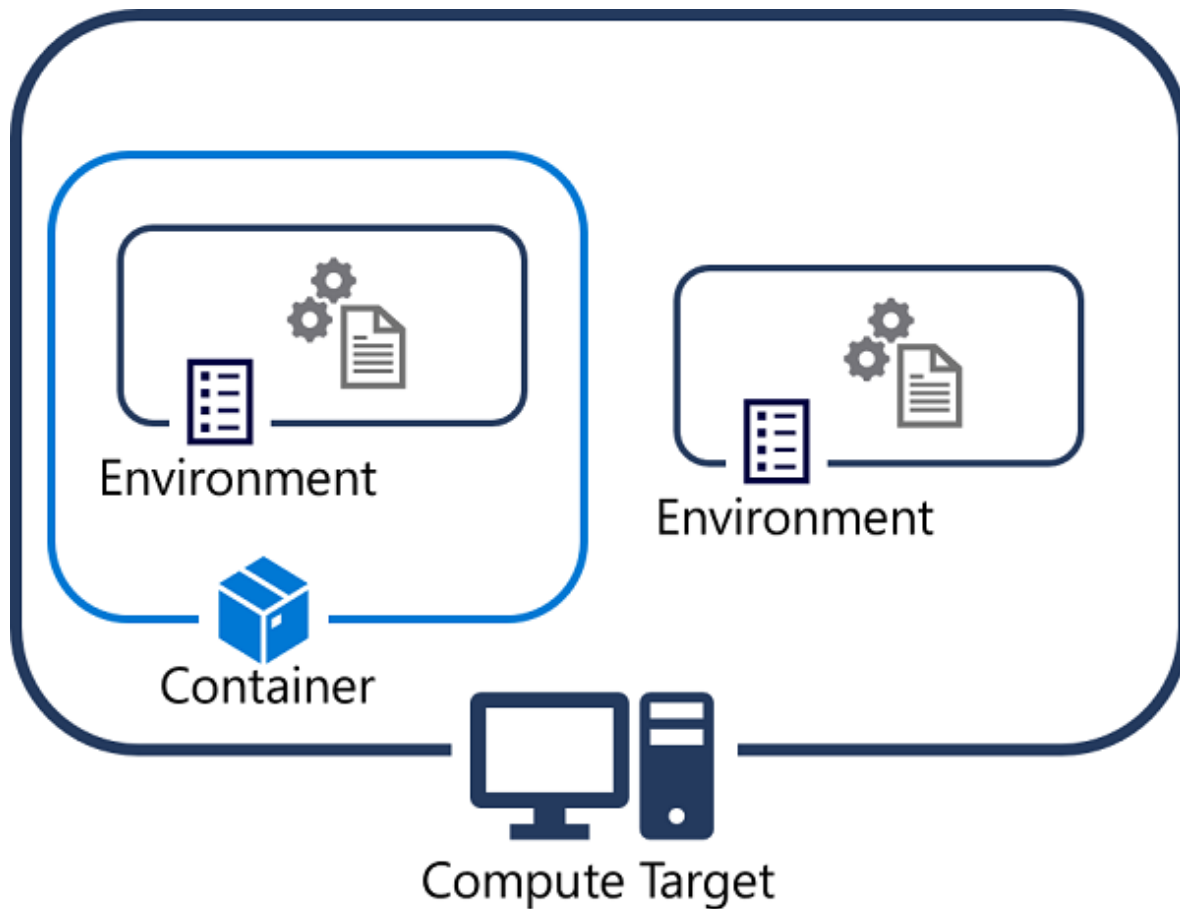


## Run Contexts for Experiments



Python code runs in the context of a *virtual environment* that defines the version of the Python runtime to be used as well as the installed packages available to the code. In most Python installations, packages are installed and managed in environments using **Conda** or **pip**.

To improve portability, we usually create environments in docker containers that are in turn be hosted in compute targets, such as your development computer, virtual machines, or clusters in the cloud.

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