DEVELOPING WITH ALTERNATIVE TOOLS: BUILDAH, PODMAN, SKOPEO

**Introduction & Learning Objectives**

# Chapter Overview

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### Knowledge Check

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A. True

The statement is True.

You can replace Docker with containerd to run containers and build images. Containerd is an industry-standard container runtime that was originally developed by Docker, Inc., and later contributed to the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF). It is designed to be lightweight, efficient, and modular.

Docker originally used containerd as its container runtime, but over time, Docker adopted a higher-level architecture with additional features and components. Containerd, on the other hand, focuses specifically on container execution, image management, and distribution.

With the introduction of containerd, the container ecosystem became more modular, allowing developers and users to use containerd independently from Docker. Containerd is widely used as a container runtime in various container platforms and orchestrators, including Kubernetes.

Podman, which is introduced in Chapter 6, is an example of an alternative container management tool that utilizes containerd as its container runtime. Podman is designed to be Docker-compatible and allows users to run containers without a daemon, using containerd directly as its runtime.

In summary, containerd is a powerful and flexible container runtime that can be used independently of Docker, and you have the option to replace Docker with containerd for container management and image building tasks.



Question 6.2 Which of the following is not a use case for Buildah? A. Building an image using Dockerfile B. Building an image from scratch C. Running a container and exposing it with port mapping D. All of these are Buildah uses cases

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C. Running a container and exposing it with port mapping

Running a container and exposing it with port mapping is not a use case for Buildah. Buildah is primarily a tool for building container images, and it focuses on providing an alternative to Docker when it comes to creating and managing images. Buildah does not handle container runtime functions like running containers, managing their lifecycles, or port mapping.

The correct use cases for Buildah are:

A. Building an image using Dockerfile: Buildah allows you to build images using a Dockerfile, just like Docker. It provides similar functionality for interpreting and processing Dockerfiles to create container images.

B. Building an image from scratch: Buildah enables you to create container images from scratch without relying on a base image. You can start with an empty root filesystem and add only the necessary components and files to build a minimal image.

D. All of these are Buildah use cases: Both option A (Building an image using Dockerfile) and option B (Building an image from scratch) are valid use cases for Buildah.

It's important to note that while Buildah is an excellent tool for building container images, it does not handle container runtime features such as running containers or networking. For running and managing containers, you would typically use a container runtime like containerd, runc, or Podman (which uses containerd as its runtime).



Question 6.3 Which of the following tools is best to replace Docker's functionalities with? A. runc B. CRI-O C. Podman D. Buildah

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C. Podman

Podman is the best tool among the options listed to replace Docker's functionalities. Podman is designed to be Docker-compatible, meaning it provides a Docker-like command-line interface and can run existing Docker images and containers without requiring a separate daemon like Docker does. It uses containerd as its container runtime, just like Docker, but without the need for a background service.

The key features and benefits of Podman include:

1. **Docker-Compatibility:** Podman's command-line interface is designed to be familiar to Docker users, making it easy for Docker users to transition to Podman seamlessly.
2. **No Daemon:** Unlike Docker, Podman does not require a separate background service or daemon to manage containers. Containers are managed directly by the Podman binary.
3. **Rootless Containers:** Podman supports rootless containers, which means users can run containers as non-root users, enhancing security and isolation.
4. **Systemd Integration:** Podman is integrated with systemd, allowing users to run containers as systemd services, which simplifies integration with existing Linux service management workflows.
5. **Security Focus:** Podman places a strong emphasis on security and compliance, making it a good choice for environments with strict security requirements.

While options A (runc), B (CRI-O), and D (Buildah) are all essential components in the container ecosystem, they do not provide a complete replacement for Docker's functionalities. Runc is a low-level container runtime used by containerd and Podman, CRI-O is a Kubernetes-specific container runtime, and Buildah is primarily focused on image building. However, none of these tools provide a Docker-compatible command-line interface or support running Docker images and containers without a daemon, as Podman does.



Question 6.4 You can run a collections of containers and manage them together as a pod without Kubernetes. True or False? A. True B. False

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A. True

The statement is True.

You can run a collection of containers and manage them together as a "pod" without Kubernetes, thanks to tools like Podman. Podman is designed to be compatible with Kubernetes pod semantics, allowing you to create and manage pods directly on the host system without needing a full Kubernetes cluster.

In Kubernetes, a pod is the smallest deployable unit that represents a single instance of a running process. It can contain one or more tightly coupled containers that share the same network namespace and can communicate with each other using **localhost**. By using pods, you can deploy and manage a group of containers that need to work together and share resources.

Podman extends this concept beyond Kubernetes by allowing you to create and manage pods on any system without requiring a Kubernetes cluster. You can use Podman to create pods with one or more containers, just like you would in Kubernetes. The containers within the pod share the same network namespace, making communication between them easy and efficient.

Podman provides a way to create and manage pods using the same commands and interface as Kubernetes, making it a powerful tool for running and orchestrating multiple containers together on a single host or across multiple hosts.

While Podman is not a full-fledged container orchestration platform like Kubernetes, it brings some of the powerful features of Kubernetes pods to standalone container environments, making it a valuable tool for certain use cases.



Question 6.5 runc can pull images from container registries and use them to launch a container. True or False? A. True B. False

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B. False

The statement is False.

**runc** is a low-level container runtime responsible for spawning and running containers based on the Open Container Initiative (OCI) specification. While **runc** is a crucial component for running containers, it is not designed to handle the task of pulling images from container registries.

**runc** operates at the lowest level of the container stack and is responsible for starting the container process inside a container bundle (root filesystem and configuration). It is essentially the container execution engine and does not include higher-level functionalities like image pulling or image management.

To pull images from container registries and handle higher-level container operations, you would typically use a container engine or tool that includes functionalities built on top of **runc**. Docker is a well-known container engine that uses **runc** as its default container runtime but provides a user-friendly command-line interface and functionalities for image pulling, building, and managing containers.

Other container engines like Podman and containerd also use **runc** as the container runtime, but they offer additional features, including image pulling and higher-level container management, making them more suitable for interacting with container registries and handling container images.

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# Question 6.1

You can replace Docker with containerd to run containers and build images. True or False?

Incorrect Answer

* **A.** True

Your Answer:

Incorrect

* **B.** False

Correct Answer

# Question 6.2

Which of the following is **not** a use case for Buildah?

Correct Answer

* **A.** Building an image using Dockerfile
* **B.** Building an image from scratch
* **C.** Running a container and exposing it with port mapping

Your Answer:

Correct

* **D.** All of these are Buildah uses cases

# Question 6.3

Which of the following tools is best to replace Docker's functionalities with?

Correct Answer

* **A.** runc
* **B.** CRI-O
* **C.** Podman

Your Answer:

Correct

* **D.** Buildah

# Question 6.4

You can run a collections of containers and manage them together as a pod without Kubernetes. True or False?

Correct Answer

* **A.** True

Your Answer:

Correct

* **B.** False

# Question 6.5

runc can pull images from container registries and use them to launch a container. True or False?

Correct Answer

* **A.** True
* **B.** False

Your Answer:

Correct