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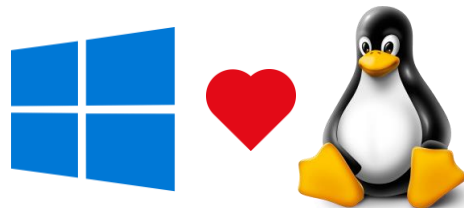
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Setup WSL2 with care

IN OTHER WORDS

Turn your **Windows 10** laptop
as a great **Linux** dev platform
with **WSL2**



WE HAVE 1,5 HOUR TOGETHER

■ 45' pres, 45' demo + Q/A

Introduction (4')

Let's start install and configure (19')

Organize your environments (14')

Advanced use (7')

Conclusion (1')

LET'S CLARIFY WHO AM I

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- I am not selling anything
- I am not a speaker or technical writer (on Internet)
- I am used to share knowledge within my company
- I am used to give presentations, training, guidance
- I am a developer who needs Linux on my Windows

TODAY I'M WORKING AT



Multiscreen
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WHY TALKING ABOUT WSL2 ?

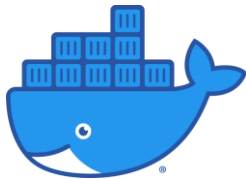


- Why Linux ? Why Linux VM ?

Most backends rely on Linux infra, especially if using containers → Be as close on Windows dev env

- Why WSL ?

To provide a better developer experience on Windows



- Why WSL 2 ?

Install any Linux app like docker

WSL2 = Full Linux + seamless integration

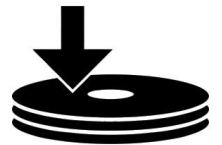
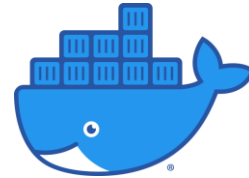
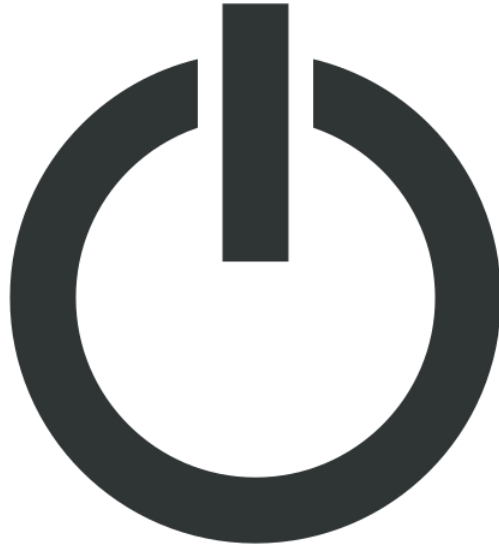
- **Install any Linux app**
Docker, Kubernetes...
- **File sharing both directions**
+Linux perms to Win files
- **Run Win/Linux executables**
On both systems
- **Localhost forwarding**
- **Better use of resources**

Comparing features

| Feature | WSL 1 | WSL 2 |
|--|-------|-------|
| Integration between Windows and Linux | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fast boot times | ✓ | ✓ |
| Small resource foot print compared to traditional Virtual Machines | ✓ | ✓ |
| Runs with current versions of VMware and VirtualBox | ✓ | ✓ |
| Managed VM | ✗ | ✓ |
| Full Linux Kernel | ✗ | ✓ |
| Full system call compatibility | ✗ | ✓ |
| Performance across OS file systems | ✓ | ✗ |

MANAGE YOUR LAPTOP

like any cloud resource



LET'S START

wsl commands

| | |
|--|--|
| PS> wsl --set-default-version 2 | # Make sure WSL generation 2 is the default |
| PS> wsl --list [--verbose --online] | # List installed or online available distributions |
| PS> wsl --install -d Ubuntu-20.04 | # Install this other distribution |
| PS> wsl -d --distribution Ubuntu-20.04 | # Launch this specific distribution |
| PS> wsl -t --terminate Ubuntu-20.04 | # Shutdown this specific distribution |
| PS> wsl --shutdown | # Shutdown all distributions |
| PS> wsl --unregister Ubuntu-20.04 | # Uninstall this specific distribution |
| PS> wsl --help | # More options |

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl>

<https://github.com/microsoft/WSL>

CHOOSE YOUR DISTRIBUTION

Microsoft Store


pengwin

Applications

Gaming

Films et TV

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Pengwin

[Whitewater Foundry](#)

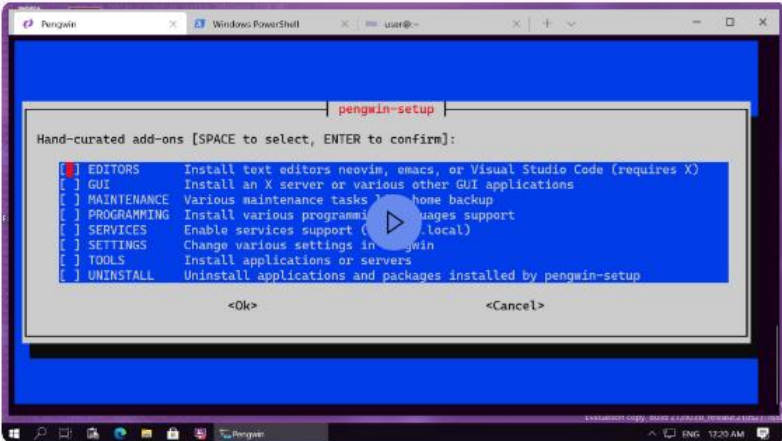
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3 Évaluations

A Linux distro optimized for Windows. You read that correctly.

Captures d'écran



| Hand-curated add-ons [SPACE to select, ENTER to confirm]: | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EDITORS | Install text editors neovim, emacs, or Visual Studio Code (requires X) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GUI | Install an X server or various other GUI applications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAINTENANCE | Various maintenance tasks like home backup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAMMING | Install various programming languages support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICES | Enable services support (e.g. local) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SETTINGS | Change various settings in pengwin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOOLS | Install applications or servers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UNINSTALL | Uninstall applications and packages installed by pengwin-setup |

<Ok> <Cancel>

Description

The first Linux distribution optimized for Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL). Based on Debian. Built on work by Microsoft Research. From open-source software startup Whitewater Foundry.

INSTALL WSL2

■ Prerequisites

Windows 10 version 1903+

WSL2 Linux kernel installed, Virtual Machine feature enabled (Hyper-V...)

PowerShell enabled and unrestricted

■ Installation

```
wsl --set-default-version 2
```

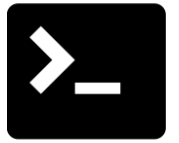
```
wsl --install --distribution Ubuntu-20.04
```

Reboot your Windows 10

UNIX username: ubuntu



START WSL2 – WHICH TERMINAL ?



```
ubuntu@MOB100326: ~  
ubuntu@MOB100326:~$
```

```
ubuntu2004-03 ~  
[20:07] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:~ $ |
```

```
ubuntu2004-03 /mnt/c/Users/crozier  
PS C:\Users\crozier> wsl  
[19:56] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:crozier $
```

```
ubuntu2004-03 ~  
gitbash $ ssh ubuntu@$IP  
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux  
0 updates can be applied immediately.  
[19:59] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:~ $ |
```

CONFIGURE WSL2

↓ %USERPROFILE%\wslconfig

Settings apply across all Linux distros running on WSL 2
[wsl2]

Limits VM memory to use no more than 4 GB
memory=4GB

Sets the VM to use two virtual processors
processors=2

Specify whether ports bound to wildcard or localhost in the WSL 2 VM
should be connectable from the host via localhost:port
localhostforwarding=true

Automatically mount Windows drive when the distribution is launched
[automount]
options = "metadata,umask=022,fmask=11"

Network host settings that enable the DNS server used by WSL 2.
[network]
hostname = ubuntu2004
generateHosts = true
generateResolvConf = false

Set whether WSL supports interop process
like launching Windows apps and adding path variables.
[interop]
enabled = true
appendWindowsPath = false

Set the user when launching a distribution with WSL.
[user]
default = ubuntu

Set a command to run when a new WSL instance launches.
[boot]
command = service sshd start

/etc/wsl.conf →

FIRST INSTALL

```
sudo visudo # NOPASSWD:
```

```
sudo rm /etc/resolv.conf # To remove symlink  
sudo vi /etc/resolv.conf # nameserver 1.1.1.1
```

```
# Update and upgrade all packages before install new
```

```
sudo apt update  
sudo apt upgrade -y  
sudo apt autoremove -y  
sudo apt install socat dos2unix -y
```

```
export SHELL=/bin/bash      # Or /bin/zsh
```

```
export PROMPT_COMMAND=...   # Title (ubuntu2004 or root@ubuntu2004)  
export PS1=...              # Prompt (orange/red, with/without __git_ps1)
```

```
vi ~/.vimrc                  # syntax on, colorscheme desert
```

REBOOT ?

- «sudo reboot» does nothing

→ because there is no systemd

- Only Windows manages WSL2 state

`wsl --terminate Ubuntu-20.04`

`wsl --shutdown` # Terminate all WSL2 distribs +the lightweight utility VM

START SERVICES

■ Default

sudo service docker start # stop, restart, status

■ Enable systemd at PID1

one-script-wsl2-systemd

systemd-genie in a subshell

...

■ Should systemd be used?

<https://wsl.dev/wsl2init/>

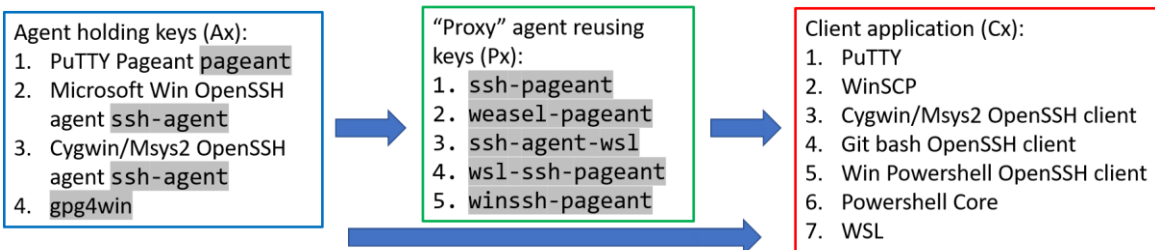
Start services 

Reboot 

Install systemd base softwares 

CONNECT PAGEANT FOR SSH

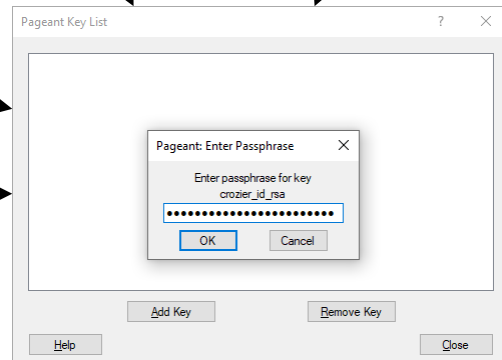
<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/62937020>



```
# GitBash: $HOME/.bash_profile
eval $(/usr/bin/ssh-pageant -r -a "/tmp/.ssh-pageant-$USERNAME")
```

```
# PowerShell:
# Create an environment variable SSH_AUTH_SOCK
# whose value is the output of following command:
(Get-ChildItem \\.\pipe\).FullName | findstr pageant
```

```
# List the keys loaded in pageant
ssh-add -l
```



CONNECT PAGEANT FOR SSH IN WSL2

<https://github.com/BlackReloaded/wsl2-ssh-pageant>
+[issues/23#issuecomment-882068132](https://github.com/BlackReloaded/wsl2-ssh-pageant/issues/23#issuecomment-882068132)
+[releases/download/v1.3.0/wsl2-ssh-pageant.exe](https://github.com/BlackReloaded/wsl2-ssh-pageant/releases/download/v1.3.0/wsl2-ssh-pageant.exe)

```
sudo apt install -y socat dos2unix  
mkdir -p ~/.ssh; chmod 700 ~/.ssh  
chmod 700 ~/.ssh/wsl2-ssh-pageant.exe
```

```
# Connect the Windows pageant  
export SSH_AUTH_SOCK="$HOME/.ssh/agent.sock"  
if ! ss -a | grep -q "$SSH_AUTH_SOCK"; then  
    rm -f "$SSH_AUTH_SOCK"  
    wsl2_ssh_pageant_bin="$HOME/.ssh/wsl2-ssh-pageant.exe"  
    if test -x "$wsl2_ssh_pageant_bin"; then  
        pwsh="/mnt/c/Windows/System32/WindowsPowerShell/v1.0/powershell.exe"  
        sshpipe="$(echo $($pwsh -Command '(Get-ChildItem \\.\\pipe\\).FullName' |  
            | grep pageant | sed 's,.*\\(pageant\\),\\1,g' | dos2unix))"  
        (setsid nohup socat UNIX-LISTEN:"$SSH_AUTH_SOCK,fork" EXEC:"$wsl2_ssh_pageant_bin \  
            --ssh \\.\\pipe\\\\\\$sshpipe" >/dev/null 2>&1 &)  
    else  
        echo >&2 "WARNING: $wsl2_ssh_pageant_bin is not executable."  
    fi  
    unset wsl2_ssh_pageant_bin  
fi
```

WORK THROUGH A VPN

- Allow local (LAN) access
- Get local +remote DNS

↓ /etc/resolv.conf

Google

nameserver 8.8.8.8

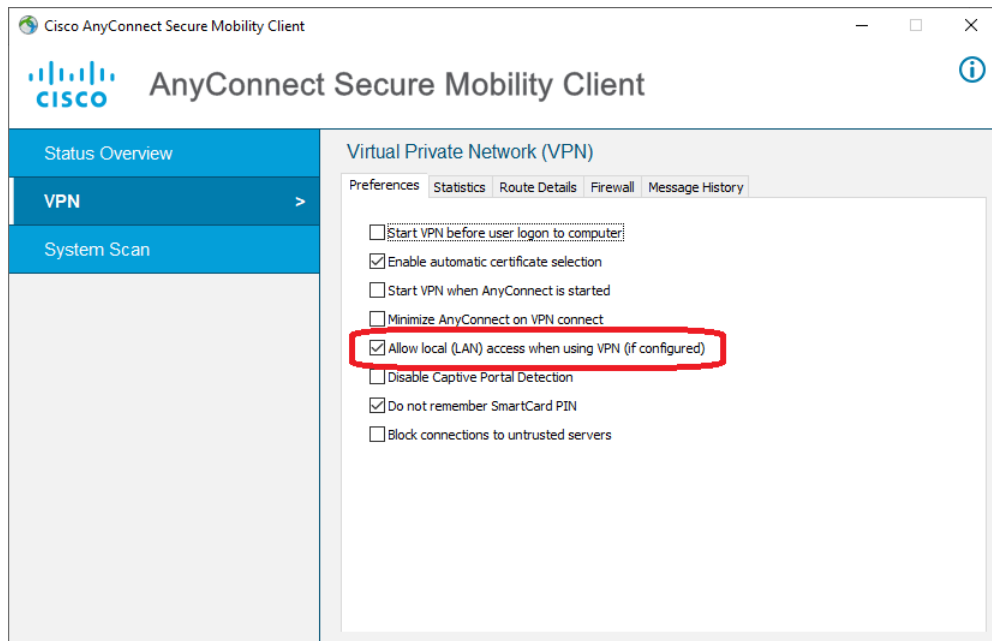
Local gateway

nameserver 192.168.50.1

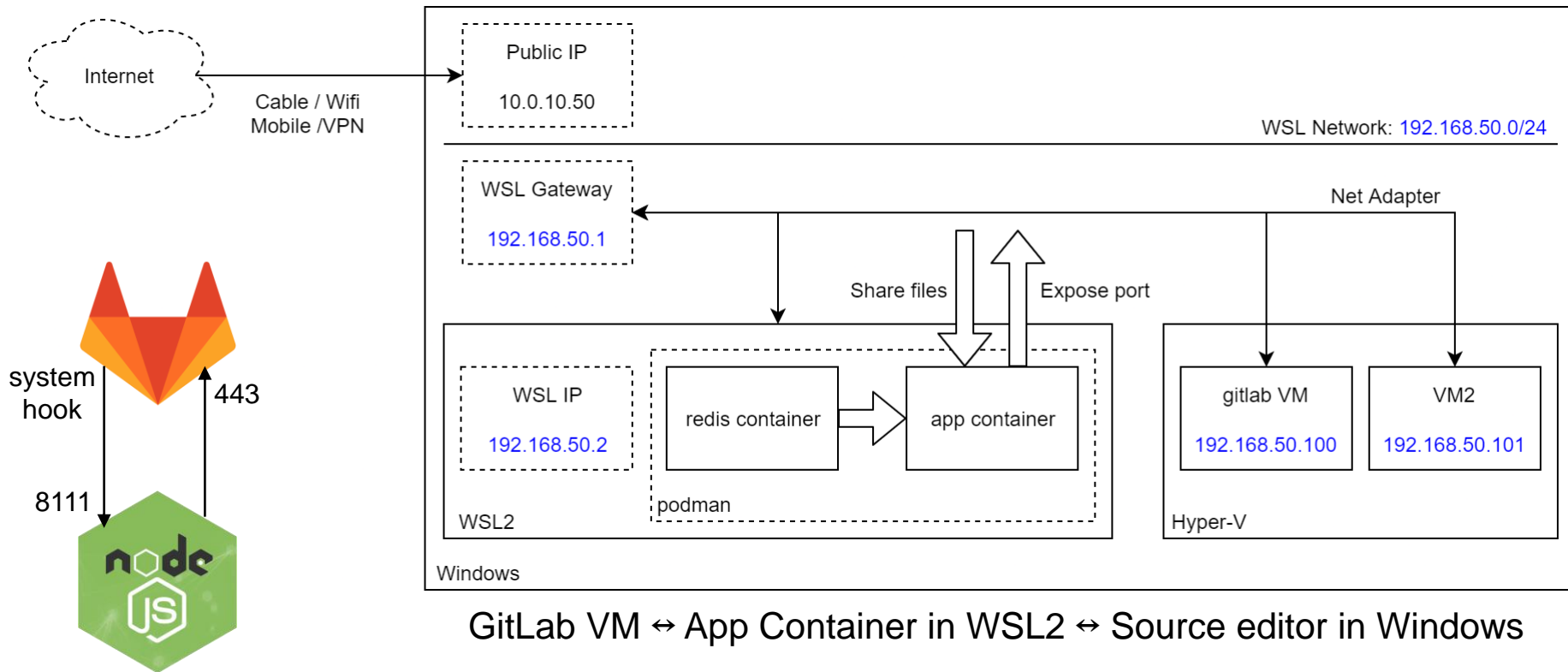
Remote DNS server

nameserver 172.10.0.147

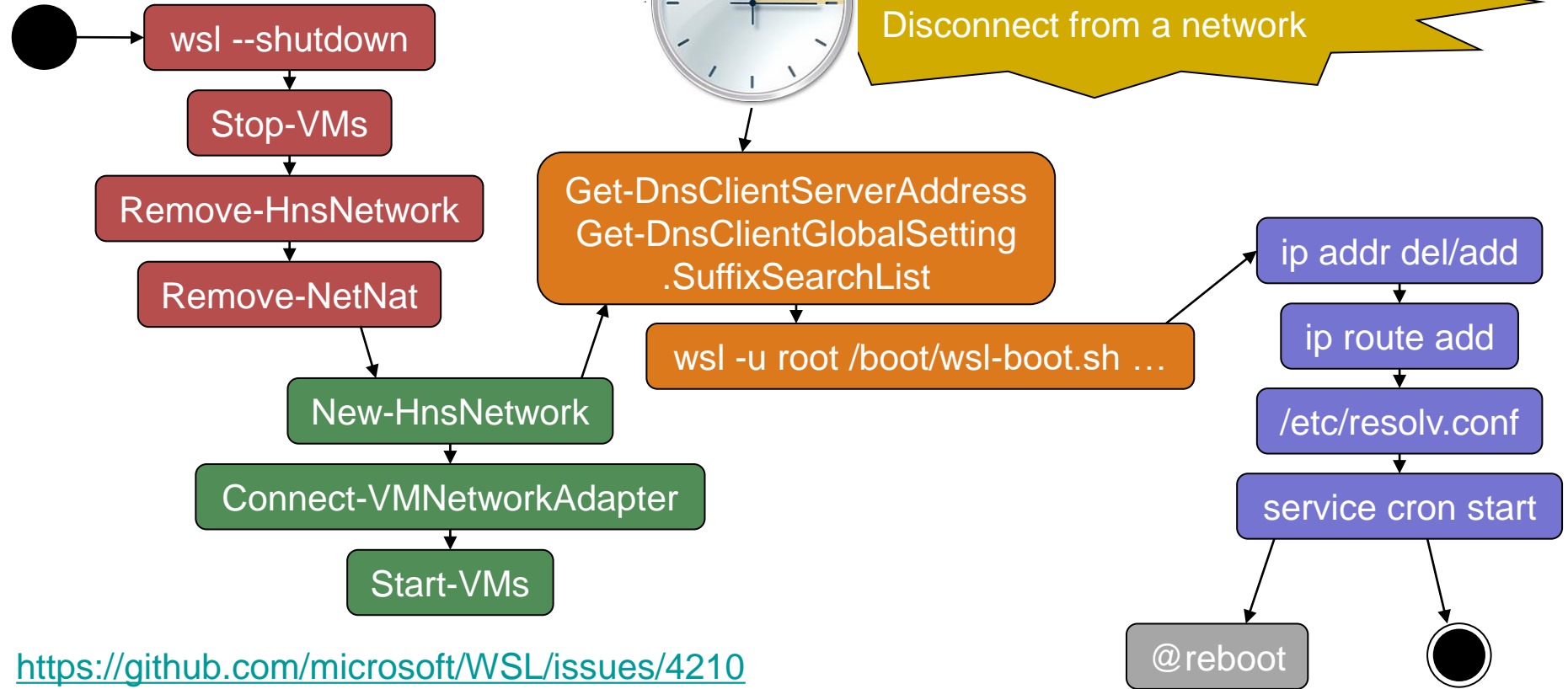
search kudelski.group



SETUP A FIXED IP



THE BOOT PROCESS



<https://github.com/microsoft/WSL/issues/4210>
<https://github.com/ocroz/wsl2-boot>

ORGANIZE YOUR ENVIRONMENTS

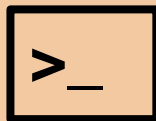
Windows

- IDE, source editor
- X server
- Network
- SSH keys
- Terminal



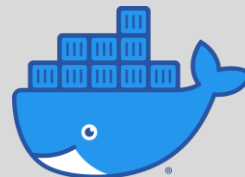
WSL

- Source files
- Shell environment
- Container engine
- Kubernetes
- Admin tools

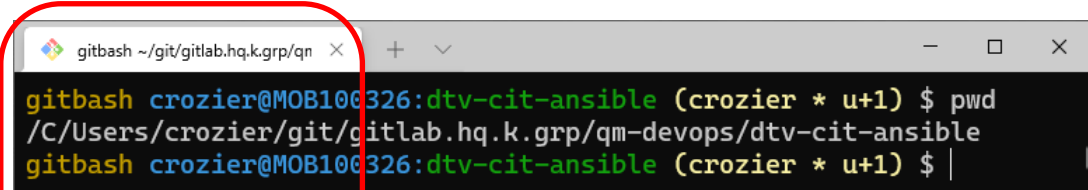


Containers

- Project specific
- Env/bin files
- Libs/dependencies
- Build/test/deploy
- Whatever app/gui



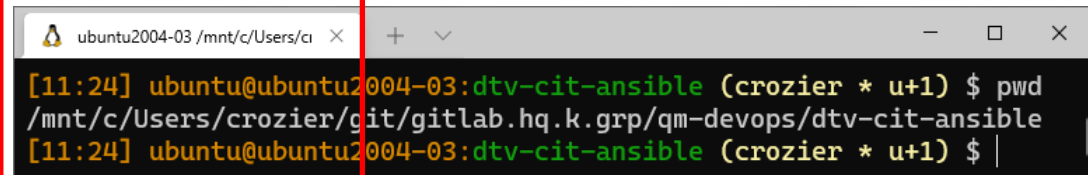
WHY SAVE FILES ON WSL2 ? BECAUSE IT IS FASTER



```
gitbash ~/git/gitlab.hq.k.grp/qm
gitbash crozier@MOB100326:dtv-cit-ansible (crozier * u+1) $ pwd
/C/Users/crozier/git/gitlab.hq.k.grp/qm-devops/dtv-cit-ansible
gitbash crozier@MOB100326:dtv-cit-ansible (crozier * u+1) $
```

Press enter?

~1.0s



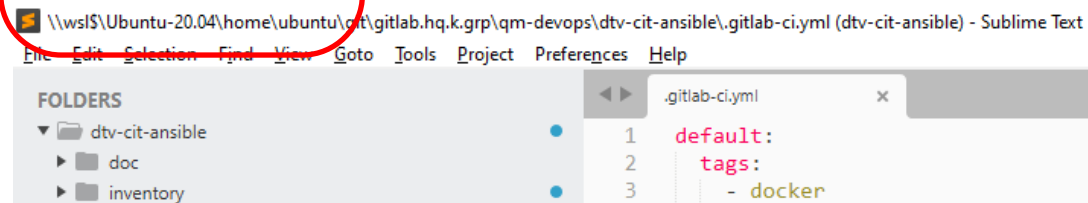
```
ubuntu2004-03 /mnt/c/Users/ci
[11:24] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:dtv-cit-ansible (crozier * u+1) $ pwd
/mnt/c/Users/crozier/git/gitlab.hq.k.grp/qm-devops/dtv-cit-ansible
[11:24] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:dtv-cit-ansible (crozier * u+1) $
```

~0.5s



```
ubuntu2004-03 ~/git/gitlab.hq.
[11:25] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:dtv-cit-ansible (crozier u=) $ pwd
/home/ubuntu/git/gitlab.hq.k.grp/qm-devops/dtv-cit-ansible
[11:27] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:dtv-cit-ansible (crozier u=) $
```

~0.01s



```
\\wsl$\\Ubuntu-20.04\\home\\ubuntu\\git\\gitlab.hq.k.grp\\qm-devops\\dtv-cit-ansible\\.gitlab-ci.yml (dtv-cit-ansible) - Sublime Text
File Edit Selection Find View Goto Tools Project Preferences Help

FOLDERS
dtv-cit-ansible
├── doc
└── inventory

.gitlab-ci.yml
1 default:
2 tags:
3   - docker
```

Is WSL up?

LINUX OWNERSHIP & PERMISSIONS TO WINDOWS FILES

```
ubuntu2004-03 /mnt/c/Users/ci X + v - □ X
[11:41] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:dtv-cit-ansible (crozier * u+1) $ pwd
/mnt/c/Users/crozier/git/gitlab.hq.k.grp/qm-devops/dtv-cit-ansible
[12:05] ubuntu@ubuntu2004-03:dtv-cit-ansible (crozier * u+1) $ ls -lh
total 12K
-rw-rw-r-- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 4.3K Nov 18 12:09 README.md
-rwxr--r-- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 117 Nov 18 11:52 ansible.cfg
drwxrwxr-x 1 ubuntu ubuntu 512 Nov 18 12:09 doc
drwxr-xr-x 1 ubuntu ubuntu 512 Nov 19 14:39 inventory
-rwxr--r-- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 1.6K Nov 18 11:52 local_example_settings
drwxr-xr-x 1 ubuntu ubuntu 512 Nov 19 14:29 playbooks
drwxr-xr-x 1 ubuntu ubuntu 512 Nov 18 12:29 roles
(crozier * u+1) $ |
```

Automatically mount Windows drive when the distribution is launched

[automount]

options = "metadata,umask=022,fmask=11"

Set the user when launching a distribution with WSL.

[user]

default = ubuntu

LINE ENDINGS IN A MIX ENVIRONMENT



■ Editor

Unix Line Endings (LF)

■ GitBash

```
git config --global core.autocrlf input
git config --global core.eol lf
git config --global core.fileMode false
```

■ WSL

```
sudo git config --system core.autocrlf input
sudo git config --system core.eol lf
sudo git config --system core.fileMode false
```

■ Update files in repos

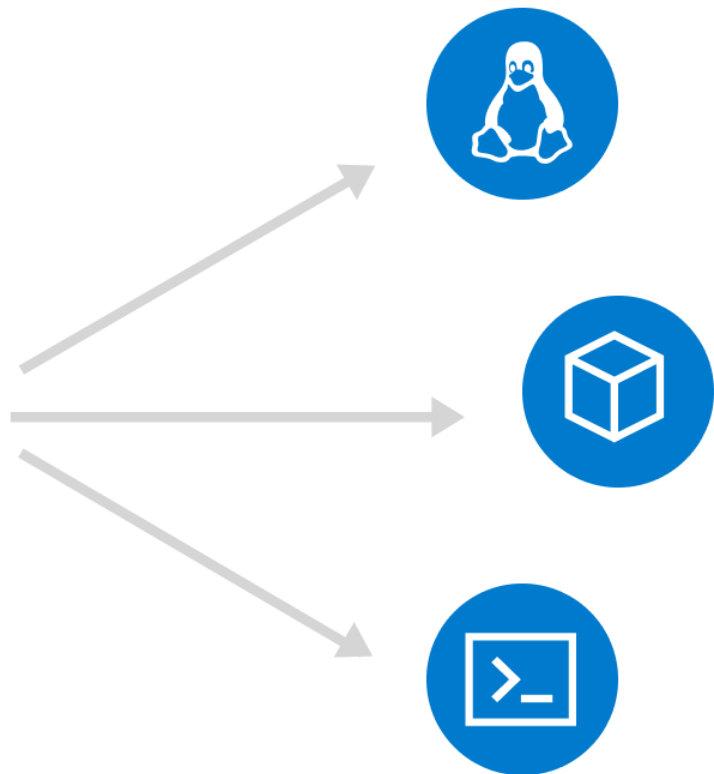
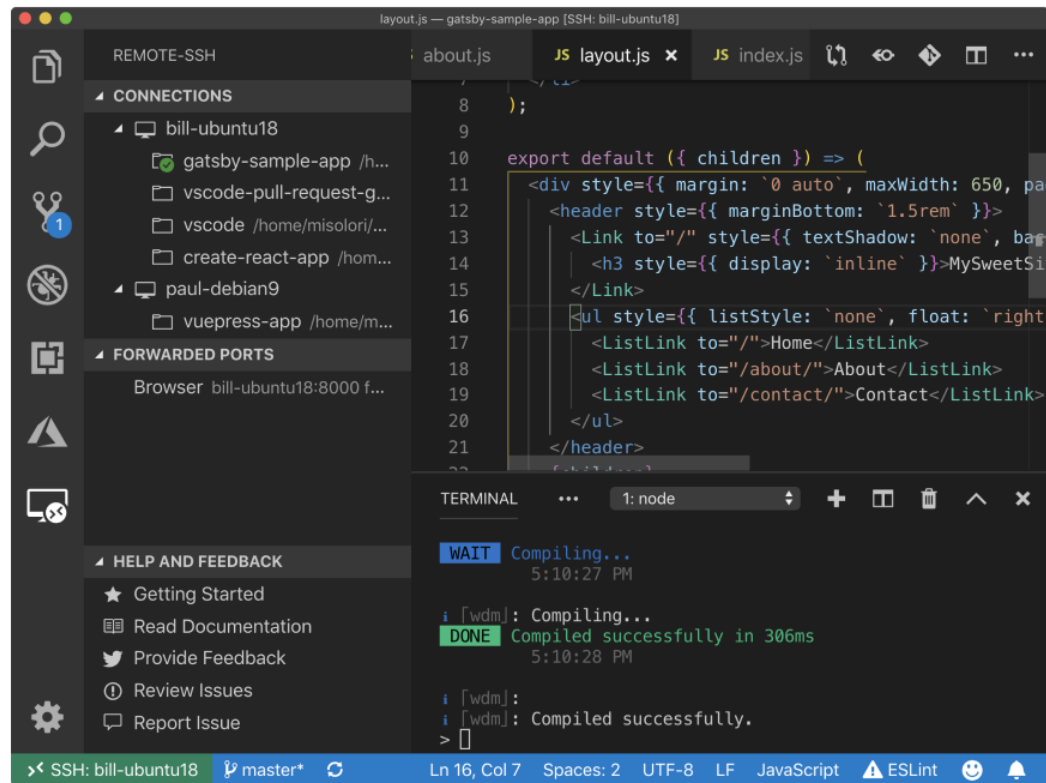
```
cd $gitrepo
git rm --cached -r .
git reset --hard
```

■ Bash prompt

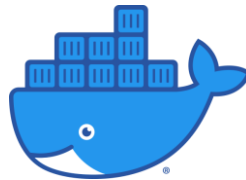
Include `__git_ps1` in `$PS1`



VSCODE : REMOTE WSL, CONTAINER, SSH



DOCKER : THE LINUX WAY



<https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/>

```
sudo vi /etc/docker/daemon.json  
{"hosts": ["tcp://0.0.0.0:2375", "unix:///var/run/docker.sock"]}
```

```
sudo service docker start # restart
```

From WSL

```
docker version
```

```
Client: Docker Engine - Community  
OS/Arch: linux/amd64
```

```
Server: Docker Engine - Community  
Engine:  
OS/Arch: linux/amd64
```

```
DOCKER_HOST=localhost:2375
```

From Windows

```
docker version
```

```
Client: Docker Engine - Community  
OS/Arch: windows/amd64
```

```
Server: Docker Engine - Community  
Engine:  
OS/Arch: linux/amd64
```

<https://github.com/StefanScherer/docker-cli-builder/releases>

DOCKER / PODMAN : TEST OUR INSTALLATION

```
$ podman run -it --rm -v ~/.ssh/agent.sock:/root/.ssh/agent.sock ... bash
```

Ping all hosts -> Will fail if no ssh key, or network problems.

```
ansible all -m ping
```

Lint -> Will fail if Windows line endings.

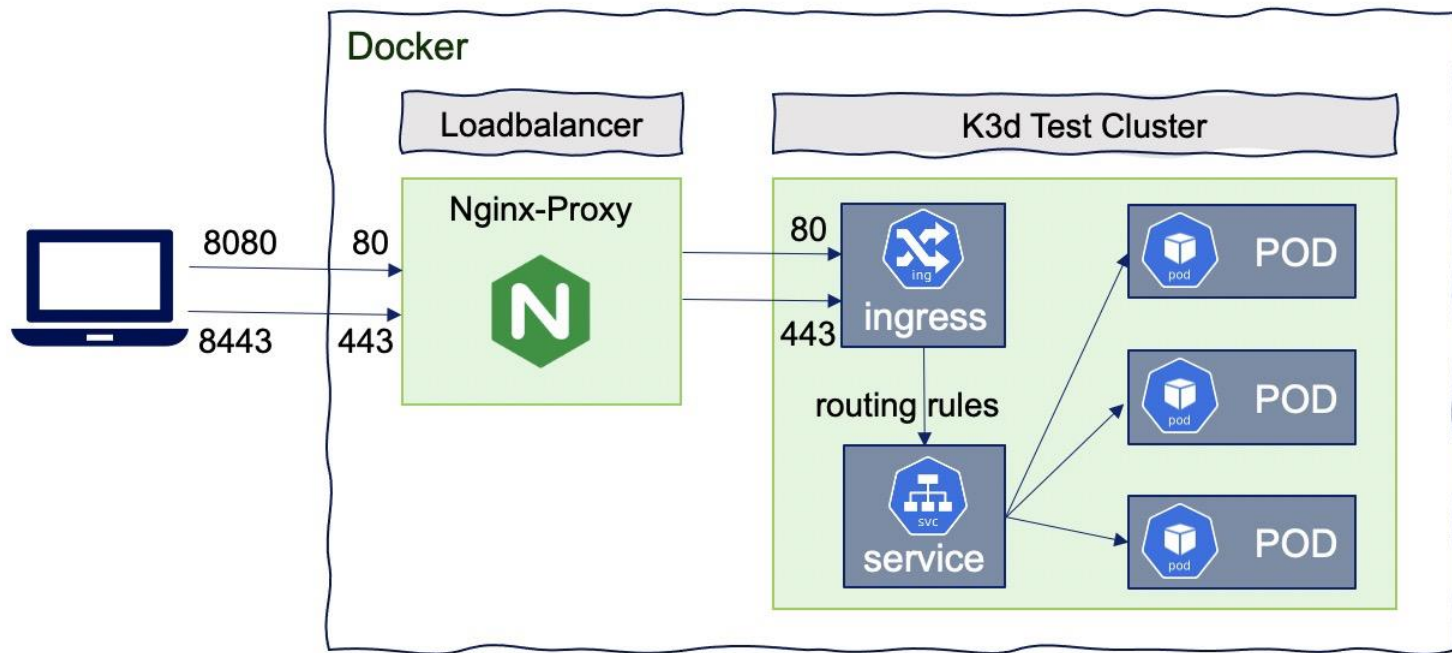
```
yamllint playbooks/site.yml  
ansible-lint playbooks/site.yml
```

Check and Run -> Will fail if files are opened to everyone.

```
ansible-playbook [--limit HostOrGroup] [--check] playbooks/site.yml
```



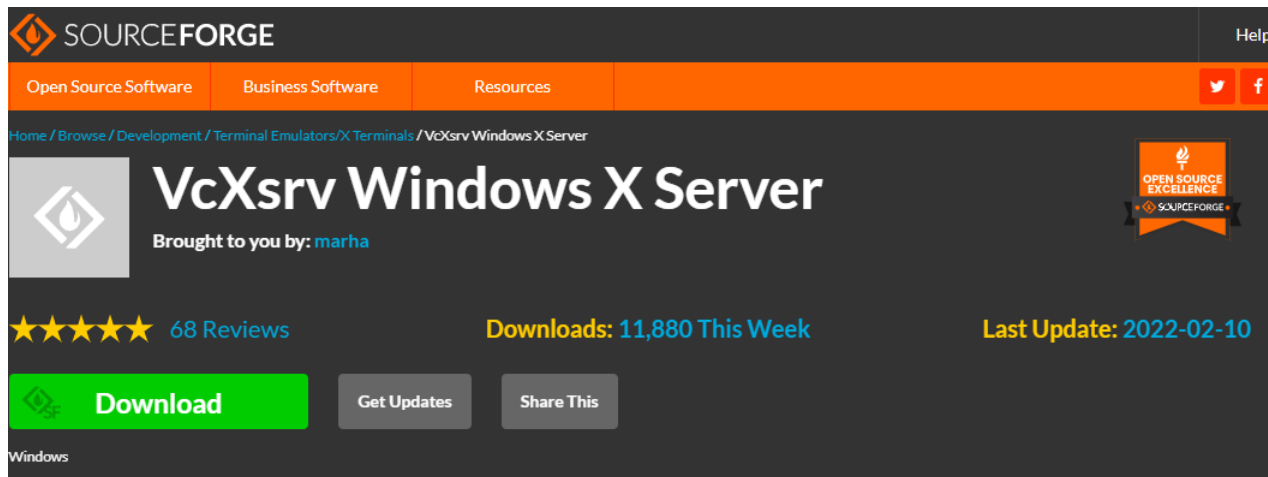
KUBERNETES : WITHIN DOCKER



<https://github.com/rancher/k3d#get>

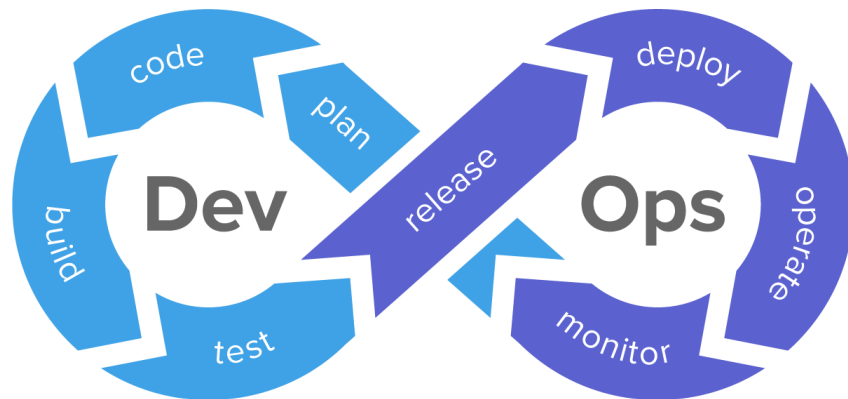
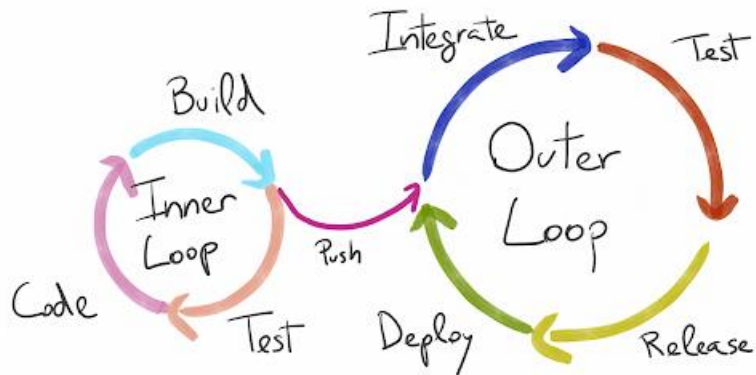
<https://en.sokube.ch/post/k3s-k3d-k8s-a-new-perfect-match-for-dev-and-test-1>

REMOTE DISPLAY



```
podman run -it --rm -e DISPLAY=192.168.50.1:0 ubuntu bash
# apt update ; apt install -y x11-apps ; xeyes
```

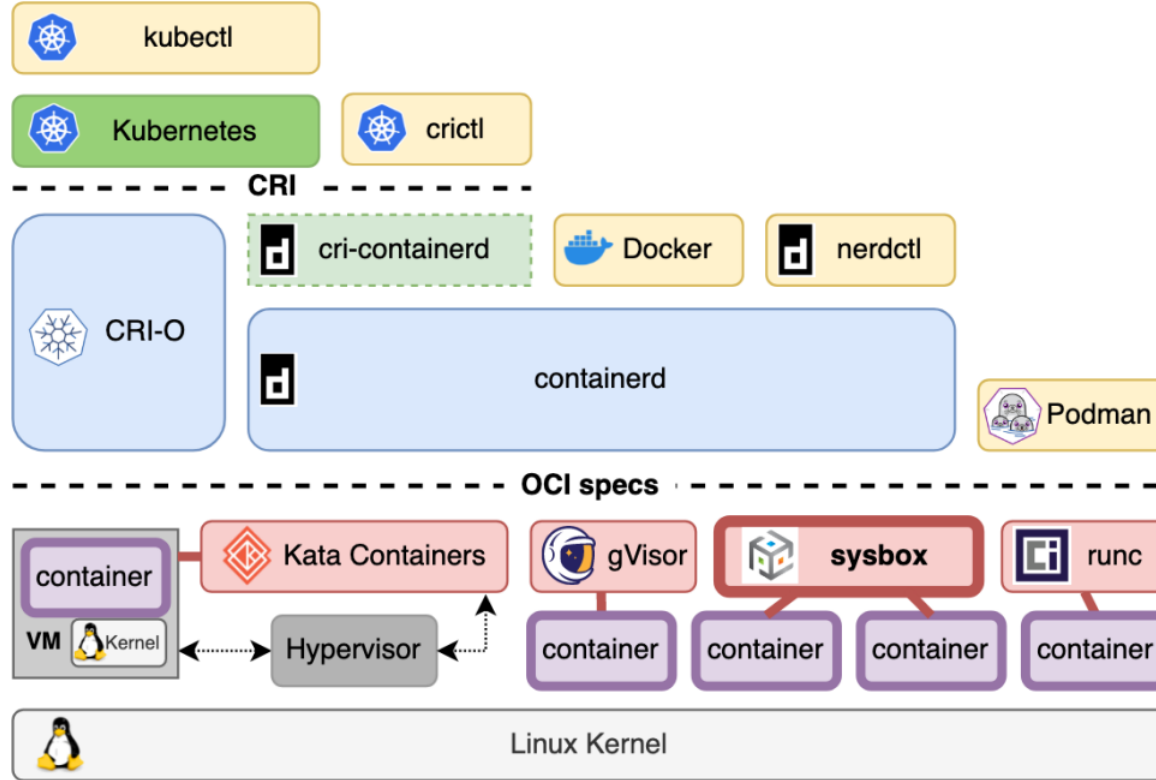
SHIFT-LEFT CI/CD



Ctrl+S ← Local CI/CD ← Centralized CI/CD

Example: <https://github.com/firecow/gitlab-ci-local>

ADVANCED: CHOOSE YOUR CONTAINER RUNTIME



https://www.linkedin.com/posts/sestegra_d%C3%A9placez-vos-espaces-de-travail-sous-kubernetes-activity-6877919030217347072- SEK/

SYSBOX : SYSTEM CONTAINERS

Empower containers to run software such as

systemd docker kubernetes legacy apps

seamlessly and **securely**



<https://github.com/nestybox/sysbox/issues/32>

MANAGE YOUR WSL2

Initial empty host

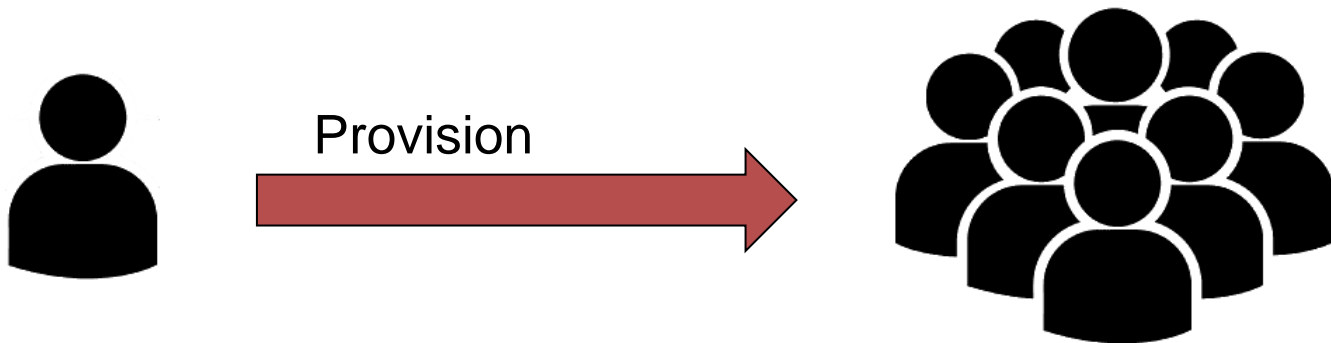
```
wsl --install --distribution Ubuntu-20.04
```

```
wsl --export Ubuntu-20.04 $ExportPath\Ubuntu-20.04.tgz
```

Clone new host

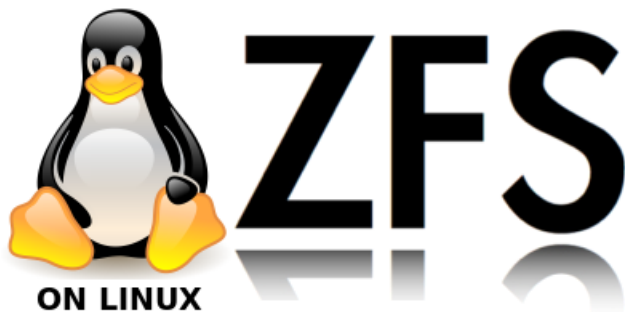
```
wsl --import Ubuntu-20.04.02 $ImportPath\Ubuntu-20.04.02\ $ExportPath\Ubuntu-20.04.tgz
```

```
wsl -d Ubuntu-20.04.02
```



CREATE YOUR OWN LINUX

- Import a tar file generated from a container
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl/use-custom-distro>
- Another example: Add ZFS to the Linux kernel
<https://wsl.dev/wsl2-kernel-zfs/>



WSL2 : WHAT'S NEXT ?

■ I have a dream

- network: vpn (dns), fixed ip, connect other local VMs
- systemd support (to install software like sysbox)
- easy connect to Windows pageant
- connect to Windows trusted SSL store?
- connect to Windows credential store?
- more resources limits like disk.io like in Hyper-V
- native X server WSLg in Windows 11

■ Other issues:

- Windows 11, mounts, Windows auth, antivirus



IN SHORT

- Linux

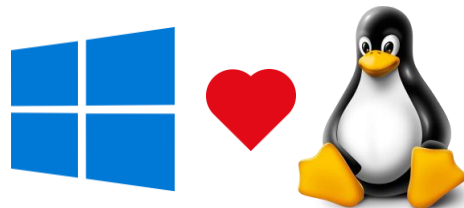
pushes the limits of the possible

- Windows

your favorite development environment

- WSL2

2 but 1 machine



DevOps is not only technical

- Believe in your dreams
- Keep inspired by your mentors
- Grow with people who trust/encourage you



THANKS, YOU

You ~~made~~ make it possible

- Matthieu, Matteo, and DevOps days Geneva team
- Nicolas, and hackathon team @Nagravision
- David, Bishwa, and Jorge, for this crazy idea
- The DevOps community, like a family !!!

Q/A

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