





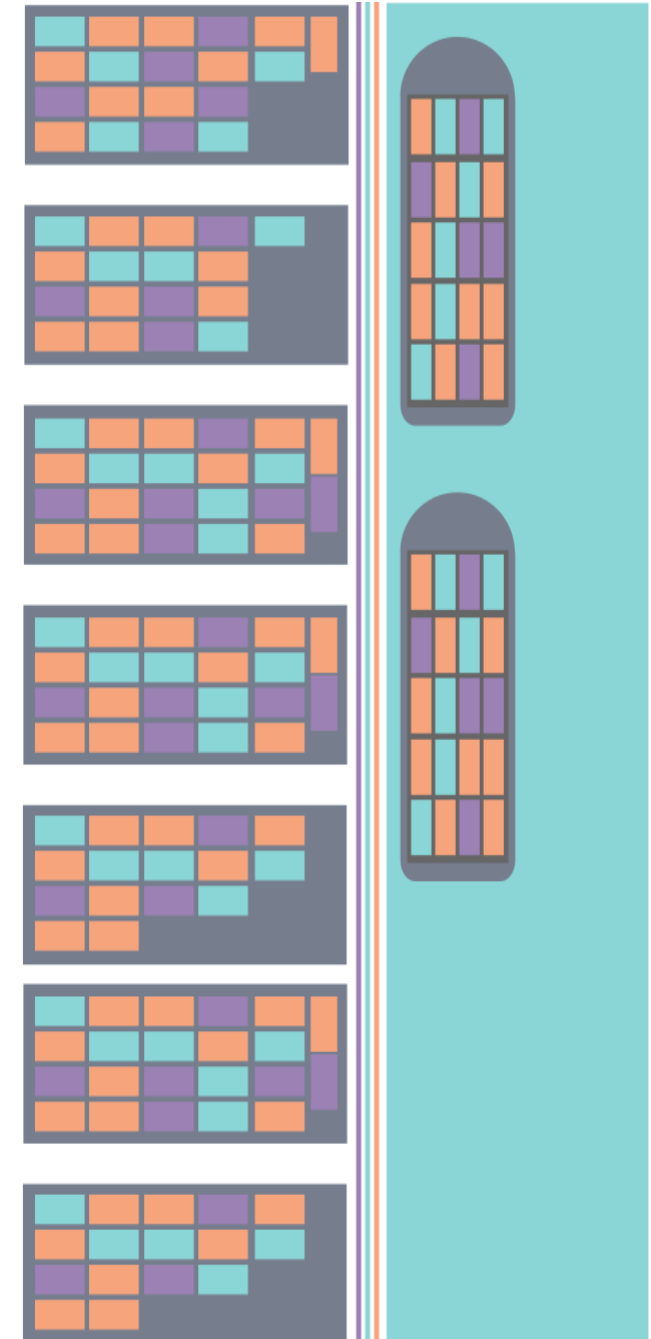
Introduction to Docker for reproducible analysis

What are CONTAINERS ?

- **Common definition:** Object to **HOLD** and **TRANSPORT** something

How are containers related to informatics ?

- **Co-relation in informatics:** It is a **PORTABLE** package **HOLDING** applications and all its necessary means.

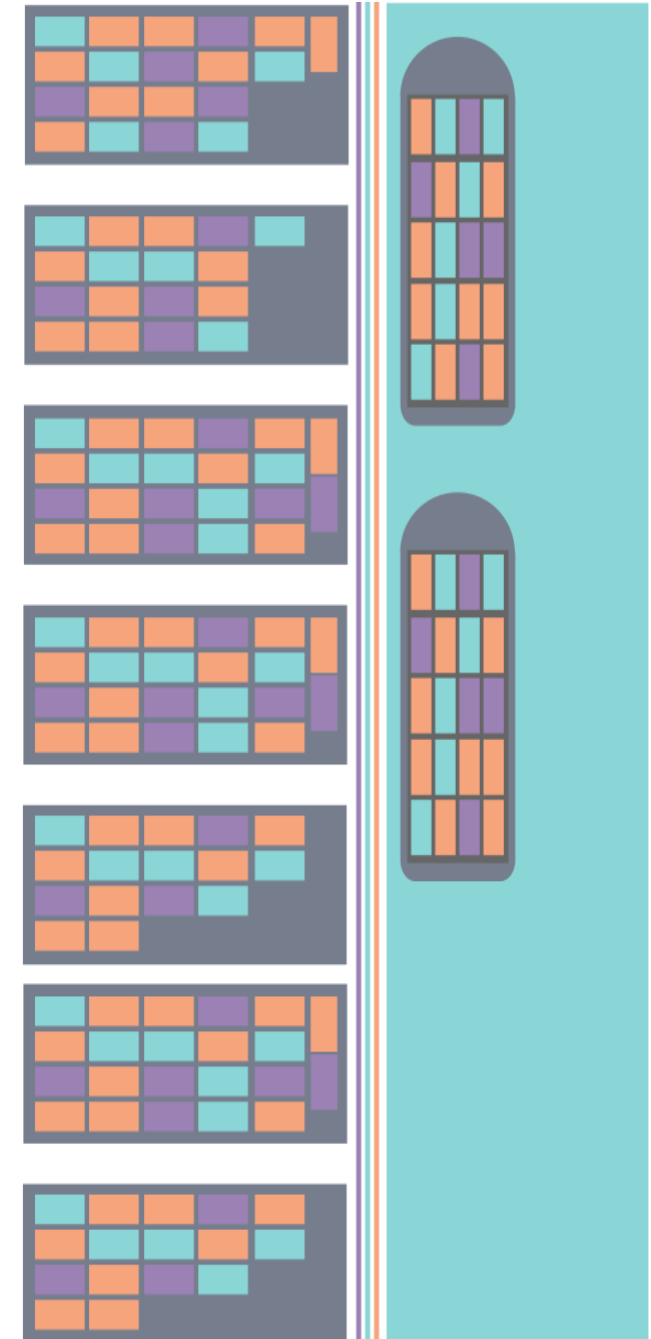


What is a DOCKER ?

- **Common definition:** Person working in a port, responsible for **LOADING** and **UNLOADING** containers.

How is a DOCKER related to (bio)informatics?

- **Co-relation in informatics:** It is an open-source platform to
 - **CREATE** (loading),
 - **MANAGE** (running)
 - **SHIP** (sharing)containers with their applications.



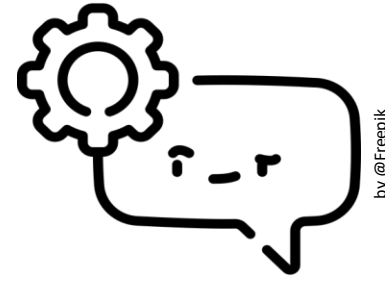


What is a container ?

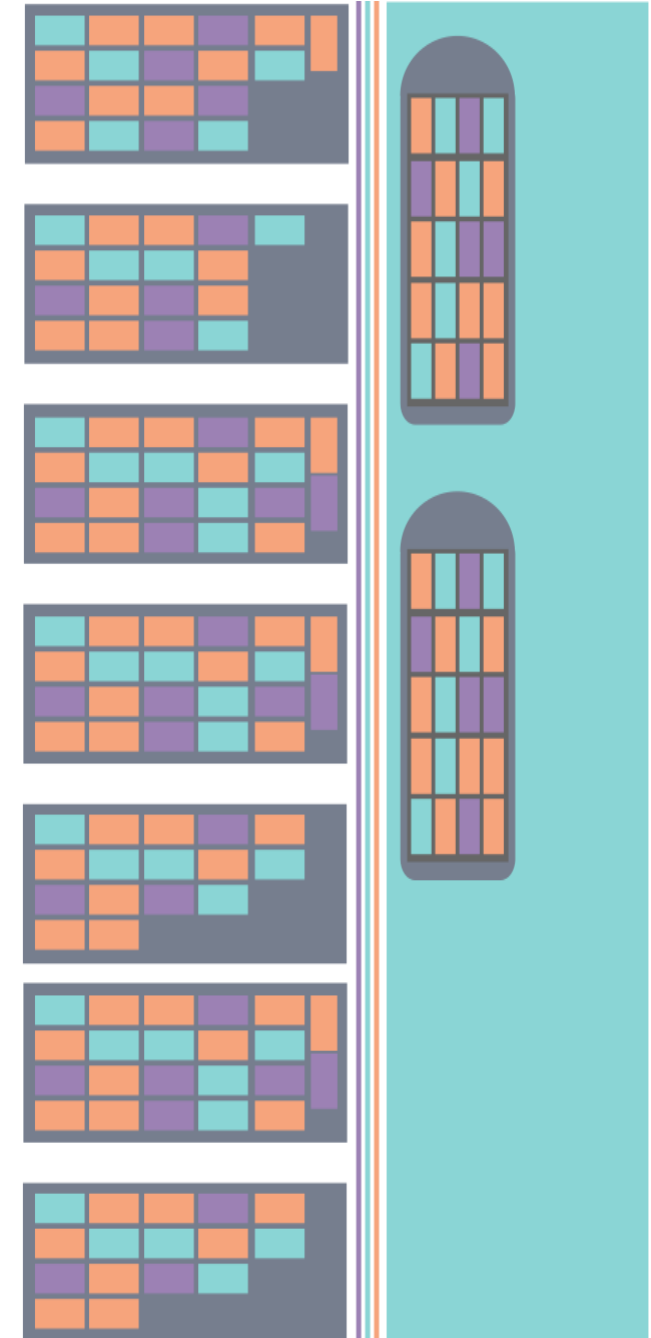
“ A container image is a lightweight, stand-alone, executable package of a piece of software that includes everything needed to run it: code, routine, system, tools, libraries, settings ”

- <https://www.docker.com/what-container> -

“Well, it works on my machine...”



- Potential general barriers
 - Different Operational system
 - Different hardware
 - Different software versions
 - Technical ability



Docker use cases



by @Freepik



by @Irfansusanto20



by @kerismaker

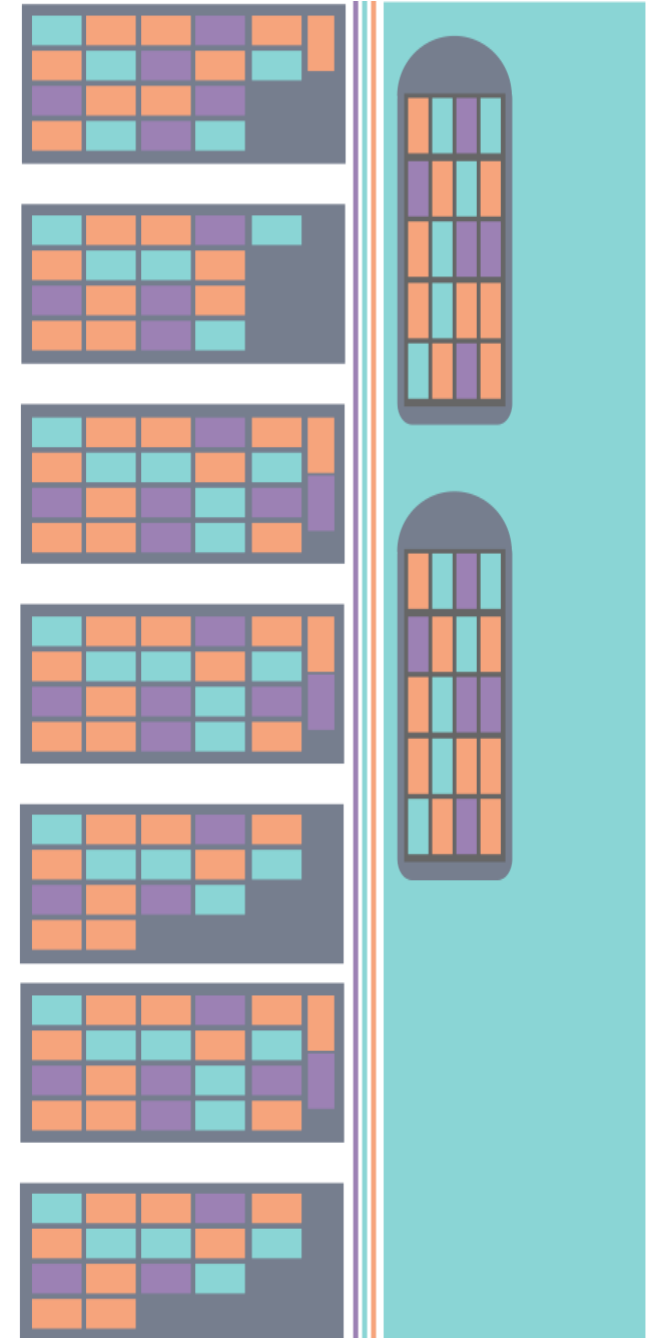


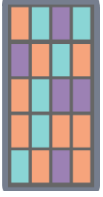
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Creative Agency

- Web application
 - Galaxy, GitLab
- Analysis pipeline
 - Nextflow, Snakemake
- Testing & continuous integration
 - Jenkins, Drone CI
- Difficult to compile apps
 - PennCNV, hap.py
- Need for reproducible environments
 - Jupyter notebooks





How does it work?

- Important concepts
 - **Dockerfile:** Your recipe
 - **Docker image:** Static artifact
 - **Container:** Running image (functional)
 - **Backup.tar:** Compacted file
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Recipe



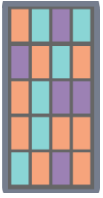
your recipe to build
the Docker image



Backup.zip

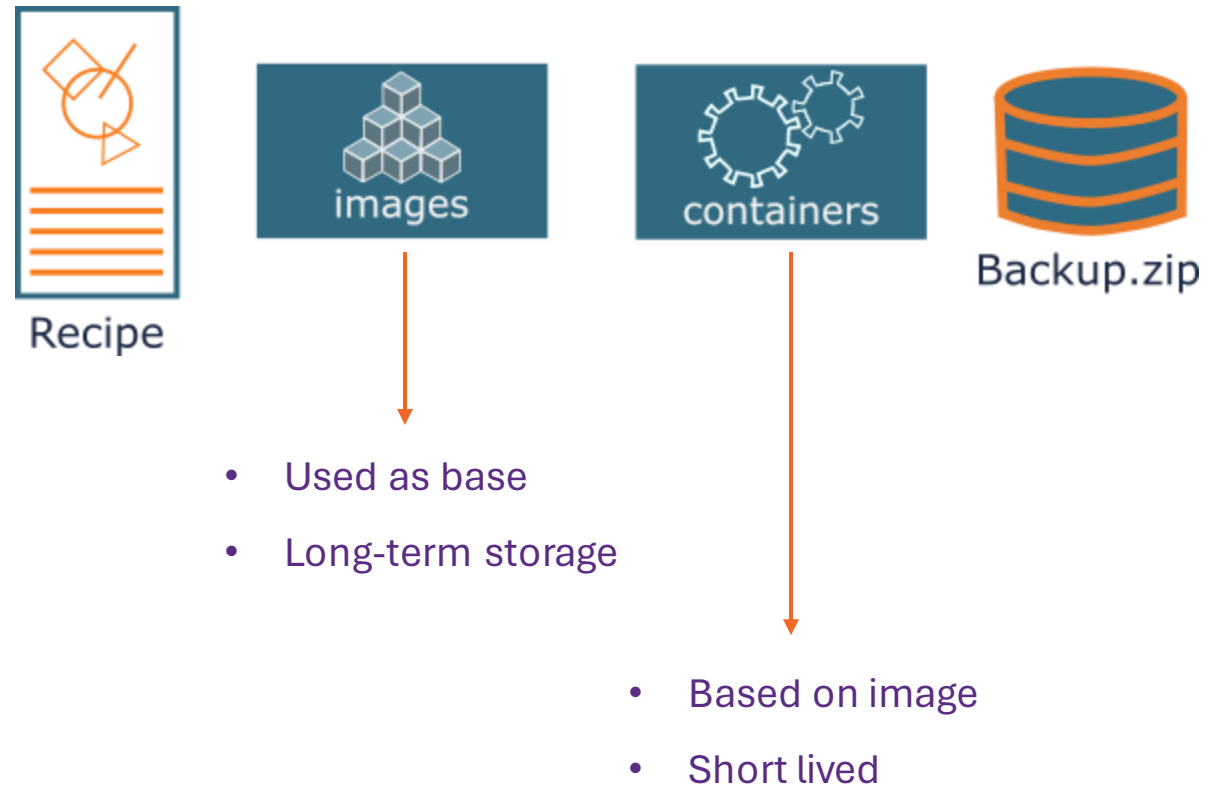


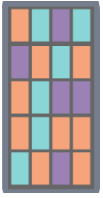
File you can create
using the docker engine
(rarely used)



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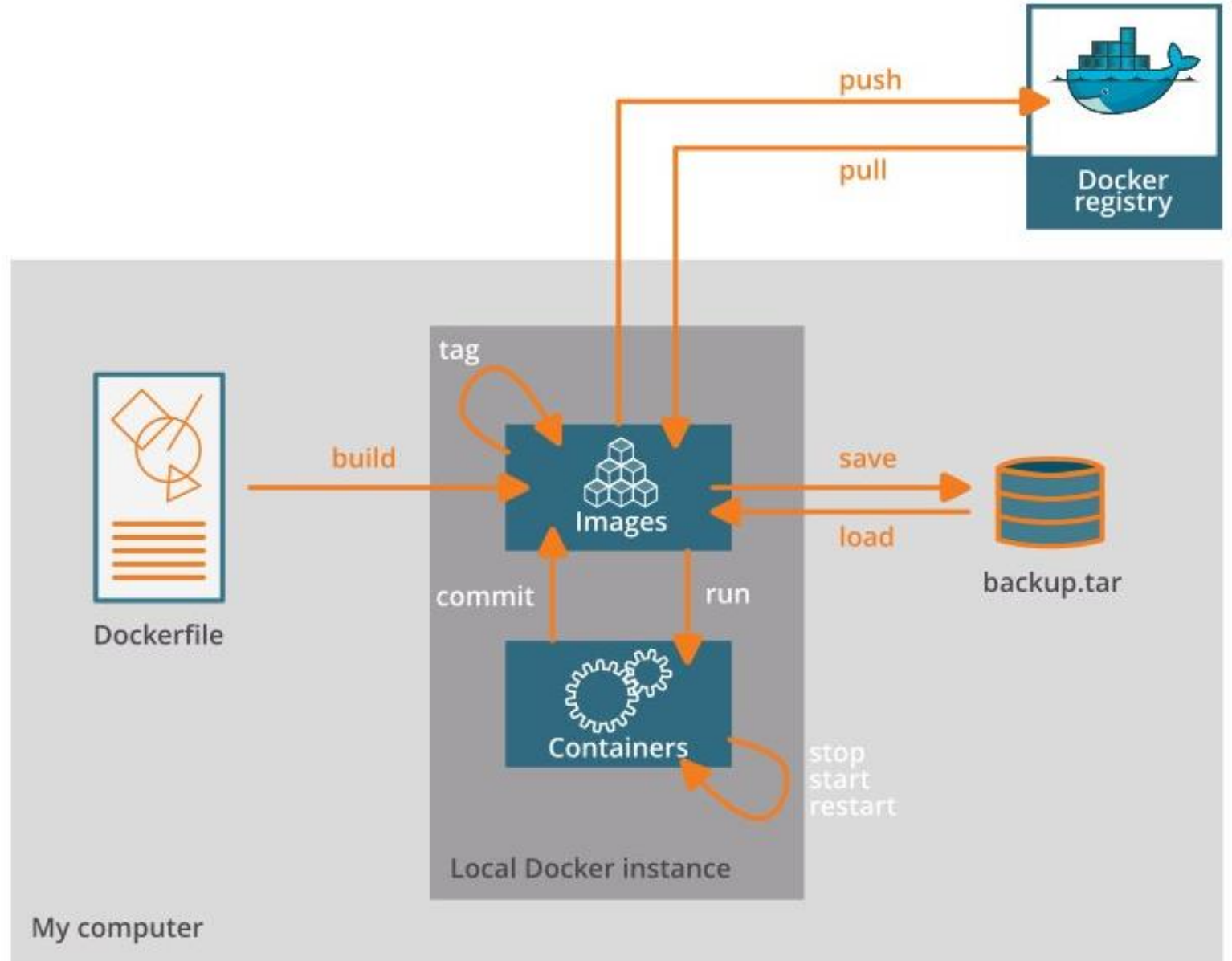
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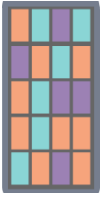




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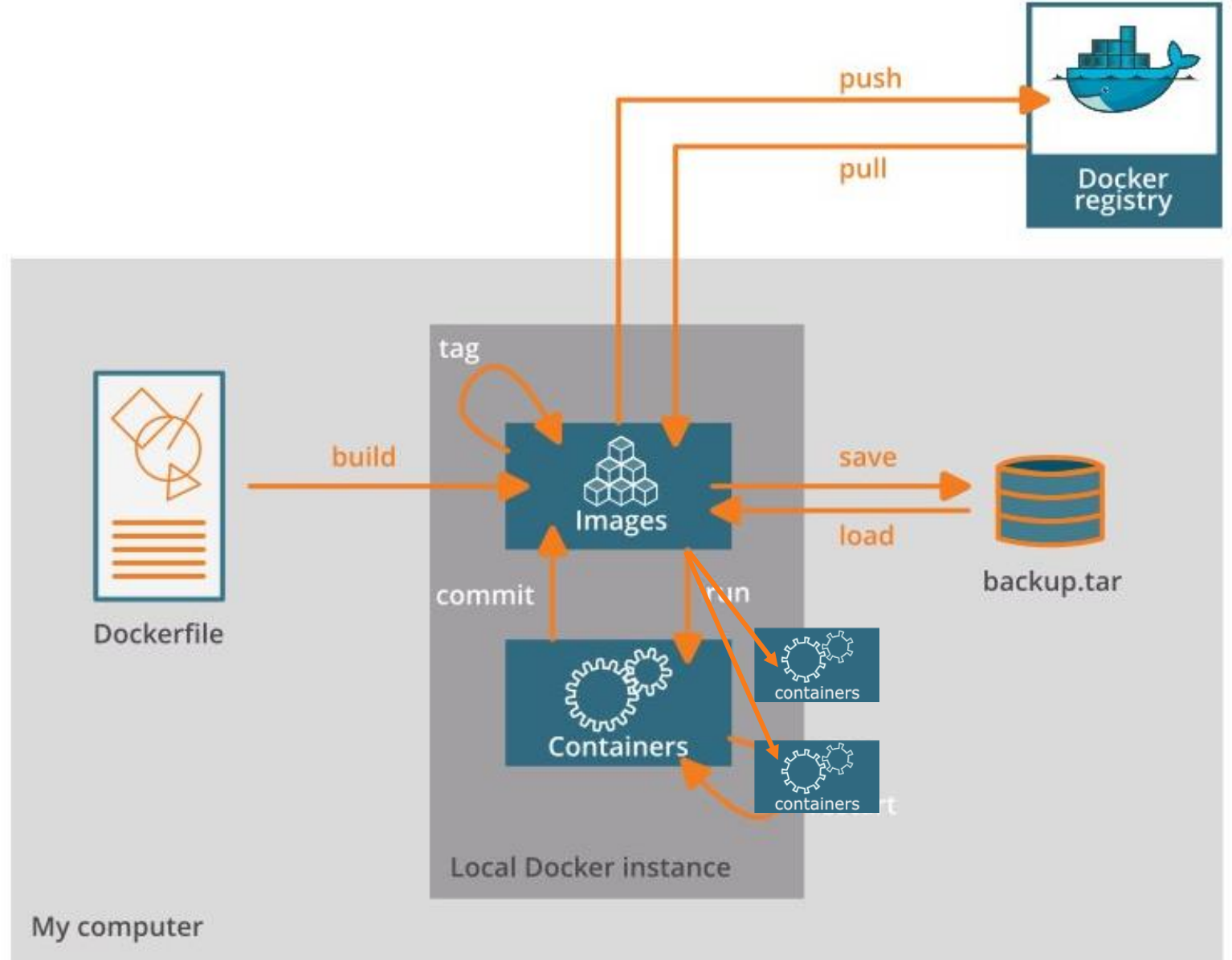
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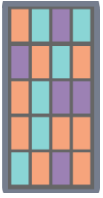




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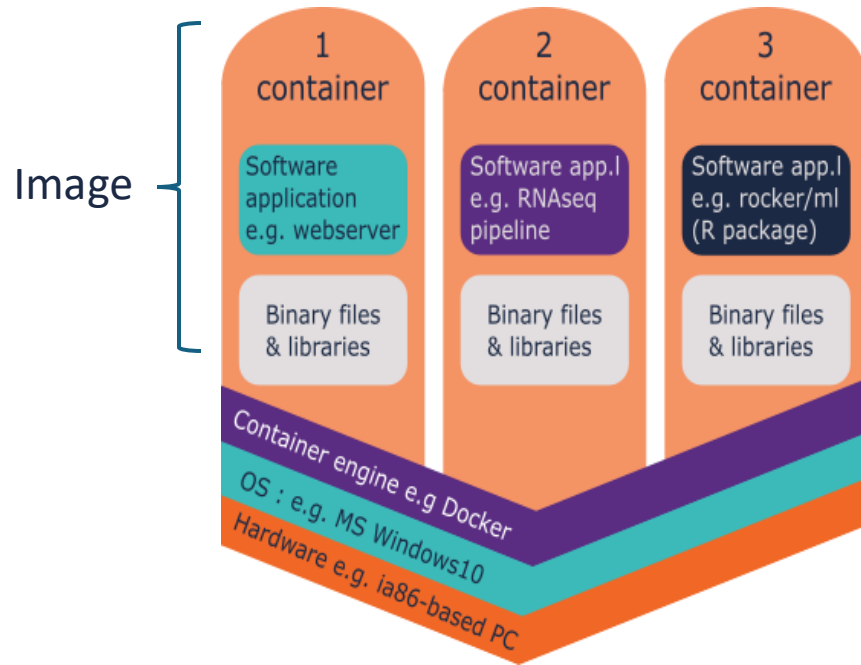
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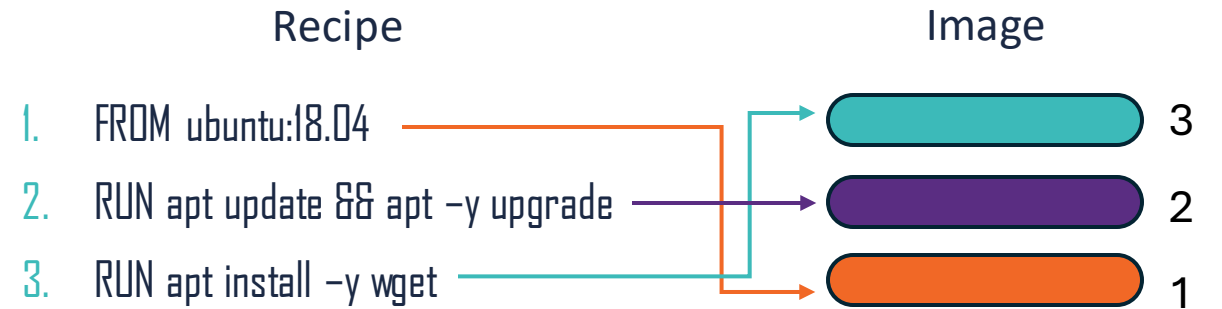


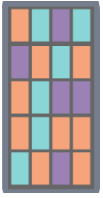
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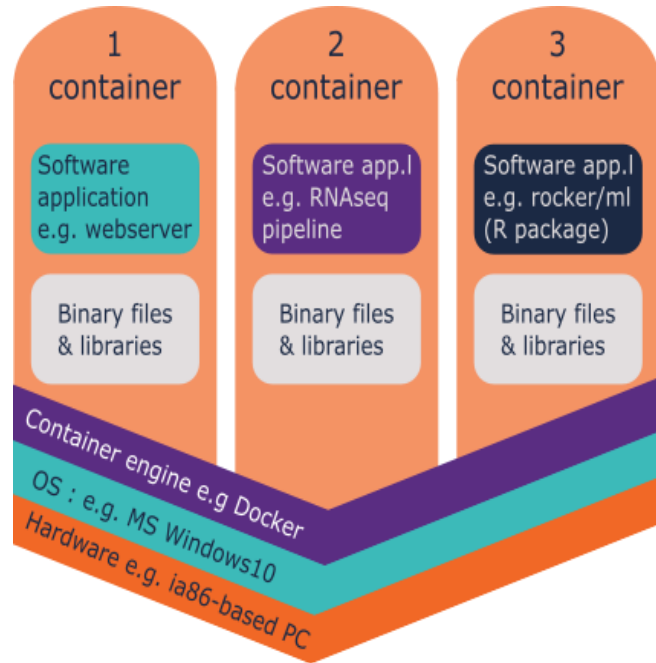
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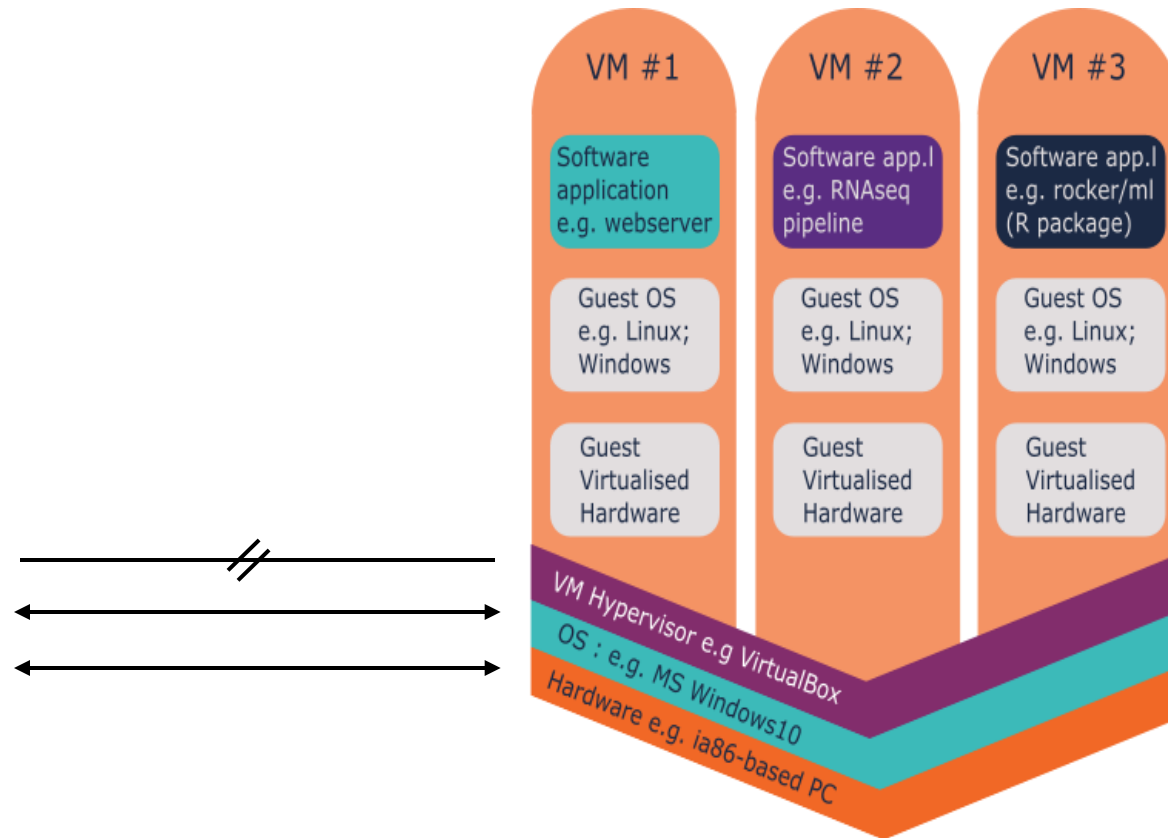


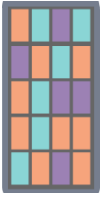
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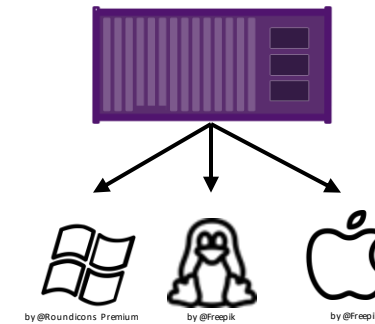
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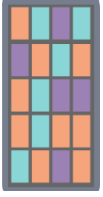




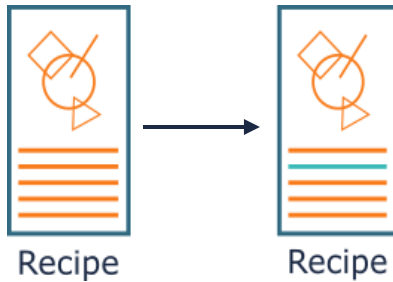
Advantages

- **Bundled Dependencies**
 - Contain all their own dependencies = no need of installing hurdles
- **Cross-platform Installation**
 - Contain their own operating system = run on any platform (even Windows!)
- **Easy Distribution**
 - Shared on Docker Hub or as 'image.tar' file

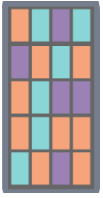




Advantages



- **Safety**
 - Can't access files on the host machine
- **Ease-of-Use**
 - Can always be run using one single command
- **Easy Upgrades**
 - Easily swapped out for newer versions
 - All persistent data can be retained in a data volume



Other container softwares



podman



APPTAINER



An aerial photograph of a large port facility. In the foreground and middle ground, there are massive stacks of colorful shipping containers in various colors like blue, red, orange, and white. Several large yellow gantry cranes are positioned along the waterfront, used for loading and unloading ships. The port is situated next to a body of water, with a long pier extending into the sea. The sky is clear and blue.

Using and Reusing available docker images

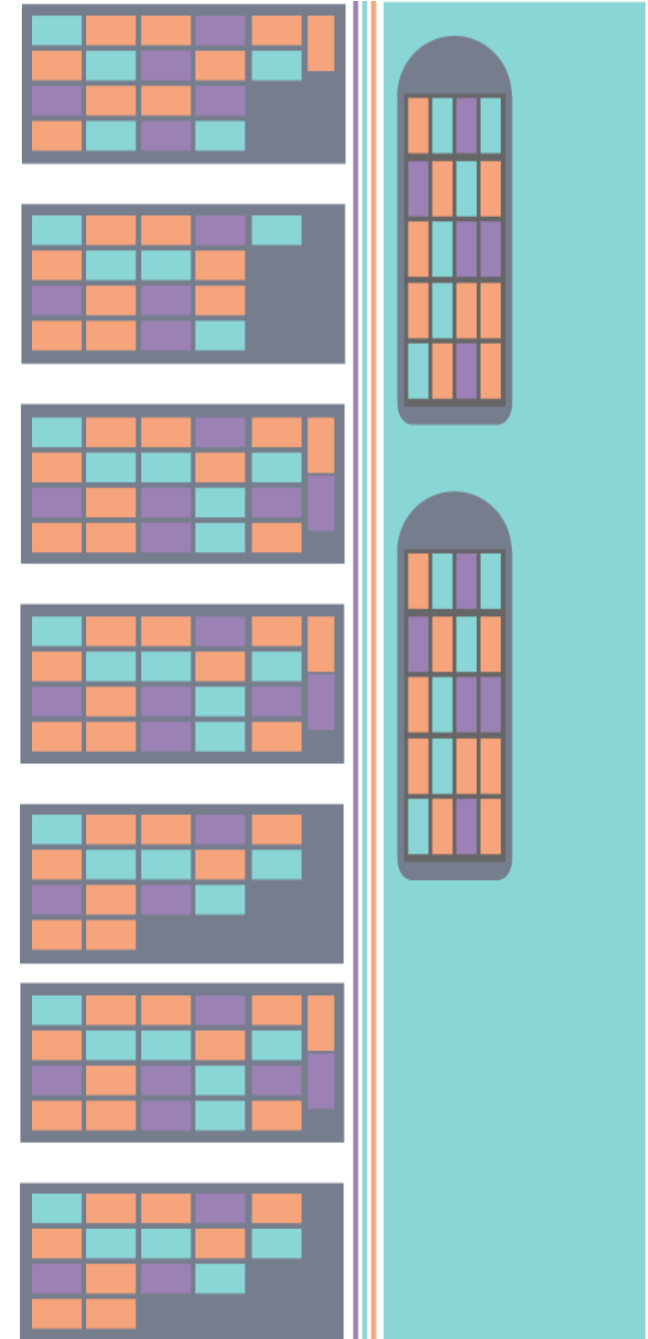
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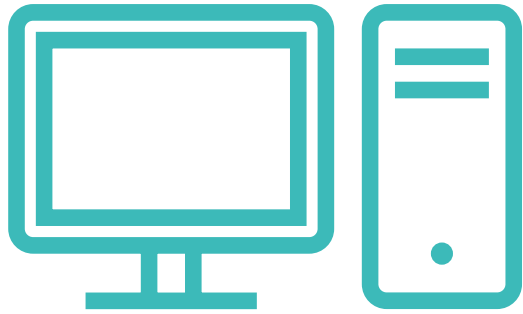
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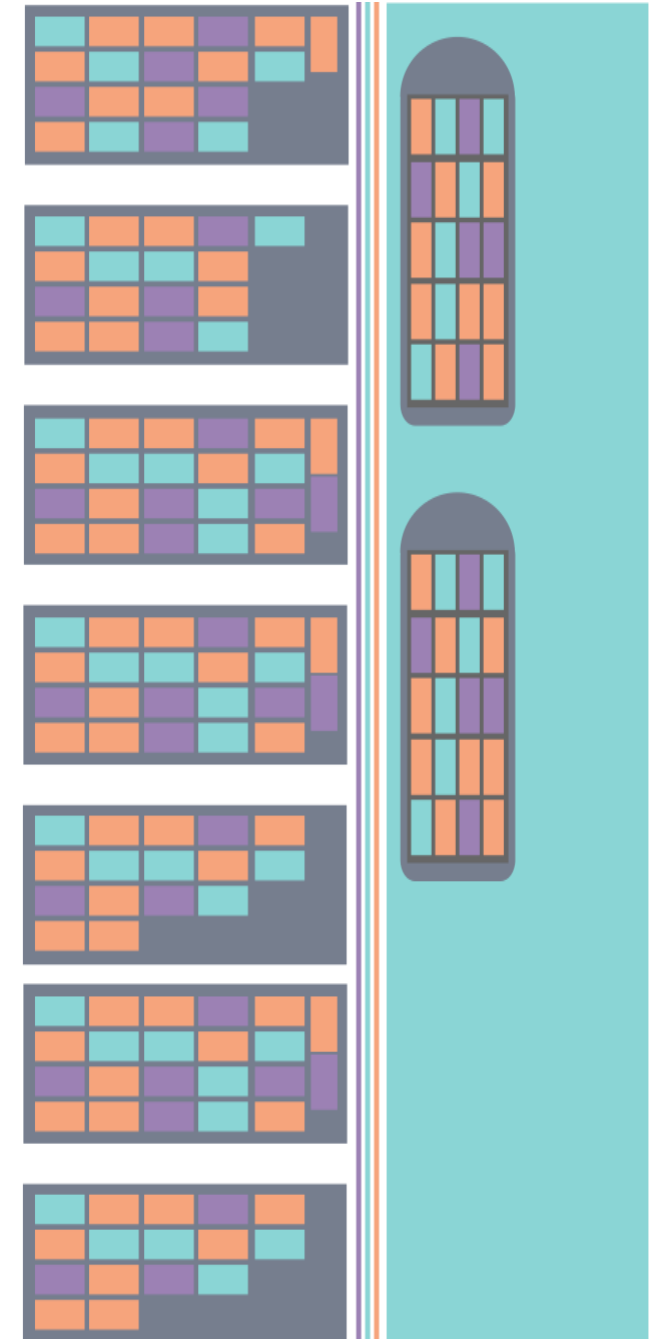


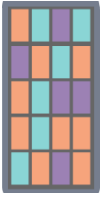
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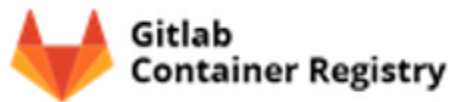


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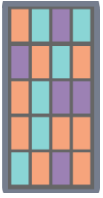
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Amazon ECR



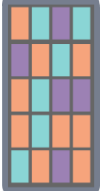
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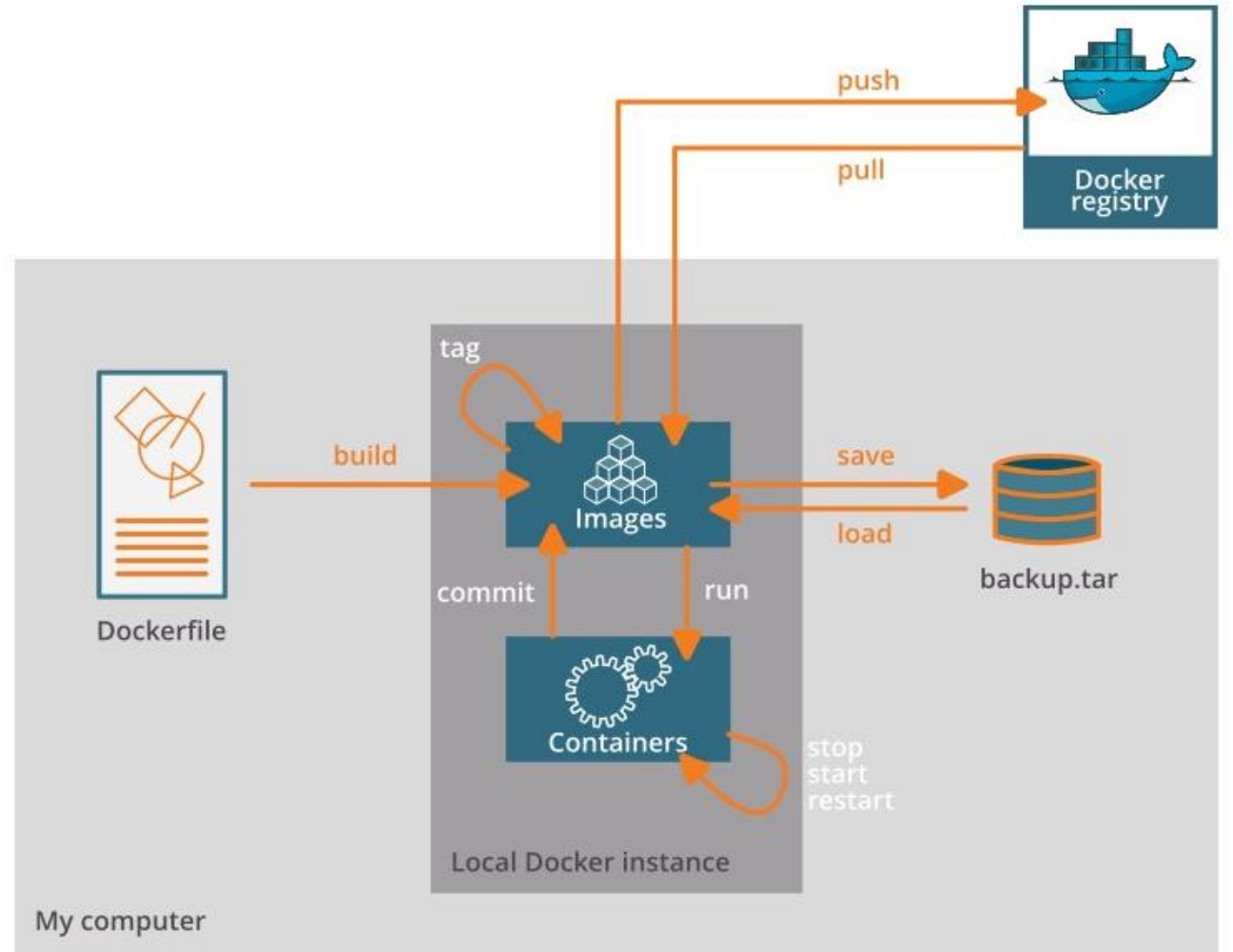


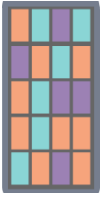
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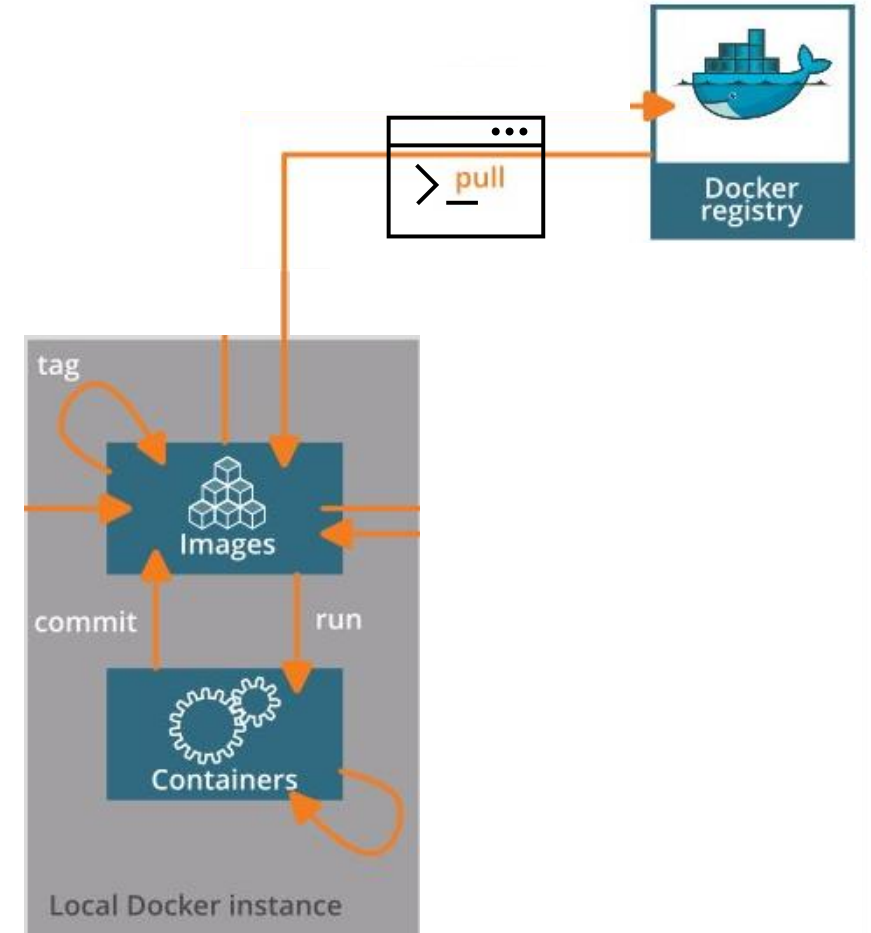


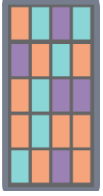


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- `docker pull <image>`
- `docker pull <registry/image>`
 - Example: getting Ubuntu image

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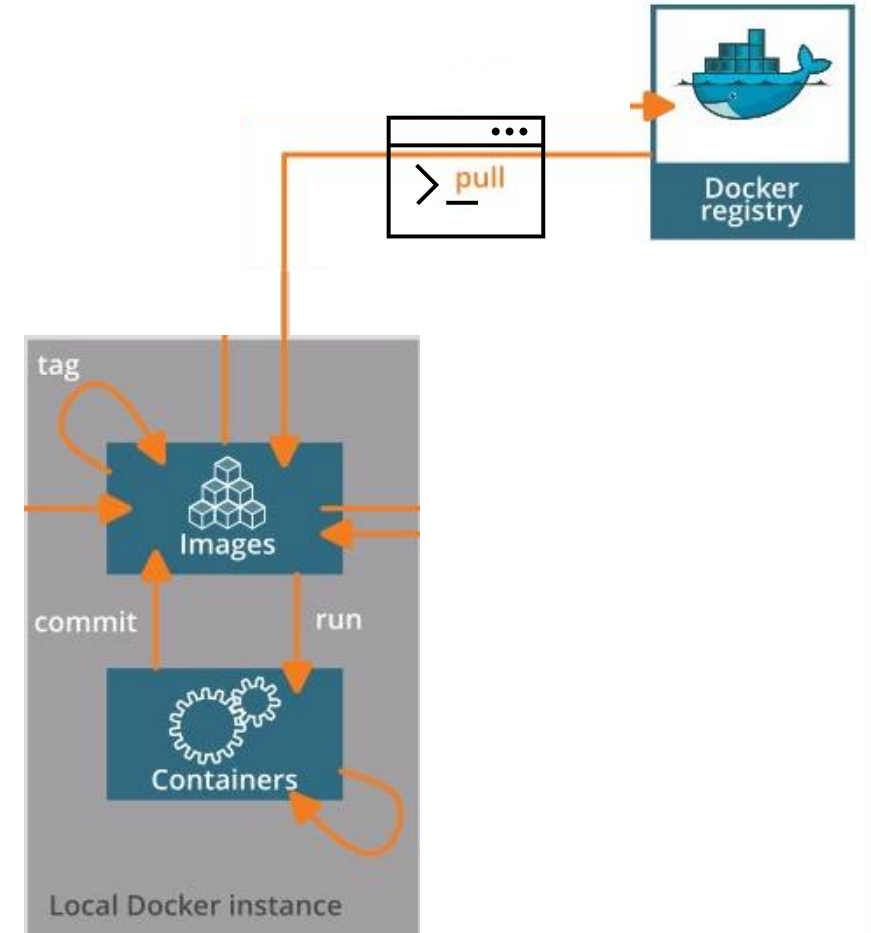
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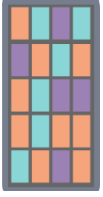
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- Example: Get a specific version

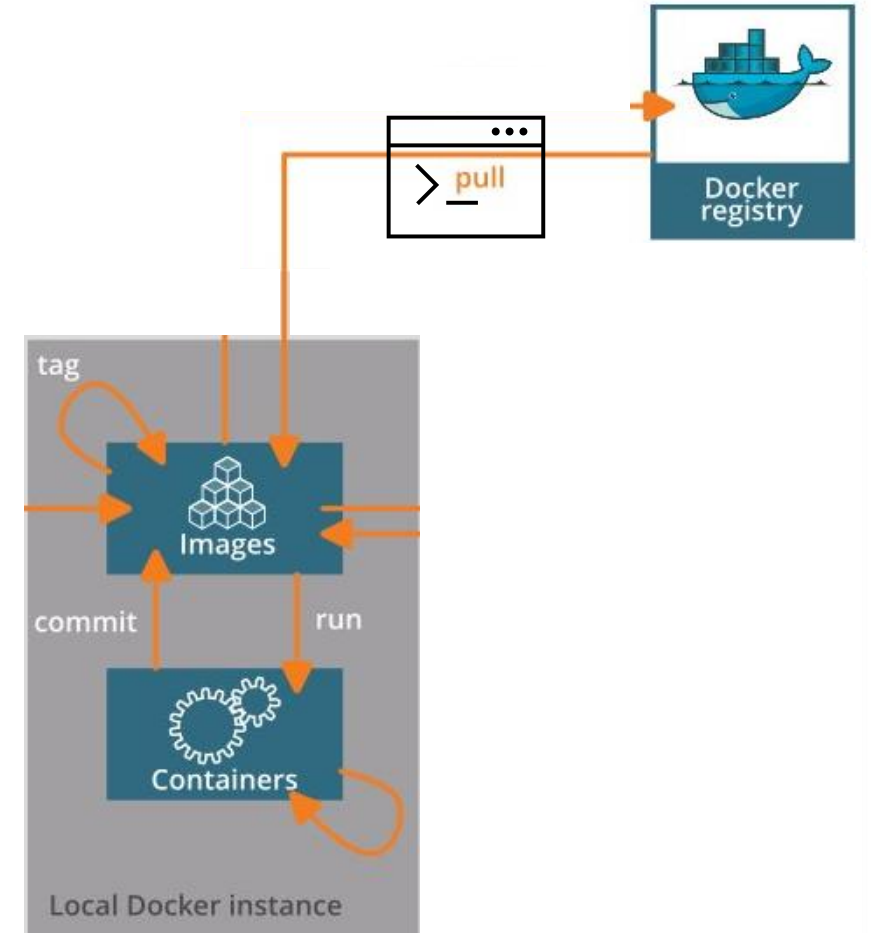
```
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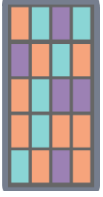




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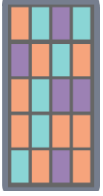
- Is there a better way to 'pull' ??
- If yes, which one?
 - `docker pull ubuntu`
 - `docker pull ubuntu:18.04`
- Why?





Practice time: How do we get a container image?

- Pull ubuntu in your computer:
 - Version 18.04
- Pull from Biocontainers
 - Fastqc (A quality control tool for high throughput sequence data)
 - Version 0.11.9_cv7



What else can we do?

- Check all images that you have

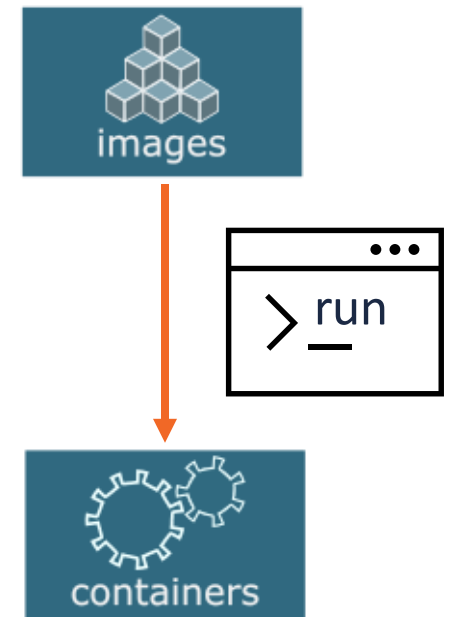
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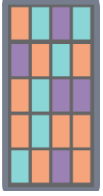
```
$ docker image ls
```

```
$ docker images -a
```

- Run a container with your analysis

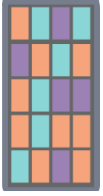
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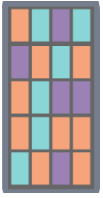
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$ docker run ubuntu:18.04 /bin/ls
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```
$ docker run ubuntu:18.04 /bin/whoami
```

```
$ docker run ubuntu:18.04 /
```



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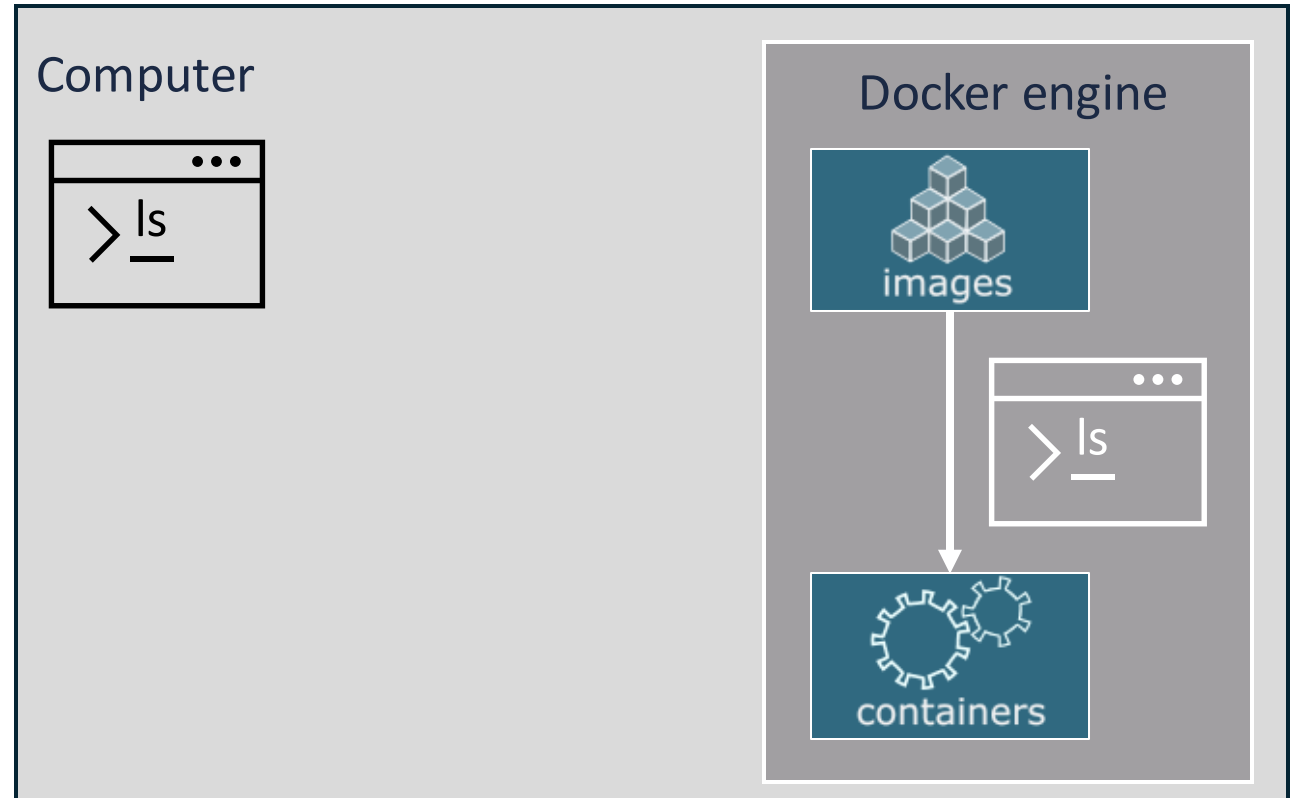
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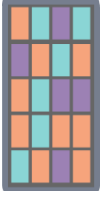
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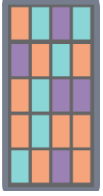
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- If you run `ls` in your current directory, do you have the same?
- Why?





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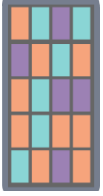
- Run in the background
 - Detached from the shell

```
$ docker run [docker_options] <container> [container_arguments]
```

```
$ docker run --detach <container> [container_arguments]
```

- Name your container to check later

```
$ docker run --detach --name <my_ctn_name> <container> [container_arguments]
```



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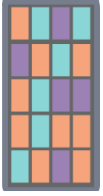
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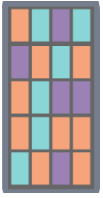
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- List running containers

```
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```

- List all containers (whether or not running)

```
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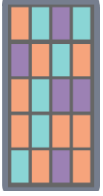


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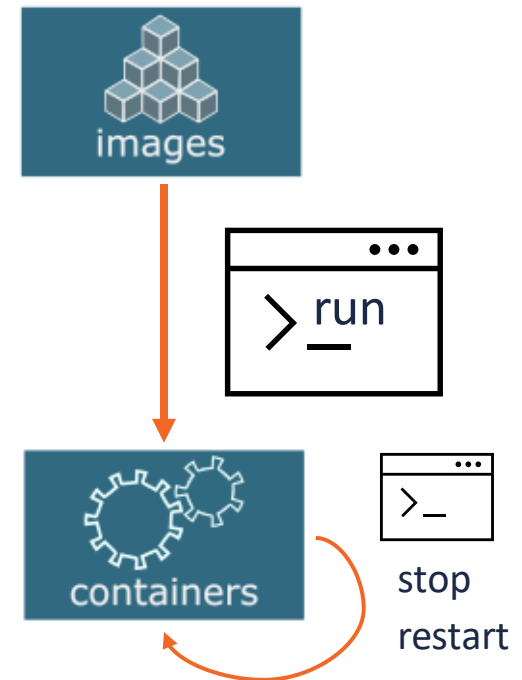


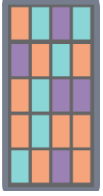
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- What are IDs and Names useful for?
 - Stop a container
 - Restart a container



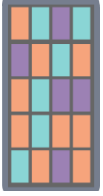


Tagging

- Name your image!
 - Version of your image

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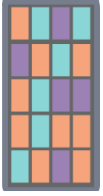
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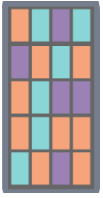
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- Check the ID of your images
- Chose one of them to change or add a tag



QUIZ TIME: Naming objects in Docker

- What is the difference between ... ?
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- What is the difference between ... ?
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- Name the container (docker run --name)
 - One image can create +1 container

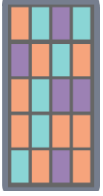
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- Name an image
 - Define the version of an image (docker tag <image ID>

```
bpiereck@LaptopBruna:~$ docker images
```

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
nginx	latest	c613f16b6642	8 weeks ago	187MB
docker/welcome-to-docker	latest	c1f619b6477e	5 months ago	18.6MB
ubuntu	18.04	f9a80a55f492	10 months ago	63.2MB



Docker and disk space

- Docker objects are not automatically removed
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- Check system space
- Pruning the system
 - The whole system
 - Dangling images
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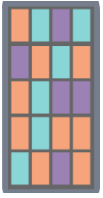


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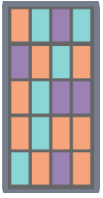


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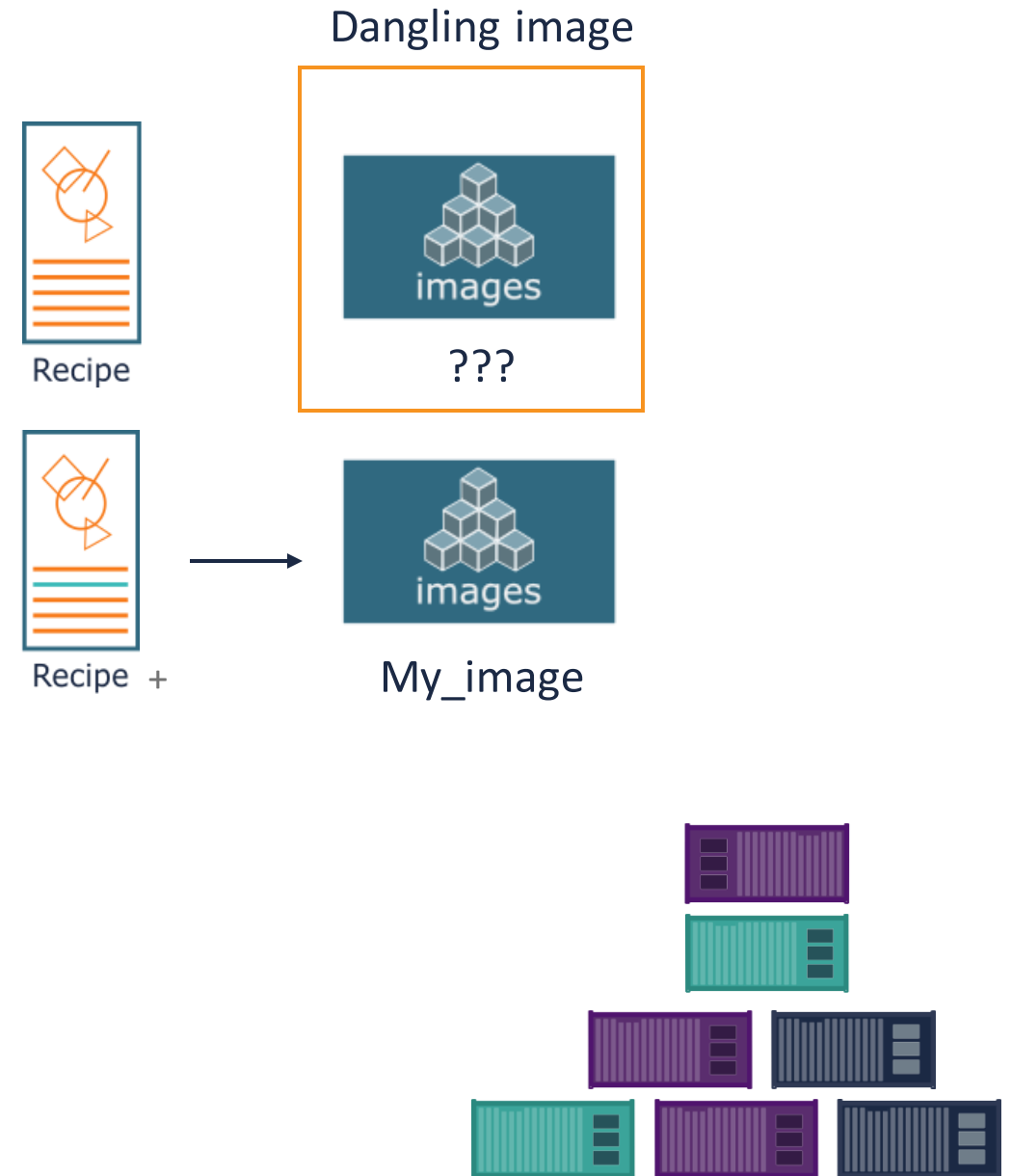
My_image

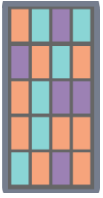




Docker and disk space

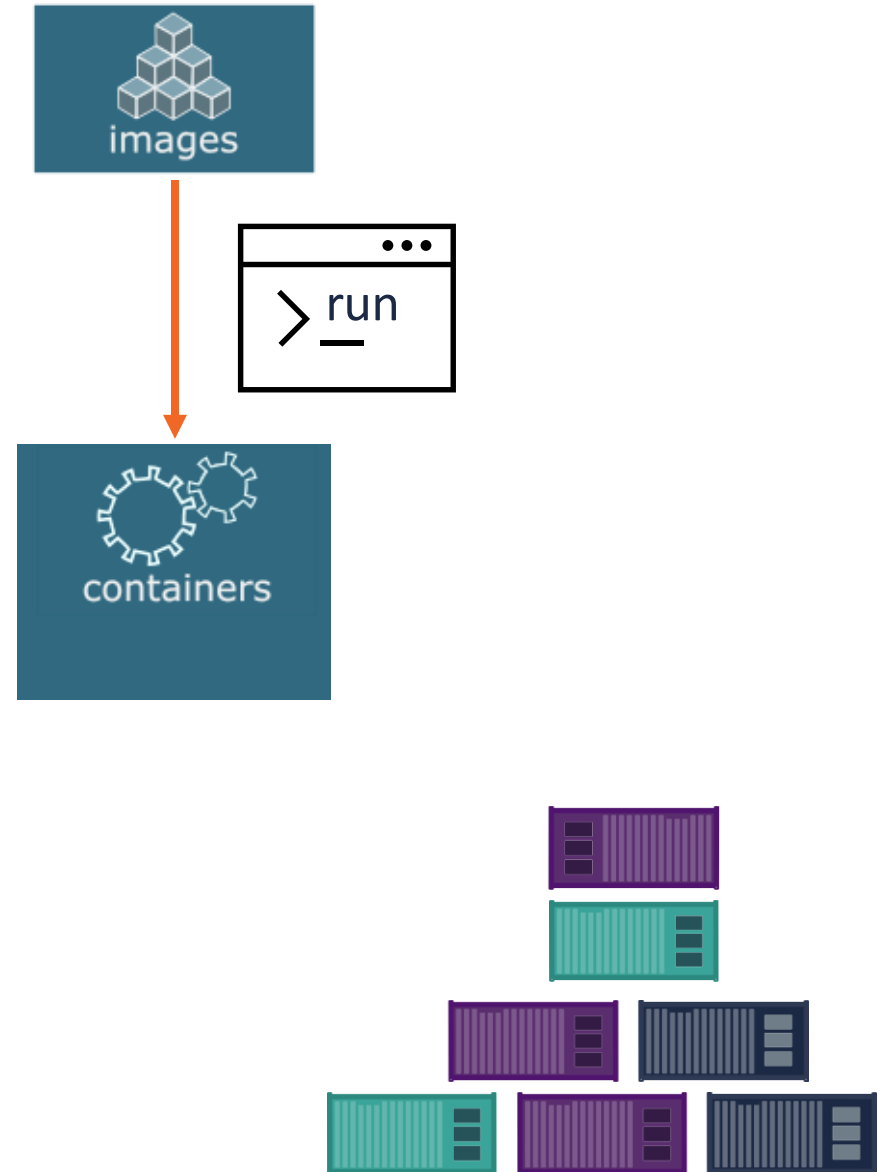
- Docker objects are not automatically removed
 - Images
 - Containers
 - Networks
 - Volumes
- Check system space
- Pruning the system
 - The whole system
 - Dangling images
 - Not tagged
 - No references
 - All images not associated to a container

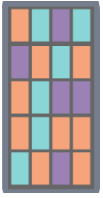




Docker and disk space

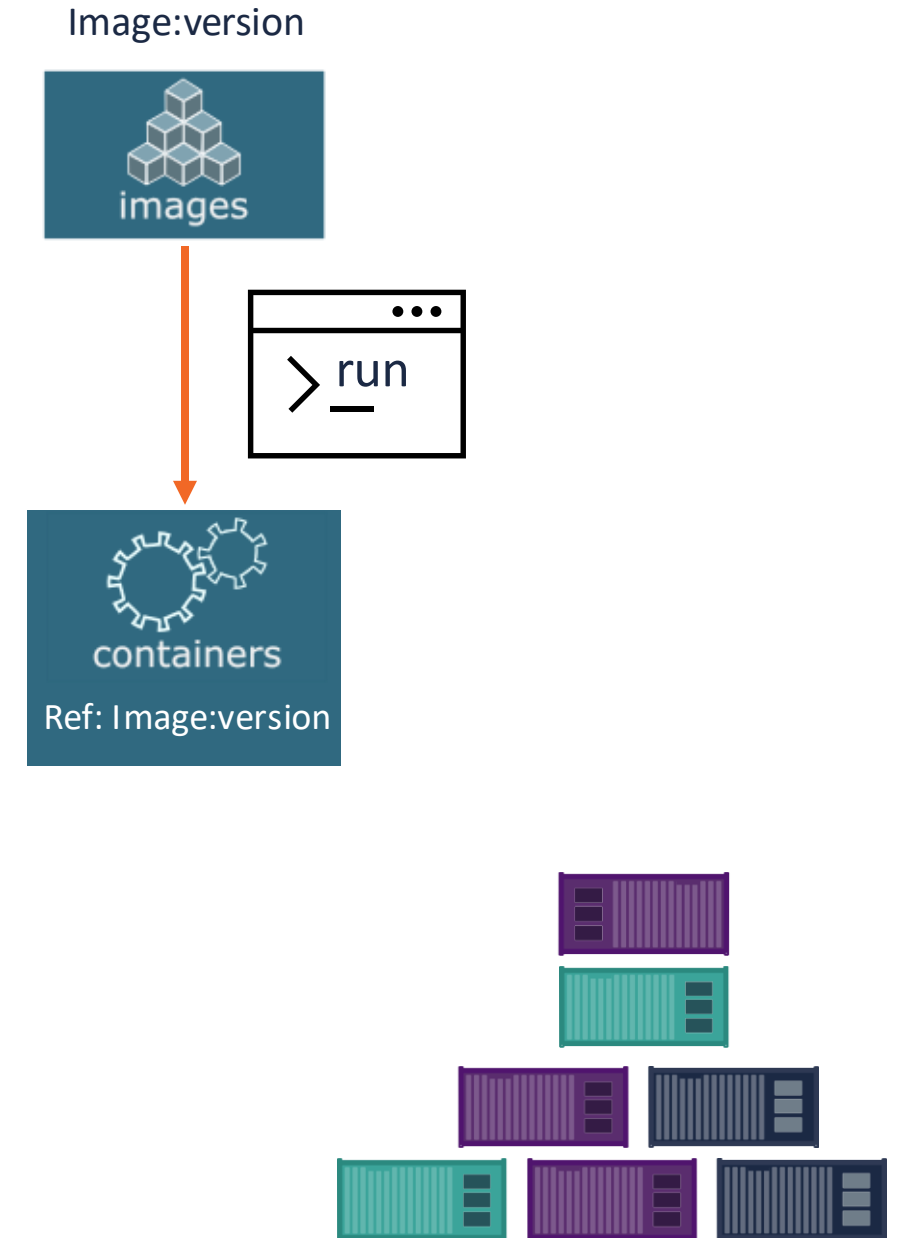
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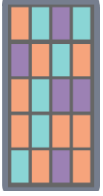




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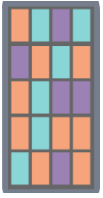


Docker and disk space

- Check space usage (**Disk inFo**)
 - Output
 - Type object
 - Total number of objects
 - Size
 - etc

```
$ docker system df
```





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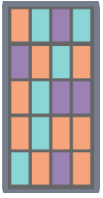
- Clean up
 - Remove (rm)

- Specify
 - Image
 - Container



```
$ docker rm -f <container>
```

```
$ docker rmi <image>
```



Docker and disk space

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 - etc

```
$ docker system df
```



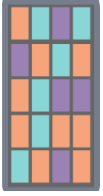
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 - Remove (rm)
 - Specify
 - Image
 - Container



```
$ docker rm <container>
```

```
$ docker rmi <image>
```

- Major clean up
 - Clean all dangling objects
 - ```
$ docker system prune
```
  - Clean all dangling images
    - ```
$ docker image prune
```
 - Clean unused containers
 - ```
$ docker container prune
```



# Docker and disk space

- Check space usage (**D**isk **i**n**Fo**)
  - Output
    - Type object
    - Total number of objects
    - Size
    - etc

```
$ docker system df
```

Clean all UNUSED objects

```
$ docker system prune -a
```

Use it carefully !!!

- Clean up
  - Remove (rm)
    - Specify
      - Image
      - Container

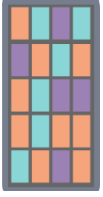


```
$ docker rm -f <container>
```

```
$ docker rmi <container>
```

- Major clean up
  - Clean all dangling objects
    - \$ docker system prune
  - Clean all dangling images
    - \$ docker image prune
  - Clean unused containers
    - \$ docker container prune

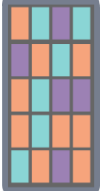




## Practice time: Check and clean

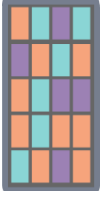


- Check how much disk space you've used
- Clean stopped or unused containers
- Can you combine docker options?
  - run
  - rm
  - prune
  - tag



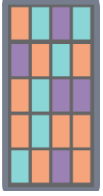
# Working interactively

- When to do it?
  - Debug
- How to do it:
  - `docker run -it <image> <command>`
  - `dokcer run -it -rm <image> <command>`
  - `dockcer exec <container>`



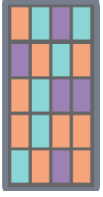
# ACTIVITY TIME:

- Activity 1.1
  - Get the data  
(<https://github.com/vibbits/containers-workshop/>)
  - You will need fastqc
    - check all your images
    - Pull image if needed
  - Run fastqc -h
- Activity 1.2
  - Check for running containers
  - Remove the container
  - Run the container interactively
    - Start it with bash



Docker a closed environment

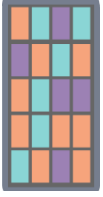




## Docker a closed environment

- Mounting volumes
- Using Ports



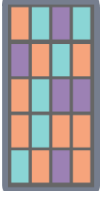


## Volume mounting: I/O

- Container is isolated from host

- Activity 2 -3 and 4.1





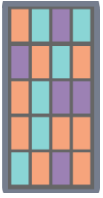
## Volume mounting: I/O

- Container is isolated from host
- Data in the container is NOT kept

- Activity 2 -3 and 4.1







# Volume mounting: I/O

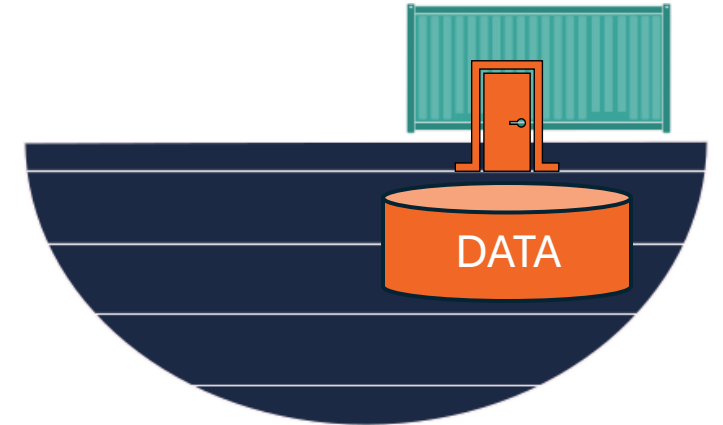
- Container is isolated from host
- Data in the container is NOT kept
- Solution:

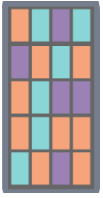
- Binding volume

**-v /path/in/host:/path/in/container**

```
docker run --detach \
--volume path/in/host/datatest:/path/in/container/dataset \
--name <container_name> <container:version> <container_options>
```

- Activity 2 -3 and 4.1





# Volume mounting: I/O

- Container is isolated from host
- Data in the container is NOT kept
- Solution:

- Binding volume

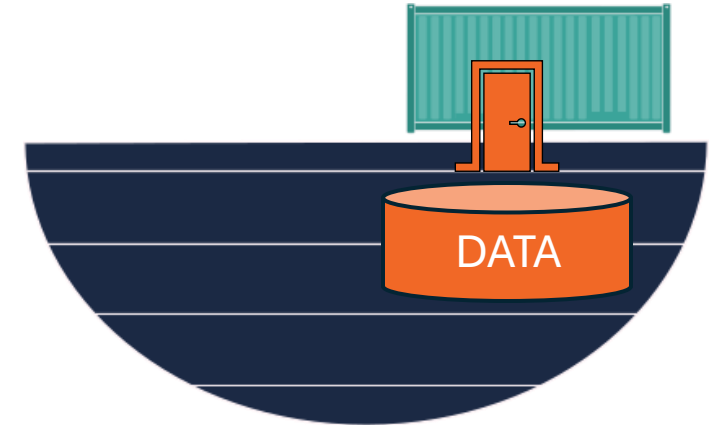
**-v /path/in/host:/path/in/container**

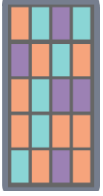
- Naming volume

**-v volume\_name:/path/in/container**

```
docker run --detach \
-v MyVolume:/path/in/container/dataset \
--name <container_name> <container:version> <container_options>
```

- Activity 2 -3 and 4.1





# ACTIVITY TIME:

- Activity 2.1

- Run interactively and mount the **local data/** folder to the **container /data**
  - biocontainers/fastqc:v0.11.9\_cv7.
- Remove the container after it has run

- Biding volume

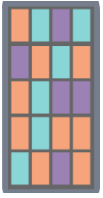
**-v /path/in/host:/path/in/container**

- Activity 2.2

- Do a quality control on the WT samples
  - Use the command

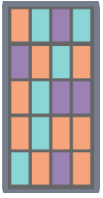
```
fastqc /data/WT_lib1_R1.fq.gz or fastqc /data/ecoli_1.fastq.gz.
```

- Why do we need to add **/data/** in the fastqc command?



## ACTIVITY TIME: 3

- Who is the default user within the container?
- Run interactively and mount the local data/ directory to /scratch in the container
  - `biocontainers/fastqc:v0.11.9_cv7`
- In the container directory
  - Create a temporary file `file1.txt` in the `scratch/`
- Quit the interactive session.
  - On your host, check the file permissions.
- On the host
  - Create a temporary file `file2.txt` in the `data/` directory.
- Run interactively and inspect the file permissions of this file
  - the `fastqc` container
- Check the file permissions of this file in the container (`scratch/` directory).
- On the host, find out which UID and GID you have.
  - Tip: you can find your UID and GID with: `id -u` and `id -g`.
- Run a docker container by using the `-u` parameter
  - In the meantime creating a temporary file `file3.txt` with `touch`.
- Mount your current directory to `/data`
  - Within `quay.io/biocontainers/fastqc:0.11.9--0`.
  - Check the file permissions of this file in the container.



# ACTIVITY TIME: 4

- Exercise 4.1

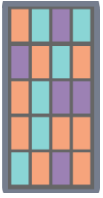
- Execute the container:  
quay.io/biocontainers/fastqc:0.11.9\_cv7
  - Use working directory option **-w** for a directory **scratch/**
  - Create a temporary file file4.txt with touch.
  - Mount your current directory to **scratch/** within the Docker container
  - Check the file location of this file on the host.

- Exercise 4.2

- Execute the container:  
quay.io/biocontainers/fastqc:0.11.9\_cv7
  - Use your user and group ID running
  - Do quality control of the file **WTXXX.fq.gz**.
  - mount your current directory to **the default working directory** within the Docker container
  - Verify that the HTML report is created with the correct file permissions.

- **Extra:**

- Can you analyze **all fastq** files using a glob-pattern (WT\*.fq.gz)?
- What do you need to change to make this work?

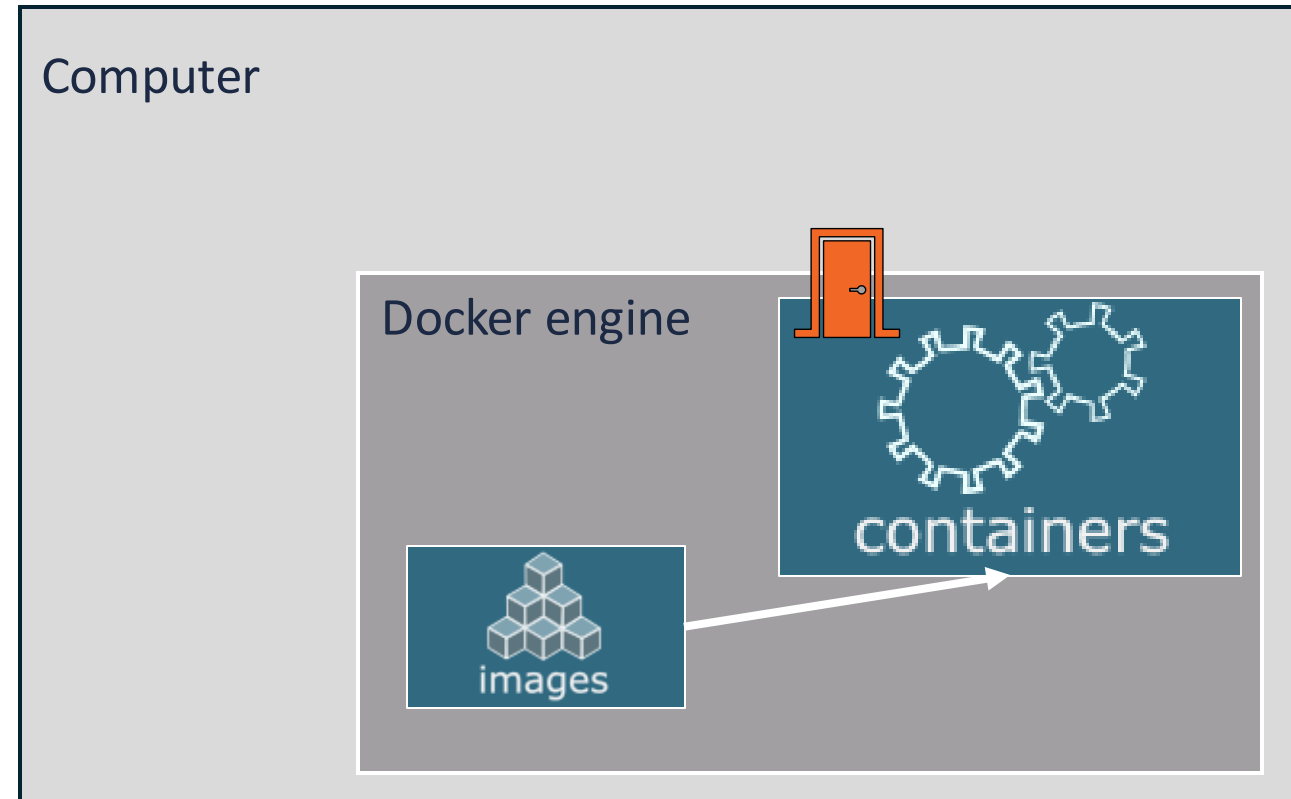


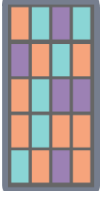
# Ports

- Establish communication with webserver

```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver nginx
```

```
$ curl localhost:80
```





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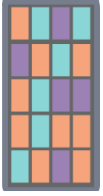
```
$ curl localhost:80
```

Nginx (Engine-x) : creates a local webserver

curl : Client URL

Enables communication between  
the host and the server

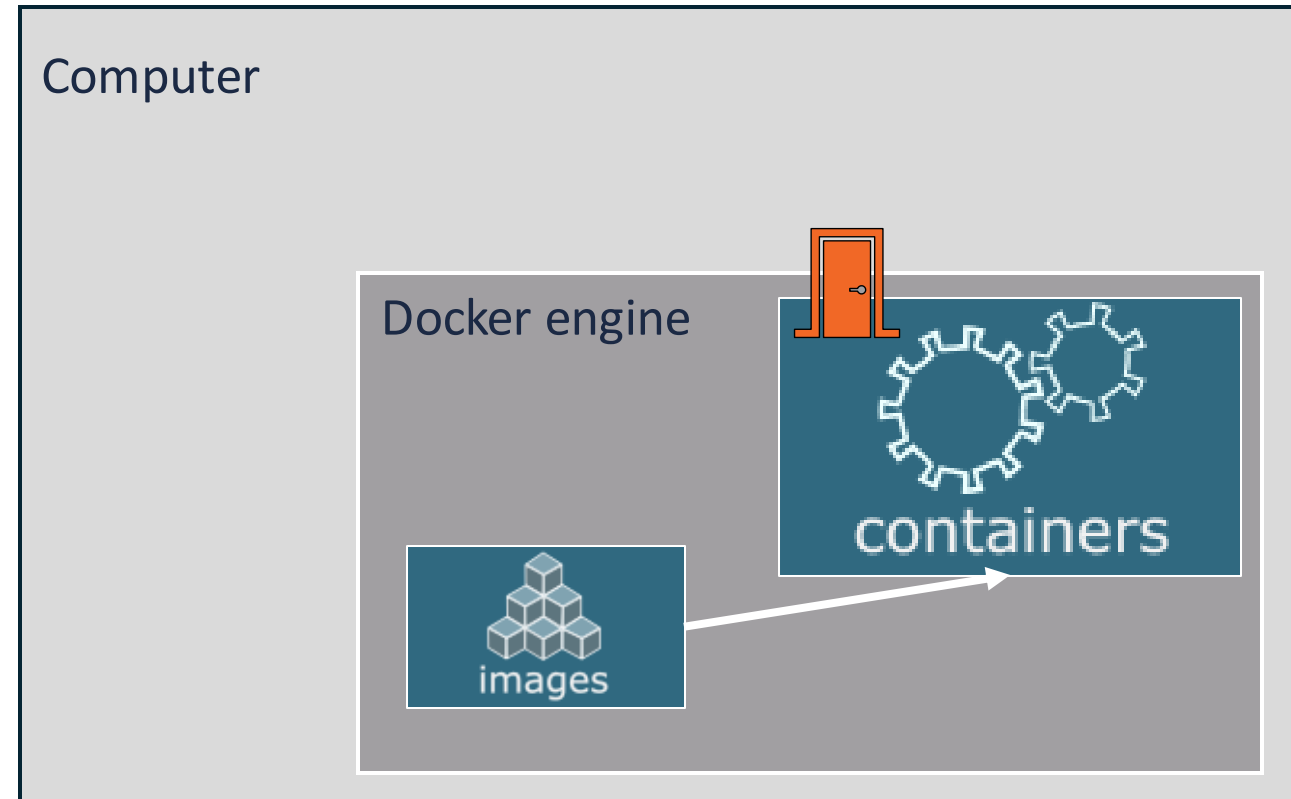


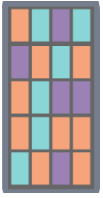


# Practice time:

```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver nginx
```

```
$ curl localhost:80
```





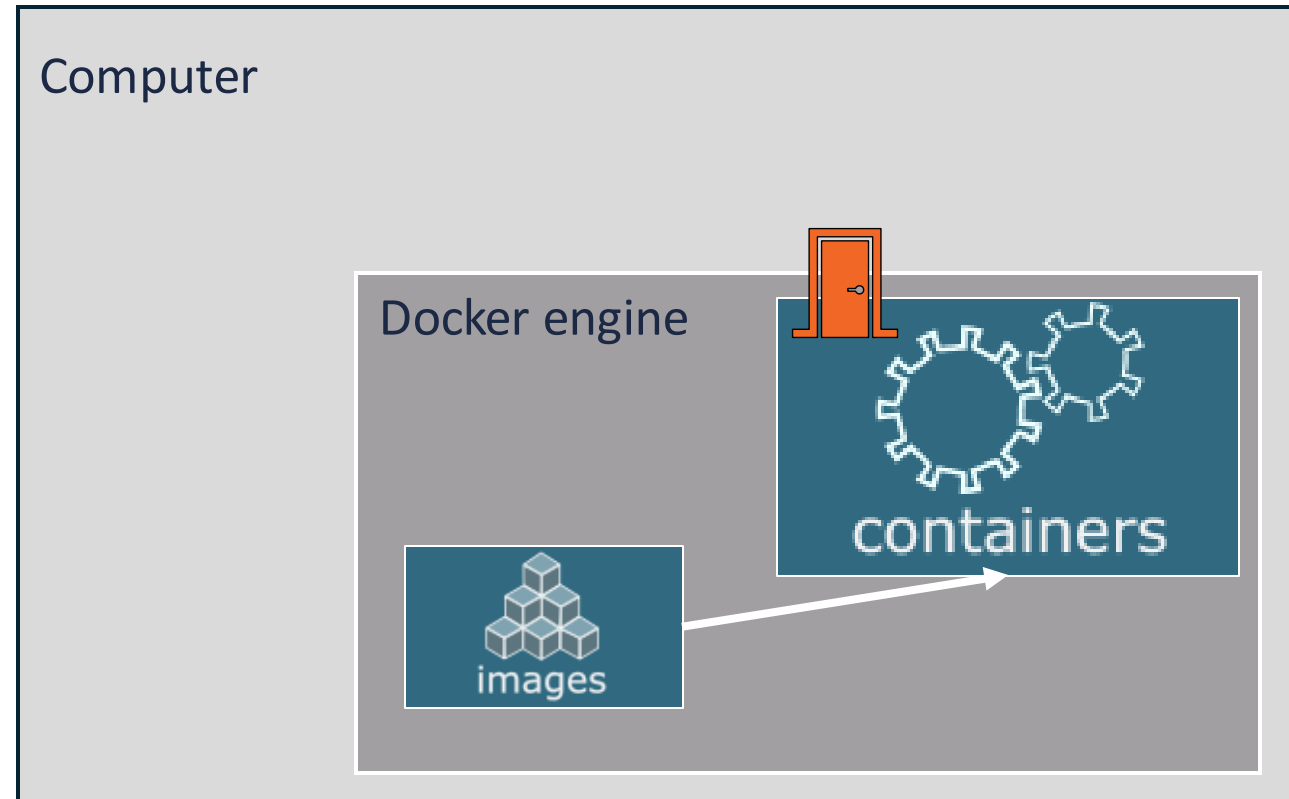
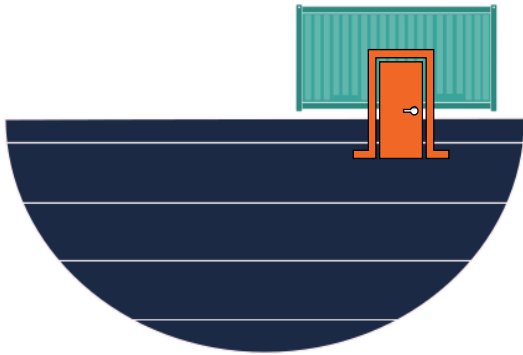
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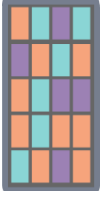
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```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver nginx
```

```
$ curl localhost:80
```

- Container **X** external environment



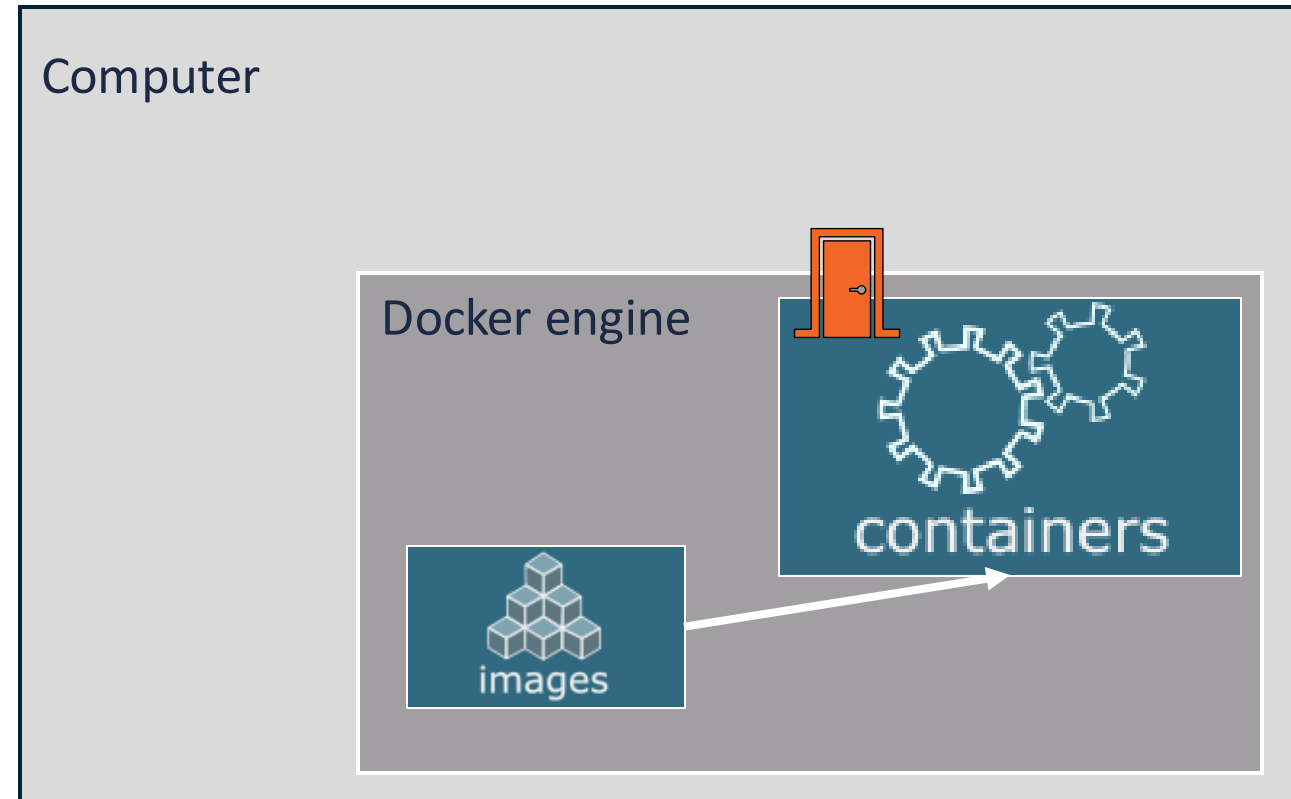


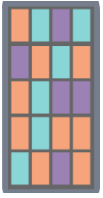
## Practice time:

```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver nginx
```

```
$ docker exec webserver curl localhost:80
```

What is the difference  
between `run` and `exec`?





# Ports

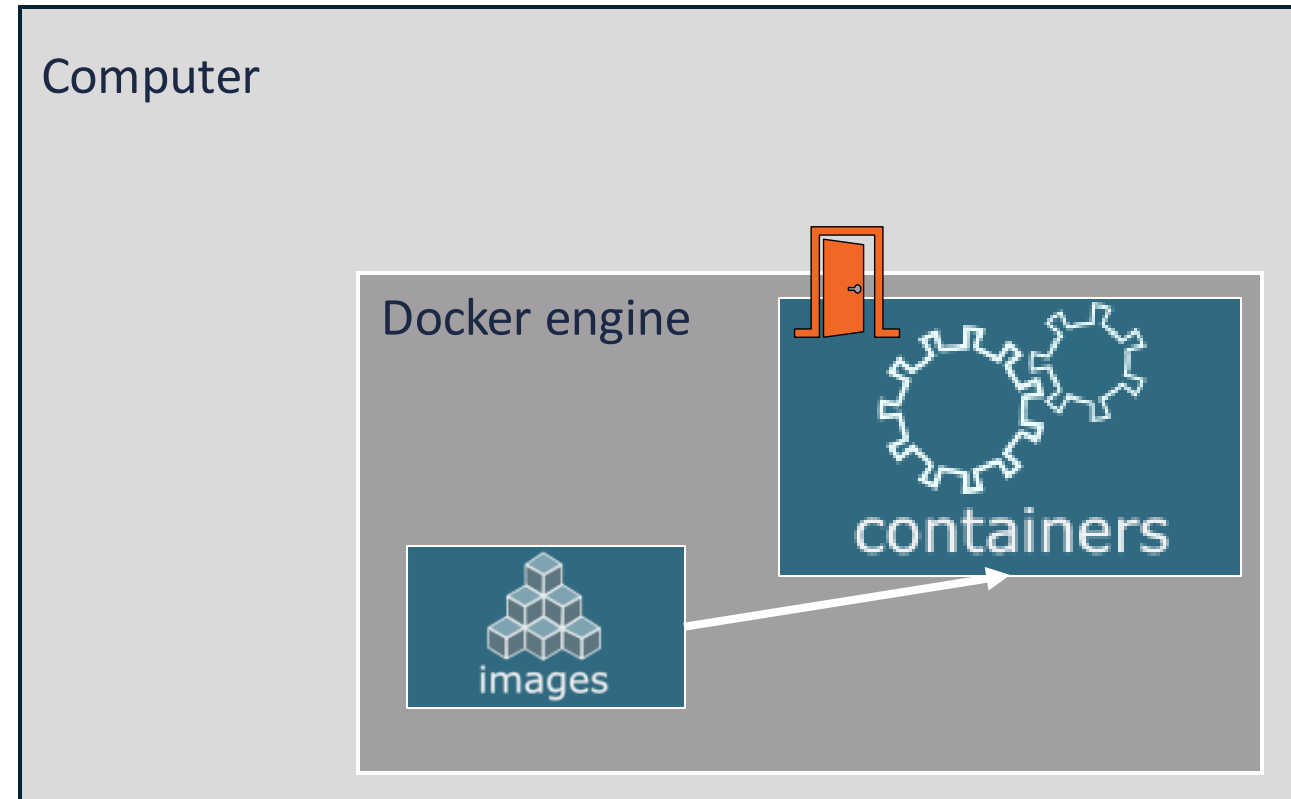
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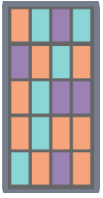
```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver nginx
```

```
$ curl localhost:80
```

- Container **X** external environment
- exec : execute inside the container
  - Open the door for host communication

```
$ docker exec webserver curl localhost:80
```



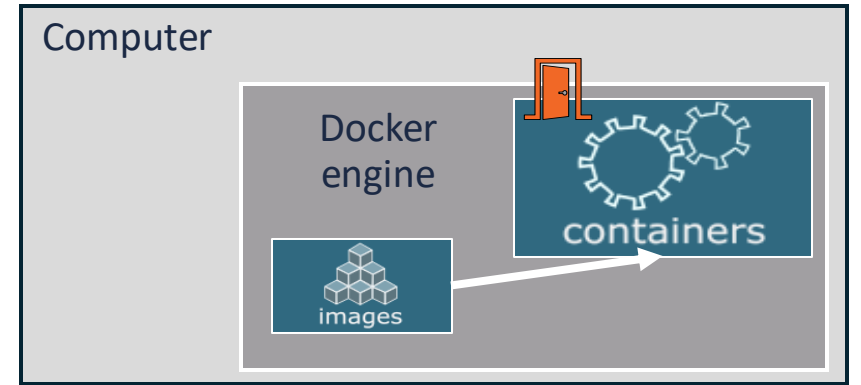


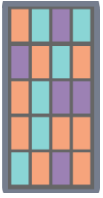
# Ports

- To keep the door open

```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver --publish 80:80 nginx
```

```
$ curl localhost:80
```





# Ports

- To keep the door open



```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver --publish 80:80 nginx
```

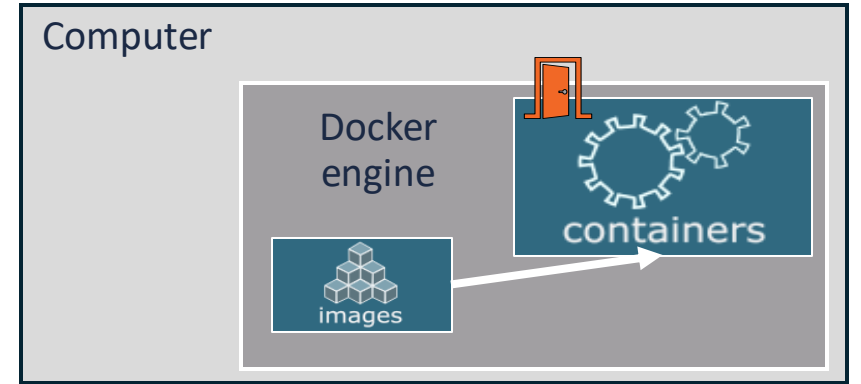
```
$ curl localhost:80
```



```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver -p 8080:80 nginx
```

```
$ curl localhost:????
```

```
$ docker exec webserver curl localhost:???
```

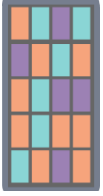


FYI

**--publish**

**=**

**-p**



## Practice time:

- What happens? Why?

```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver --publish 80:80 nginx
```

```
$ curl localhost:80
```

- What should you use? Why ?

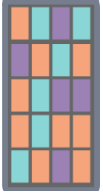
```
$ docker run --detach --name webserver -p 8080:80 nginx
```

```
$ curl localhost: ????
```

```
$ docker exec webserver curl localhost: ???
```

**Remember to remove these  
containers**

**docker rm -f <name>**

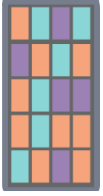


# Inspect

- Check a recipe
  - How others do
  - Potential security issues

```
$ docker inspect <image_name\image_ID>
```





# Practice time:

- Find trimmomatic in docker hub
  - dceoy/trimmomatic
- Pull and inspect

```
FROM ubuntu:latest

ENV DEBIAN_FRONTEND noninteractive

ADD https://github.com/timflutre/trimmomatic/archive/master.tar.gz /tmp/trimmomatic.tar.gz

RUN set -e \
 && ln -sf bash /bin/sh

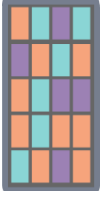
RUN set -e \
 && apt-get -y update \
 && apt-get -y dist-upgrade \
 && apt-get -y install --no-install-recommends --no-install-suggests \
 default-jdk make \
 && apt-get -y autoremove \
 && apt-get clean \
 && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*

RUN set -e \
 && tar xvf /tmp/trimmomatic.tar.gz -C /opt --remove-files \
 && mv /opt/trimmomatic-* /opt/trimmomatic \
 && cd /opt/trimmomatic \
 && make

RUN set -e \
 && mkdir /opt/trimmomatic/bin \
 && echo '#!/usr/bin/env bash' > /opt/trimmomatic/bin/trimmomatic \
 && echo 'java -jar /opt/trimmomatic/classes/trimmomatic.jar ${@}' \
 >> /opt/trimmomatic/bin/trimmomatic \
 && chmod +x /opt/trimmomatic/bin/trimmomatic

ENV PATH /opt/trimmomatic/bin:${PATH}

ENTRYPOINT ["/usr/bin/java", "-jar", "/opt/trimmomatic/classes/trimmomatic.jar"]
```

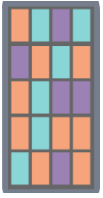


## ACTIVITY TIME: 4.3 + challenge

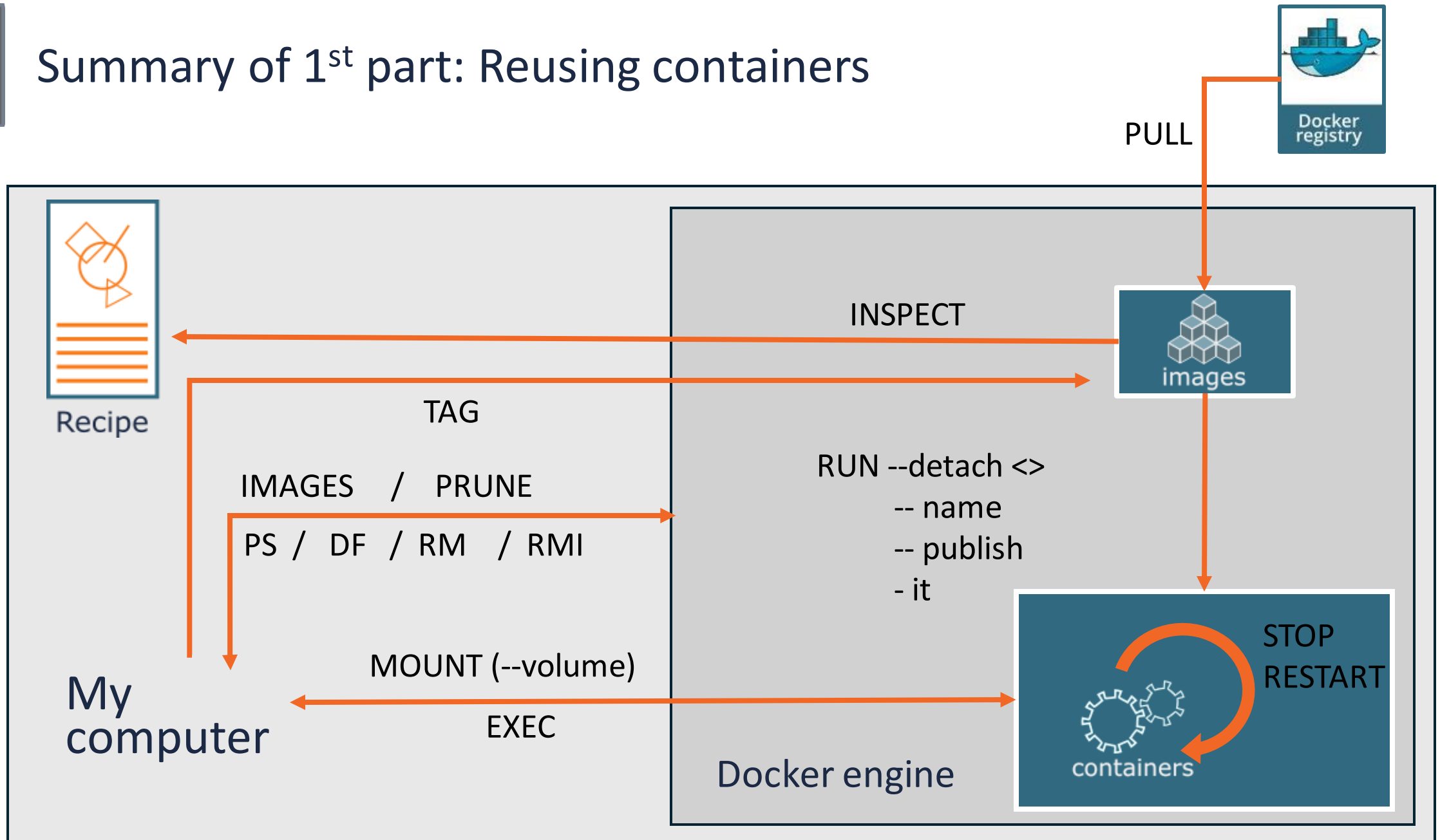
- Inspect the image  
biocontainers/fastqc:0.11.9\_cv7
- Extract the working directory (WorkingDir) using  
grep.

HINT:

```
cmd | grep "keyword"
```



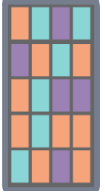
## Summary of 1<sup>st</sup> part: Reusing containers





An aerial photograph of a large port facility. In the foreground and middle ground, there are massive stacks of colorful shipping containers in various colors like orange, blue, green, and red. Several large yellow gantry cranes are positioned along the waterfront, used for loading and unloading ships. The port is situated next to a body of water, with a long pier extending into the sea. The sky is clear and blue.

# Building your own docker image



## Recipes

- The default recipe is called Dockerfile

```
FROM ubuntu:18.04
```

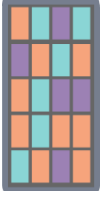
```
RUN apt update && apt -y upgrade
```

```
RUN apt install -y wget
```



Recipe





## Practice time: Building images

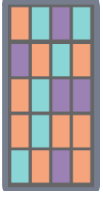
- Create a Dockerfile with the content below in a folder of your preference and save it.

```
FROM ubuntu:18.04
```

```
RUN apt update && apt -y upgrade
```

```
RUN apt install -y wget
```

- How many layers should be created?

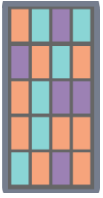


## Practice time: Building images

- Let's test it and build the image with  
docker build .
- How many layers should be created?

```
docker history <id>
```





## Practice time: Building images

- Create a Dockerfile with the content below in a folder of your preference and save it.

```
FROM ubuntu:18.04
```

```
LABEL org.opencontainers.image.authors="training@vib.be"
```

```
WORKDIR ~
```

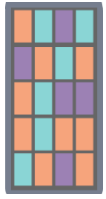
```
RUN apt update && apt -y upgrade
```

```
RUN apt install -y wget
```

```
ENTRYPOINT ["/usr/bin/wget"]
```

```
CMD ["https://cdn-images-1.medium.com/max/1600/1*_NQN6_YnxS29m8vFzWYlEg.png"]
```

Build the image with and without caching.



Recipes



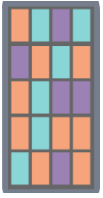
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## More advanced image building

- Different ways to build images.
- Know your base system and their packages. Popular ones:
  - Debian
  - CentOS
  - Alpine
  - Conda. Anaconda, Conda-forge, Bioconda, etc.

| command    | what does it do?                                                                                                 |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LABEL      | Who is maintaining the container image                                                                           |
| WORKDIR    | all subsequent actions will be executed in that working directory.                                               |
| COPY       | lets you copy a local file or directory from your host (the machine from which you are building the image)       |
| ADD        | same, but ADD works also for URLs, and for .tar archives that will be automatically extracted upon being copied. |
| ARG        | available only while the image is built                                                                          |
| ENV        | available for the future running containers                                                                      |
| ENTRYPOINT | The ENTRYPOINT specifies a command that will always be executed when the container starts.                       |
| CMD        | The CMD specifies arguments that will be fed to the ENTRYPOINT.                                                  |



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1

Use available tools



2

Build upon existing images



3

Format for clarity



4

Document within the Dockerfile



5

Specify software versions



6

Use version control



7

Mount datasets at run time



8

Make the image one-click runnable




9

Order the instructions



10

Regularly use and rebuild containers

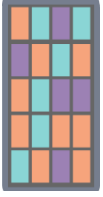


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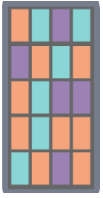
## ACTIVITY TIME: 5

- Exercise 5.1

- Imagine the following situation. To make a simple data analysis project as reproducible as possible, we propose to create a container environment using Docker which contains the necessary tools and scripts. We have two use cases:
  - a) we would like to run the Python scripts on the command line
  - b) we think that a Jupyterlab is useful environment to play around with the data analysis.
- Look for the Dockerfile.play in the folder docker

- Exercise 5.2

- Once you have built an image based on the corrected Dockerfile, run the script `data/codereppy_min_batch.py` with the Python version installed in the image.
- Reach out to your neighbour(s) in case you need help.



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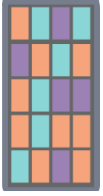




# Short intro to HPC

## preparing for Apptainer

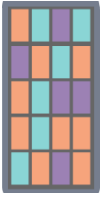




To be added



# Introduction to Apptainer for reproducible analysis



# How does it work?

- Important concepts
  - **Text file:** Your recipe
  - **Apptainer image:** Static file
  - **Container:** Running image (functional)



Recipe

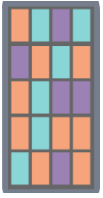


your recipe to build  
the Apptainer  
image

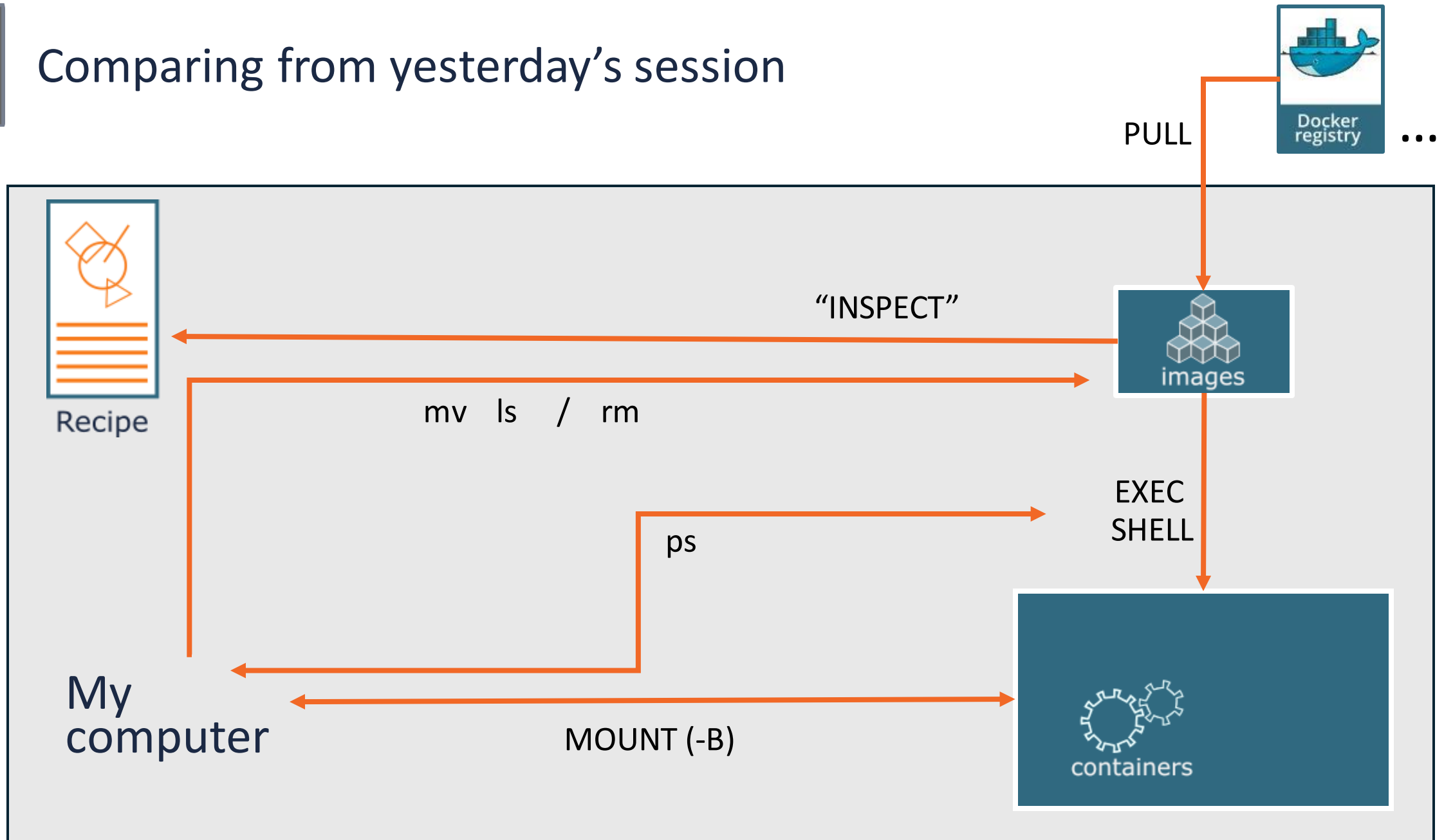


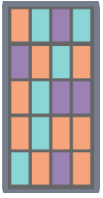
File you can ship 😊





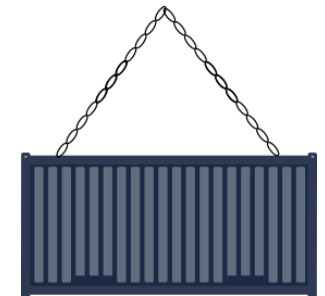
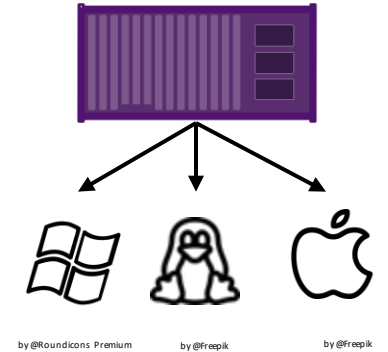
## Comparing from yesterday's session



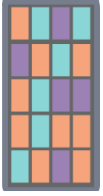


# Docker vs Apptainer

- **Strengths**
- No dependency of a daemon
- Can be run as a simple user
  - Avoid permission headaches and hacks
- Image/container is a file (or directory)
- More easily portable
- Two type of images
  - Read-only (production)
  - Writable (development, via sandbox)
- **Weaknesses**
- At the time of writing only good support in Linux
- For some features you need root account (or sudo)







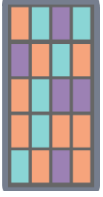
## How does it work?

- By default, Apptainer uses `$HOME/.apptainer/cache` as the location for the cache.

This will not work on the VSC.

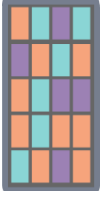
You can change the location of the cache by setting the `$APPTAINER_CACHEDIR` environment variable to the cache location you want to use.

- Please set the variable `$APPTAINER_CACHEDIR` to `$VSC_SCRATCH`.



# Practice time: 1

- **Exercise 1**
  - In the hello world container, try editing (for example using the editor vi which should be available in the container) the /rawr.sh file. What do you notice?
- **Exercise 2:**
  - In your home directory within the container shell, try and create a simple text file. Is it possible to do this? If so, why? If not, why not?! If you can successfully create a file, what happens to it when you exit the shell and the container shuts down?

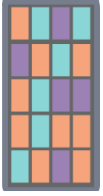


## Practice time: Downloading images

- `$ mkdir $VSC_DATA/apptainer-course`
- `$ cd $VSC_DATA/apptainer-course`
- `$ apptainer pull hello-world.sif shub://vsoch/hello-world`

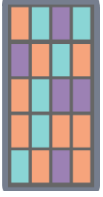
```
$ apptainer pull --name fastqc-0.11.9--0.sif https://depot.galaxyproject.org/singularity/fastqc:0.11.9--0
$ file fastqc-0.11.9--0.cif
```





## Practice time: Binding folders

- `singularity shell -B /data/leuven/315/vsc315XX hello-world.sif`  
`Singularity> ls /data/leuven/315/vsc315XX`
- `$ singularity shell -B /data/leuven/315/vsc315XX :/shared-data hello-world.sif`  
`Singularity> ls /shared-data`



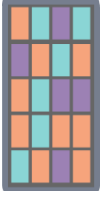
## Practice time: Downloading images or pulling or building images

- Pulling images may take a while, so we need to run this as a job.

- `qsub pull-image.pbs`

- ...  
`APPTAINER_CACHEDIR=$VSC_SCRATCH\  
APPTAINER_TMPDIR=$VSC_SCRATCH\  
apptainer build --fakeroot $VSC_SCRATCH/tensorflow-23.06-tf2-py3.sif\  
docker://nvcr.io/nvidia/tensorflow:23.06-tf2-py3`

...



## Practice time: And now really building images

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- `qsub build-image.pbs`

- ...  
`APPTAINER_CACHEDIR=$VSC_SCRATCH\  
APPTAINER_TMPDIR=$VSC_SCRATCH\  
apptainer build --fakeroot $VSC_SCRATCH/test_image_ubuntu.sif\  
$VSC_SCRATCH/test_image_ubuntu.def  
...`