

Containers

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Cloud Computing Homework 2

A. Screenshots for Task 1

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[rx57@~/Sync/cloud-compute-hw-2/socket-server]$ docker images | head -n2
REPOSITORY          TAG             IMAGE ID        CREATED         SIZE
localhost/socket-107021129  latest         ad78de4bc46e   49 minutes ago  13.2 kB
[rx57@~/Sync/cloud-compute-hw-2/socket-server]$
```

Figure 1: List containing the container for task 1

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[rx57@~/Sync/cloud-compute-hw-2/socket-server]$ docker run --rm -d -p 8080:8080 localhost/socket-107021129:latest
de4956ca49af344110434b62c1de86c3ac5df622baafa839c3630a3f91e90e51
[rx57@~/Sync/cloud-compute-hw-2/socket-server]$ ./client
Hello message sent
Hello from server
[rx57@~/Sync/cloud-compute-hw-2/socket-server]$
```

Figure 2: Running the container and the client

B. Screenshots for Task 3

C. Performance of Container vs VM (Task 2)

All the experiments are ran for at least 3 times, and the average values is presented in the following table.

Item	VM	Container
Sysbench CPU (Events/s)	18486	18630
Sysbench Memory (Events/s)	61141029	65703919
Sysbench File IO (Events/s)	17737	1066502
iperf (Gbps)	1.19	9.68

In terms of CPU and memory performance, there is no dramatic difference between the VM and the container. With the help of KVM, the VM inside QEMU run pretty much as well as the container, with very minor performance hit.

File IO speed in the VM is severely impacted by the fact that the file operations goes through the qcow2 disk image format, which, as described in the documentation of QEMU, “has the largest overhead compared to raw images when it needs to grow the image”. Since the experiments were done in a fresh VM, the images had not allocated the space required for the files written by sysbench, and did the allocation on-the-fly while sysbench runs, causing file IO to be very slow.

`iperf` shows that the container has a huge advantage (with more than 8 times better throughput) in communicating with the host machine via network, since the network traffic is essentially travelling between processes on the host itself.

D. Difference between Docker Container and VM

As opposed to virtual machines, which are themselves fully virtualized systems, Docker containers are essentially a bunch of carefully managed and restricted processes running on the same host. This enables containers to be much more lightweight and enables better sharing of the computational resources on the host (for example, memory allocation and overcommitting is much more easier), at the cost of having less isolation and security.

Docker containers typically have different use cases than virtual machines. Docker containers are nowadays mainly used for deploying stable development and production environments, which is not commonly done using virtual machines due to the bloat of virtual machine images.

E. Explain “Deployment”, “Service” and “Pod”

F. Kubernetes

G. Container Technology

H. Container Data