

Run qemu in a docker container and qemu runs a riscv debian image

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```
1 apt-get install qemu-user-static
```

2.- Register the RISC-V emulator with binfmt_misc:

You can register QEMU as the handler for RISC-V binaries using

```
1 update-binfmts --install riscv64 /usr/bin/qemu-riscv64-static --magic
'\x7fELF\x02\x01\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x02\x00\xf3\x00' --mask
'\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff'
```

This tells the kernel to use the RISC-V QEMU binary when it encounters a RISC-V executable.

3.- Pull or build a RISC-V Docker image

4.- Run the RISC-V container

This has been tested to work in WSL2.

How to know the platform of a docker image? I.e.


```
1 docker run --rm mplatform/mquery drujensen/riscv-ubuntu:latest
```


Where drujensen/riscv-ubuntu is an image name.

Sources:

1. [DavidBurela/riscv-emulator-docker-image](#)
2. [Emulating RISC-V Debian on WSL2](#)
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To run a RISC-V Docker image on an Intel machine, you'll need to **use QEMU user-mode emulation** to allow the RISC-V binary to run on the Intel architecture. This involves setting up a `binfmt_misc` handler in the Linux kernel, which tells the system how to handle RISC-V executables. 


Here's a breakdown of the steps: 

1. **Install QEMU and the `binfmt_misc` module:** If you're on Debian or Ubuntu, you can use `apt-get install qemu-user-static`. This will install QEMU and the necessary module for handling different architectures.


1. Register the RISC-V emulator with `binfmt_misc`:

You can register QEMU as the handler for RISC-V binaries using `update-binfmts --install riscv64 /usr/bin/qemu-riscv64-static --magic '\x7fELF\x02\x01\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x02\x00\x00\x00\x00' --mask '\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff'`. This tells the kernel to use the RISC-V QEMU binary when it encounters a RISC-V executable. 

2. Pull or build a RISC-V Docker image:

You can either pull a pre-built RISC-V Docker image from a registry or build your own using a Dockerfile that specifies a RISC-V base image. If you're building your own, ensure you're using a RISC-V architecture in your Dockerfile. 

3. Run the RISC-V container:

Use the `docker run` command with the appropriate image name. You can also specify options like `-it` for interactive mode, `-v` to mount volumes, and `-p` to expose ports. 

Here's an example of a Dockerfile that can be used to build a RISC-V image:

```
1 update-binfmts --install riscv64 /usr/bin/qemu-riscv64-static --magic
2 '\x7fELF\x02\x01\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x02\x00\x00\x00\x00' --mask
3 '\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff'
```

```
1 FROM ubuntu:latest
2
3 RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y --no-install-recommends \
4     qemu-user-static \
5     && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
6
7 # Install other necessary packages, e.g., build tools
8
9 RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y --no-install-recommends \
10     gcc \
11     g++ \
12     make \
13     && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
```

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21 # Set the architecture
22
23 ENV ARCH riscv64
24
25 # Add entrypoint or command to run your application
26
27 # For example, if you have a compiled RISC-V executable:
28
29 # ENTRYPOINT ["/path/to/your/riscv/executable"]
```

Important Considerations:

Performance:




Emulation using QEMU will introduce performance overhead compared to running natively. 


Image Availability:


Not all Docker images are available for RISC-V. You may need to find or build images specifically for this architecture. 

Networking:

If your RISC-V application needs network access, you may need to configure networking appropriately within the container. 

Storage:

Ensure that your application has access to the necessary storage and files within the container. 

4. How to do something similar for ARM [How to Build and Run ARM Docker Containers on x86 Hosts · MatchboxBlog](#)
5.  [How to get supported platforms for docker image with docker](#)