

Agenda

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- Other Options
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- regsync - demo

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- regbot - demo
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- Fin



regclient

Tooling to Work with Registries
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```
$ whoami  
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Challenges

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Retagging Images

```
docker image pull $repo:ci-1234  
docker image tag $repo:ci-1234 $repo:stable  
docker image push $repo:stable
```

Mirroring Images

```
docker image pull $upstream:latest  
docker image tag $upstream:latest $local:latest  
docker image push $local:latest
```

Deleting Images

docker ??? #@\$!@#

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These Solutions Have Issues

- Require a docker engine = privileged
- Ephemeral nodes pull everything, even if nothing has changed
- Docker only pulls a single platform
- Curl commands need to implement authentication

Search for Better Options

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Search for Better Options

- Hostile competitors
- Unmaintained
- Part of a larger project

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Search for a Library

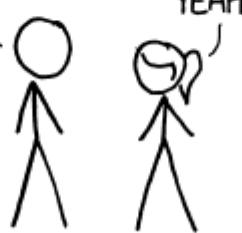
- docker/distribution appears designed for internal usage
- containerd focuses on pulling images
- Everyone seems to be creating their own partial library

So I Made My Own

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC)

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
14 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!
WE NEED TO DEVELOP
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S
USE CASES.



SOON:

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
15 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

<https://xkcd.com/927/>

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Merchandising?

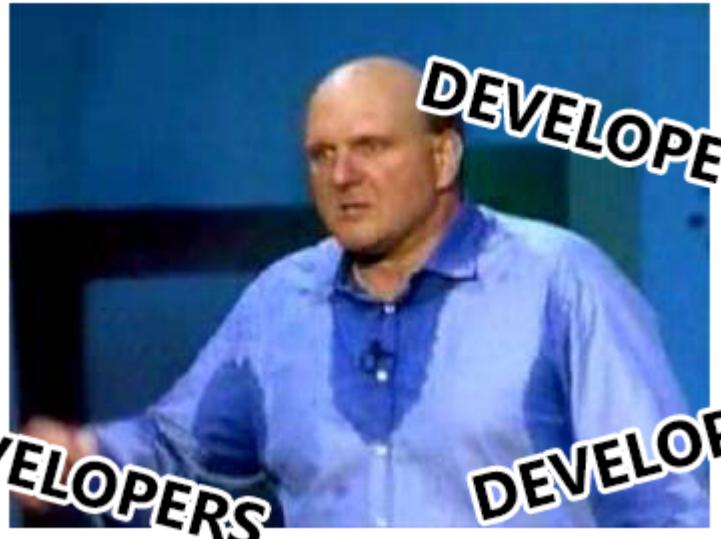


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Spaceballs

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Developers?



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Tools

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regctl

- Provides CLI access to registries using the registry API
- Packaged as a binary you can download or image to run
- Includes an Alpine based image for CI pipelines

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regctl Commands

```
$ regctl --help
```

...

- | | |
|----------|---------------------------|
| image | manage images |
| layer | manage image layers/blobs |
| registry | manage registries |
| repo | manage repositories |
| tag | manage tags |

regctl Commands

```
$ regctl registry --help
```

...

- | | |
|--------|---------------------------|
| config | show registry config |
| login | login to a registry |
| logout | logout of a registry |
| set | set options on a registry |

regctl Commands

```
$ regctl repo --help
```

```
...
```

```
ls          list repositories in a registry
```

```
$ regctl tag --help
```

```
...
```

```
delete      delete a tag in a repo
```

```
ls          list tags in a repo
```

```
$ regctl layer --help
```

```
...
```

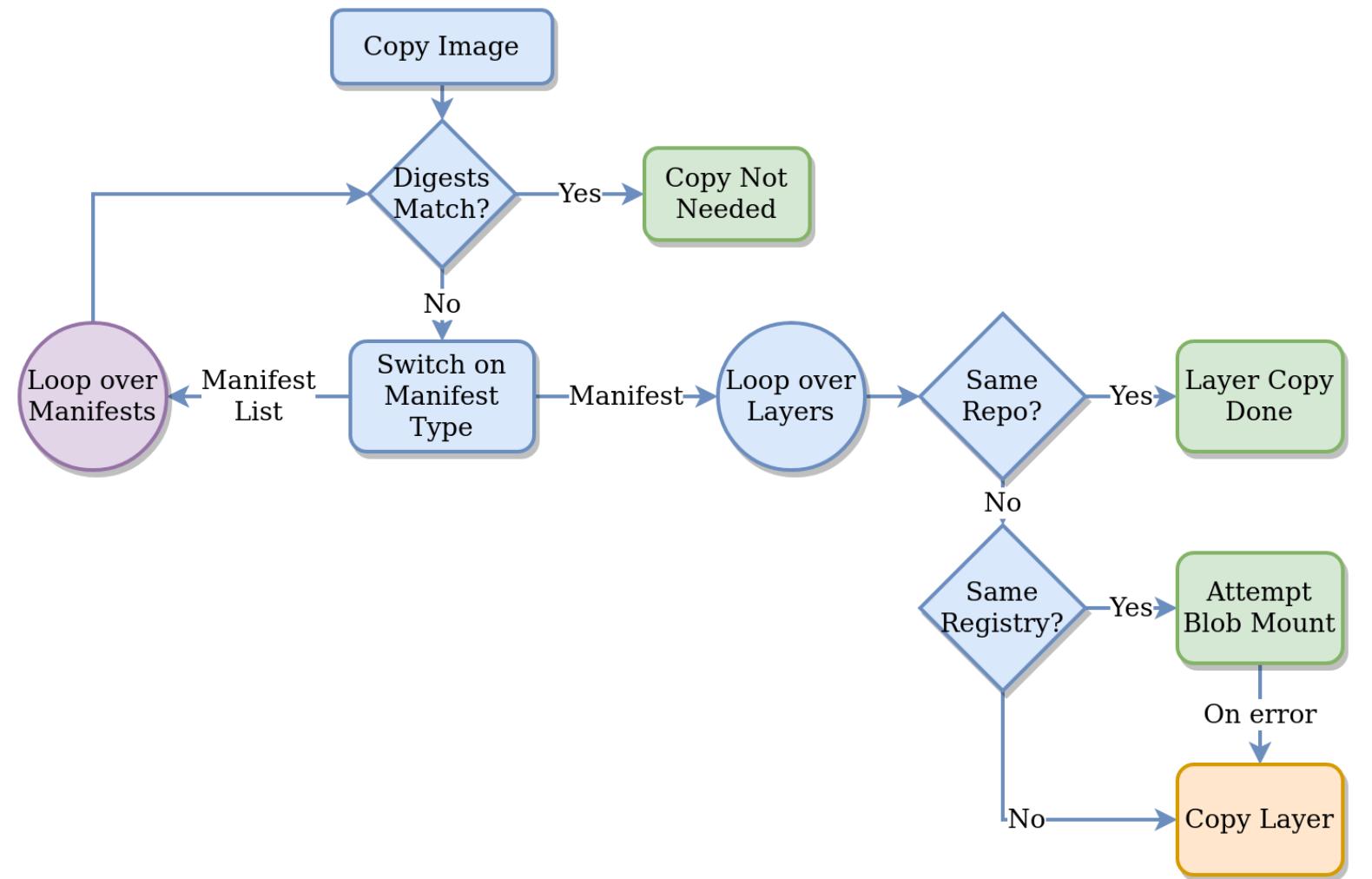
```
pull        download a layer/blob
```

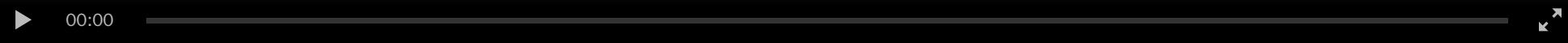
regctl Commands

```
$ regctl image --help
```

...

- | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| copy | copy or retag image |
| delete | delete image |
| digest | show digest for pinning |
| export | export image |
| inspect | inspect image |
| manifest | show manifest or manifest list |
| ratelimit | show the current rate limit |





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regsync

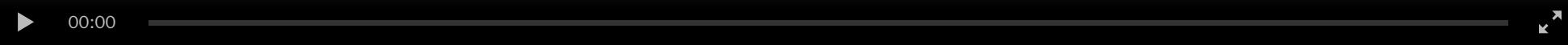
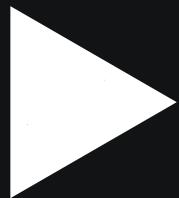
- Why create a mirror?
- Upstream outages happen
- Upstream images can change unexpectedly
- Bandwidth cost time and money
- Hub rate limits

regsync

- Automates the copying of images
- Runs as a standalone binary or in a container
- Uses a yaml configuration file with templating support
- Run sync steps immediately or on a schedule
- Can copy one or more tags
- Can delay for rate limits
- Can backup old image before overwriting
- Structured logging integrates with aggregators

regsync Config

```
creds:  
  - registry: docker.io  
    user: "{{env \"HUB_USER\"}}"  
    pass: "{{file \"/var/run/secrets/hub_token\"}}"  
defaults:  
  ratelimit: { min: 100, retry: 15m }  
  interval: 60m  
  backup: "bkup-{{.Ref.Tag}}"  
sync:  
  - source: alpine  
    target: registry:5000/library/alpine  
    type: repository  
    tags:  
      allow:  
        - "3"  
        - "3.\d+"
```

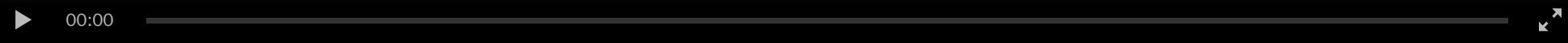
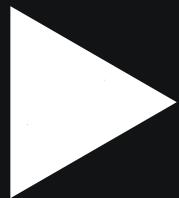


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Using a Mirror

```
ARG registry=docker.io
ARG tag=3
FROM ${registry}/library/alpine:${tag}
```

```
docker image build \
--build-arg registry=localhost:5000 \
-t localhost:5000/example/app:${ver} .
```



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regbot



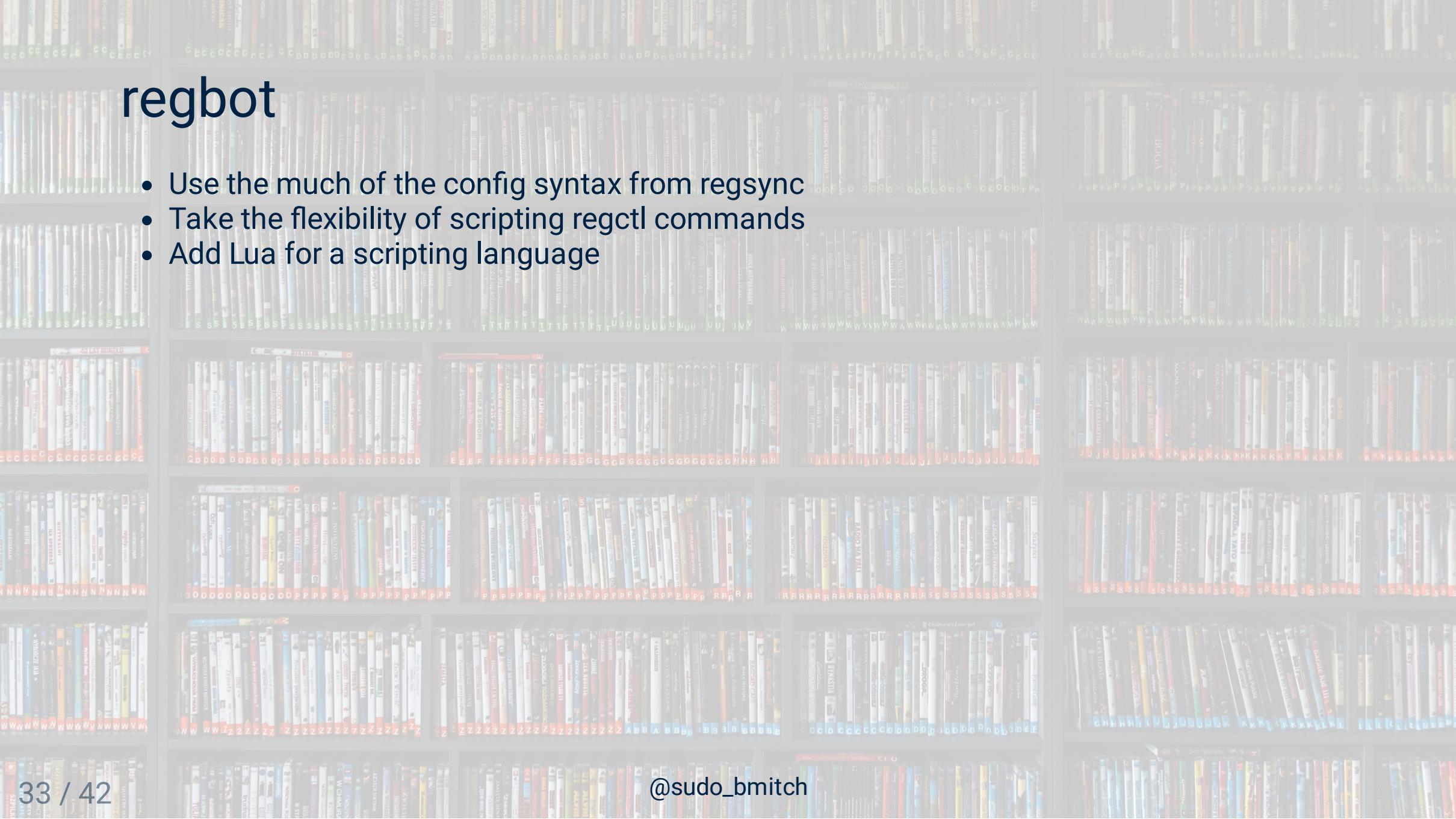
regbot

- How do you define a configuration file for registry image pruning?
- Prune all CI builds before a certain date
- Prune everything matching an expression, but keeping the most recent 10 images
- Check a label to see if the image is from an old sprint
- Delete local images when upstream mirror deletes the original

regbot

- Use the much of the config syntax from regsync
- Take the flexibility of scripting regctl commands
- Add Lua for a scripting language

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Lua

- Go native, not even CGo
- Variables
- Tables(arrays, key/value)
- Conditionals
- Loops
- Math
- String parsing and matching
- Date and time

- Extendable with our own API calls
- Repository list
- Tag list
- Tag delete
- Rate limit
- Image manifest
- Image config
- Image copy
- Image delete

regbot Config

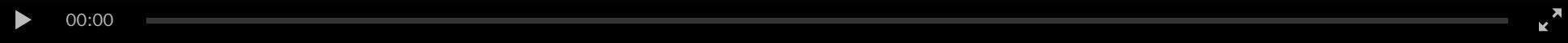
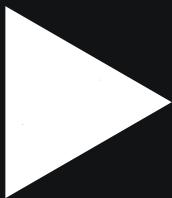
```
creds:  
  - registry: docker.io  
    user: "{{env \"HUB_USER\"}}"  
    pass: "{{file \"/var/run/secrets/hub_token\"}}"  
defaults:  
  interval: 60m  
scripts:  
  - name: mirror minor versions  
    timeout: 59m  
    script: |  
      imageList = {"library/alpine", "library/debian"}  
      localReg = "registry:5000"  
      tagExp = "^%d+%.%d+$"  
      minRateLimit = 100  
      maxKeep = 3  
      -- ...
```

regbot Config

```
script: |
  for k, imageName in ipairs(imageList) do
    tags = tag.ls(upstreamRef)
    for k, t in pairs(tags) do
      if string.match(t, tagExp) then
        table.insert(matchTags, t)
      end
    end
    table.sort(matchTags, orderSemVer)
    for k, t in ipairs(matchTags) do
      upstreamRef:tag(t)
      localRef:tag(t)
      if not image.ratelimitWait(upstreamRef, minRateLimit) then
        error "Timed out waiting on rate limit"
      end
      image.copy(upstreamRef, localRef)
    end
  end
```

regbot Config

```
- name: delete old builds
  script: |
    -- ... variables set above ...
    timeRef = os.time() - (86400*maxDays)
    cutoff = os.date(dateFmt, timeRef)
    ref = reference.new(imageName)
    tags = tag.ls(ref)
    for k, t in pairs(tags) do
      if string.match(t, tagExp) then
        ref:tag(t)
        ic = image.config(ref)
        if ic.Config.Labels[imageLabel] < cutoff then
          tag.delete(ref)
        end
      end
    end
  end
```



Wrapping Up

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Future Plans

- Improve handling of other registries
- Handle more media types
- Add OCI Distribution support
- Helm charts, CNAB, Notary v2
- Import/export workflows to support offline registries
- Create a pull through cache

Try It Out

- github.com/regclient/regclient
- hub.docker.com/u/regclient
- Quick start guides for `regsync` and `regbot`

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Thank You

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