Introduction to Docker

Matthew Treinish
Developer Advocate - IBM
mtreinish@kortar.org
mtreinish on Freenode
https://github.com/mtreinish/intro-to-docker

July 9th, 2018

What is Docker?

- Tooling and platform to manage containers
- Manages the lifecycle of containers
- Simplified interface on top of existing technologies for ease of use
- Works on Linux, Mac OS X, and Windows

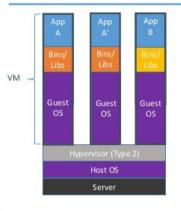


Containers

- ► A group of processes run in isolation
 - Similar to VMs but managed at the process level
 - Run on a shared kernel
- Each container has its own namespaces
 - PID process IDs
 - USER user and group IDs
 - ▶ UTS hostname and NIS domain name
 - **NS** mount points
 - ▶ **NET** network devices, stacks, ports, etc.
 - ▶ **IPC** inter-process communications, message queues
 - cgroups controls limits and monitoring of resources

Containers vs VMs

Containers vs. VMs



Containers are isolated, but share OS and, where appropriate, bins/libraries





Why use containers?

- Most of the same reasons as VMs (like isolation)
- Faster startup time, just the time to:
 - Create new directory
 - Setup the container's filesystem
 - Setup network, mounts, etc
 - Start the process
- Better Resource utilization
- Reusability and distributability

Installing Docker

- On Linux Distro Packages
- ► From Docker:
 - ► Mac: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-mac/install/
 - ► Windows: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-windows/install/
 - Ubuntu:

https://docs.docker.com/v17.09/engine/installation/linux/docker-ce/ubuntu/

First container

\$ docker run ubuntu echo Hello World

What Happened

- Docker created a directory with an Ubuntu filesystem (image)
- Docker created a new set of namespaces
- ▶ Ran a new process: echo Hello World
- Using those namespaces to isolate it from other processes
- Using that new directory as the root of the filesystem (chroot)
- Notice as a user I never installed Ubuntu
- Run it again, notice how quickly it ran

ssh-ing into a container

\$ docker run -ti ubuntu bash

What Happened

- Now the process is bash instead of echo
- ► But its still just a process
- Look around, mess around, its isolated

Getting data into a container

- Using env variables:
 - \$ docker run -e INPUT=IamSECURE -P -it ubuntu bash
- Using Volumes:
 - \$ mkdir -p /tmp/volume && echo lamSECURE > /tmp/volume/pass
 - \$ docker run -i -t -v /tmp/volume:/volume ubuntu bash

Look under the covers

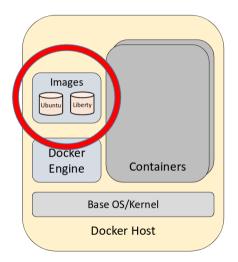
\$ docker run ubuntu ps -ef

Things to notice with these examples

- ► Each container only sees its own processes
- Running as root
- ▶ Running as PID 1

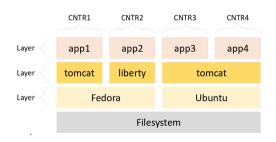
Docker images

- Tarball of container's filesystem and metadata
- Makes sharing and distribution of containers easy
- Applications are packaged as images



Layering

- Docker uses a copy-on-write filesystem
- New files (or modifications) are only visible to current/above layers
- ► Layers allow for reuse
- ► Images are tarballs of layers



Dockerhub

https://hub.docker.com

- ► Public registry of Docker Images
- Hosted by Docker Inc.
- Free for public images
- By default docker engines will look in DockerHub for images
- Browser interface for searching, descriptions of images

Pick an application

Look at dockerhub and find a container for that application.

\$ docker run nginx

What Happened

- ▶ Pulled the nginx:latest image form dockerhub
 - Dockerhub entry: https://hub.docker.com/_/nginx/
 - Layered ontop of debian:stretch-slim image: https://hub.docker.com/_/debian/
- Run that container
- No configuration, just a base nginx

Tie it all together

\$ docker run -P -v examples/nginx/content:/usr/share/nginx/html:ro nginx

The Dockerfile

Reference Guide: https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/

- Input script to build images
- Important instructions:
 - ▶ FROM Set base image either another Dockerfile or from a registry
 - **RUN** Run a command inside a new layer
 - **COPY** Copy files or directories into the filesystem of the container
 - ► CMD Set a default command for executing a container
 - EXPOSE Specify a port the container listens on

Example Dockerfile

```
FROM python:3.6
1
2
    RUN apt-get update
3
    RUN apt-get install -y build-essential musl-dev libxml2-dev git
   RUN pip3 install -U pymysql
5
   RUN pip3 install -U uwsgi
6
   RUN git clone git://git.openstack.org/openstack/openstack-health
    RUN pip3 install -U ./openstack-health
8
9
    RUN cp openstack-health/etc/openstack-health-api.conf
10
    → /etc/openstack-health.conf
11
    EXPOSE 80
12
13
    CMD ["/usr/local/bin/uwsgi", "--http", ":80", "--wsgi-file",
14
```

Building a Service image

```
FROM alpine:3.7
     LABEL Description="Eclipse Mosquitto MQTT Broker"
3
     RUN apk --no-cache add mosquitto=1.4.15-r0
     RUN mkdir -p /mosquitto/config /mosquitto/data /mosquitto/log
     RUN cp /etc/mosquitto/mosquitto.conf /mosquitto/config
     COPY mosquitto.conf /mosquitto/config/mosquitto.conf
9
     COPY mqtt_acl.conf /mosquitto/config/mqtt_acl.conf
10
11
12
     RUN chown -R mosquitto:mosquitto /mosquitto
13
     COPY run sh /root/run sh
14
15
     EXPOSE 1883
16
     EXPOSE 80
17
18
     CMD ["/root/run.sh"]
19
```

- \$ docker build -t mymosquitto examples/mosquitto
- \$ docker run -e MQTT_PASS=SecurePASS -P mymosquitto

Back to nginx

Build an image with the same content as our custom nginx before:

```
FROM nginx

COPY content /usr/share/nginx/html
```

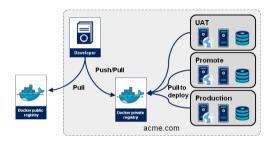
- \$ docker build -t mycustomhtml examples/nginx
- \$ docker run -P mycustomhtml

What happened

- ► Created a new image built on top of the nginx image from Docker Hub
- ▶ It copies the content directory into the nginx shared content directory
- ► Then run that image to get

Local Image Registry

- You can run a local registry to share images
- Basically your own local Docker hub
- Let's you control:
 - Where your images are being stored
 - ► The image creation and distribution pipeline



Running your own registry

\$ docker run -d -p 5000:5000 name registry registry

What happened

- Pulled the registry container from dockerhub
- Launched the container as a daemon (in the background)
- ▶ Maps localhost port 5000 to port 5000 on the container

Using a Local Registry

- \$ docker pull debian
- \$ docker image tag debian localhost:5000/myspecialimage
- \$ docker push localhost:5000/myspecialimage
- \$ docker pull localhost:5000/myspecialimage

What happened

- Pulled the latest debian image from dockerhub
- ► Tagged that image off the local registry
- Push that tagged image to the local registry
- ▶ Pull that image from the registry to the local machine

Conclusion

- Docker provides a simple to use interface for containers
- Containers provide fast and lightweight isolation for applications
- Docker enables building packages that are easily deployable
- Large ecosystem of applications built for Docker
- Image layering makes it simple to build off of existing images

Where to get more information

- These Slides: https://github.com/mtreinish/intro-to-docker
- Docker tutorial: https://github.com/docker/labs/tree/master/beginner
- Docker documentation: https://docs.docker.com/
- Best practice for Dockerfiles: https://docs.docker.com/develop/develop-images/dockerfile_best-practices/