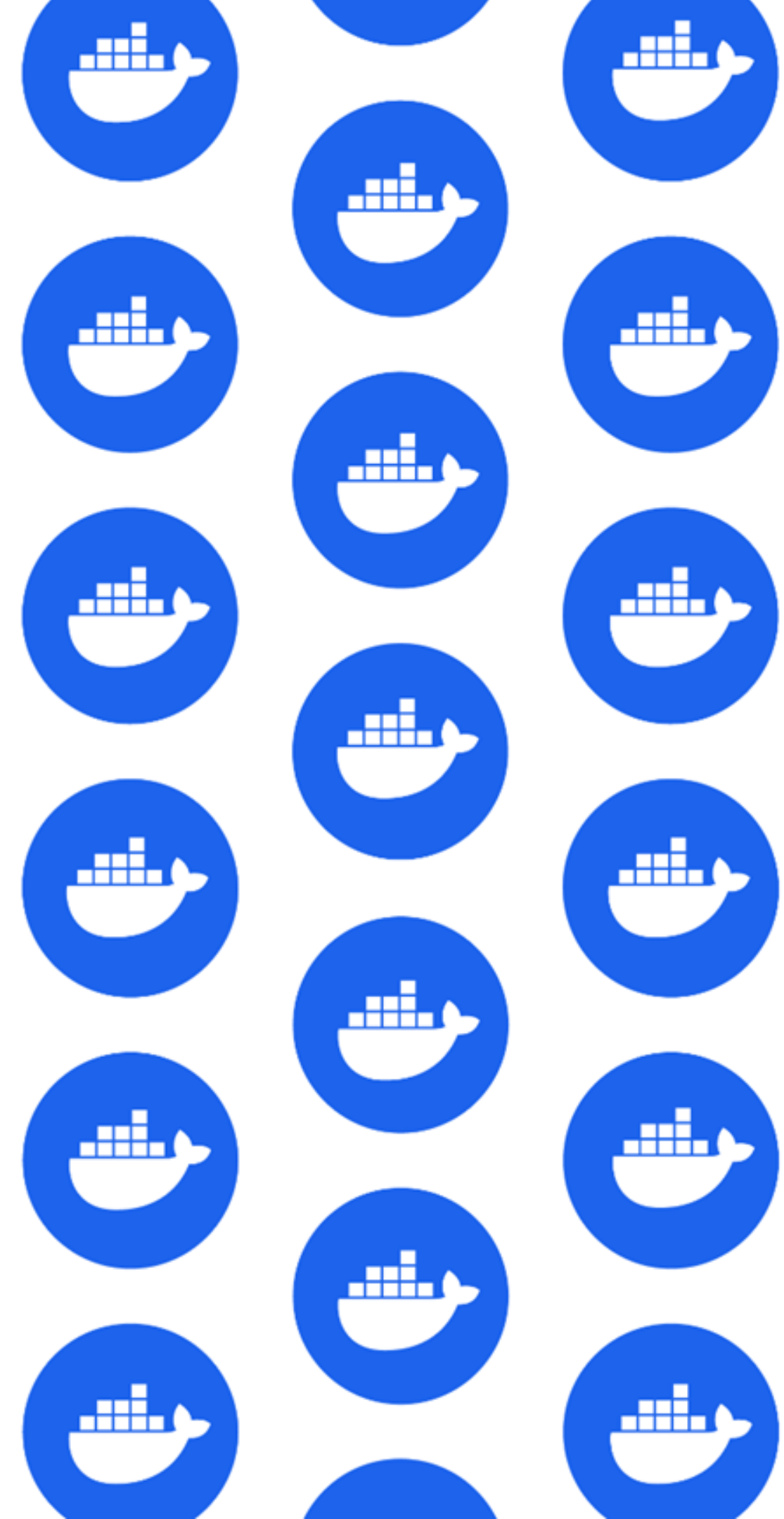
### metadata-action

Public

GitHub Action to extract metadata (tags, labels) from Git reference and GitHub events for Docker

● TypeScript ☆ 688 ⚖ Apache-2.0 🦋 95 🕒 18  
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# Basic workflow





```
name: ci
```

```
on:  
  workflow_dispatch:
```

```
env:  
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazymax/dockercon2023"
```

```
jobs:  
  docker:  
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
    steps:
```

```
-  
  name: Login to Docker Hub  
  uses: docker/login-action@v3  
  with:  
    username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }  
    password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }
```

```
-  
  name: Build and push  
  uses: docker/build-push-action@v5  
  with:  
    push: true  
    tags: ${ env.IMAGE_NAME }:latest
```

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1
```

```
FROM golang:1.20-alpine AS build  
WORKDIR /src  
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \  
    go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .
```

```
FROM alpine  
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app  
CMD ["app"]
```

```
> ✓ Set up job 2s  
> ✓ Set up Docker Buildx 3s  
> ✓ Login to Docker Hub 0s  
> ✓ Build and push 24s  
> ✓ Post Build and push 0s  
> ✓ Post Login to Docker Hub 0s  
> ✓ Post Set up Docker Buildx 1s  
> ✓ Complete job 0s
```



```
name: ci
```

```
on:  
  workflow_dispatch:
```

```
env:  
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazymax/dockercon2023"
```

```
jobs:  
  docker:  
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
    steps:
```

```
-  
  name: Login to Docker Hub  
  uses: docker/login-action@v3  
  with:  
    username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }  
    password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }
```

```
-  
  name: Build and push  
  uses: docker/build-push-action@v5  
  with:  
    push: true  
    tags: ${ env.IMAGE_NAME }:latest
```

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1
```

```
FROM golang:1.20-alpine AS build  
WORKDIR /src  
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \  
    go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .
```

```
FROM alpine  
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app  
CMD ["app"]
```

```
#10 [build 1/3] FROM docker.io/library/golang:1.20-  
alpine@sha256:c63dbdb3cca37abbee4c50f61e34b1d043c2669d03f34485f9ee6fe5feed4e48  
#10 sha256:c4d48a809fc2256f8aa0ae47998488d64409855adba00a7cb3007ab9f3286e 284.69kB /  
284.69kB 0.1s done  
#10 ...  
#10 DONE 4.0s
```

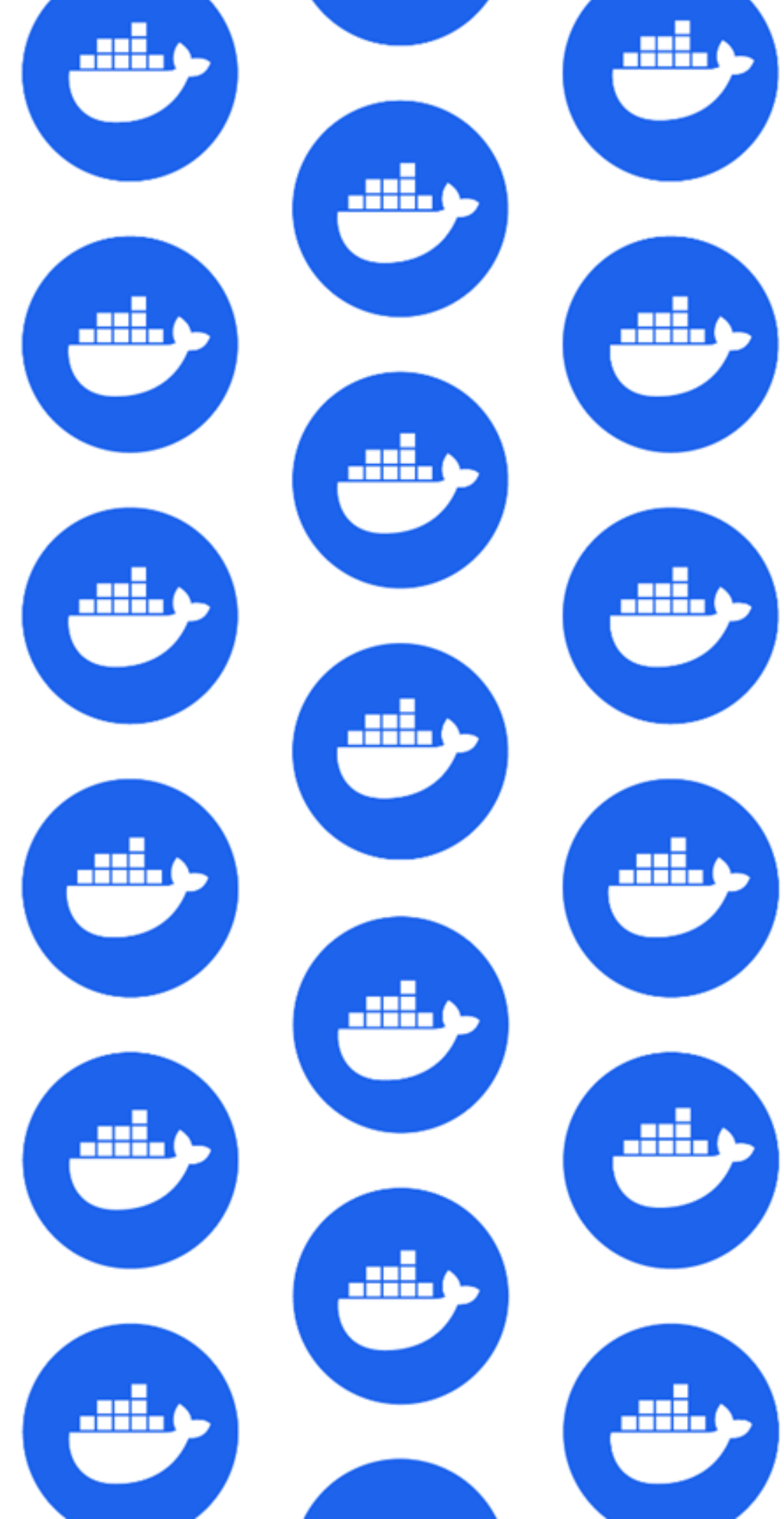
```
#11 [build 2/3] WORKDIR /src  
#11 DONE 1.3s
```

```
#12 [build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .  
#12 DONE 12.7s
```

```
#13 [stage-1 2/2] COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app  
#13 DONE 0.0s
```

```
...
```

# Leverage cache



# BuildKit cache backends

## inline

writes cache metadata into the image configuration

## registry

exports build cache to a cache manifest in the registry

## local

exports cache to a local directory on the client

## s3

exports cache to an AWS S3 bucket

## azblob

exports cache to Azure Blob storage

## gha

exports cache through the GitHub Actions Cache service API

More info: <https://docs.docker.com/build/cache/backends/>

# Set up GitHub Cache backend

```
name: ci

on:
  workflow_dispatch:

env:
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazymax/dockercon2023"

jobs:
  docker:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      -
        name: Set up Docker Buildx
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v3
      -
        name: Login to Docker Hub
        uses: docker/login-action@v3
        with:
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }
      -
        name: Build and push
        uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
        with:
          push: true
          tags: ${ env.IMAGE_NAME }:latest
          cache-from: type=gha
          cache-to: type=gha
```

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| > ✓ Set up job                | 3s |
| > ✓ Set up Docker Buildx      | 4s |
| > ✓ Login to Docker Hub       | 1s |
| > ✓ Build and push            | 8s |
| > ✓ Post Build and push       | 0s |
| > ✓ Post Login to Docker Hub  | 0s |
| > ✓ Post Set up Docker Buildx | 0s |
| > ✓ Complete job              | 0s |

# Set up GitHub Cache backend

```
name: ci

on:
  workflow_dispatch:

env:
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazyman/dockercon2023"

jobs:
  docker:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      -
        name: Set up Docker Buildx
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v3
      -
        name: Login to Docker Hub
        uses: docker/login-action@v3
        with:
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }
      -
        name: Build and push
        uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
        with:
          push: true
          tags: ${ env.IMAGE_NAME }:latest
          cache-from: type=gha
          cache-to: type=gha
```

```
#10 [build 1/3] FROM docker.io/library/golang:1.20-
alpine@sha256:c63dbdb3cca37abbee4c50f61e34b1d043c2669d03f34485f9ee6fe5feed4e48
#10 resolve docker.io/library/golang:1.20-
alpine@sha256:c63dbdb3cca37abbee4c50f61e34b1d043c2669d03f34485f9ee6fe5feed4e48 done
#10 DONE 0.0s

#11 importing cache manifest from gha:2138736114910800190
#11 DONE 0.6s

#12 [build 2/3] WORKDIR /src
#12 CACHED

#13 [build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .
#13 CACHED

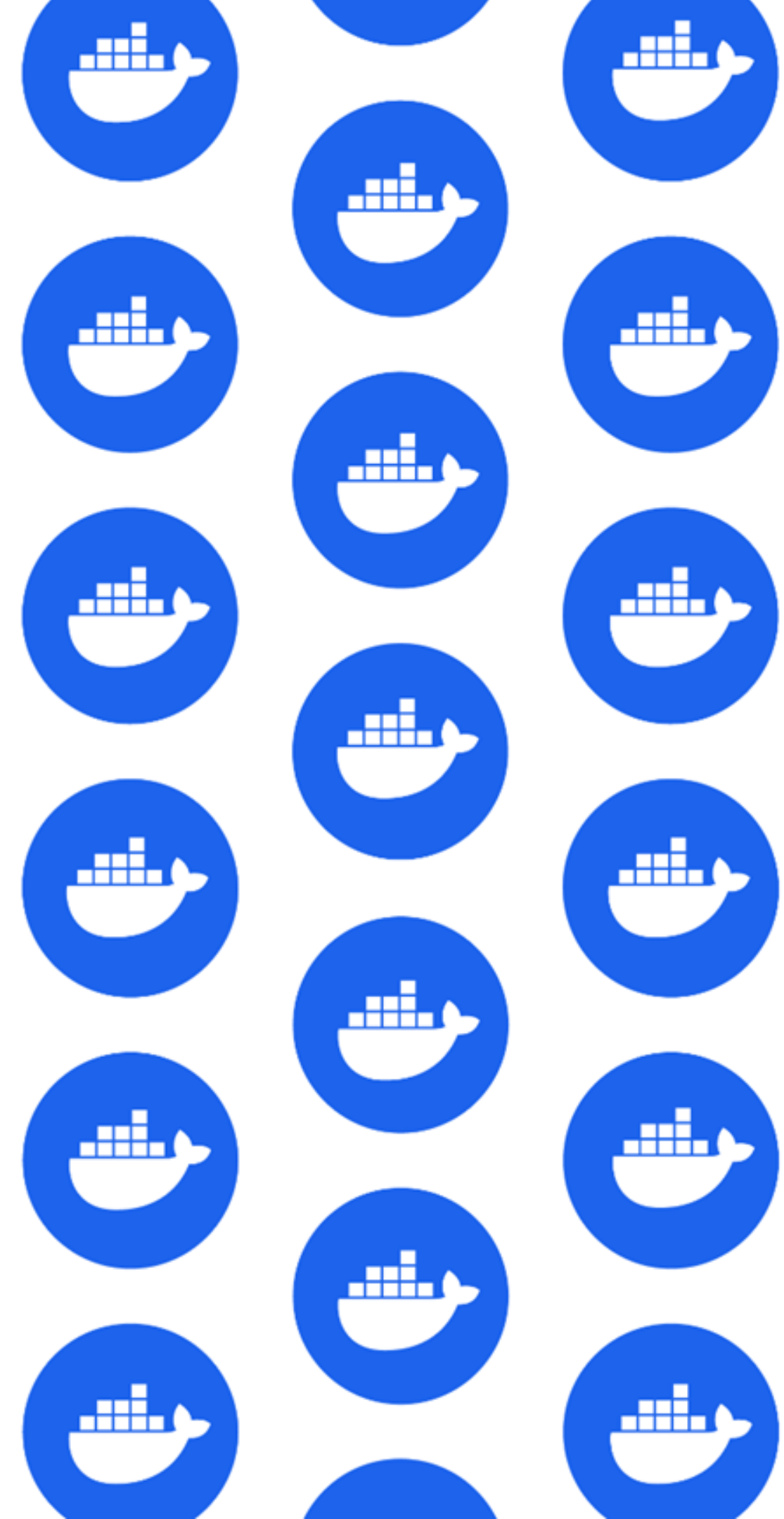
#14 [stage-1 2/2] COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app
#14 CACHED

...
```

# Advanced cache usage

- Cache has a **size limit of 10GB** shared across different caches in your repo.
- You can define a **scope** key for your cache to define where it belongs to.
- You can export all layers and intermediate steps with the **mode=max** option.
- Cache mounts are currently **not exported**. You can use a workaround provided by [reproducible-containers/buildkit-cache-dance action](#).

# Multi-platform build





# Build multi-platform image

```
...  
  
env:  
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazyman/dockercon2023"  
  
jobs:  
  docker:  
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
    steps:  
      -  
        name: Set up Docker QEMU  
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-qemu@v3  
      -  
        name: Set up Docker Buildx  
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v3  
      -  
        name: Login to Docker Hub  
        uses: docker/login-action@v3  
        with:  
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }  
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }  
      -  
        name: Build and push  
        uses: docker/build-push-action@v5  
        with:  
          push: true  
          tags: ${ env.IMAGE_NAME }:latest  
          cache-from: type=gha  
          cache-to: type=gha  
          platforms: linux/amd64,linux/arm64
```

```
> ✓ Set up job 3s  
  
> ✓ Set up QEMU 4s  
  
> ✓ Set up Docker Buildx 2s  
  
> ✓ Login to Docker Hub 1s  
  
> ✓ Build and push 3m 28s  
  
> ✓ Post Build and push 0s  
  
> ✓ Post Login to Docker Hub 0s  
  
> ✓ Post Set up Docker Buildx 1s  
  
> ✓ Complete job 0s
```

# Build multi-platform image

```
...  
  
env:  
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazyman/dockercon2023"  
  
jobs:  
  docker:  
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
    steps:  
      -  
        name: Set up Docker QEMU  
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-qemu@v3  
      -  
        name: Set up Docker Buildx  
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v3  
      -  
        name: Login to Docker Hub  
        uses: docker/login-action@v3  
        with:  
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }  
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }  
      -  
        name: Build and push  
        uses: docker/build-push-action@v5  
        with:  
          push: true  
          tags: ${ env.IMAGE_NAME }:latest  
          cache-from: type=gha  
          cache-to: type=gha  
          platforms: linux/amd64,linux/arm64
```

```
#17 [linux/amd64 build 2/3] WORKDIR /src  
#17 DONE 1.3s  
  
#16 [linux/arm64 build 2/3] WORKDIR /src  
#16 DONE 2.7s  
  
#18 [linux/amd64 build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .  
#18 ...  
  
#19 [linux/arm64 build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .  
#19 ...  
  
#18 [linux/amd64 build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .  
#18 DONE 27.5s  
  
#14 [linux/amd64 stage-1 1/2] FROM  
docker.io/library/alpine:latest@sha256:7144f7bab3d4c2648d7e59409f15ec52a18006a128c733fcff20d3a4a54ba44a  
#14 DONE 0.0s  
  
#20 [linux/amd64 stage-1 2/2] COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app  
#20 DONE 0.0s  
  
#19 [linux/arm64 build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .  
#19 DONE 187.1s  
  
#21 [linux/arm64 stage-1 2/2] COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app  
#21 DONE 0.0s
```

# Dockerfile and cross compilation

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1

FROM golang:1.20-alpine AS build
WORKDIR /src
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .

FROM alpine
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app
CMD ["app"]
```

## Automatic platform ARGs in the global scope

- **TARGETPLATFORM** - platform of the build result. (e.g, linux/amd64, linux/arm/v7).
- **TARGETOS** - OS component of TARGETPLATFORM
- **TARGETARCH** - architecture component of TARGETPLATFORM
- **TARGETVARIANT** - variant component of TARGETPLATFORM
- **BUILDPLATFORM** - platform of the node performing the build.
- **BUILDOS** - OS component of BUILDPLATFORM
- **BUILDARCH** - architecture component of BUILDPLATFORM
- **BUILDVARIANT** - variant component of BUILDPLATFORM

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1

FROM --platform=$BUILDPLATFORM golang:1.20-alpine AS build
WORKDIR /src
ARG TARGETOS TARGETARCH
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    GOOS=$TARGETOS GOARCH=$TARGETARCH go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .

FROM alpine
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app
CMD ["app"]
```

More info: <https://medium.com/@tonistiigi/faster-multi-platform-builds-dockerfile-cross-compilation-guide-part-1-ec087c719eaf>

# Build multi-platform image (with cross-comp!)

```
...  
  
env:  
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazyman/dockercon2023"  
  
jobs:  
  docker:  
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
    steps:  
      -  
        name: Set up Docker QEMU  
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-qemu@v3  
      -  
        name: Set up Docker Buildx  
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v3  
      -  
        name: Login to Docker Hub  
        uses: docker/login-action@v3  
        with:  
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }  
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }  
      -  
        name: Build and push  
        uses: docker/build-push-action@v5  
        with:  
          push: true  
          tags: ${ env.IMAGE_NAME }:latest  
          cache-from: type=gha  
          cache-to: type=gha  
          platforms: linux/amd64,linux/arm64
```

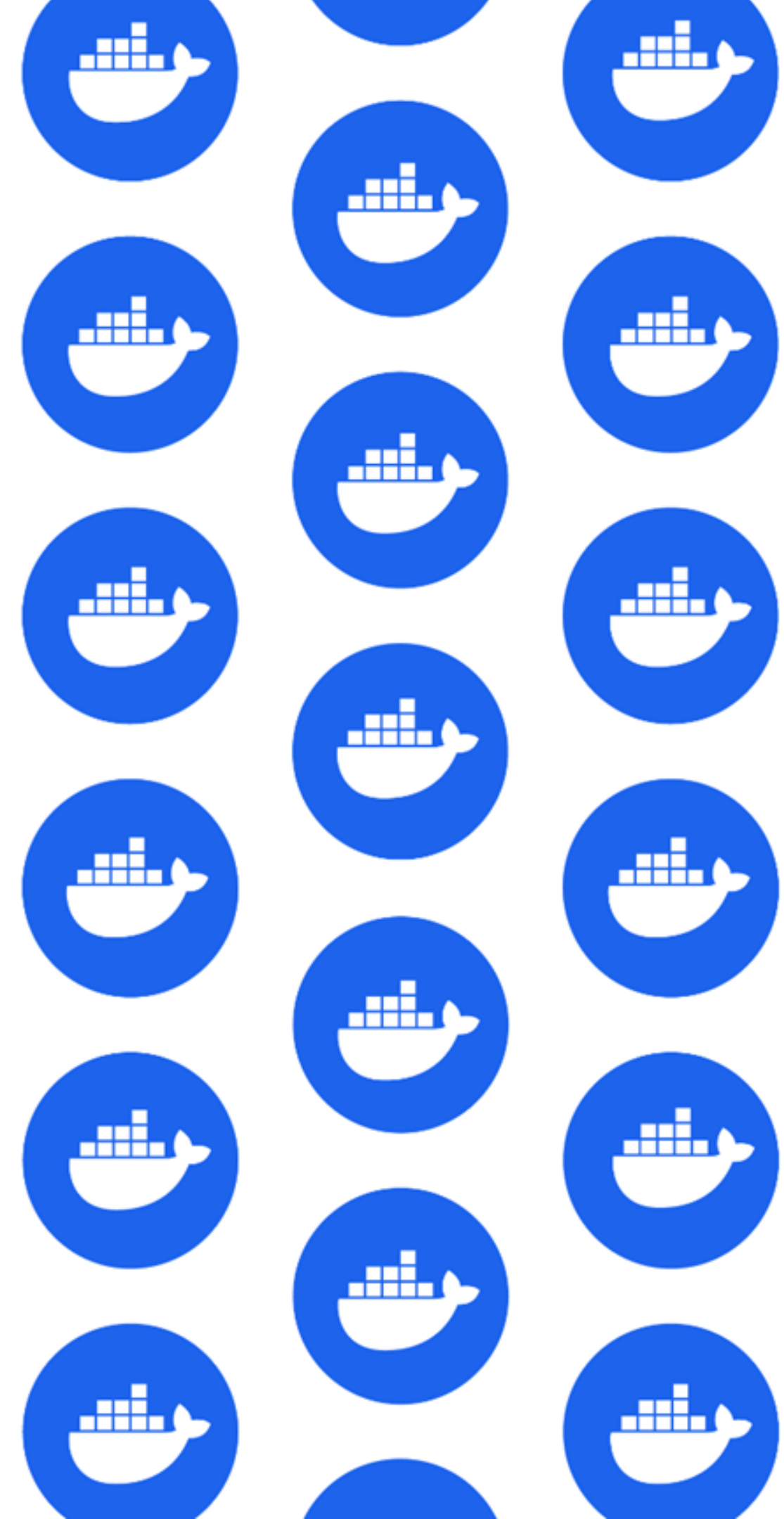
|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| > ✓ Set up job                | 2s  |
| > ✓ Set up QEMU               | 6s  |
| > ✓ Set up Docker Buildx      | 4s  |
| > ✓ Login to Docker Hub       | 0s  |
| > ✓ Build and push            | 47s |
| > ✓ Post Build and push       | 0s  |
| > ✓ Post Login to Docker Hub  | 0s  |
| > ✓ Post Set up Docker Buildx | 0s  |
| > ✓ Complete job              | 0s  |

# Build multi-platform image (with cross-comp!)

```
...  
  
env:  
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazyman/dockercon2023"  
  
jobs:  
  docker:  
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
    steps:  
      -  
        name: Set up Docker QEMU  
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-qemu@v3  
      -  
        name: Set up Docker Buildx  
        uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v3  
      -  
        name: Login to Docker Hub  
        uses: docker/login-action@v3  
        with:  
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }  
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }  
      -  
        name: Build and push  
        uses: docker/build-push-action@v5  
        with:  
          push: true  
          tags: ${ env.IMAGE_NAME }:latest  
          cache-from: type=gha  
          cache-to: type=gha  
          platforms: linux/amd64,linux/arm64
```

```
#14 [linux/amd64 build 2/3] WORKDIR /src  
#14 DONE 1.2s  
  
#15 [linux/amd64 build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. G0OS=linux G0ARCH=amd64 go build -ldflags  
"-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .  
#15 ...  
  
#16 [linux/amd64->arm64 build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. G0OS=linux G0ARCH=arm64 go build -  
ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .  
#16 DONE 31.8s  
  
#15 [linux/amd64 build 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. G0OS=linux G0ARCH=amd64 go build -ldflags  
"-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .  
#15 DONE 31.9s  
  
#17 [linux/arm64 stage-1 2/2] COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app  
#17 DONE 0.0s  
  
#18 [linux/amd64 stage-1 2/2] COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app  
#18 DONE 0.0s
```

# Automating tags/labels



```

on:
  push:
    branches:
      - "main"
    tags:
      - "v*"
  pull_request:

jobs:
  docker:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      -
        name: Login to Docker Hub
        if: github.event_name != 'pull_request'
        uses: docker/login-action@v3
        with:
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }

      -
        name: Docker meta
        id: meta
        uses: docker/metadata-action@v5
        with:
          images: crazymax/dockercon2023

      -
        name: Build and push
        uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
        with:
          push: ${ github.event_name != 'pull_request' }
          tags: ${ steps.meta.outputs.tags }
          labels: ${ steps.meta.outputs.labels }

```

## Push to main

```

> ✓ Set up job 2s
> ✓ Login to Docker Hub 2s
▼ ✓ Docker meta 0s
  1 ▶ Run docker/metadata-action@v5
  8 ▶ Context info
 17 ▶ Processing images input
 19 ▶ Processing tags input
 24 ▶ Processing flavor input
 30 ▶ Docker image version
 32 ▼ Docker tags
 33   crazymax/dockercon2023:main
 34 ▼ Docker labels
 35   org.opencontainers.image.created=2023-09-27T21:34:47.731Z
 36   org.opencontainers.image.description=DockerCon 2023 - Streamlining CI/CD with Modern Container Builds
 37   org.opencontainers.image.licenses=MIT
 38   org.opencontainers.image.revision=a2695a79102fe692e254e352af2255cb49b1d0d6
 39   org.opencontainers.image.source=https://github.com/crazy-max/dockercon2023-streamlining-cicd
 40   org.opencontainers.image.title=dockercon2023-streamlining-cicd
 41   org.opencontainers.image.url=https://github.com/crazy-max/dockercon2023-streamlining-cicd
 42   org.opencontainers.image.version=main
 43 ▶ JSON output
 59 ▶ Bake file definition

```



```

on:
  push:
    branches:
      - "main"
    tags:
      - "v*"
  pull_request:

jobs:
  docker:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      -
        name: Login to Docker Hub
        if: github.event_name != 'pull_request'
        uses: docker/login-action@v3
        with:
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }

      -
        name: Docker meta
        id: meta
        uses: docker/metadata-action@v5
        with:
          images: crazymax/dockercon2023

      -
        name: Build and push
        uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
        with:
          push: ${ github.event_name != 'pull_request' }
          tags: ${ steps.meta.outputs.tags }
          labels: ${ steps.meta.outputs.labels }

```

## Push v1.0.0 tag

```

> ✓ Set up job 2s
> ✓ Login to Docker Hub 2s
v ✓ Docker meta 1s

  1 ▶ Run docker/metadata-action@v5
  8 ▶ Context info
 17 ▶ Processing images input
 19 ▶ Processing tags input
 24 ▶ Processing flavor input
 30 ▶ Docker image version
 32 ▼ Docker tags
 33   crazymax/dockercon2023:v1.0.0
 34   crazymax/dockercon2023:latest
 35 ▼ Docker labels
 36   org.opencontainers.image.created=2023-09-27T22:18:07.913Z
 37   org.opencontainers.image.description=DockerCon 2023 - Streamlining CI/CD with Modern Container Builds
 38   org.opencontainers.image.licenses=MIT
 39   org.opencontainers.image.revision=a2695a79102fe692e254e352af2255cb49b1d0d6
 40   org.opencontainers.image.source=https://github.com/crazy-max/dockercon2023-streamlining-cicd
 41   org.opencontainers.image.title=dockercon2023-streamlining-cicd
 42   org.opencontainers.image.url=https://github.com/crazy-max/dockercon2023-streamlining-cicd
 43   org.opencontainers.image.version=v1.0.0
 44 ▶ JSON output
 61 ▶ Bake file definition

```

# Customizing tags

dockercon2023

```
-  
  name: Docker meta  
  id: meta  
  uses: docker/metadata-action@v5  
  with:  
    images: crazymax/dockercon2023
```

## Default value for « tags » input

```
tags: |  
  type=schedule  
  type=ref,event=branch  
  type=ref,event=tag  
  type=ref,event=pr
```

```
-  
  name: Docker meta  
  id: meta  
  uses: docker/metadata-action@v5  
  with:  
    images: crazymax/dockercon2023  
    tags: |  
      type=ref,event=branch  
      type=ref,event=pr  
      type=semver,pattern={{version}}  
      type=semver,pattern={{major}}.{{minor}}  
      type=sha
```

## Push v1.0.0 tag

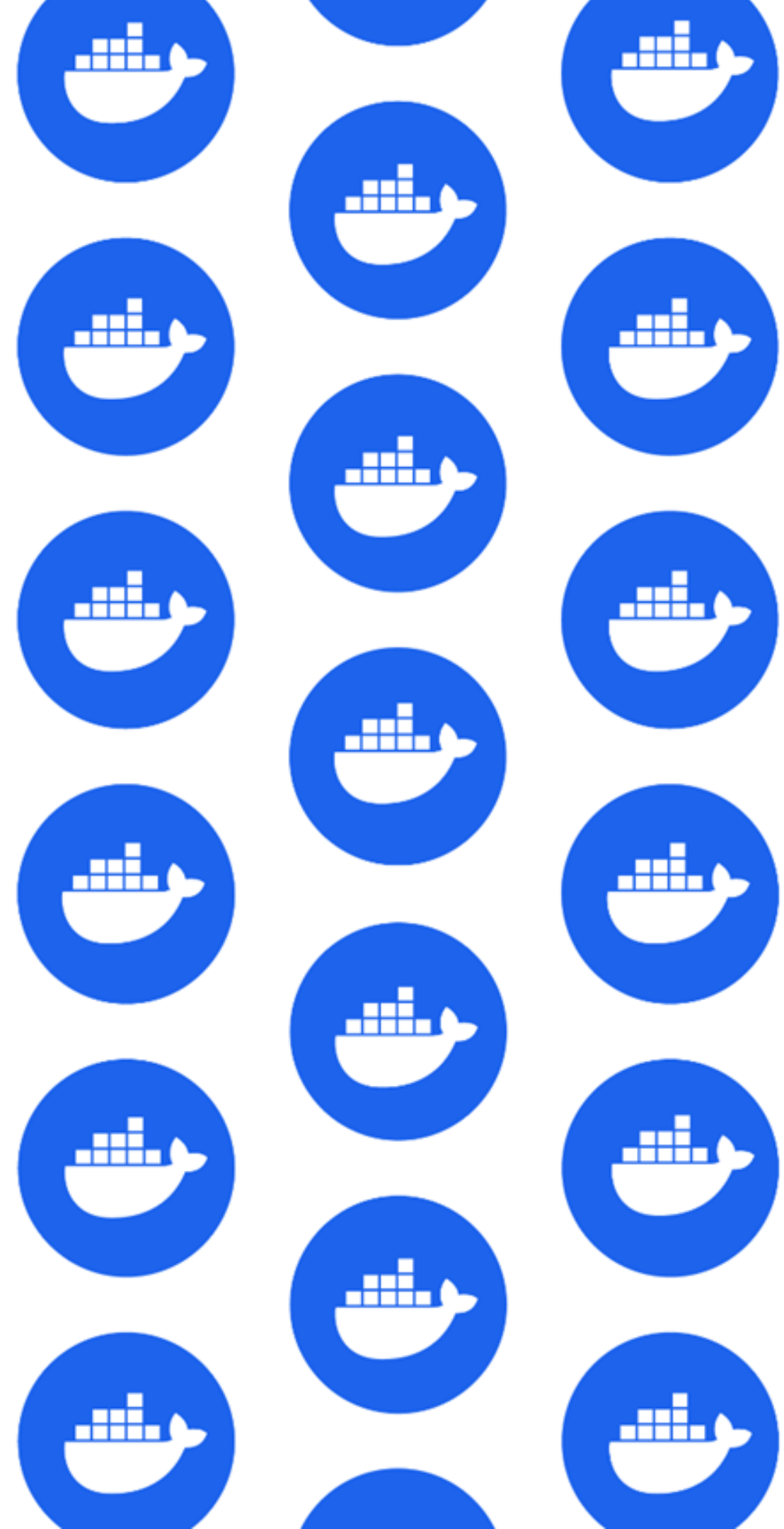
- **crazymax/dockercon2023:1.0.0**
- **crazymax/dockercon2023:1.0**
- **crazymax/dockercon2023:latest**
- **crazymax/dockercon2023:sha-ad132fa**

## Open pull request #186

- **crazymax/dockercon2023:pr-186**
- **crazymax/dockercon2023:sha-b84ffa3**

More info: <https://github.com/docker/metadata-action#tags-input>

# Bake



# Build command

```
docker buildx build \
  --push \
  --cache-from "type=registry,ref=foo/myapp" \
  --cache-to "type=inline" \
  --platform "linux/amd64,linux/arm64" \
  --label "org.opencontainers.image.title=myapp" \
  --label "org.opencontainers.image.source=https://github.com/foo/myapp" \
  --label "org.opencontainers.image.version=1.0.0" \
  --label "org.opencontainers.image.licenses=Apache-2.0" \
  --tag "foo/myapp:v1.0.0" \
  --tag "foo/myapp:latest" \
  --file "./main.Dockerfile" \
  .
```


# In your workflow

```
-  
name: Build and push  
uses: docker/build-push-action@v5  
with:  
  context: .  
  push: true  
  file: ./main.Dockerfile  
  cache-from: type=registry,ref=foo/myapp  
  cache-to: type=inline  
  platforms: linux/amd64,linux/arm64  
  tags: |  
    foo/myapp:v1.0.0  
    foo/myapp:latest  
  labels: |  
    org.opencontainers.image.title=myapp  
    org.opencontainers.image.source=https://github.com/foo/myapp  
    org.opencontainers.image.version=1.0.0  
    org.opencontainers.image.licenses=Apache-2.0
```

## With Bake

```
docker buildx bake \
  --push
  --cache-from "type=registry,ref=foo/myapp" \
  --cache-to "type=inline" \
  --platform "linux/amd64,linux/arm64" \
  --label "org.opencontainers.image.title=myapp" \
  --label "org.opencontainers.image.source=https://github.com/foo/myapp" \
  --label "org.opencontainers.image.version=1.0.0" \
  --label "org.opencontainers.image.licenses=Apache-2.0" \
  --tag "foo/myapp:v1.0.0" \
  --tag "foo/myapp:latest" \
  --file "./main.Dockerfile" \
  .
```

# Bake definition

- Can be a **HCL** , JSON or Compose file
- Multiple files can be specified with `--file` flag
  - Configuration are **merged**
  - Defaults to:
    - **HCL**: `docker-bake.override.hcl > docker-bake.hcl`
    - **JSON**: `docker-bake.override.json > docker-bake.json`
    - **Compose**: `compose.yaml > compose.yml > docker-compose.yaml > docker-compose.yml`
- **variable** block definition
  - use as **build arguments** in your Dockerfile
  - interpolate them in attribute values in your Bake file
- **function** block definition
  - A set of general-purpose functions provided by go-cty are available
  - User defined functions are also supported

More info: <https://docs.docker.com/build/bake/reference/>



# HCL format

docker buildx bake image-all

```
group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

variable "TAG" {
  default = "v1.0.0"
}

target "image" {
  context = "."
  dockerfile = "./main.Dockerfile"
  cache-from = ["type=registry,ref=foo/myapp"]
  cache-to = ["type=inline"]
  labels = {
    "org.opencontainers.image.title" = "myapp"
    "org.opencontainers.image.ref" = "https://github.com/foo/myapp"
  }
  tags = ["foo/myapp:latest", "foo/myapp:${TAG}"]
}

target "image-all" {
  inherits = ["image"]
  platforms = ["linux/amd64", "linux/arm64"]
}
```

# Bake action

```
# docker-bake.hcl

group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
  default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
  tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}
```

```
name: ci

on:
  workflow_dispatch:

env:
  IMAGE_NAME: "crazyman/dockercon2023"

jobs:
  docker:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      -
        name: Checkout
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
      -
        name: Login to Docker Hub
        uses: docker/login-action@v3
        with:
          username: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }
          password: ${ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }
      -
        name: Build and push
        uses: docker/bake-action@v4
        with:
          push: true
```

# Bake action

```
# docker-bake.hcl

group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

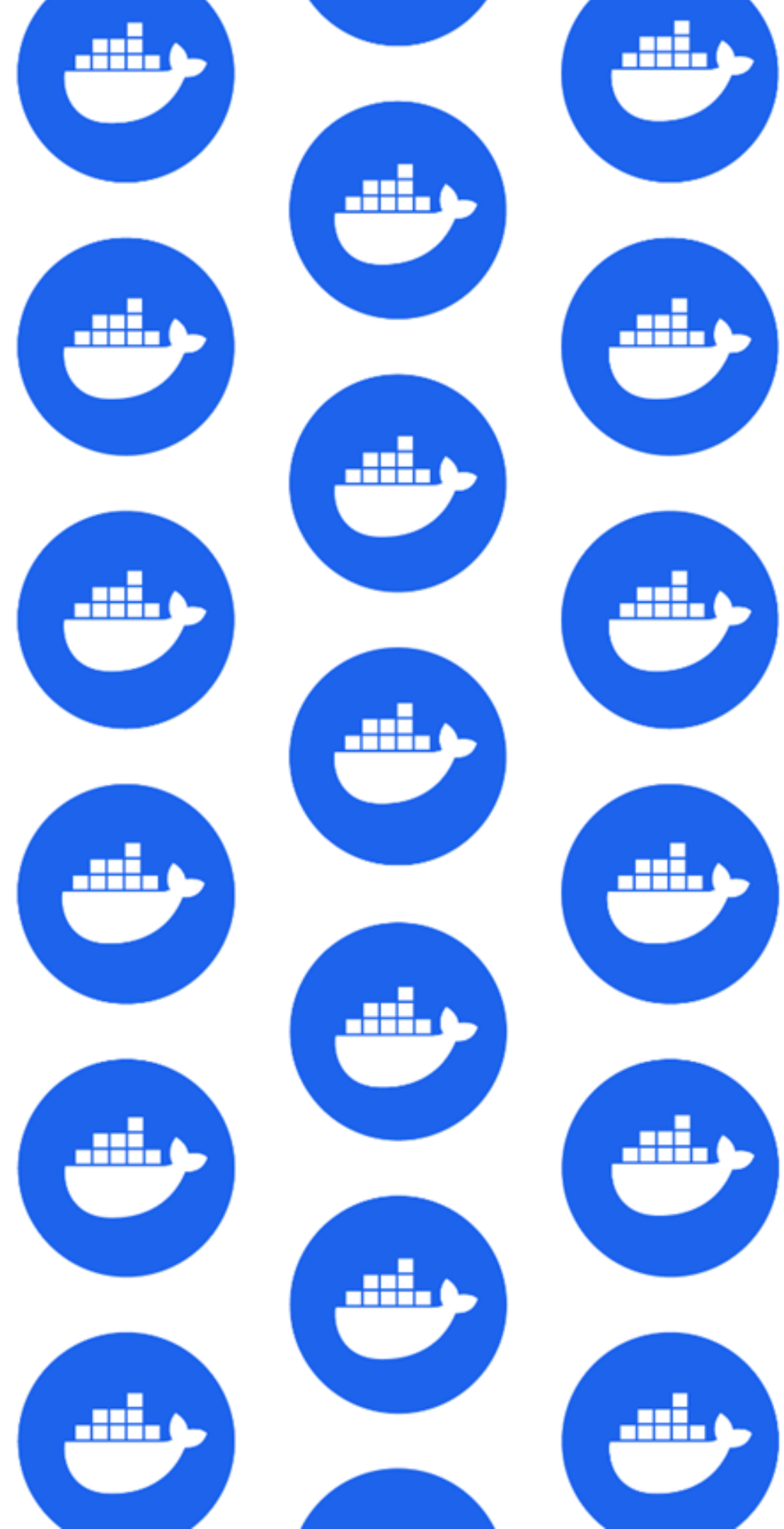
variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
  default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
  tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}
```

```
✓ Build and push

1 ▶ Run docker/bake-action@v4
10 ▶ GitHub Actions runtime token ACs
12 ▶ Docker info
102 ▶ Proxy configuration
104 ▶ Buildx version
107 ▼ Bake definition
108 /usr/bin/docker buildx bake --metadata-file /tmp/docker-actions-toolkit-Bkl0CD/metadata-file --push --print
109 {
110   "group": {
111     "default": {
112       "targets": [
113         "image"
114       ]
115     },
116   },
117   "target": {
118     "image": {
119       "context": ".",
120       "dockerfile": "Dockerfile",
121       "tags": [
122         "crazymax/dockercon2023:latest"
123       ],
124       "output": [
125         "type=image,push=true"
126       ]
127     }
128   }
129 }
130 /usr/bin/docker buildx bake --metadata-file /tmp/docker-actions-toolkit-Bkl0CD/metadata-file --push
131 #0 building with "default" instance using docker driver
```

# Secrets



# Testing our code

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1

FROM --platform=$BUILDPLATFORM golang:1.20-alpine AS base
WORKDIR /src
ENV CGO_ENABLED=0

FROM base AS test
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    go test ./...

FROM base AS build
ARG TARGETOS TARGETARCH
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    GOOS=$TARGETOS GOARCH=$TARGETARCH go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .

FROM alpine
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app
CMD ["app"]
```

```
group "default" {
    targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
    default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
    tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

target "test" {
    target = "test"
}
```

```
-
  name: Test
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    targets: test
-
  name: Build and push
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    push: true
```

# Using a build-time secret

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1

FROM --platform=$BUILDPLATFORM golang:1.20-alpine AS base
WORKDIR /src
ENV CGO_ENABLED=0

FROM base AS test
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    --mount=type=secret,id=ghtoken \
    GITHUB_TOKEN=$(cat /run/secrets/ghtoken) go test ./...

FROM base AS build
ARG TARGETOS TARGETARCH
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    GOOS=$TARGETOS GOARCH=$TARGETARCH go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .

FROM alpine
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app
CMD ["app"]
```

```
group "default" {
    targets = ["image"]
}

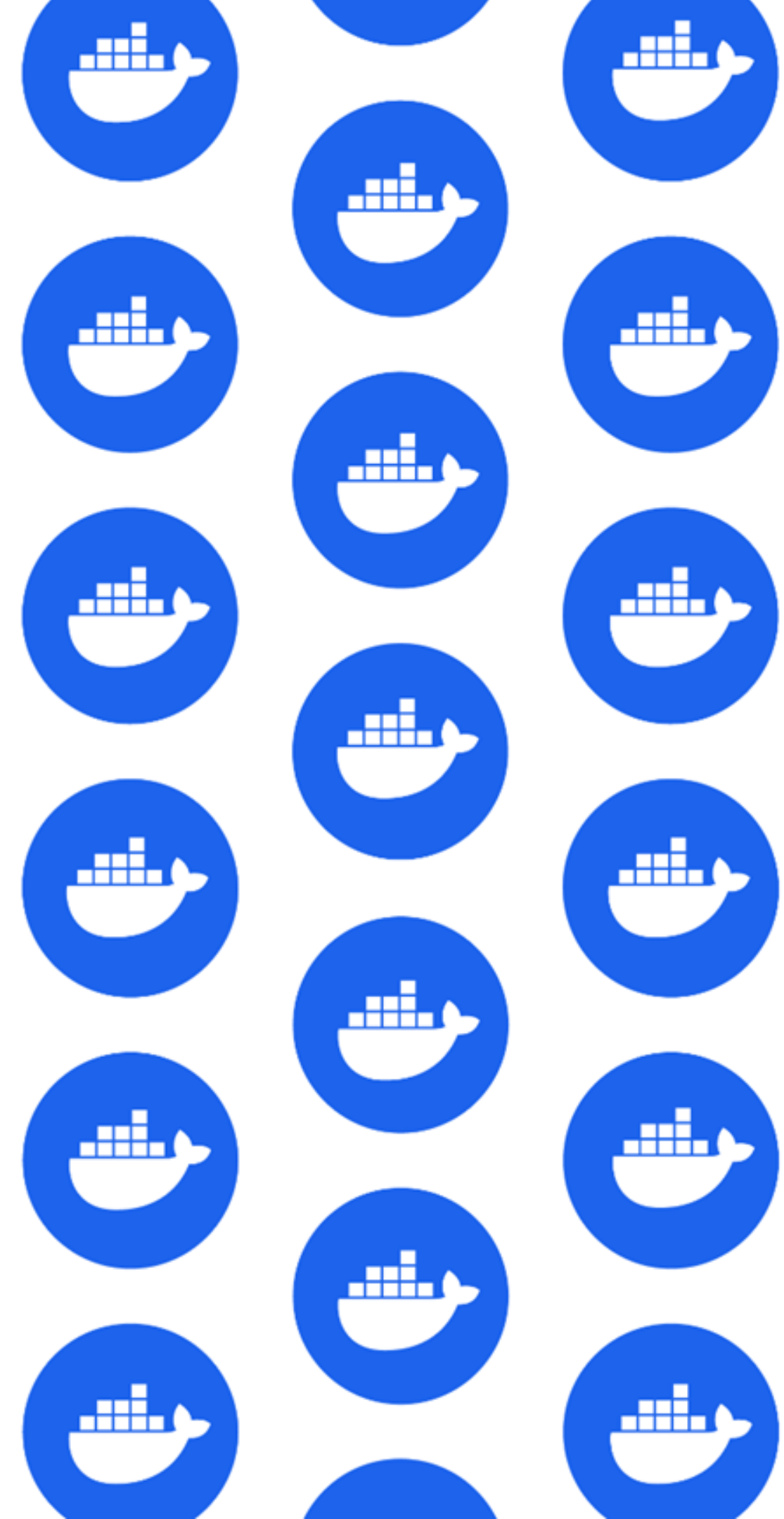
variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
    default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
    tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

target "test" {
    target = "test"
    secret = ["id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"]
}
```

```
-
  name: Test
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    targets: test
    env:
      GITHUB_TOKEN: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
-
  name: Build and push
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    push: true
```

# Container-based workflow





# Validate our code

```
# docker-bake.hcl

group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
  default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
  tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

target "test" {
  target = "test"
  secret = ["id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"]
}

target "lint" {
  target = "lint"
}
```

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1

FROM --platform=$BUILDPLATFORM golang:1.20-alpine AS base
WORKDIR /src
ENV CGO_ENABLED=0

FROM base AS test
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    --mount=type=secret,id=ghtoken \
    GITHUB_TOKEN=$(cat /run/secrets/ghtoken) go test ./...

FROM base AS lint
RUN wget -O- -nv \
    https://raw.githubusercontent.com/golangci/golangci-lint/master/install.sh | sh -s v1.51.1
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    golangci-lint run

FROM base AS build
ARG TARGETOS TARGETARCH
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    GOOS=$TARGETOS GOARCH=$TARGETARCH go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .

FROM alpine
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app
CMD ["app"]
```

# Updating our workflow

```
# docker-bake.hcl

group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
  default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
  tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

target "test" {
  target = "test"
  secret = ["id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"]
}

target "lint" {
  target = "lint"
}
```

```
-
  name: Lint
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    targets: lint
-
  name: Test
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    targets: test
  env:
    GITHUB_TOKEN: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
-
  name: Build and push
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    push: true
```

# Lint step logs

```
#10 [lint 1/3] RUN wget -O- -nv https://raw.githubusercontent.com/golangci/golangci-lint/master/install.sh | sh -s v1.51.1
#10 0.584 Connecting to raw.githubusercontent.com (185.199.110.133:443)
#10 0.909 writing to stdout
#10 0.909 - 100% |*****| 11114 0:00:00 ETA
#10 0.909 written to stdout
#10 0.930 golangci/golangci-lint info checking GitHub for tag 'v1.51.1'
#10 1.090 golangci/golangci-lint info found version: 1.51.1 for v1.51.1/linux/amd64
#10 1.821 golangci/golangci-lint info installed ./bin/golangci-lint
#10 DONE 1.9s
```

```
#11 [lint 2/3] WORKDIR /src
#11 DONE 0.0s
```

```
#12 [lint 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. golangci-lint run
#12 DONE 16.7s
```

```
#13 exporting to image
#13 exporting layers
#13 exporting layers 1.3s done
#13 writing image sha256:0a3fd3fc35b273b8111d2c5d674fa1736d348b808a22ce3aa33117b2d6b177a8 done
#13 DONE 1.3s
```

# Don't export build output

```
# docker-bake.hcl

group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
  default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
  tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

target "test" {
  target = "test"
  secret = ["id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"]
  output = ["type=cacheonly"]
}

target "lint" {
  target = "lint"
  output = ["type=cacheonly"]
}
```

```
#10 [lint 1/3] RUN wget -O- -nv https://raw.githubusercontent.com/golangci/golangci-
lint/master/install.sh | sh -s v1.51.1
#10 0.209 Connecting to raw.githubusercontent.com (185.199.110.133:443)
#10 0.282 writing to stdout
#10 0.283 - 100% |*****| 11114 0:00:00
ETA
#10 0.283 written to stdout
#10 0.290 golangci/golangci-lint info checking GitHub for tag 'v1.51.1'
#10 0.499 golangci/golangci-lint info found version: 1.51.1 for v1.51.1/linux/amd64
#10 1.549 golangci/golangci-lint info installed ./bin/golangci-lint
#10 DONE 1.6s

#11 [lint 2/3] WORKDIR /src
#11 DONE 0.0s

#12 [lint 3/3] RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. golangci-lint run
#12 DONE 15.9s
```

More info: <https://docs.docker.com/build/exporters/>

# Simplify our workflow

```
# docker-bake.hcl

group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
  default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
  tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

group "validate" {
  targets = ["test", "lint"]
}

target "test" {
  target = "test"
  secret = ["id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"]
}

target "lint" {
  target = "lint"
}
```

```
-
  name: Lint
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    target: lint
-
  name: Test
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    target: test
  env:
    GITHUB_TOKEN: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
-
  name: Build and push
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    push: true
```

```
-
  name: Validate
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    targets: validate
  env:
    GITHUB_TOKEN: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
-
  name: Build and push
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    push: true
```

# Simplify our workflow

```
# docker-bake.hcl

group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
  default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
  tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

group "validate" {
  targets = ["test", "lint"]
}

target "test" {
  target = "test"
  secret = ["id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"]
}

target "lint" {
  target = "lint"
}
```

```
✓ Validate 51s
106 ▶ Buildx version
109 ▼ Bake definition
110 /usr/bin/docker buildx bake --metadata-file /tmp/docker-actions-toolkit-ISJ08s/metadata-file validate --print
111 {
112   "group": {
113     "default": {
114       "targets": [
115         "validate"
116       ]
117     },
118     "validate": {
119       "targets": [
120         "test",
121         "lint"
122       ]
123     }
124   },
125   "target": {
126     "lint": {
127       "context": ".",
128       "dockerfile": "Dockerfile",
129       "target": "lint"
130     },
131     "test": {
132       "context": ".",
133       "dockerfile": "Dockerfile",
134       "target": "test",
135       "secret": [
136         "id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"
137       ]
138     }
139   }
140 }
141 /usr/bin/docker buildx bake --metadata-file /tmp/docker-actions-toolkit-ISJ08s/metadata-file validate
142 #0 building with "default" instance using docker driver
```

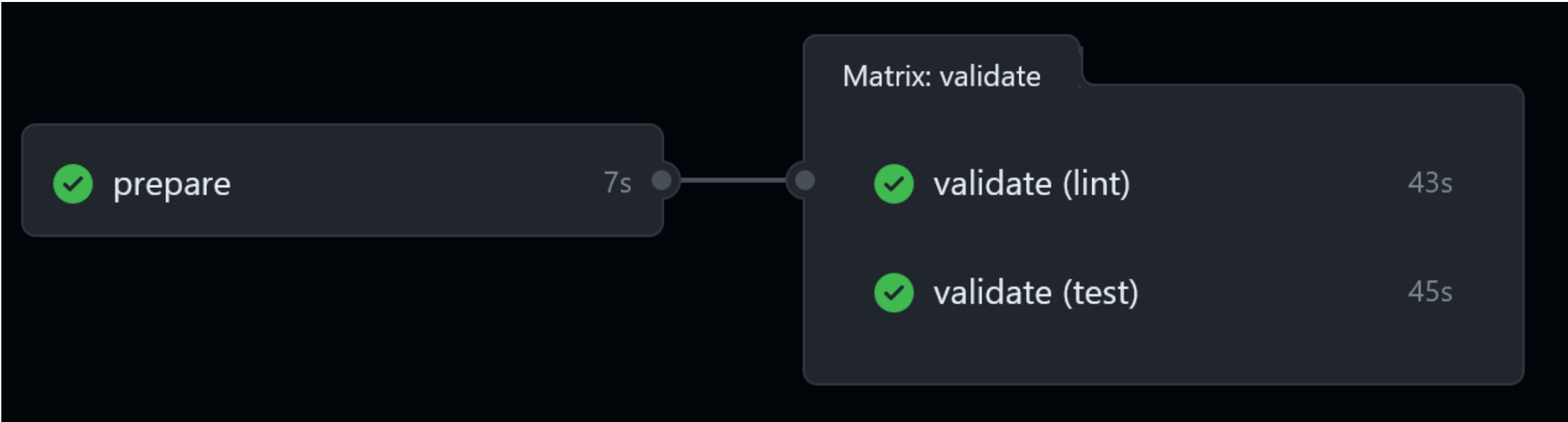
# Distributed builds

```
jobs:
  validate:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      -
        name: Checkout
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
      -
        name: Validate
        uses: docker/bake-action@v4
        with:
          targets: validate
```

```
jobs:
  prepare:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    outputs:
      targets: ${{ steps.targets.outputs.matrix }}
    steps:
      -
        name: Checkout
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
      -
        name: Matrix
        id: targets
        run: echo "matrix=$(docker buildx bake validate --print | jq -cr '.group.validate.targets')" >> $GITHUB_OUTPUT

  validate:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    needs: prepare
    strategy:
      matrix:
        target: ${{ fromJson(needs.prepare.outputs.targets) }}
    steps:
      -
        name: Checkout
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
      -
        name: Validate
        uses: docker/bake-action@v4
        with:
          targets: ${{ matrix.target }}
```

# Distributed builds





# Output binary

```
group "default" {
    targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
    default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
    tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

group "validate" {
    targets = ["test", "lint"]
}

target "test" {
    target = "test"
    secret = ["id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"]
}

target "lint" {
    target = "lint"
}

target "binary" {
    target = "binary"
    output = ["./bin"]
}
```

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1

FROM --platform=$BUILDPLATFORM golang:1.20-alpine AS base
WORKDIR /src
ENV CGO_ENABLED=0

FROM base AS test
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    --mount=type=secret,id=ghtoken \
    GITHUB_TOKEN=(cat /run/secrets/ghtoken) go test ./...

FROM base AS lint
RUN wget -O- -nv \
    https://raw.githubusercontent.com/golangci/golangci-lint/master/install.sh | sh -s v1.51.1
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    golangci-lint run

FROM base AS build
ARG TARGETOS TARGETARCH
RUN --mount=type=bind,target=. \
    GOOS=$TARGETOS GOARCH=$TARGETARCH go build -ldflags "-s -w" -o /usr/bin/app .

FROM scratch AS binary
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /

FROM alpine
COPY --from=build /usr/bin/app /usr/bin/app
CMD ["app"]
```

# Updating our workflow

```
group "default" {
  targets = ["image"]
}

variable "IMAGE_NAME" {
  default = "foo/bar"
}

target "image" {
  tags = ["${IMAGE_NAME}:latest"]
}

group "validate" {
  targets = ["test", "lint"]
}

target "test" {
  target = "test"
  secret = ["id=ghtoken,env=GITHUB_TOKEN"]
}

target "lint" {
  target = "lint"
}

target "binary" {
  target = "binary"
  output = ["./bin"]
}
```

```
-
  name: Validate
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    target: validate
-
  name: Build binary
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    targets: binary
-
  name: Build and push
  uses: docker/bake-action@v4
  with:
    push: true
```

# Publish binary when a tag is pushed

```
on:
  push:
    tags:
      - "v*"

jobs:
  docker:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      -
        name: Checkout
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
      -
        name: Build binary
        uses: docker/bake-action@v4
        with:
          targets: binary
      -
        name: GitHub Release
        uses: softprops/action-gh-release@v1
        with:
          files: ./bin/*
        env:
          GITHUB_TOKEN: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
```

# Conclusion

- Benefits of **cache exporters**, such as GitHub Actions Cache backend to improve build time and overall pipeline performance.
- Create optimized container images for **different architectures**.
- Effective strategies to manage and **automate tags and labels** based on CI events as well as versioning consistency.
- **Bake** to simplify your workflows and reduce the overhead in your CI pipeline.
- Securely integrate **build-time secrets** in your workflow.
- Vast potential of building using **containers in CI** to achieve **greater portability** between the inner loop and CI environment.

# Container-based projects

- <https://github.com/docker/buildx> - Docker CLI plugin for extended build capabilities with BuildKit
  - Build binaries (cross)
  - Update vendor, docs, authors file, generated files (proto)
  - Tests, lint (golangci-lint)
  - Check for outdated dependencies (mod-outdated)
- <https://github.com/tonistiigi/xx> - Dockerfile cross-compilation helpers
  - Tests, lint (shfmt, shellcheck)
  - Use bake matrix feature to build linkers
- <https://github.com/crazy-max/diun> - Notifications when an image is updated on a registry
  - Build binaries (cross) and multi-platform image
  - Update vendor, docs, generated files (proto)
  - Tests, lint (golangci-lint)
  - Check for outdated dependencies (mod-outdated)



# THANK YOU