

Extreme Containering

... and other virtual fun

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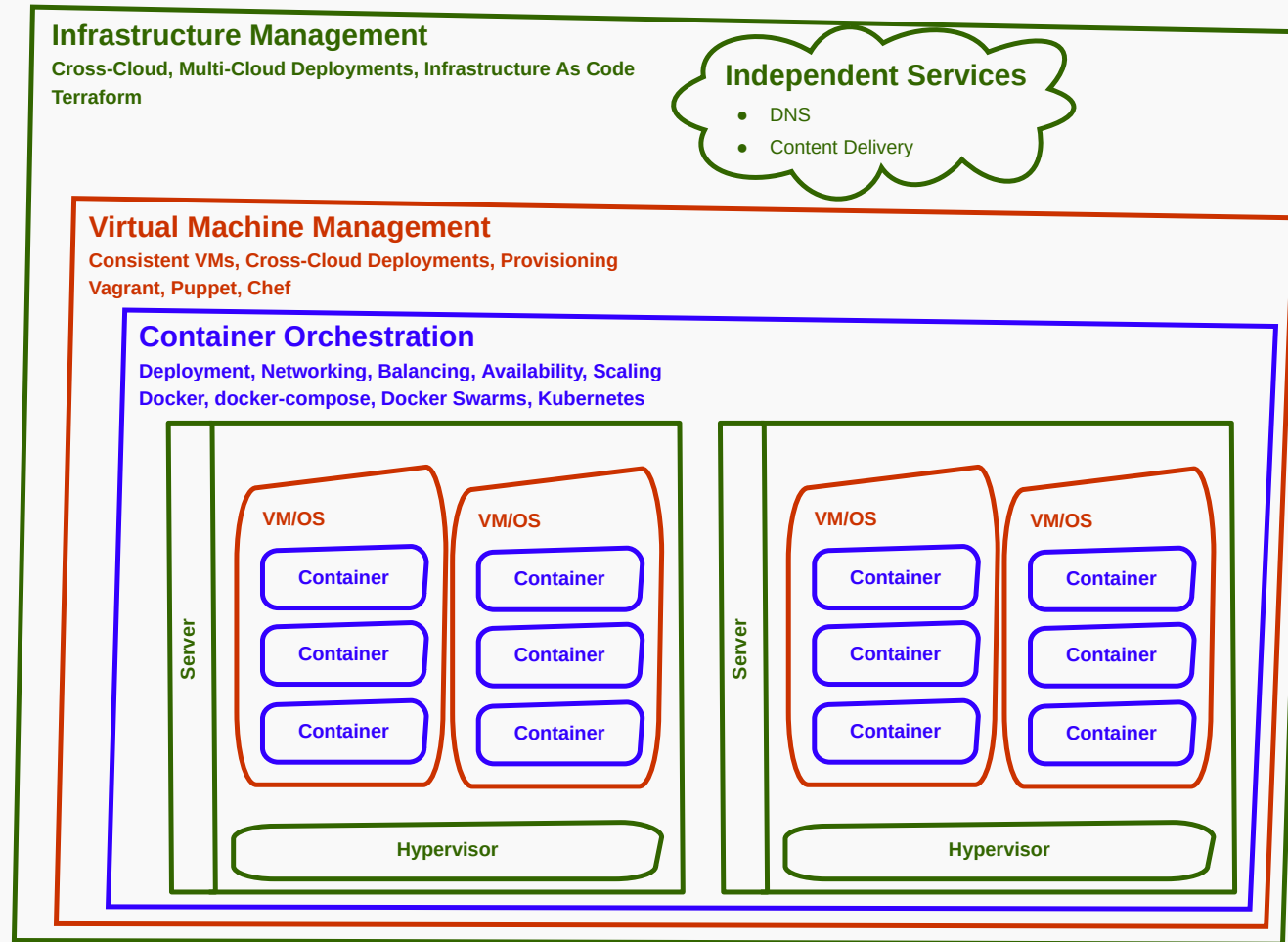
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Agenda

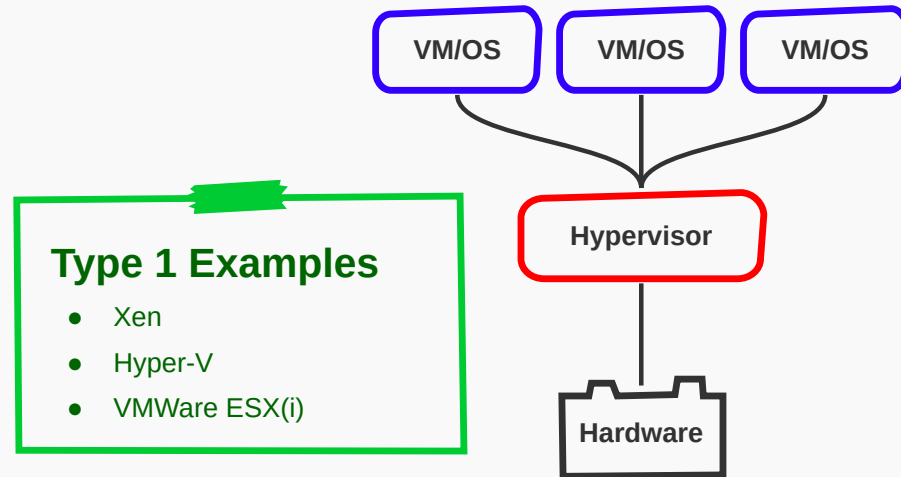
- What's what - Containers, VMs and all that
- Docker
- Chromebook
- Qubes
- WSL
- Beer

Containers and VMs

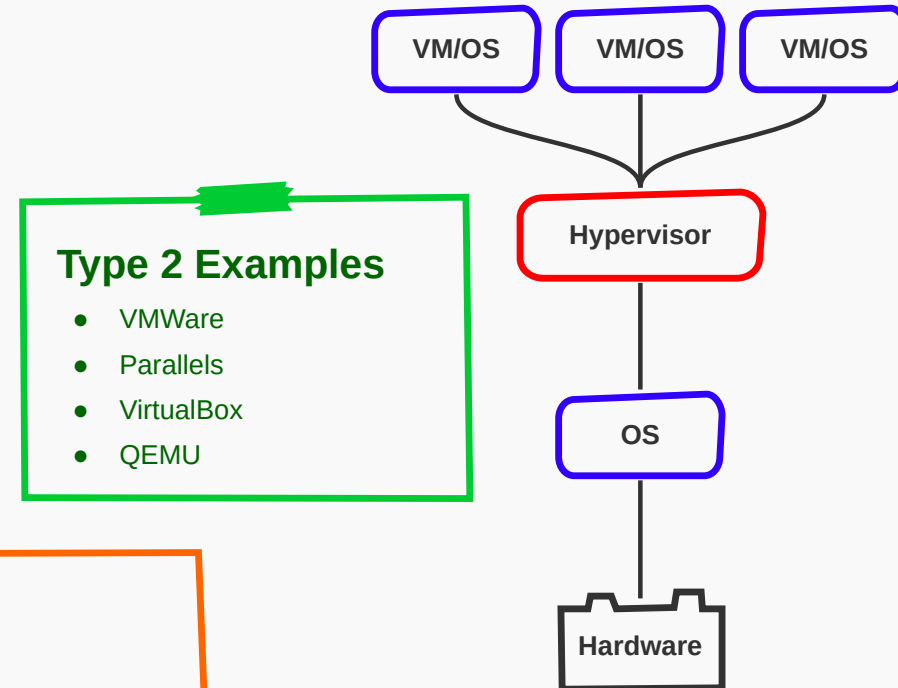


Hypervisors

Type 1 Native Hypervisor



Type 2 Hosted Hypervisor



A bit complicated

- KVM - can be type 1 or 2
- Hyper-V really is type 1

Containers (OS-Level Virtualization)

- Origin of the idea: chroot
- Docker
- LXC/LXD
- Many others: Solaris Containers, FreeBSD jail, RKT, etc
- Based on kernel extensions that implement the required separation

Docker & Co

- Docker: images, containers, volumes, network setups, swarms, etc
- Docker containers are mostly application/process centric, often ephemeral and externally updated
- Docker Hub, Amazon/Azure Container Registry
- docker-compose: container dependencies, scaling
- Kubernetes: advanced orchestration, deployment and scaling
 - Can also use container types other than Docker (CRI-O), including those that use their own hypervisors (Frakti, runV)

LXC/LXD

- Linux Containers, used to be the basis of Docker functionality
- Two interfaces: `lxc-*` commands (old) and `lxc` command (new, LXD)
- Mostly long-running system containers, multi-purpose
- Sometimes stacked: cloud-hosted virtual system -> LXD container -> Kubernetes -> Inner containers
- Very common -- my phone uses LXC to run Android

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Docker

Chromebook

- Runs Chrome OS, Linux based operating system
- Chrome (duh)
- Crouton: old-style system to run Linux for devs
- Crostini: new integrated Linux based on VMs and LXC/LXD containers
- Active development efforts underway to improve integration, hardware access, etc

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Chromebook LXC/LXD based Linux

Qubes OS

- "A reasonably secure operating system"
- Hypervisor: Xen
- Everything is a VM (domain, qube)
- UI/usability integration
- Idea: isolation of technical responsibilities, user activities and data

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Qubes OS

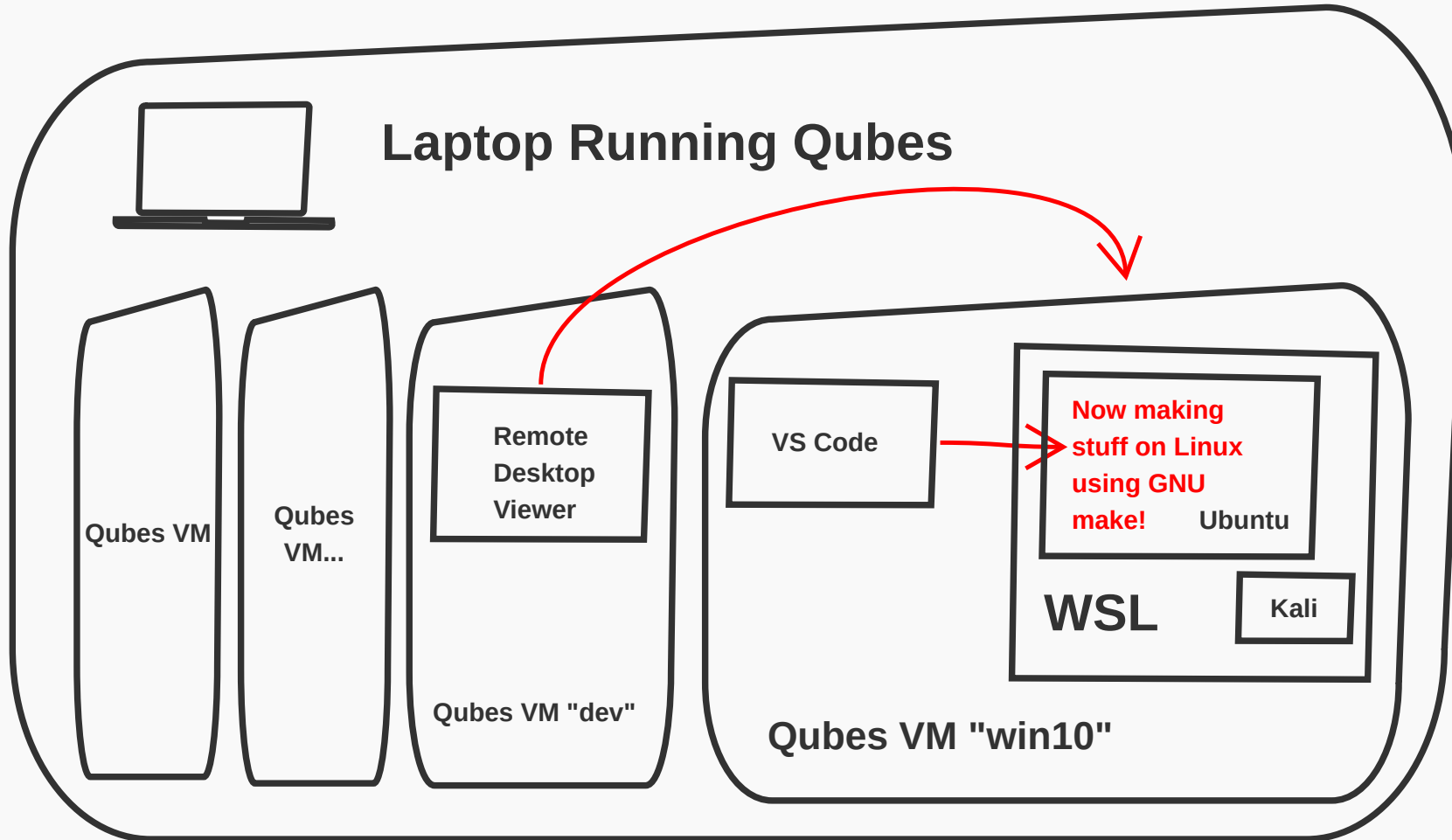
Windows and WSL

- "Compatibility layer" provided by WSL 1, while WSL 2 uses a "real" (and customized) Linux kernel in a VM
- Runs distros of unmodified Linux binaries, similar to LXC/LXD
 - ... but using their own format, after all it's Microsoft
- Work in progress, similar to Crostini
- Pretty sucky integration compared to Crostini
- Very cool with VS Code though!
 - ... also with Visual Studio 2019, but they seem to target only C++ devs with that.

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WSL

What just happened?



Sources

- This presentation:
 - <https://oliversturm.github.io/extreme-containering>
 - PDF download:
<https://oliversturm.github.io/extreme-containering/slides.pdf>

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