

Environment manager from your OS to your environment

Encapsulation levels using Conda, Docker and Singularity



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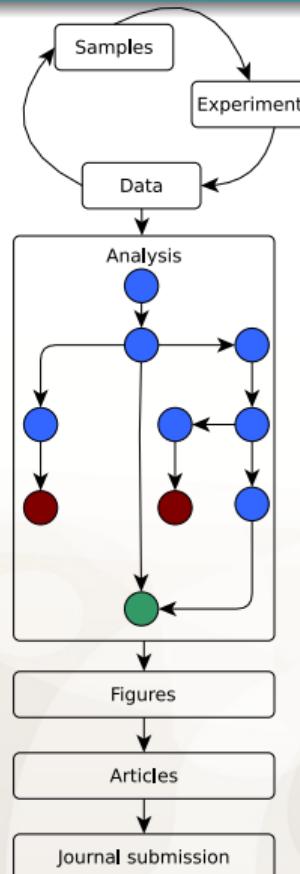


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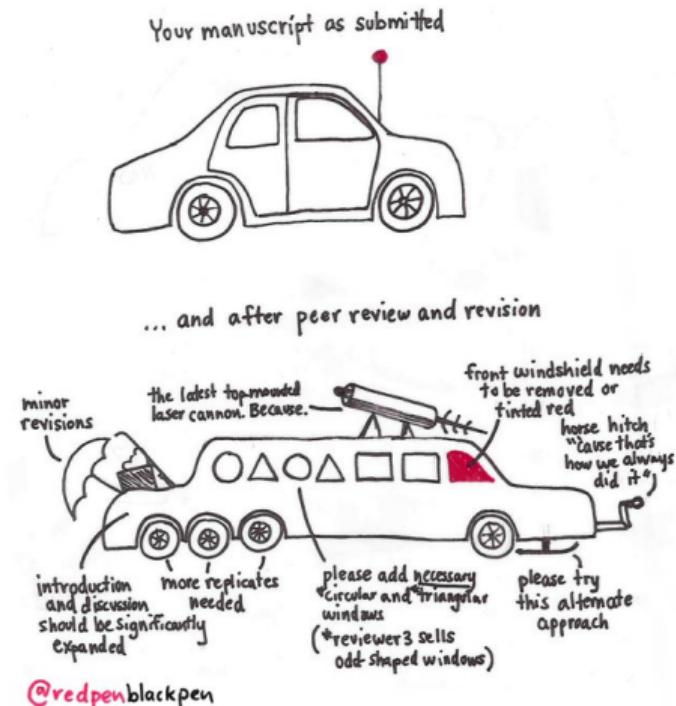
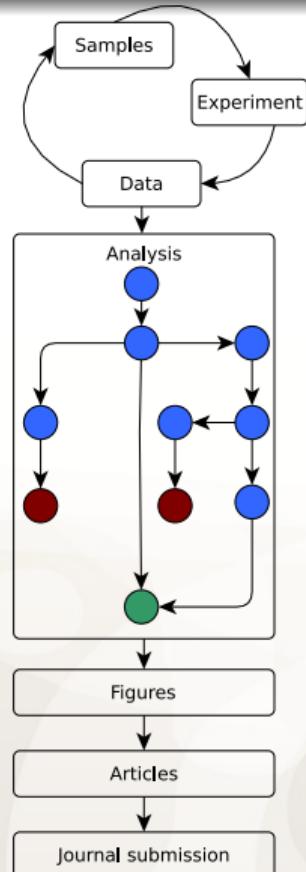
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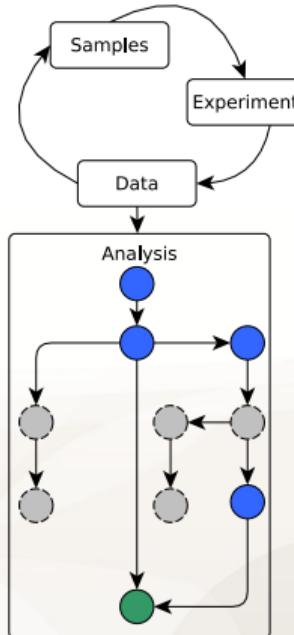
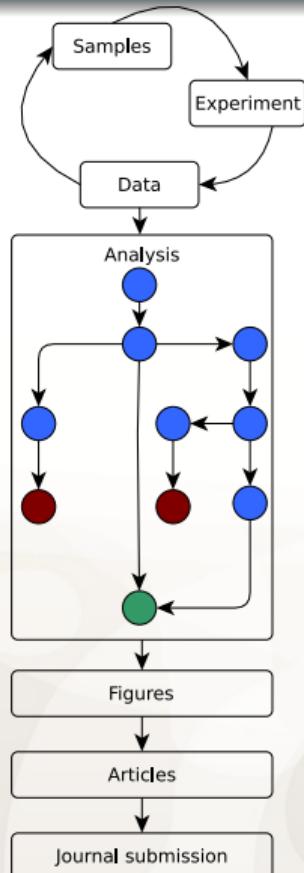
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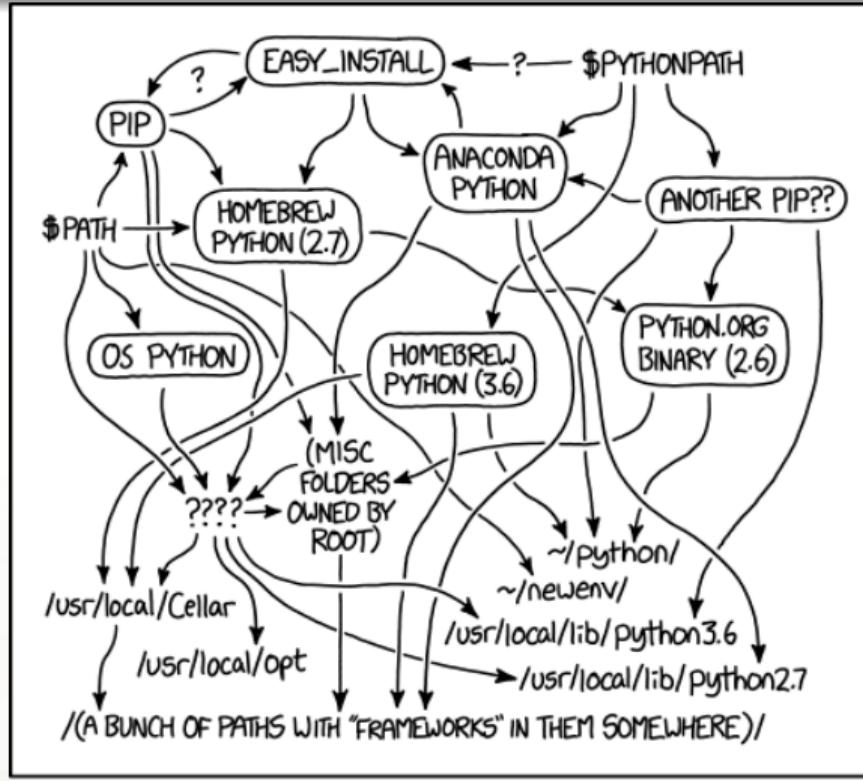
What are the changes ?

- Tool version
- Packages
- Environment variables
- OS version
- The computer
- ...

■ Tool compatibility troubles

- Python version ? 2.7, 3.8...
- Which tool version ?
- Installation without root access
- coexistence between several versions, libraries

My python env



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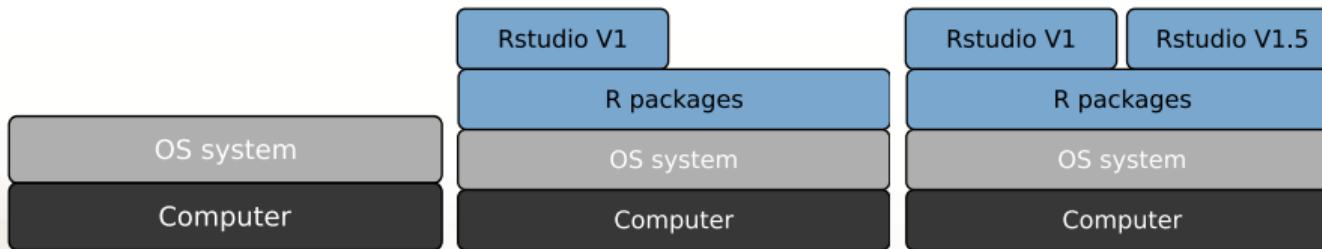
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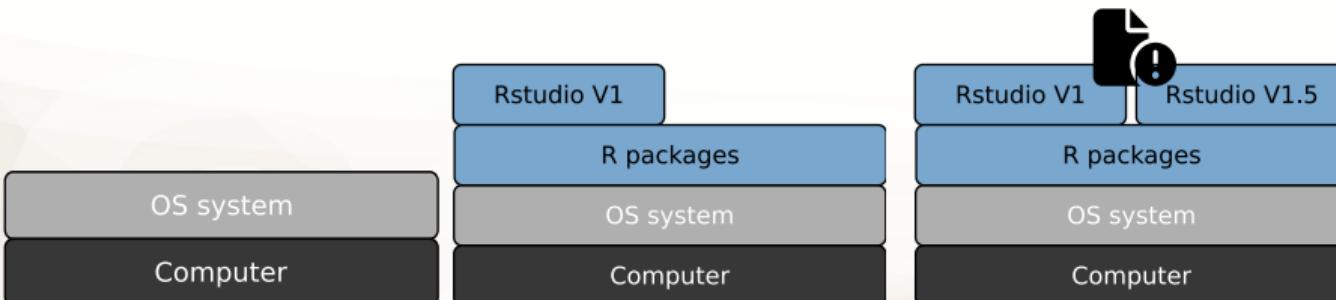
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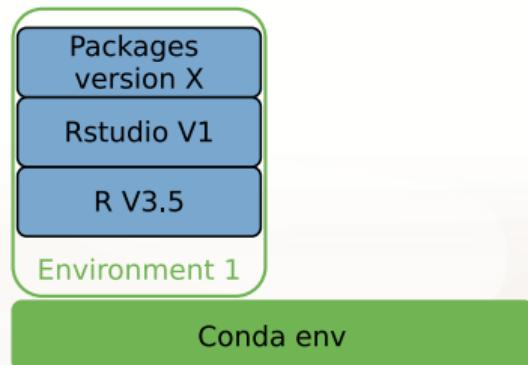
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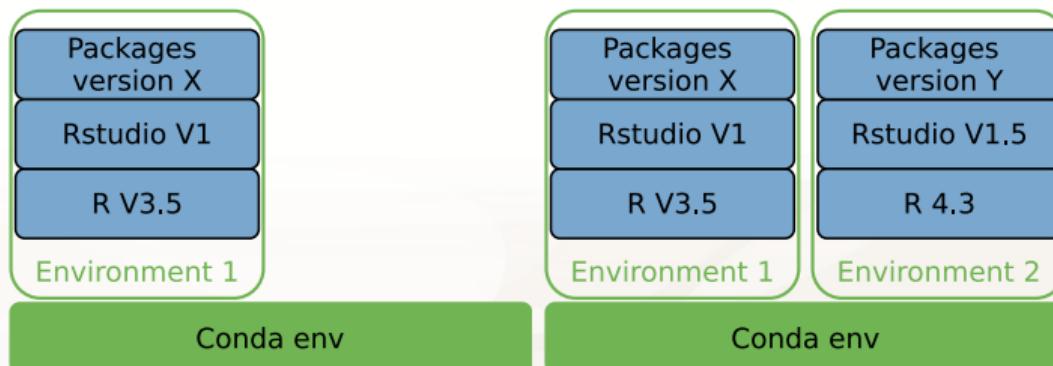
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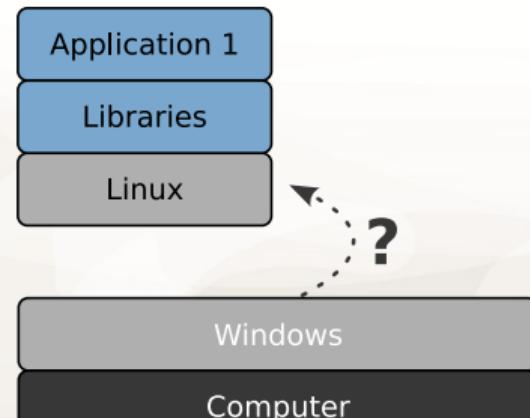
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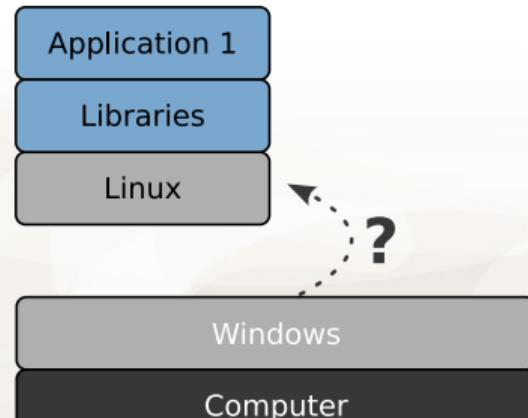
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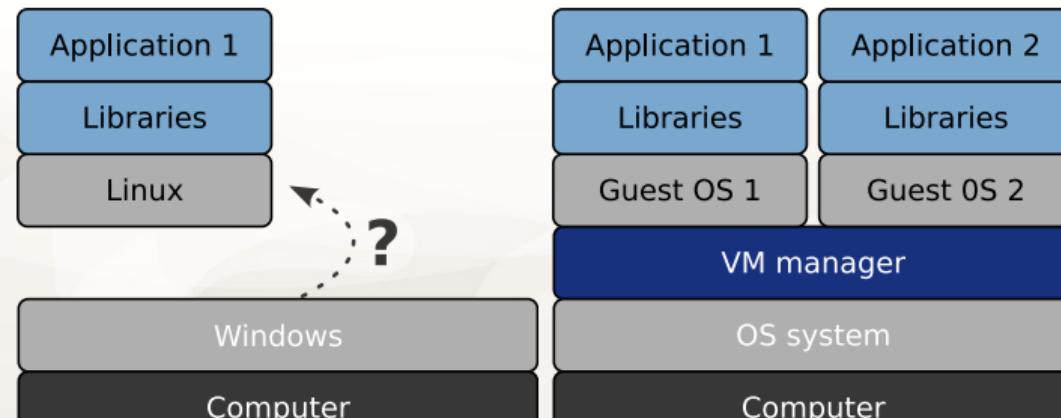
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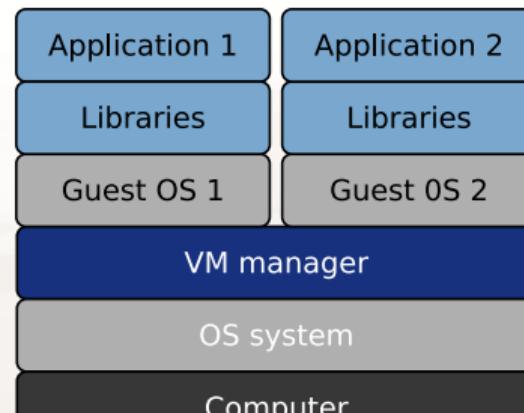
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Oracle VM VirtualBox Manager

Tools New Settings Discard Show ▾

Icon	Name	Status
	ovs34-efi	Powered Off
	ubuntu-18.04	Running
	win2016srv	Running
	centos7	Powered Off
	OracleLinux7	Running
	OracleLinux6	Powered Off
	ol7-vbox6	Powered Off

General

Name: ubuntu-18.04
Operating System: Ubuntu (64-bit)
Settings File Location: /Users/scr/VirtualBox/ubuntu-18.04

System

Base Memory: 4096 MB
Boot Order: Optical, Hard Disk
Acceleration: VT-x/AMD-V, Nested Paging, KVM Paravirtualization

Preview

General

Name: win2016srv
Operating System: Windows 2016 (64-bit)
Settings File Location: /Users/scr/VirtualBox/win2016srv

System

Base Memory: 8192 MB
Boot Order: Hard Disk, Optical, Floppy
Acceleration: VT-x/AMD-V, Nested Paging, PAE/NX

Preview

General

Name: OracleLinux7
Operating System: Oracle (64-bit)
Settings File Location: /Users/scr/VirtualBox/OracleLinux7

System

Base Memory: 8192 MB
Processors: 2
Boot Order: Hard Disk, Optical
Acceleration: VT-x/AMD-V, Nested Paging, PAE/NX, KVM Paravirtualization

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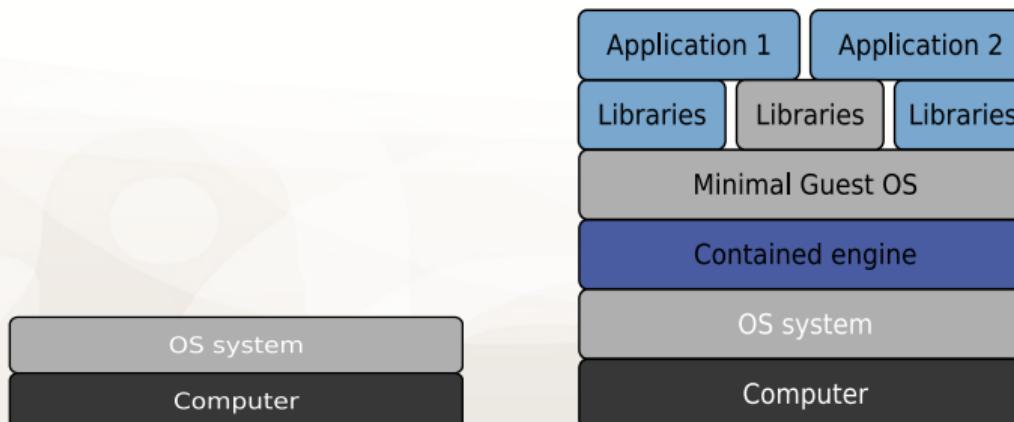
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- Lightweight
 - Minimal base OS
 - Minimal set of library and global environment
 - Easy sharing of application

Filters

1 - 25 of 2 123 results for rstudio.

Best Match ▾

Products

 Images Extensions Plugins

Trusted Content

 Docker Official Image ⓘ Verified Publisher ⓘ Sponsored OSS ⓘ

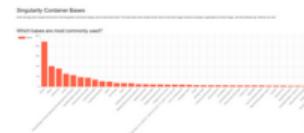
Operating Systems

 Linux Windows

Architectures

 ARM ARM 64 IBM POWER

	ibmcom/rstudio-ppc64le		By IBM • Updated 3 years ago	521	4
	Integrated development environment (IDE) for R			Downloads	Stars
		Linux ppc64le			
	whohetale/rstudio-base		By whohetale • Updated 5 years ago	167	0
		Linux x86-64		Downloads	Stars
	bioconductor/rstudio_yescds		By bioconductor • Updated 2 months ago	62	0
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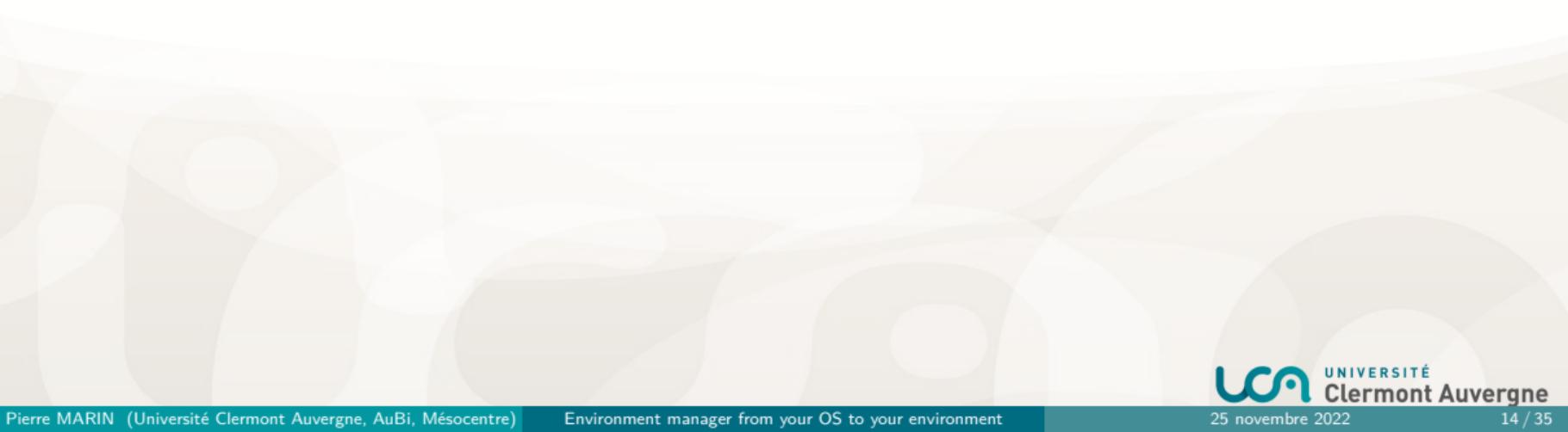
All repos 1385

rstudio

Stack	Description	Singularity* recipe	Topics	QC	Stars	Watchers
grst/rstudio-server-conda	Run Rstudio Server in a conda environment	0		license MIT last commit october 2021	106	3
nickjer/singularity-rstudio	RStudio Server in a Singularity container	0 1	rstudio-server, singularity- image	license MIT last commit june 2021	40	5
singularityhub/singularity- compose-examples	A simple example of running a MongoDB instance to query a database	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	singularity- compose, mongodb	license not specified last commit august	12	5
OSC/bc_osc_rstudio_server	Batch Connect - OSC RStudio Server	0		license MIT last commit october	6	10
RBigData/singularity	Singularity configurations for R and pbdR packages.	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		license BSD-2-Clause last commit october 2019	3	4

- Docker is not easy to use on a cluster system
- Docker private company choices

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■ Conda **CONDA**

- Package manager AND environment manager
- installed with Ana or Miniconda
- Python based but can also install tools from R, C++ or Julia...

Conda system

CONDA CHEATSHEET	
QUICK START	
Tip: It is recommended to create a new environment for any new project or workflow.	
verify conda install and check version	<code>conda info</code>
update conda in base environment	<code>conda update -n base conda</code>
install latest anaconda distribution (see release notes)	<code>conda install anaconda=2022.08</code>
create a new environment (tip: name environment descriptively)	<code>conda create --name ENVNAME</code>
activate environment (do this before installing packages)	<code>conda activate ENVNAME</code>
CHANNELS AND PACKAGES	
Tip: Package dependencies and platform specifics are automatically resolved when using conda.	
install packages from specified channel	<code>conda install -c CHANNELNAME PKG1 PKG2</code>
list installed packages	<code>conda list</code>
uninstall package	<code>conda uninstall PKGNAME</code>
update all packages	<code>conda update --all</code>
install specific version of package	<code>conda install PKGNAME=3.1.4</code>
install a package from specific channel	<code>conda install CHANNELNAME::PKGNAME</code>
install package with AND logic	<code>conda install "PKGNAME>2.5,<3.2"</code>
install package with OR logic	<code>conda install "PKGNAME [version='2.5 3.2']"</code>
list installed packages with source info	<code>conda list --show-channel-urls</code>
view channel sources	<code>conda config --show-sources</code>
add channel	<code>conda config --add channels CHANNELNAME</code>
set default channel for pkg fetching (targets first channel in channel sources)	<code>conda config --set channel_priority strict</code>
WORKING WITH CONDA ENVIRONMENTS	
Tip: List environments at the beginning of your session. Environments with an asterisk are active.	
Environment manager from your OS to your environment	

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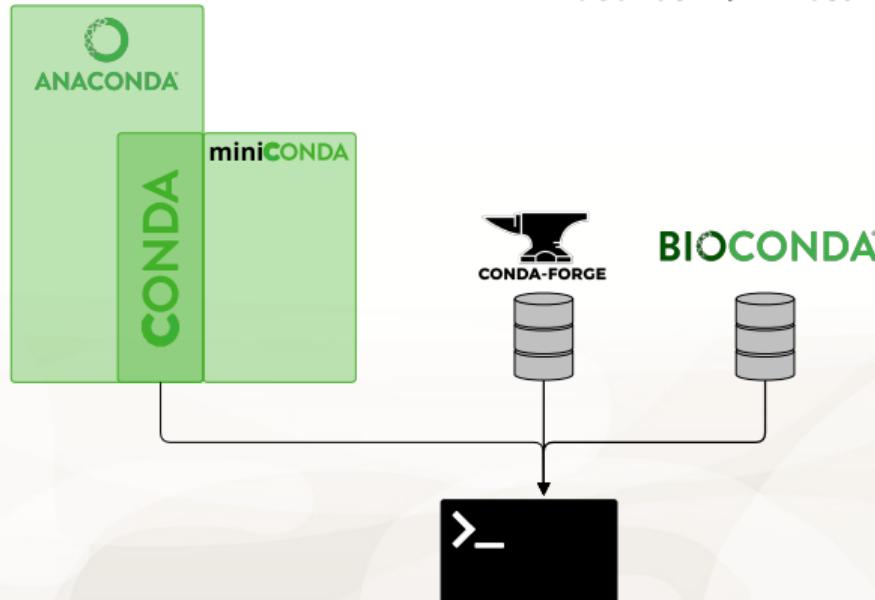
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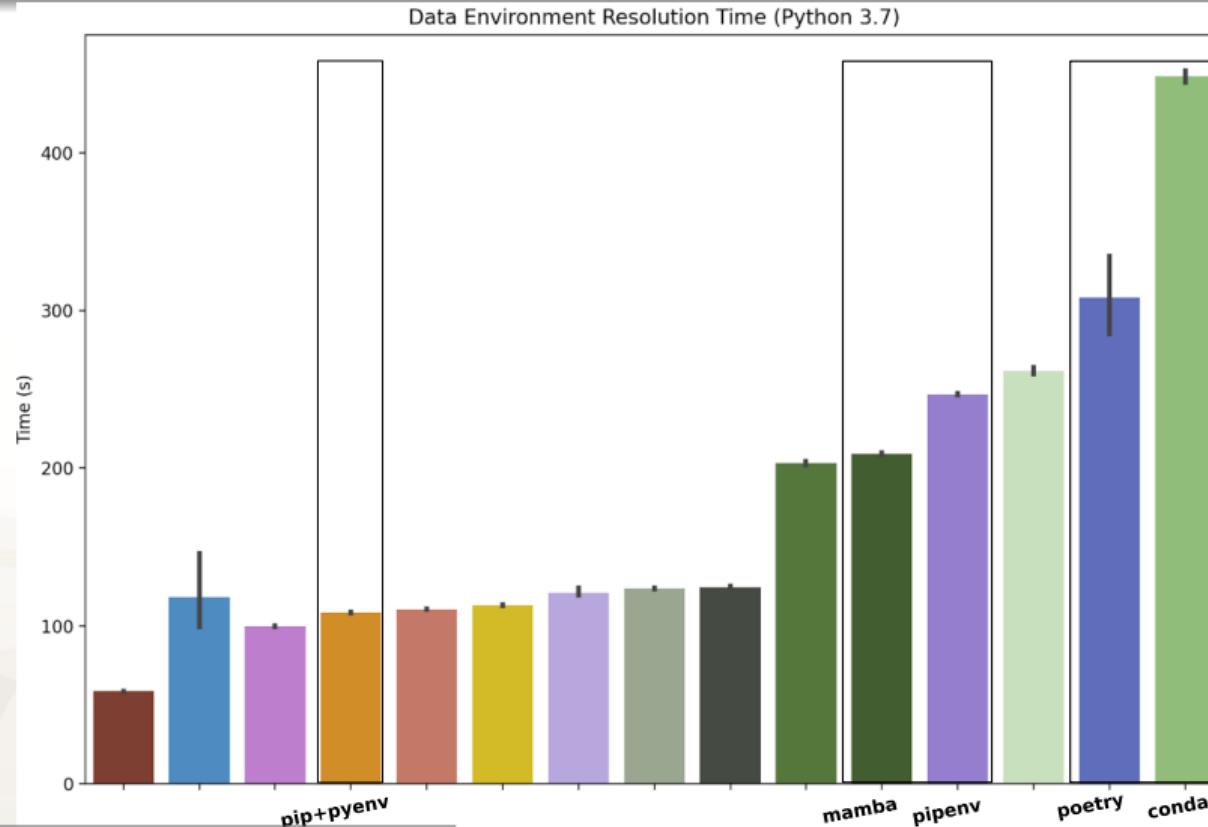
```
$ conda remove bowtie2
```

Environment resolution

Conda also manage environments to keep compatible

- Long time to solve environment resolution
- Can fail and doesn't install

Environment resolution



Modified from <https://www.recurseion.com/news/how-recurseion-invests-in-developer-experience>

Container technology is not very old

The most famous : 

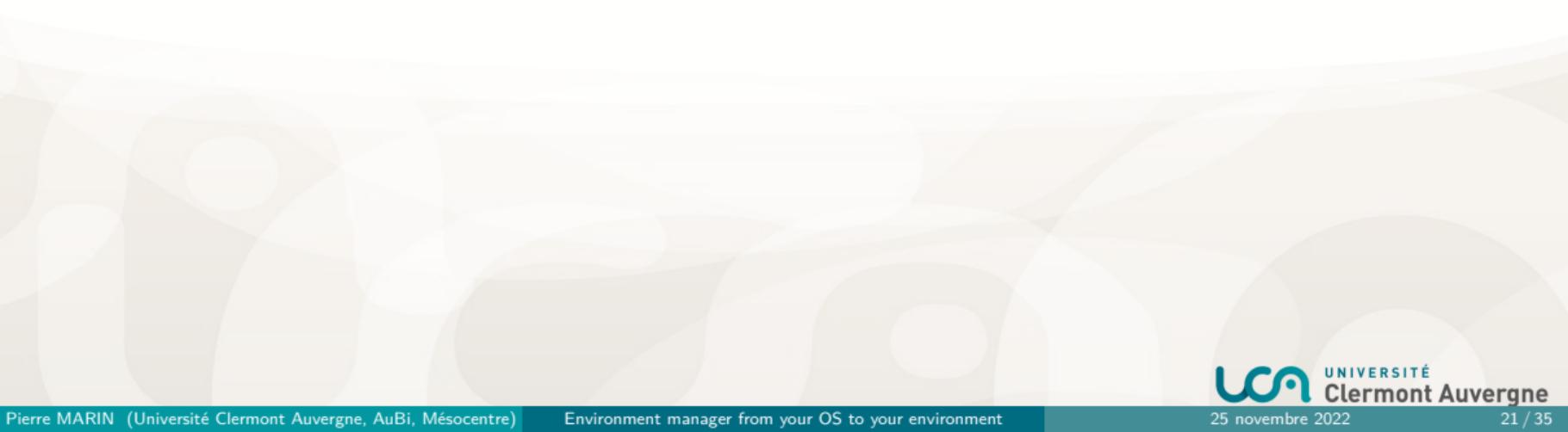
Solomon Hykes was inspired by container port in the world travel



Docker is an open source project, a community and a private company

- Born in 2010
- First public release in 2013
- V 1.0 in 2014
- Open source and free
- Packaged to Ubuntu in 2014 (V14.04)

Term definitions



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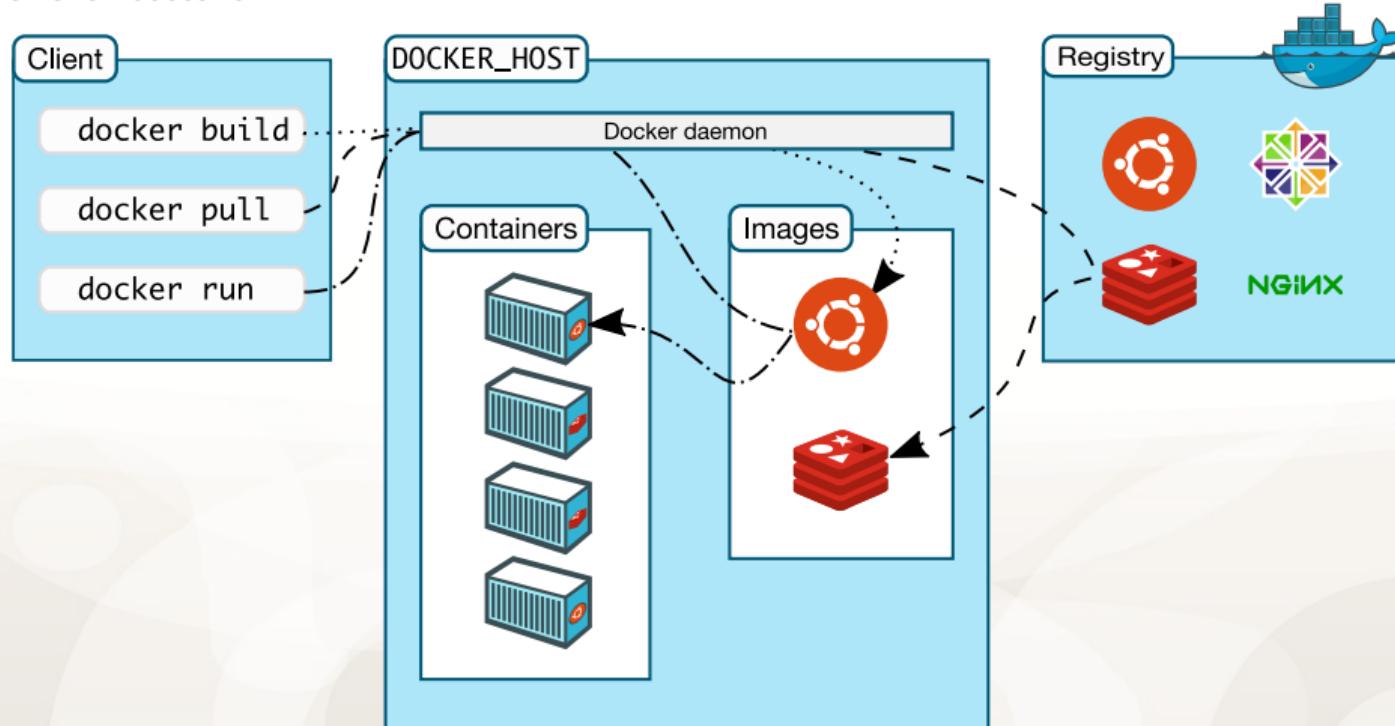
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- Docker container → instance of an image

- Result of the image activation
- Can be modified
- Can be turned into an image
- 1 image → multiple containers

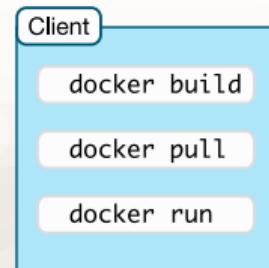
Docker architecture

client-server architecture



Docker client

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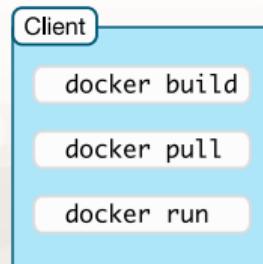


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- 2 Client talk to the daemons (Docker background programs)

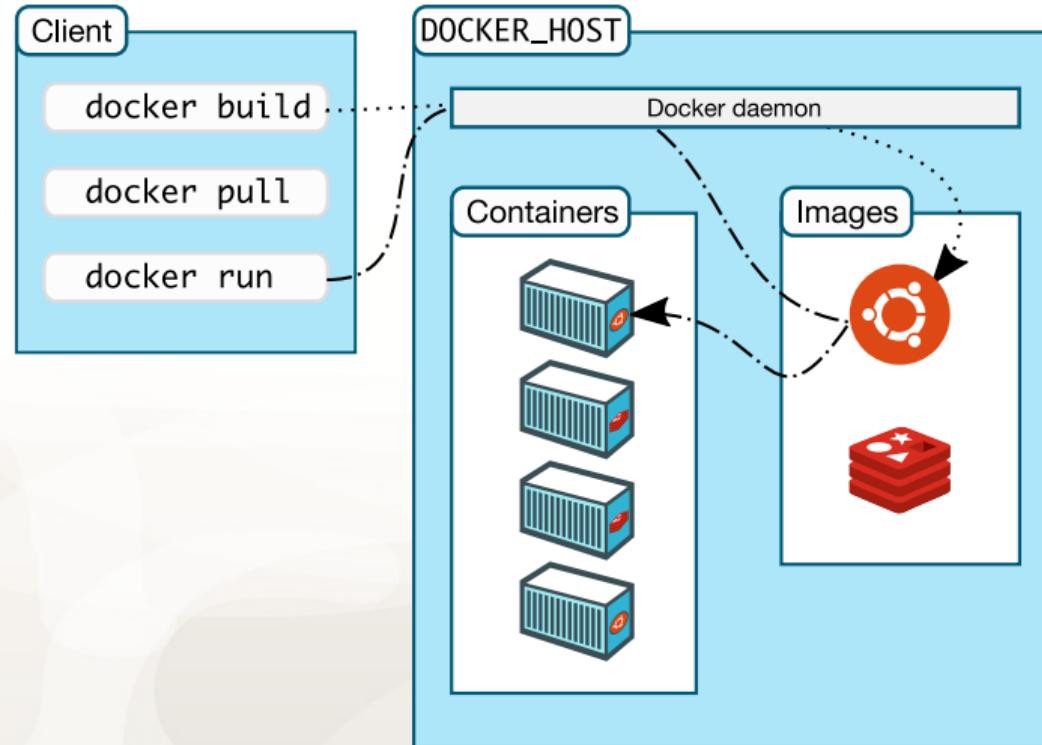
Client

```
$ docker build [path] [url]  
docker build https://github.com/docker/rootfs.git#container:docker  
$ docker pull [image_name]  
docker pull biocontainers/samtools  
$ docker run [image_name]  
docker run biocontainers/samtools
```



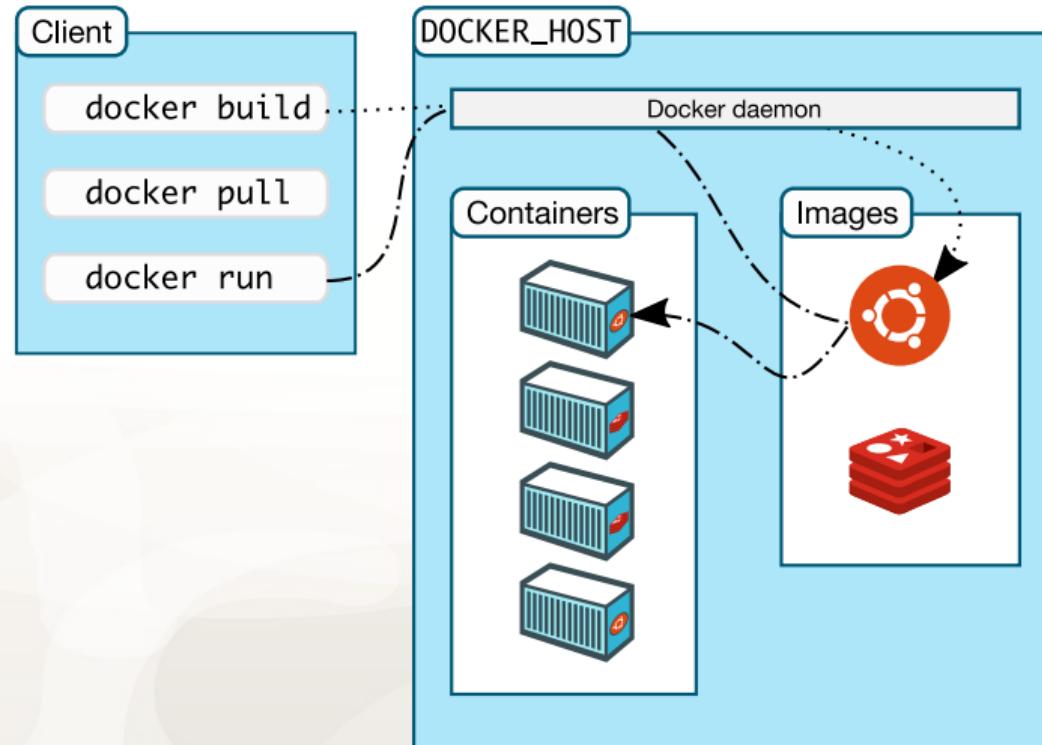
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- 2 Manage Docker's images, containers...



Docker registries

1 Store Docker images

The screenshot shows the Docker Hub search interface. The search bar at the top contains the query 'rstudio'. The main content area displays search results for 'rstudio'.

Filters:

- Images (selected)
- Extensions
- Plugins

Trusted Content:

- Docker Official Image (selected)
- Verified Publisher (selected)
- Sponsored OSS

Operating Systems:

- Linux (selected)
- Windows

Architectures:

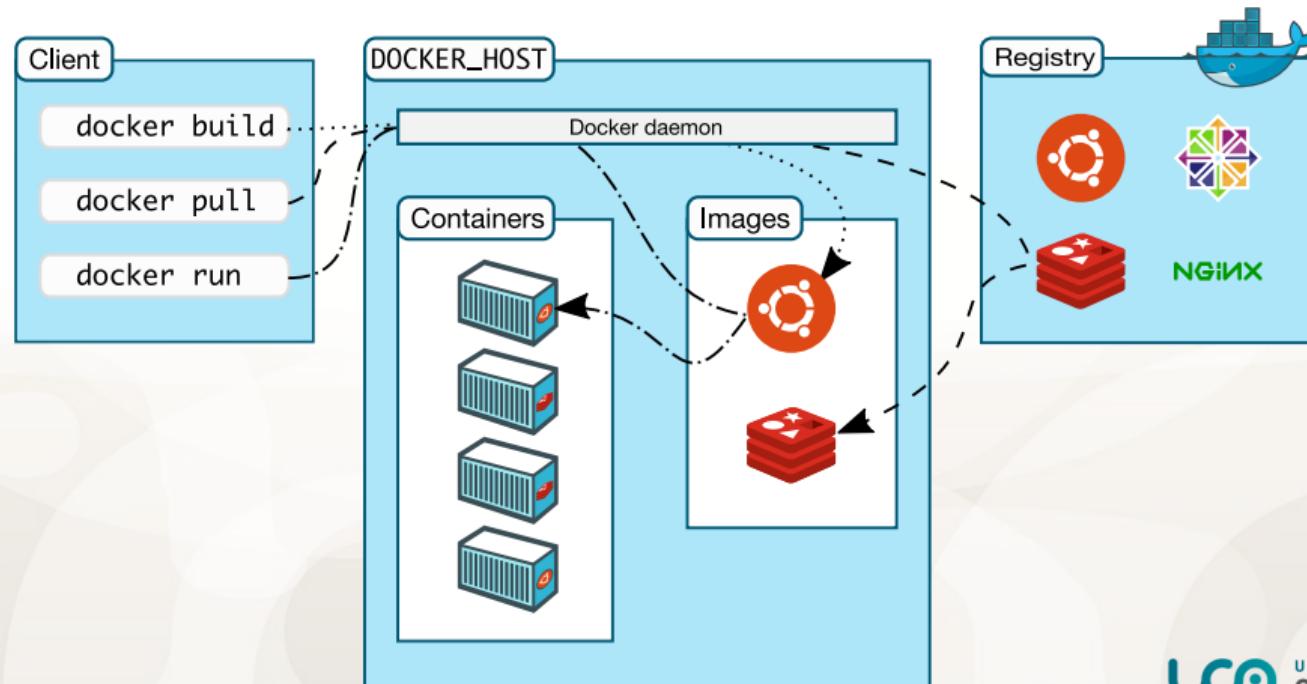
- ARM

Search Results (1 - 25 of 2 123 results for rstudio):

- ibmcom/rstudio-ppc64le** (Verified Publisher)
By IBM • Updated 3 years ago
Integrated development environment (IDE) for R
Linux ppc64le
521 Downloads 4 Stars
- whoretale/rstudio-base** (Sponsored OSS)
By whoretale • Updated 5 years ago
Linux x86-64
167 Downloads 0 Stars
- bioconductor/rstudio_yescds** (Sponsored OSS)
By bioconductor • Updated 2 months ago
Linux x86-64
62 Downloads 0 Stars

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- 2 Docker hub is a public registry
- 3 You can run your own registry

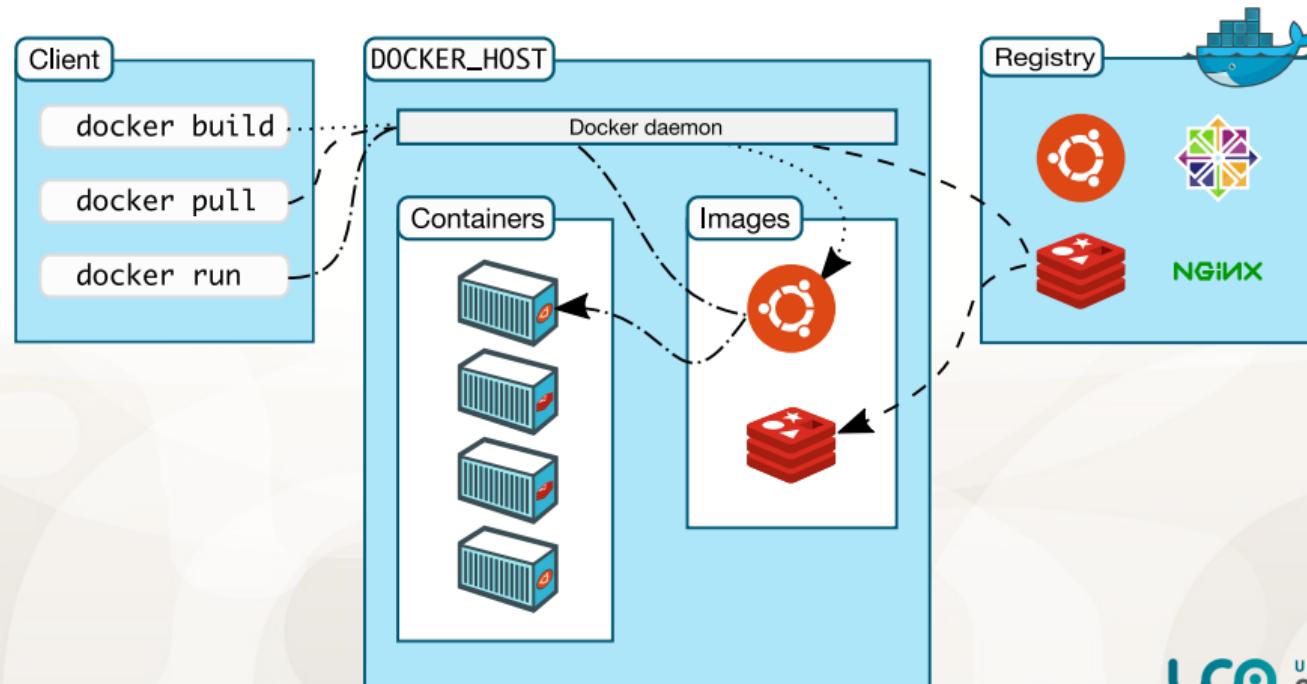


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- Several layers to one image
- Some layers shared by images when pulling
- Lighten the download and use of image on your computer

```
$ docker pull debian
Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from library/debian
fdd5d7827f33: Pull complete
a3ed95caeb02: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:e7d38b3517548a1c71e41bffe9c8ae6d6d29546ce46bf62159837aad072c90aa
Status: Downloaded newer image for debian:latest
```

Docker Cheat Sheet



Build

Build an image from the Dockerfile in the current directory and tag the image

```
docker build -t myimage:1.0 .
```

List all images that are locally stored with the Docker Engine

```
docker image ls
```

Delete an image from the local image store

```
docker image rm alpine:3.4
```



Share

Pull an image from a registry

```
docker pull myimage:1.0
```

Retag a local image with a new image name and tag

```
docker tag myimage:1.0 myrepo/myimage:2.0
```

Push an image to a registry

```
docker push myrepo/myimage:2.0
```



Run

Run a container from the Alpine version 3.9 image, name the running container "web" and expose port 5000 externally, mapped to port 80 inside the container.

```
docker container run --name web -p 5000:80 alpine:3.9
```

Stop a running container through SIGTERM

```
docker container stop web
```

Stop a running container through SIGKILL

List the running containers (add `--all` to include stopped containers)

```
docker container ls
```

Delete all running and stopped containers

```
docker container rm -f $(docker ps -aq)
```

Print the last 100

lines of a container's logs

```
docker container logs --tail 100 web
```



Docker Management

All commands below are called as options to the base `docker` command. Run `docker <command> --help` for more information on a particular command.

<code>app*</code>	<i>Docker Application</i>
<code>assemble*</code>	<i>Framework-aware builds (Docker Enterprise)</i>
<code>builder</code>	<i>Manage builds</i>
<code>cluster</code>	<i>Manage Docker clusters (Docker Enterprise)</i>
<code>config</code>	<i>Manage Docker configs</i>
<code>context</code>	<i>Manage contexts</i>
<code>engine</code>	<i>Manage the docker Engine</i>
<code>image</code>	<i>Manage images</i>
<code>network</code>	<i>Manage networks</i>
<code>node</code>	<i>Manage Swarm nodes</i>
<code>plugin</code>	<i>Manage plugins</i>
<code>registry*</code>	<i>Manage Docker registries</i>
<code>secret</code>	<i>Manage Docker secrets</i>
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<code>stack</code>	<i>Manage Docker stacks</i>
<code>swarm</code>	<i>Manage swarm</i>
<code>system</code>	<i>Manage Docker</i>

DOCKER COMPOSE CHEAT SHEET

File

structure

```
services:
  container1:
    properties: values

  container2:
    properties: values
```

```
networks:
  network:
```

```
volumes:
  volume:
```

Types

value

```
key: value
```

array

```
key:
  - value
  - value
```

dictionary

```
master:
  key: value
  key: value
```

Properties

build

```
build image from dockerfile
in specified directory
```

container:

```
  build: ./path
  image: image-name
```

image

```
use specified image
```

```
image: image-name
```

container_name

```
define container name to access
it later
```

```
container_name: name
```

volumes

```
define container volumes to
persist data
```

volumes:

```
  - /path:/path
```

command

```
override start command for the
container
```

```
command: execute
```

environment

```
define env variables for the
container
```

environment:

```
  KEY: VALUE
  ...
  environment:
    - KEY=VALUE
```

env_file

```
define a env file for the
container to set and override
env variables
```

```
env_file: .env
```

```
  ...
  env_file:
    - .env
```

restart

```
define restart rule
(no, always, on-failure, unless-
stopped)
```

expose:

```
  - "9999"
```

networks

```
define all networks for the
container
```

networks:

```
  - network-name
```

ports

```
define ports to expose to other
containers and host
```

ports:

```
  - "9999:9999"
```

expose

```
define ports to expose only to
other containers
```

expose:

```
  - "9999"
```

network_mode

```
define network driver
(bridge, host, none, etc.)
```

```
network_mode: host
```

depends_on

```
define build, start and stop
order of container
```

depends_on:

```
  - container-name
```

Other

idle container

```
send container to idle state
> container will not stop
```

```
command: tail -f /dev/null
```

named volumes

```
create volumes that can be used in
the volumes property
```

services:

```
  container:
    image: image-name
    volumes:
      - data-
    volume:/path/to/dir
```

volumes:

```
  data-volume:
```

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```
create networks that can be used
in the networks property
```

networks:

```
  frontend:
    driver: bridge
```



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Singularity commands

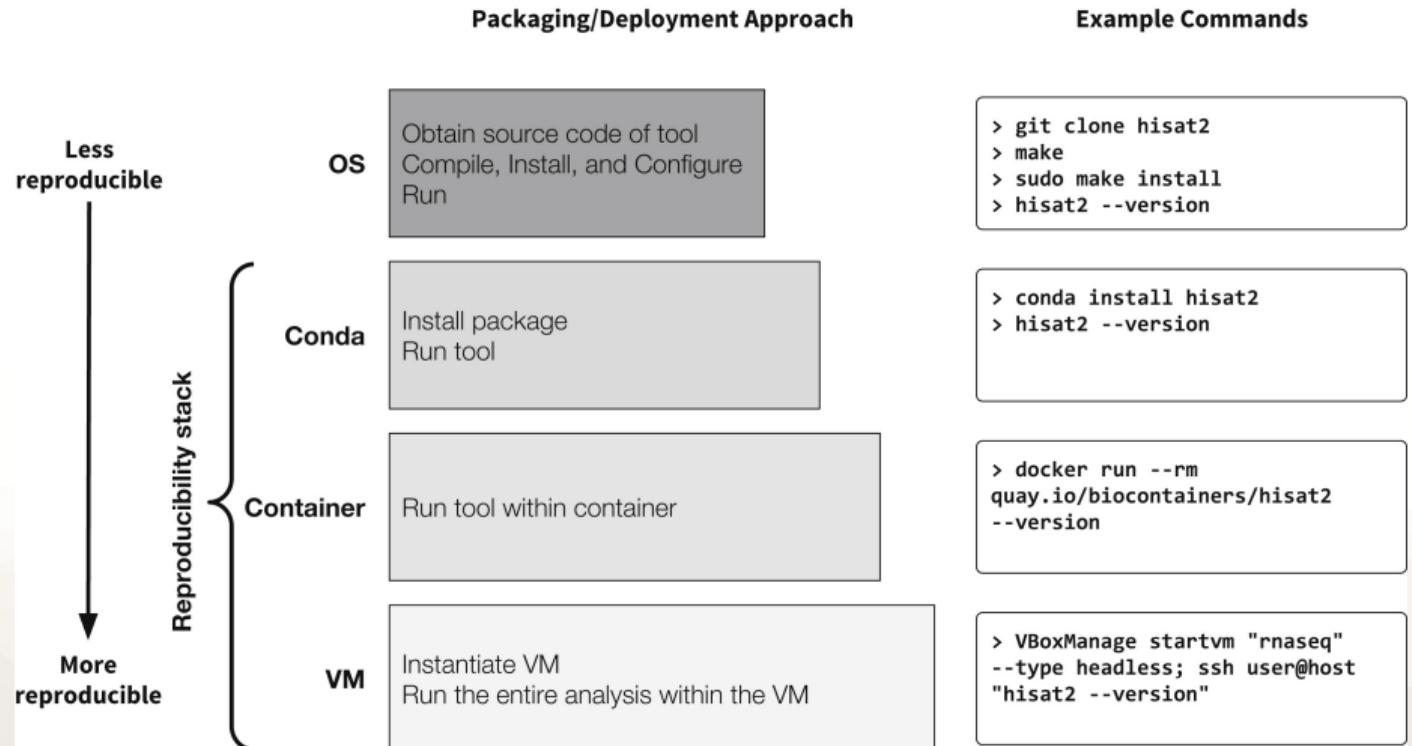
classical commands

```
$ singularity search [image_name]  
$ singularity pull [image_name]  
$ singularity run [image_name]
```

Singularity and Docker

Singularity can use Docker images

```
$ singularity pull docker://debian:latest
INFO:    Converting OCI blobs to SIF format
INFO:    Starting build...
Getting image source signatures
Copying blob f606d8928ed3 done
Copying config 0311b76201 done
Writing manifest to image destination
Storing signatures
2022/10/06 10:50:41  info unpack layer: sha256:f606d8928ed378229f2460b94b504cca239fb9
INFO:    Creating SIF file...
```



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