Dev Containers

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"It works on my machine!"





Python Dev Environment

Components of a dev environment:

- Python Versions
- Packages (pip/pipx)
- IDE Extensions
- Pre-Commit Hooks

All of which may be **different** between projects and workstations.

The Problem

- "It works on my machine" issues.
- Inconsistent dependencies across the team.
- Manual setup & maintenance of environments.

Too many variables that will cause difficult to diagnose issues.

What Are Dev Containers?

Dev Container noun

An open specification for enriching containers with development specific content and settings.

Source: https://containers.dev/

Key Features







- 1. A Single Dependency
- 2. Consistent Environments
- Automation
- 4. Portability
- 5. Collaboration
- 6. Extensibility







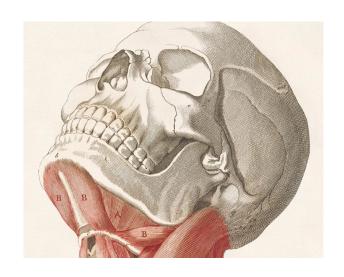




Anatomy of a Dev Container

Anatomy of a Dev Container:

- Top-level .devcontainer/ folder
- devcontainer.json
 - image or dockerfile
 - features
 - post[Create, Start, Attach] Command
 - customizations
 - forwardPorts
- Scripts, DockerFile, etc.



Features noun

Self-contained, shareable units of installation code and development container configuration.

Source: https://containers.dev/implementors/features/

Templates

- ____
- Over 40 core templates.
 - Ubuntu/Debian
 - Language-specific
 - + Postgres or MS SQL
 - And so much more.
- Many community images.









Deep Integration with VSCode



Dev Containers

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Open any folder or repository inside a Docker container and take advantage of Visual Studio Code's full feature set.

Installation

Launch VS Code Quick Open (Ctrl+P), paste the following command, and press enter.

ext install ms-vscode-remote.remote-containers Copy More Info

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Python Dev Container Example

https://github.com/morey-tech/devcontainer-python-example



Homelab Dev Container Example

https://github.com/morey-tech/homelab



Kubernetes Dev Container Example

https://github.com/morey-tech/argocd-v2.12-examples