



KOM KWT 2022 / Workshop

WHY?

..and how?

What is Docker?

“ Docker is an open platform for developing, shipping, and running applications.”

<https://docs.docker.com/get-started/overview/>

Main idea

- Put applications into lightweight containers
- Use containers in all stages: development, testing and production
- Hardware-independent deployment (target only needs docker)
- Orchestration and scaling of modular applications

Why should you care?

As an independent developer

- Specify your whole setup at one place
- Build once, **run anywhere** (local machine, VM...)
- Containerized performance nearly identical to native*
(also for ML workloads with GPUs)

As a researcher

- Isolated and safe environment for executing apps
- Use exactly the same setup between collaborators
- **Boost reproducibility of your research**

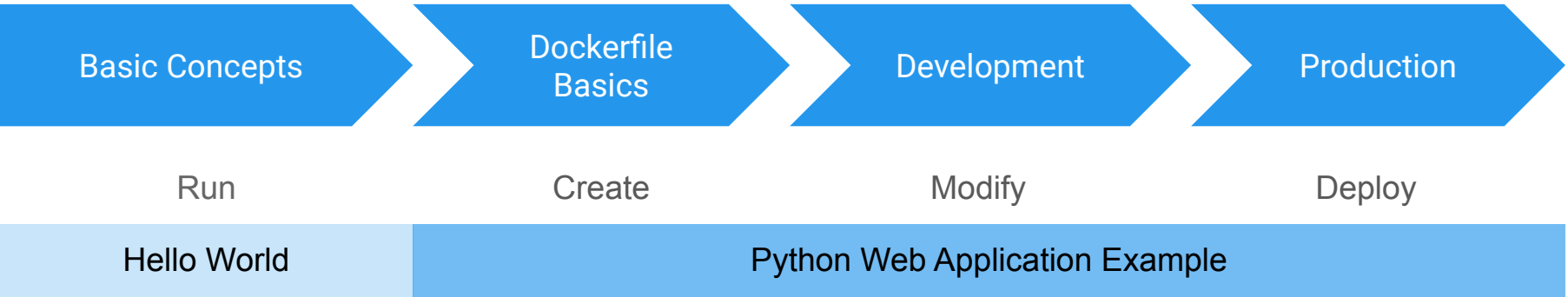
This Workshop on GitHub



```
git clone https://github.com/jw3il/kwt22-docker
```

What you will learn in the next ~ 55 minutes..

Concepts required for (basically) all projects

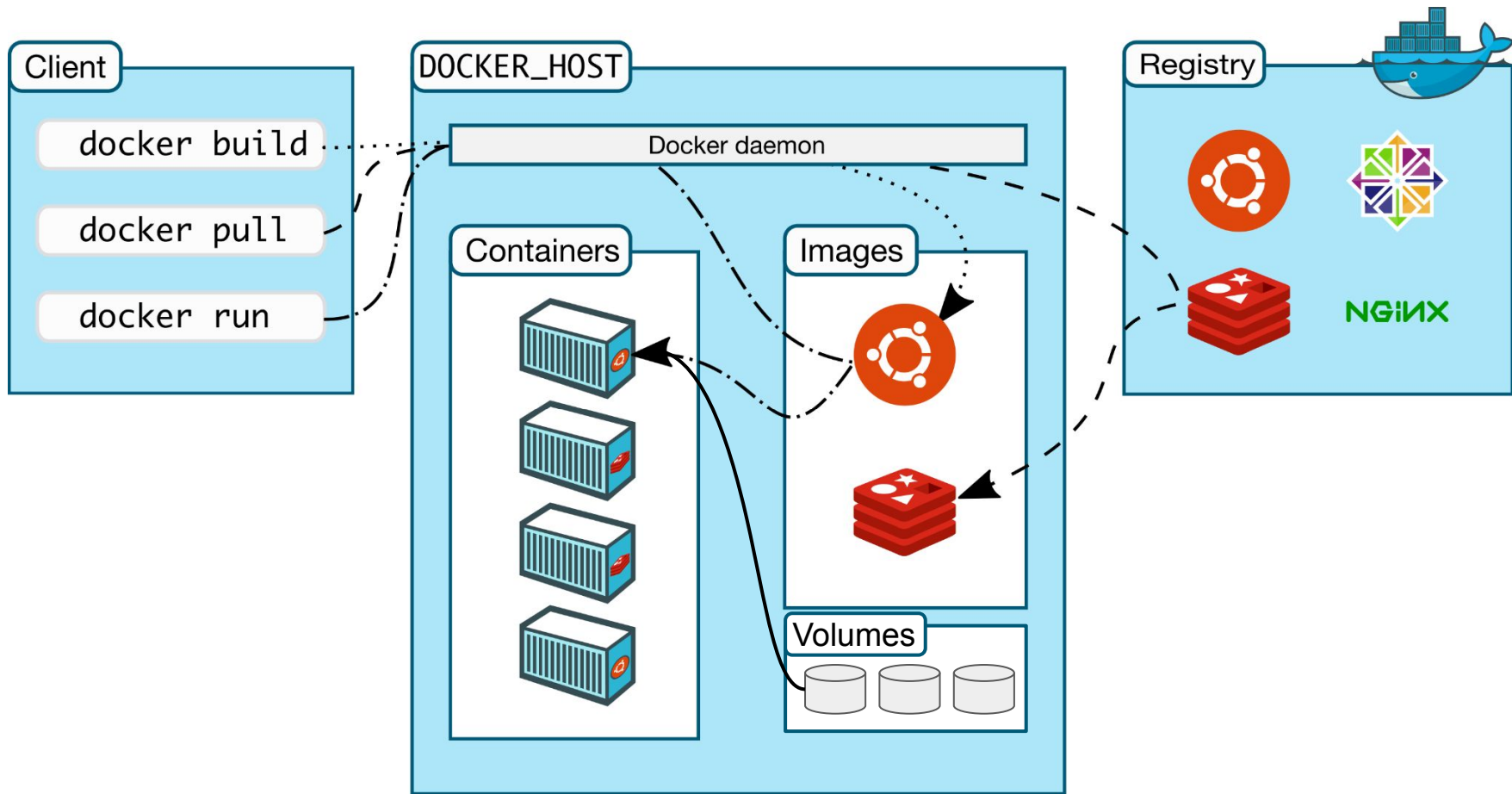


Basic Concepts

Images

Containers

Volumes





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Complete step 1

(see README.md in the git repository)

Dockerfile Basics

A recipe to build and
run your application!

Dockerfile Basics

```
FROM python:3.9-slim-bullseye
```

base image name:tag

```
# set the work dir in the image to /app
WORKDIR /app
```

```
# install requirements
```

```
RUN pip install --no-cache-dir flask
```

install requirements &
remove garbage

```
# copy files from local system to /app
COPY ./app ./
```

```
# set path to flask app and enable development mode
```

```
ENV FLASK_APP=app.py
```

```
ENV FLASK_DEBUG=1
```

```
# start flask when running containers based on this image
```

```
ENTRYPOINT [ "flask", "run" ]
```

```
CMD [ "--host", "0.0.0.0", "--port", "5000" ]
```

run command
and default args



We **build** an image with a Dockerfile

Docker creates *layers* after each statement

- Each layer is an intermediate image based on the previous image
- Allows for caching & faster downloads of modified images
- But: each layer increases the size of the image (like a git commit)



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Complete step 2

Development

How to use docker
for development

Development with Docker

We need persistent storage for our code..

Volumes

- Let docker manage storage
- Isolated storage units
- Mount in multiple containers

<https://docs.docker.com/storage/volumes/>

Bind Mounts

- Mount local filesystem
- Easy to use
- Do not use in production

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Development with Docker - Bind Mounts

local filesystem

Mount the directory `/$ (pwd) /app` as `/app`

docker filesystem

```
$ docker run --rm --name kwt22-container  
-v "$ (pwd) /app" : "/app" -p 8080:5000 kwt22-image
```



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Work on step 3

Production

Create different development
and production images

Getting ready for production

Goal: create a (small) image to run your application

Main options

1. Create multiple Dockerfiles (e.g. development, production)
2. Create multi-stage builds with a single Dockerfile

Multi-Stage Builds by Example

```
# development image
FROM base-image as dev

# ... do some stuff

ENTRYPOINT ...
CMD ...

# production image
FROM dev as prod

# ... do some stuff

ENTRYPOINT ...
CMD ...
```

Stage 1: `--target dev`

- Like our previous image
- Keyword `as` defines build target name
- Base stage could e.g. be slim build target with all common and installed dependencies
- In our case: development target (we have no unnecessary dependencies)



Stage 2: `--target prod`

- Defines own build target
- Can be based on previous (`dev`) or different image
- We could also copy files from previous stages like

```
COPY --from=dev DEV_PATH PROD_PATH
```



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Complete step 4

Congratulations!

You are ready to use docker
in your own projects