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Containerizing Your Dev Workflow

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What is a container?

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- A container is a package that contains all the dependencies needed to run an application and the application itself.
- When you run an application inside of a container it will have its own:
 - Filesystem
 - Network
 - Memory space



How the magic works

- Open Container Initiative (OCI): https://opencontainers.org/
 - Defines the underlying specifications for containers.
 - · Image Specification and Runtime Specification
- Container Build Tools: Tools that help you build and manage your containers using the OCI Image Specification.
- Container Runtimes: Libraries that these container tools use to run your containers using the OCI Runtime Specification.



Container Registries

- A container registry is a place to store containers for future use.
 There are public and private registries to store your containers.
 - Public: Docker.io and Quay.io
- When working with public registries you should pick from trusted sources. Docker has the "official" image status for a set of curated images on Docker.io
 - https://hub.docker.com/search?q=&type=image&image_filter=official
- For Red Hat images you can find them on Quay.io



Building Your First Container

- Install Podman:
 - https://podman.io/getting-started/installation
- Write a simple application
- Write a Dockerfile (Containerfile)
 - https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/
- Build our container.



Picking Your Base Image

What does my application need to run?

- Programming Language based image
 - · Python, Golang, Nodejs, Ruby, etc
 - Good route if you just need the language itself.
- OS based image
 - · Fedora, CentOS, Alpine, Ubuntu, etc
 - Good route if you are going to be installing more development tools into your container like git.



Container Building Demo

1. Build our container

podman build -t hello:cli -f Dockerfile.hello .

2. Run our container interactively

podman run -it --rm hello:cli bash

3. Run our container with an entrypoint

podman run -it --rm hello:cli --name=Lisa

4. Run a containerized web application

podman run -it --rm -p 5000:5000 hello:web



Introducing Buildah

What if I don't want to rebuild the container every change to the Dockerfile?

- Installing Buildah:
 - https://github.com/containers/buildah/blob/main/install.md

Buildah is a command line tool that allows you to build a container interactively.



Introducing Buildah

What if I don't want to rebuild the container every change to the Dockerfile?

- Let's build our previous container directly with buildah
 - newcontainer=\$(buildah from python:3) && echo \$newcontainer
 - buildah copy \$newcontainer...
 - buildah config --entrypoint \$newcontainer '["python", "hello-cli.py"]'
 - buildah commit --rm \$newcontainer hello:cli
- Now we can run it with podman like we did before!
 - podman run -it --rm hello:cli --name=Lisa



Managing Your Containers

- Now that we've built our containers locally we can push them to external repositories.
- Rebuild my local container with the external name:
 - podman build -t quay.io/lranjbar/hello:cli -f Dockerfile.hello-1.
- Push my image to the external repository:
 - podman push quay.io/Iranjbar/hello:cli



Introducing Skopeo

- Installing Skopeo: https://github.com/containers/skopeo/blob/main/install.md
- Skopeo is a tool to interact with images in external container repositories.
- Copy an image to a new tag:
 - skopeo copy docker://quay.io/lranjbar/hello:cli docker://quay.io/lranjbar/hello:latest
- Inspect my external image:
 - skopeo inspect docker://quay.io/lranjbar/hello



Fedora Toolbox: A Container Playground

Installing Toolbox

Toolbox is a tool that will create a containerized command line environment for you. This is useful when you want to try out new tools without installing them on your base operating system.



Containers Are Everywhere

While this presentation focused on Linux containers there are containers on just about every operating system these days.

The overall workflow I showcased today can be applied in general across the container ecosystem.

For those who are on Mac and Windows I still recommend starting out with the Linux ecosystem for containers if at all possible.



More Resources

- General Containers:
 - Open Container Initiative
 - What is a Linux Container?
 - What is Container Security?
- Container Orchestration:
 - What is Kubernetes?



Q&A



Thanks!

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