

Setup up container support with gitlab-runner

Make sure cockpit is installed.

```
sudo dnf -y cockpit
```

Cockpit runs on localhost:9090

Only install podman or docker-ce not both.

Create and upload build containers to gitlab registry

User podman or docker to create the images to be uploaded.

```
podman | docker login gitlab01.brunoe.net:5050
podman | docker build -t gitlab01.brunoe.net:5050/eburno/softwaretrace-ostools/rhel10rpmbuild
podman | docker push gitlab01.brunoe.net:5050/eburno/softwaretrace-ostools/rhel10rpmbuild
podman | docker build -t gitlab01.brunoe.net:5050/eburno/softwaretrace-ostools/archlinux -
podman | docker push gitlab01.brunoe.net:5050/eburno/softwaretrace-ostools/archlinux;
```

Setup gitlab-runner to use podman

Install podman before gitlab-runner. * RHEL10 `sudo dnf -y install podman cockpit-podman`

Setup gitlab-runner to use docker

Install docker before gitlab-runner

Installing Docker CE

Installing gitlab-runner

Installing Gitlab Runner doc

Once gitlab-runner is installed you need to do some addition podman setup.

```
sudo -u gitlab-runner systemctl --user --now enable podman.socket
sudo -u gitlab-runner systemctl --user --now start podman.socket
loginctl enable-linger gitlab-runner # Replace 'gitlab-runner' with your runner user if different
sudo -u gitlab-runner systemctl status --user podman.socket
```

```
* podman.socket - Podman API Socket
  Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/user/podman.socket; enabled; preset: disabled)
  Active: active (listening) since Mon 2025-09-08 15:40:05 PDT; 6h left
  Invocation: 09a020fc81e24207bac806dc84bec9a1
  Triggers: * podman.service
           Docs: man:podman-system-service(1)
           Listen: /run/user/975/podman/podman.sock (Stream) # This goes in the config.toml file.
```

```
CGroup: /user.slice/user-975.slice/user@975.service/app.slice/podman.socket
```

Sample config.tpl

On RHEL 10 this located in /etc/gitlab-runner Items to note 975 is gitlab-runner uid. Add a docker runner to you configuration Add this to the config.toml file.

```
[[runners]]
  name = "rhel10podman"
  url = "<your gitlab server>"
  id = 38
  token = "<a runner token>"
  token_obtained_at = 2025-09-06T21:05:05Z
  token_expires_at = 0001-01-01T00:00:00Z
  executor = "docker"
[runners.cache]
  MaxUploadedArchiveSize = 0
[runners.cache.s3]
[runners.cache.gcs]
[runners.cache.azure]
[runners.docker]
  host = "unix:///run/user/975/podman/podman.sock"
  tls_verify = false
  image = "docker.io/library/redhat/ubi10:latest"
  privileged = false
  disable_entrypoint_overwrite = false
  oom_kill_disable = false
  pull_policy = ["if-not-present"]
  disable_cache = false
  volumes = ["/var/cache/gitlab-runner/cache:/cache", "/run/user/975/podman/podman.sock:/run/user/975/podman/podman.sock"]
  network_mode = "bridge"
  shm_size = 0
  network_mtu = 0
```

Restart the gitlab-runner service.

```
sudo systemctl restart gitlab-runner
```

Verify the runners.

<pre>sudo gitlab-runner list</pre>	
Runtime platform	arch=amd64 os=linux pid=7344 revision=
Listing configured runners	ConfigFile=/etc/gitlab-runner/config.t
rhel10server	Executor=shell Token=<a token> URL=ht
rhel10podman	Executor=docker Token=<a token> URL=ht

Sample complete config.toml with shell runner and podman runner

```
concurrent = 1
```

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check_interval = 0
connection_max_age = "15m0s"
shutdown_timeout = 0

[session_server]
    session_timeout = 1800

[[runners]]
    name = "rhel10server"
    url = <your gitlab server url>
    id = 31
    token = "<a runner token>"
    token_obtained_at = 2025-09-02T21:59:17Z
    token_expires_at = 0001-01-01T00:00:00Z
    executor = "shell"
    [runners.cache]
        MaxUploadedArchiveSize = 0
        [runners.cache.s3]
        [runners.cache.gcs]
        [runners.cache.azure]

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    token = "<a runner token>"
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        [runners.cache.gcs]
        [runners.cache.azure]
    [runners.docker]
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        image = "docker.io/library/redhat/ubi10:latest"
        privileged = false
        disable_entrypoint_overwrite = false
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        pull_policy = ["if-not-present"]
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