

Running Containers

Introducing Containers

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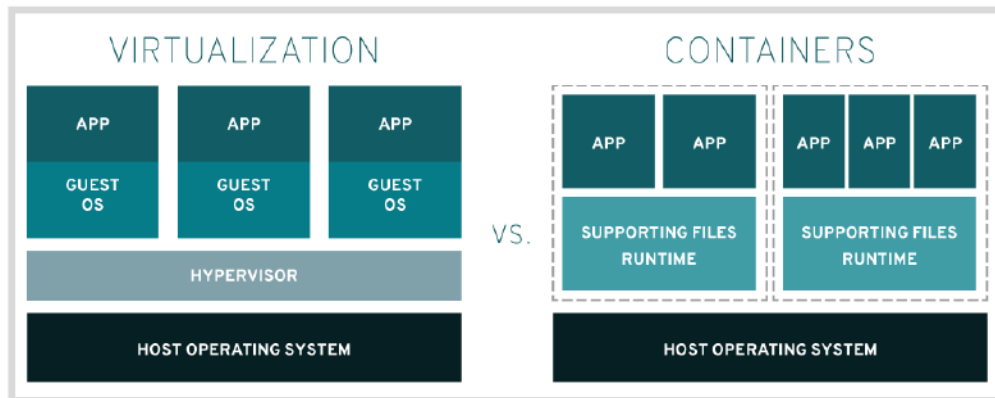
Software applications typically depend on other libraries, configuration files, or services provided by their runtime environment.

Traditionally:

- The runtime environment for a software application is installed in an operating system running on a physical host or virtual machine.
- Any application dependencies are installed along with that operating system on the host.

Container:

- A container is a set of one or more processes that are isolated from the rest of the system.
- A container, it is labeled, loaded, unloaded, and transported from one location to another as a single box.
- The container's contents are isolated from the contents of other containers so that they do not affect each other.



Designing Container-based Architectures

Managing Containers with Podman

A good way to start learning about containers is to work with individual containers on a single server acting as a container host.

RHEL supports:

- podman which directly manages containers and container images.
- skopeo which you can use to inspect, copy, delete, and sign images.
- buildah which you can use to create new container images.

what is Image:

Applications come to images. likes apache image, rsyslog image, nginx image, redis image,

what is registry:

location to save, store and reuse container images, name is registry. it comes to:

public:

accessible by any one, with or without login to repository

<https://hub.docker.com/>

<https://catalog.redhat.com/software/containers/explore>

<https://registry.access.redhat.com>

<https://registry.redhat.io>

private:

won't accessible by any one. login to repository is mandatory.

Running a Basic Container

Installing Container Management Tools

-install through official web address:

<https://podman.io/getting-started/installation>

-Install through Linux:

```
# podman version
# yum module install container-tools -y
# podman version
```

config registry addresses:

```
# vim /etc/containers/registries.conf
[registries.search]
registries = ['registry.access.redhat.com', 'registry.redhat.io', 'docker.io']
```

Practice on application in form of container

ex:

run nginx application

login to specific registry

```
# podman login registry.redhat.io
Username: naghval
Password: *****
Login Succeeded!
```

logout from specific registry

```
# podman logout registry.redhat.io
Removed login credentials for registry.redhat.io
```

search nginx image in to registries

```
# podman search nginx
registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/nginx-112-rhel7
```

explain image sections:

registry.access.redhat.com	/rhsc1/nginx-112-rhel7:latest
registry.access.redhat.com	->registry name
rhsc1	->image owner/creature
nginx-112-rhel7	->image name
:latest	->version tag

Inspect image before download

```
# skopeo inspect docker://registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/nginx-112-rhel7
```

download/pull nginx image from selected registry

```
# podman pull registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/nginx-112-rhel7
```

list of images

```
# podman images
# podman image list
registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7    latest    47f6a8dbde38    8 days ago    329 MB
registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/nginx-112-rhel7    latest    fc131486cd08    20 months ago    316 MB
```

Inspect image before download

```
# podman inspect registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/nginx-112-rhel7
```

delete images

```
# podman rmi registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/nginx-112-rhel7
```

Run the nginx app in form of container

foreground

```
# podman run registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/nginx-112-rhel7
# podman run registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7
```

background

```
# podman run -d registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7
-d, --detach->run container in bg
```

Operate containers

```
# podman ps                ->list of running containers
# podman ps -a              ->list of total containers
# podman container list
# podman container stop 7b1f322b9df8
# podman container start 7b1f322b9df8
# podman container restart 7b1f322b9df8
```

delete container

```
#podman container stop 7b1f322b9df8
#podman container rm 7b1f322b9df8
or
# podman container rm 7b1f322b9df8 -f
```

run container with specific name

```
# podman run -d --name Apache registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7
-n --name ->container name
```

get inside container

```
# podman exec -it Apache /bin/bash
-i --interactive
-t --tty,
# podman exec -it Apache hostname
# podman exec -it Apache ls /
```

Performing Advanced Container Management

1-Mapping Container Host Ports to the Container

map a network port on the container host to a port in the container, network traffic sent to the host network port is received by the container.

ex:

```
# podman images
# podman inspect registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7
"ExposedPorts": {
    "8080/tcp": {},
    "8443/tcp": {}
}
# podman run -d --name Apache registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7
# podman exec -it Apache /bin/bash
bash-4.2$ echo "hello" >/var/www/html/index.html
bash-4.2$ cat /var/www/html/index.html
hello
bash-4.2$ curl localhost
curl: (7) Failed connect to localhost:80; Connection refused
bash-4.2$ curl localhost:8080
hello
bash-4.2$ exit
exit
# curl localhost:8080
curl: (7) Failed to connect to localhost port 8080: Connection refused
```

solution

```
# podman run -d --name Apache -p <container-host port>:<container image port> registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7
# podman run -d --name Apache -p 9000:8080 registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7
-p ->--port
# podman port -a
f2e0b2cbd3cc 8080/tcp -> 0.0.0.0:9000
# podman exec -it Apache /bin/bash
bash-4.2$ echo "Hello" >/var/www/html/index.html
bash-4.2$ curl localhost:8080
Hello
bash-4.2$ exit
exit
# curl localhost:9000
Hello
```

open browser and check access

<http://172.25.250.10:9000/>

2-Attaching Persistent Storage to a Container

Preparing Permanent Storage Locations

Storage in the container is ephemeral, meaning that its contents are lost after you remove the container.

Preparing the Host Directory

Directory configuration involves:

- Configuring the ownership and permissions of the directory.
- Setting the appropriate SELinux context.

ex:

```
# mkdir html
# cd html/
# echo "Hello Class!" >index.html
# ls html
index.html
# tree
└─ html
   └─ index.html
# podman run -d --name Apache -p 9000:8080 -v /root/html:/var/www/html:Z registry.access.redhat.com/rhsc1/httpd-24-rhel7
-v --volume
--volume host_dir:container_dir:Z
```

Managing Containers as Services

Starting Containers Automatically with the Server

1-Managing Containers Running as Regular User with Systemd

steps:

```
# useradd user1
# passwd user1
# ssh user1@localhost
[user1@servera ~]$
$ pwd
/home/user1
$ mkdir -p .config/containers
$ cp /etc/containers/registries.conf .config/containers/
$ chmod 664 .config/containers/registries.conf
$ ls .config/containers/
registries.conf
customize user1 registries.conf file:
$ vim .config/containers/registries.conf
$ podman search rsyslog
$ podman pull registry.access.redhat.com/rhel7/rsyslog
$ podman images
$ podman run -d --name rsyslog registry.access.redhat.com/rhel7/rsyslog
$ podman container list
$ podman ps
$ podman ps -a
$ mkdir -p .config/systemd/user/
$ cd .config/systemd/user/
$ podman generate systemd --name rsyslog --new --files
$ ls
container-rsyslog.service
$ systemctl --user daemon-reload
$ systemctl --user enable container-rsyslog.service
$ systemctl --user start container-rsyslog.service
$ systemctl --user status container-rsyslog.service
$ loginctl show-user user1
Linger=no
$ loginctl enable-linger user1
$ loginctl show-user user1
Linger=yes
```

-verify

```
$ podman ps
$ podman container list
$ systemctl --user stop container-rsyslog.service
$ podman container list
$ systemctl --user start container-rsyslog.service
$ podman container list
```

2-Managing Containers Running as Root with Systemd

```
# podman container list
# cd /etc/systemd/system/
# podman generate systemd --name Apache --files --new
/etc/systemd/system/container-Apache.service
# ls
container-Apache.service
# systemctl enable container-Apache.service
# systemctl start container-Apache.service
$ loginctl show-user root
Linger=no
$ loginctl enable-linger root
$ loginctl show-user root
Linger=yes
```

DESCRIBING THE RHEL8 BOOT PROCESS

Controlling Boot Process

- 1-power on
- 2-post
- 3-bios
- 4-bootloader
- 5-kernel
- 6-systemd
- 7-target

1-Power-On

2-Power-On Self-Test POST

major devices will check

- 1-main board
- 2-cpu
- 3-ram
- 4-vga

3-Basic Input-Output System BIOS

-MBR

first sector of first primary bootable hard disk. 512bytes in to 446(bootloader info) 64(partition-table info) 2(err check) ->legacy

-GPT

works with UEFI firmware ->UEFI

4-bootloader

bootloader type:

linux loader-lilo	till rhel6
grand unified bootloader-grubv1	rhel6
grand unified bootloader-grubv2	rhel7 onwards

<https://www.gnu.org/software/grub/>

<https://www.dedoimedo.com/computers/grub-2.html>

How to create bootloader file?

```
# grub2-mkconfig
```

main grubv2 config file

```
# vim /boot/grub2/grub.cfg
```

 original file

or

```
# ll /etc/grub2.cfg
```

 soft-link

instead above file, modify this one:

```
# vim /etc/default/grub
```

```
GRUB_TIMEOUT=10
```

```
:wq!
```

update existing bootloader file:

```
# grub2-mkconfig >/boot/grub2/grub.cfg
```

protect grub bootloader

set

```
# ll /boot/grub2/
```

```
# grub2-set-password
```

Enter password: redhat

Confirm password: redhat

```
# ll /boot/grub2/
```

```
user.cfg
```

```
# cat /boot/grub2/user.cfg
```

update existing bootloader file:

```
# grub2-mkconfig >/boot/grub2/grub.cfg
```

remove

```
# rm -rf /boot/grub2/user.cfg
```

```
# grub2-mkconfig >/boot/grub2/grub.cfg
```

bootloader responsibility on Linux boot process

a-vmlinuz

search and find out compressed kernel executable image file from /boot decompress and load it in to memory

b-initramfs

InitialRamFileSyetm-initramfs contains information about block-devices likes IDE, SAS, SSD, iscsi

find it and load in to **TemporaryMemoryBasedFileSytem**-tmpfs

c-initrd

InitialRamDisk-initrd loading temporary root file system in to memory before load real root file system.

5-kernel

kernel is a core of Linux. its first program to load on system startup

```
# hostnamectl
```

```
Kernel: Linux 4.18.0-193.el8.x86_64
```

```
# uname -r
```

```
4.18.0-193.el8.x86_64
```

6-systemd

its first process on linux. first systemd start then other background process will start.

till rhel6 the first process was **initd**

rhel7 onwards first process is **systemd**

```
# pidof systemd
```

```
1918 1913 1337 1234 1
```

7-target

till rhel6 ->runlevel

rhel7 onwards ->target

current target:

```
# systemctl get-default
```

```
multi-user.target
```

main targets:

```
1-emergency.target
```

```
2-rescue.target
```

```
3-graphical.target      ->gui
```

```
4-multi-user.target     ->cli
```

change target:

```
# systemctl set-default <new target>
```

```
# systemctl set-default graphical.target
```

```
# reboot
```

change target without reboot:

```
# systemctl isolate emergency.target
```

change target at boot time:

```
1-reboot host
```

```
2-press e when watch kernel lines
```

```
3-findout linux line and press end key on keyboard and type systemd.unit=emergency.target then press Ctrl+x to start.
```

change hostname

```
# hostnamectl set-hostname <new hostname>
```

crack root password

```
1-reboot host
```

```
2-press e when watch kernel lines
```

```
3-findout linux line and press end key on keyboard and type rd.break console=tty0 then press Ctrl+x to start.
```

```
4-
```

```
switch_root:/# mount -o remount,rw /sysroot
```

```
switch_root:/# chroot /sysroot
```

```
sh-4.4# passwd root
```

```
new password: coss@2021
```

```
re-type new password: coss@2021
```

```
password successful updated
```

```
sh-4.4# touch /.autorelabel          ->SELinux relabeling
```

```
sh-4.4# exit
```

```
exit
```

```
switch_root:/# exit
```

```
logout
```

after finish the process Linux comes up with new password.