

Docker intro

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Docker overview

What is Docker ?

- Command line program

- Background daemon

- Container runtime

 - Build Containers

 - Execute Containers

- Reference implementation for container images and runtimes

- Origins

 - Sun Solaris

 - Linux namespaces

- Not Linux specific e.g. Windows

- Alternative container runtimes/tools e.g. CRI-O, Podman, BuildAh, Skopeo

- Removal of Docker from OpenShift

Containers

- Constrained application environment

 - Can only access permitted resources

 - Has visibility to limited resources

 - Processes

 - Network

 - Files systems

 - IPC

 - Etc...

- Isolation from other applications

 - Security/risk management

 - Reduction of conflicts e.g dependency versions, resource usage

- Contains application and dependencies

 - Application/dependencies packaged as a unit

 - More portable - fast deployment e.g. Dockerhub images

- Alternative to using Virtual Machines in many use cases

 - Reduce processing/memory overhead of nested OS instances

 - Reduce operating system instances to maintain

Building Docker images

- Images and containers

 - Images

 - Application

 - Dependencies

 - OS Distro e.g. Alpine

 - Access control to external resources

 - Volumes

 - Network access

 - Containers

 - Instantiated image

- Application data
- Multiple processes e.g. Application and Systemd
- Mapping of container resources to OS resources
 - Access to persistent data
 - Network access

Building images

- Image build process
 - Using a base image
- Execution
 - Creation of file system layers
 - Copy/checkout/build of resources
 - Execution of build
 - Tags
- Dockerfile
 - Commands

Demo of Docker build

- Review Dockerfile of typical app
 - Copy resources
 - Code checkout from Git
 - App build
 - Optimize app build to reduce execution time e.g. cache resources
 - Make build repeatable e.g. NPM CI and package-lock.json
- Run image build
- Show image stored in local environment

Running Image in a container

- Run image mapping network and file access
 - Execution options e.g. restrict CPU
- Access image shell and show limited environment
- Stop/Start of image
- Debugging images
 - Changing ENTRYPOINT

Image registries