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Image Layout: Stop Putting Everything in Registries



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Container Images

Image Config

```
$ regctl blob get alpine sha256:e66264b987... | jq .
{
  "architecture": "amd64",
  "config": {
    "User": "",
    "Env": [
      "PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin"
    ],
    "Cmd": [
      "/bin/sh"
    ],
    "Volumes": null,
    "WorkingDir": "",
    "Entrypoint": null,
    "OnBuild": null,
    "Labels": null
  ...
}
```

Content Addressable

```
$ regctl blob get alpine sha256:e66264b9877... | sha256sum  
e66264b9877... -
```

Image Layers

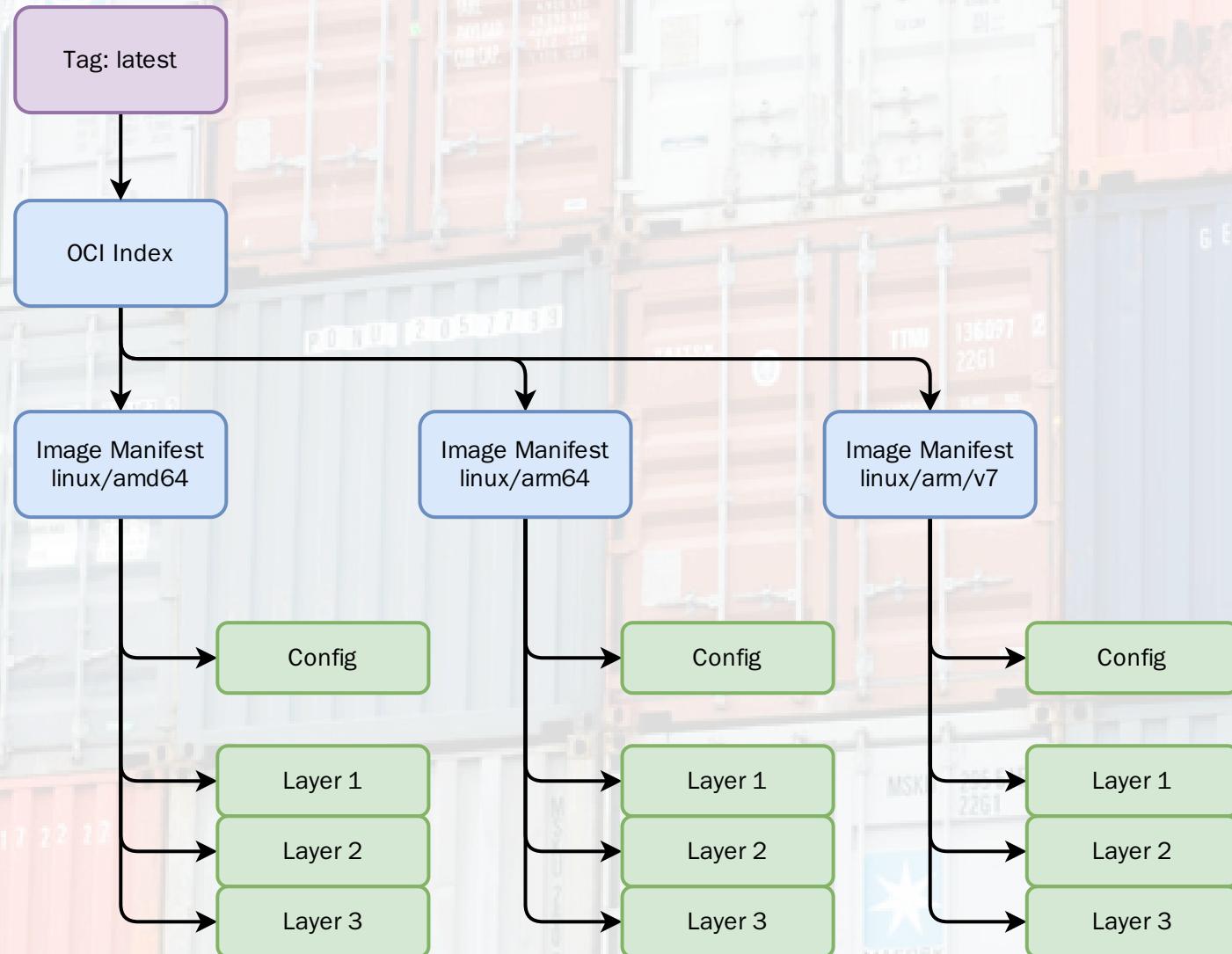
```
$ regctl blob get alpine sha256:2408cc74d1... | tar -tvzf -
drwxr-xr-x 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/
lwxrwxrwx 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/arch -> /bin/busybox
lwxrwxrwx 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/ash -> /bin/busybox
lwxrwxrwx 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/base64 -> /bin/busybox
lwxrwxrwx 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/bbconfig -> /bin/busybox
-rwxr-xr-x 0/0          837272 2022-05-09 13:27 bin/busybox
lwxrwxrwx 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/cat -> /bin/busybox
lwxrwxrwx 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/chattr -> /bin/busybox
lwxrwxrwx 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/chgrp -> /bin/busybox
lwxrwxrwx 0/0          0 2022-05-23 12:51 bin/chmod -> /bin/busybox
...
...
```

Image Manifest

```
$ regctl manifest get alpine --platform linux/amd64 --format body
{
  "schemaVersion": 2,
  "mediaType": "application/vnd.docker.distribution.manifest.v2+json",
  "config": {
    "mediaType": "application/vnd.docker.container.image.v1+json",
    "size": 1472,
    "digest": "sha256:e66264b9877..."
  },
  "layers": [
    {
      "mediaType": "application/vnd.docker.image.rootfs.diff.tar.gzip",
      "size": 2798889,
      "digest": "sha256:2408cc74d1..."
    }
  ]
}
```

Multi-Platform Manifest

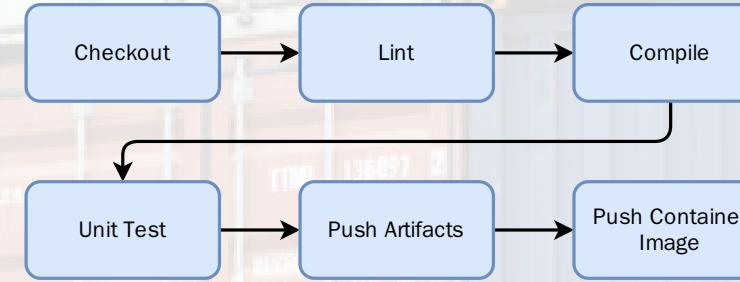
```
$ regctl manifest get alpine --format body | jq .
{
  "manifests": [
    {
      "digest": "sha256:4ff3ca9127...",
      "mediaType": "application/vnd.docker.distribution.manifest.v2+json",
      "platform": {
        "architecture": "amd64",
        "os": "linux"
      },
      "size": 528
    },
    {
      "digest": "sha256:3c66139adb...",
      "mediaType": "application/vnd.docker.distribution.manifest.v2+json",
      "platform": {
        "architecture": "arm",
        "os": "linux",
        "variant": "v6"
      },
      "size": 528
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```



CI/CD Pipelines

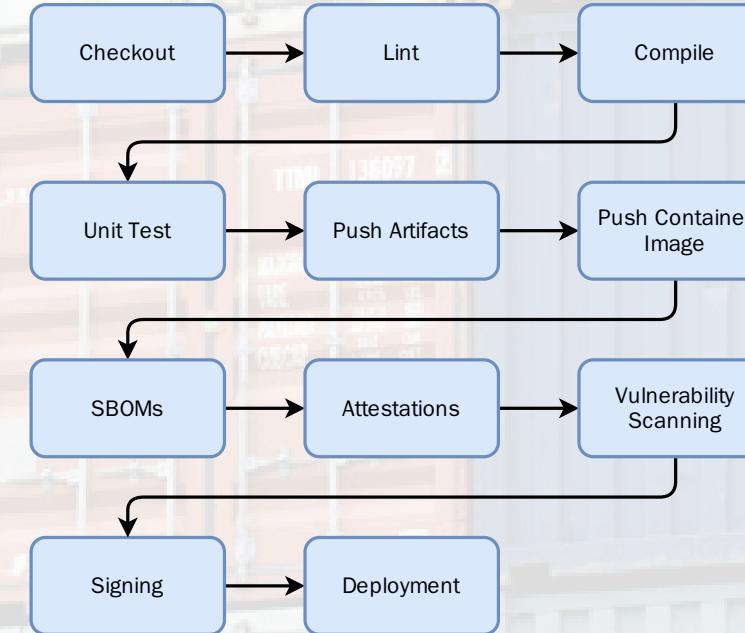
CI Pipelines

- More than Build, Ship, Run
- Linting
- Compile
- Unit tests
- Push artifacts
- Push container images
- Integration tests



But Wait, There's More

- SBOMs
- Signing
- Attestations
- Vulnerability scanning
- Cat pics



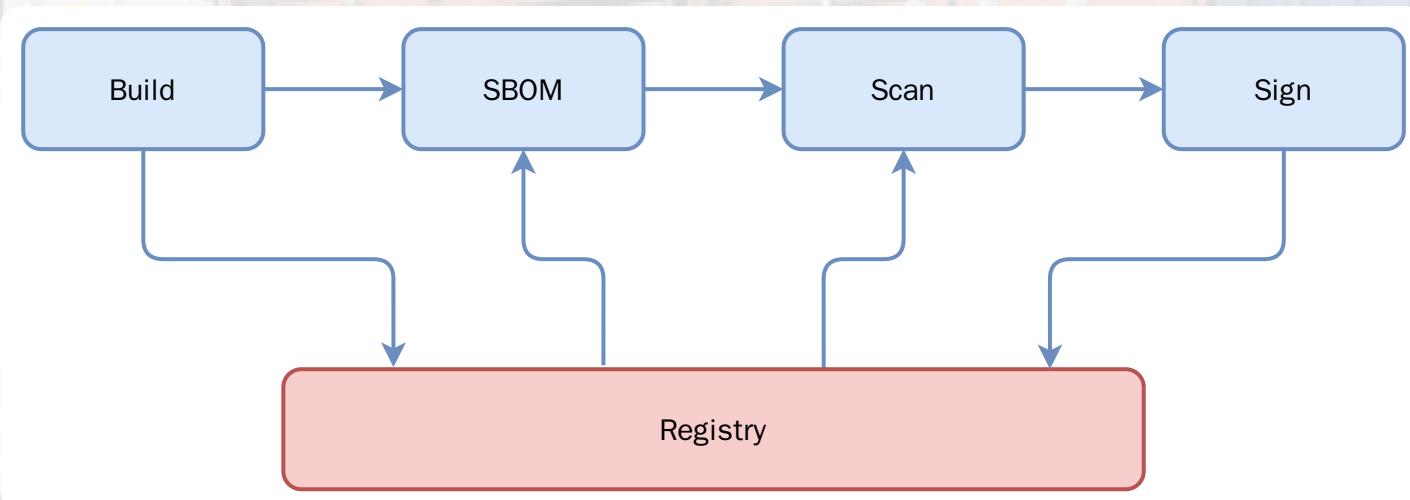


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Should We Use a Registry?

- CI pipelines are designed to work with filesystems
- git clone -> lint -> compile -> unit test ...
- SBOM and vulnerability scanners pull the image layers from the registry



Storing Images On The Filesystem?

OCI Image Layout

```
$ tree .
├── oci-layout
├── index.json
└── blobs
    └── sha256
        ├── 1f9696fa2a7e90f098d7f5da0615b853989652ab5c597d37fb84d8038fff3acf
        ├── 2408cc74d12b6cd092bb8b516ba7d5e290f485d3eb9672efc00f0583730179e8
        ├── 29779da064c4b1c0d5d77ed112b35eed8fce7e2f35d2efea6ef68cb0d805d134
        ├── 44136fa355b3678a1146ad16f7e8649e94fb4fc21fe77e8310c060f61caaff8a
        ├── 63e1ceb3d310f9e355494e88bca9a522259a0de034f6dbd7b456994f4fb00265
        ├── 93d426e205de6adaec185e0c5bfe2435dc84aab2b4a7d5bfeb33427a873516a2
        ├── 9783610725dd9ac5eace591938aa11ce36e3520581fb804dd874b58684297e8e
        ├── c223d141ab18a7a9ce6c8f43c1963aa29e9cbc57cef5a96370929f6596ed2d
        ├── e3ab7e61a5ef77751e4ca958bc64210e11bf454bba6d757ce6b974a4677cc4ca
        ├── f1d9bcbd77f101ed0e5956bb84e68ddb03e39540de33e9d2e475c52ff851018c
        ├── f7af0f000e0feb1f2e439e7a1cff48d5bbe329abdcdd65bc07382236b38b98c9
        └── fe7f73a32c6ec78027e2e231f5c3063dc7a8ff5f2c67edb06e5626b996cfcaa
```

OCI Layout

```
$ cat oci-layout
{"imageLayoutVersion":"1.0.0"}

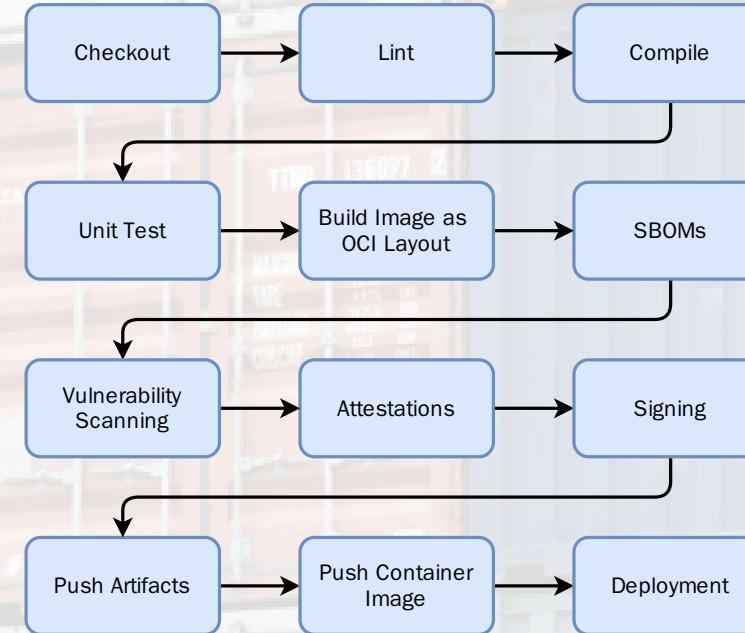
$ cat index.json | jq .
{
  "schemaVersion": 2,
  "mediaType": "application/vnd.oci.image.index.v1+json",
  "manifests": [
    {
      "mediaType": "application/vnd.oci.image.manifest.v1+json",
      "digest": "sha256:f1d9bcbd77...",
      "size": 710,
      "annotations": {
        "org.opencontainers.image.ref.name": "latest"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

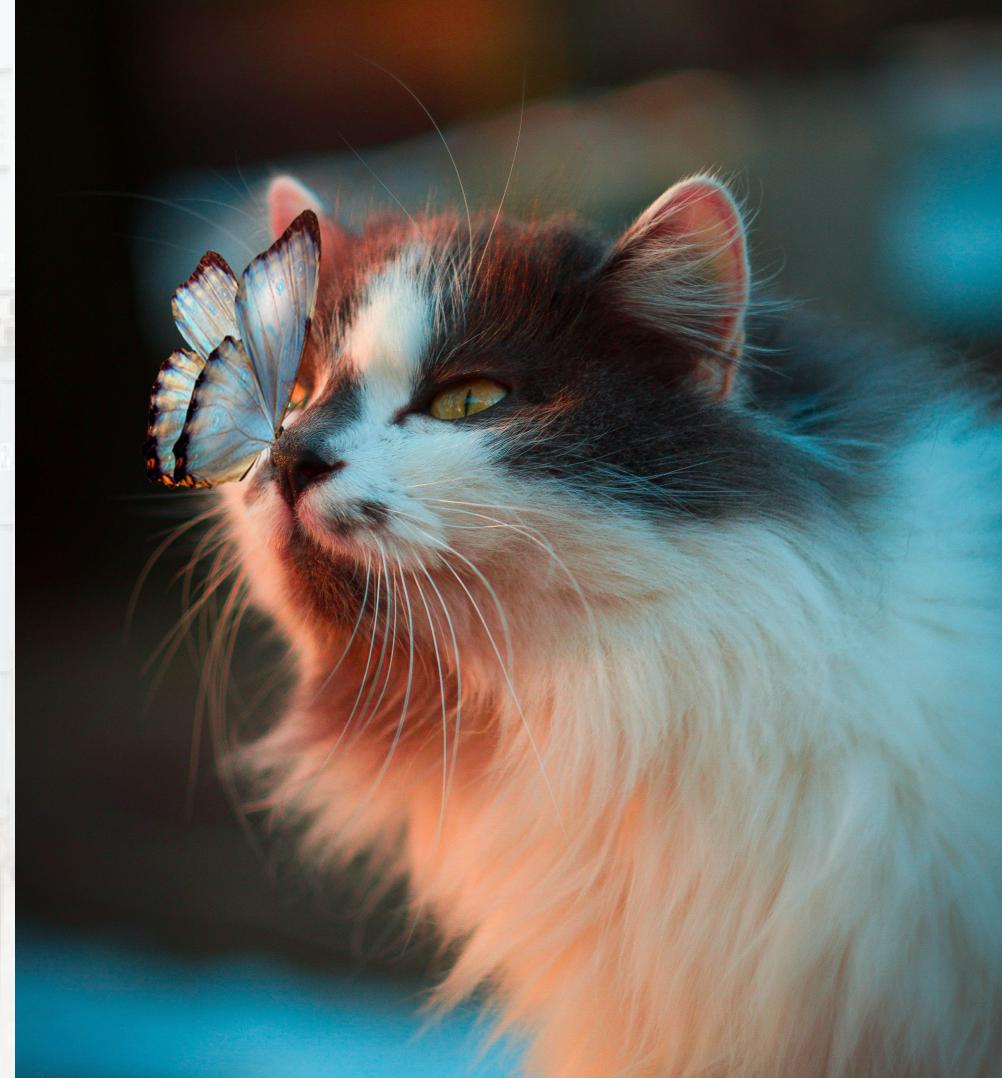
Features

- Frequently used for air-gap environments
- Can be packaged as a tar or tgz for shipping
- Layout can coexist with docker load metadata

Pipeline of Tomorrow

- git clone
- Lint
- Image build -> OCI Layout
- Add Attestations
- Add SBOM
- Vulnerability scan
- Add signatures
- Add cat pictures
- Push to registry
- Deploy

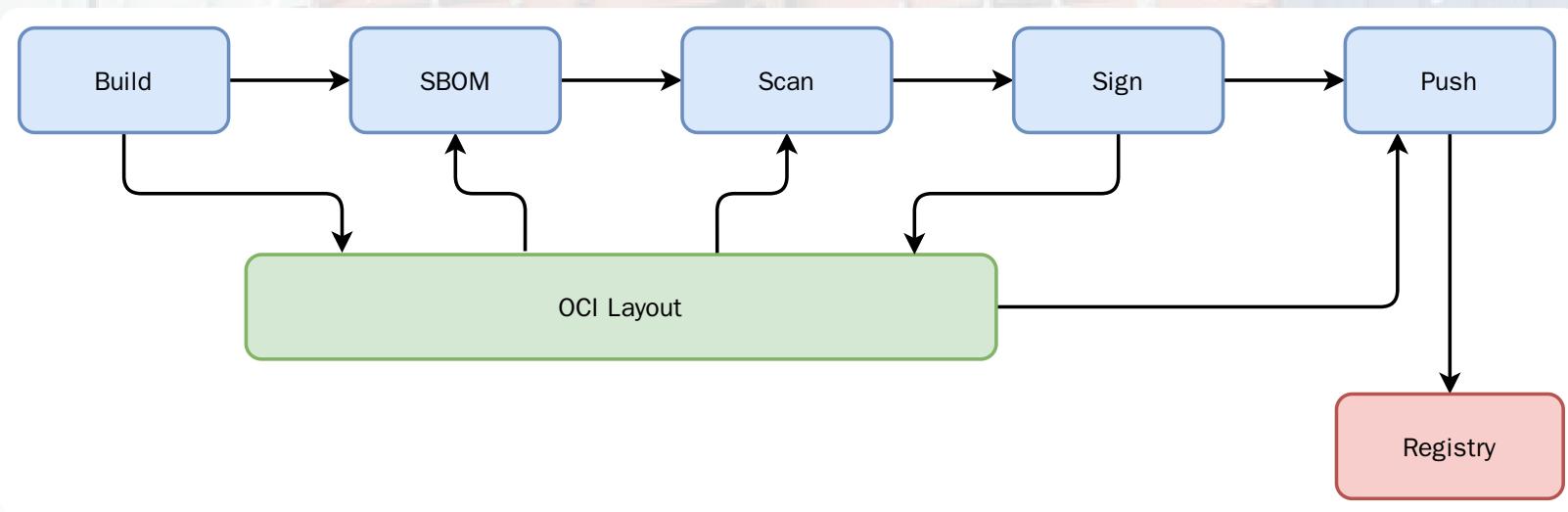




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Advantages

- Unscanned blobs are never pushed
- Unsigned images are never available to pull
- CI uses filesystem instead of network between steps



Sign Me Up

Some Tooling Supports This Today

- Runtimes: containerd, podman
- Build: docker buildx, buildah, buildpack, kaniko, ko
- Registries: zot
- Registry clients: crane, regclient, skopeo
- Vulnerability scanners: grype, snyk, trivy
- SBOM: syft, trivy
- Signing: ...



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There Are Challenges

- References are not standardized
 - `alpine:latest` (becomes `docker.io/library/alpine:latest`)
 - `oci:dirname` (confused with `docker.io/library/oci:dirname`)
 - `oci-dir:dirname`
 - `ocidir://dirname:latest`
 - `oci-layout://dirname`
- OCI Working Group for Reference Types
- Garbage Collection

Lots Of Tools Do Not Support This Yet

- Some tools only work with registries
- Some tools only support tar/tgz packaged layouts
- Almost none support a layout with:
 - A specific tag
 - A specific digest
 - Multi-platform images



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Zot Is A Workaround

```
$ regctl tag ls ocidir://oci-layout
latest
sha256-f1d9bcbd77....9783610725dd9ac5.sbom
sha256-f1d9bcbd77....c223d141ab18a7a9.scan

$ docker run -d -p 127.0.0.1:5207:5000 \
-v "$(pwd)/oci-layout:/var/lib/registry/demo" \
ghcr.io/project-zot/zot-linux-amd64:v1.4.0

$ cosign sign localhost:5207/demo:latest
...

$ regctl tag ls ocidir://oci-layout
latest
sha256-f1d9bcbd77....9783610725dd9ac5.sbom
sha256-f1d9bcbd77....c223d141ab18a7a9.scan
sha256-f1d9bcbd77....sig
```

Example

Setup Build Environment

```
- name: Check out code
  uses: actions/checkout@v3

- name: Set up Go 1.17
  uses: actions/setup-go@v3
  with:
    go-version: 1.17.x
    id: go

- name: Install regctl
  uses: regclient/actions/regctl-installer@main

- name: Set up Docker Buildx
  uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v1

- name: Install cosign
  uses: sigstore/cosign-installer@main
```

Test

```
- name: Verify go fmt  
  run: test -z "$(go fmt ./...)"  
  
- name: Verify go vet  
  run: test -z "$(go vet ./...)"  
  
- name: Test  
  run: make test  
  
- name: Linting  
  run: make lint
```

Build to OCI Layout

```
- name: Build
  uses: docker/build-push-action@v2
  id: build
  with:
    context: .
    # platforms: linux/amd64,linux/arm/v7,linux/arm64
    platforms: linux/amd64
    push: false
    labels: |
      org.opencontainers.image.source=${{ github.repositoryUrl }}
      org.opencontainers.image.revision=${{ github.sha }}
    outputs: |
      type=oci,dest=oci-layout.tar

- name: Convert to OCIDir
  run: regctl image import ocidir://oci-layout oci-layout.tar
```

Post-Build Tweaks

```
- name: Mutate
  run: |
    regctl image mod ocidir://oci-layout:latest --replace \
      --time-max "${{ steps.prep.outputs.date_commit }}" \
      --annotation "org.opencontainers.image.created=${{ steps.prep.outputs.date_commit }}" \
      --annotation "org.opencontainers.image.base.name=${{ steps.prep.outputs.base_name }}" \
      --annotation "org.opencontainers.image.base.digest=${{ steps.prep.outputs.base_digest }}" \
      --annotation "org.opencontainers.image.source=${{ github.repositoryUrl }}" \
      --annotation "org.opencontainers.image.revision=${{ github.sha }}"
```

Generate SBOM and Scan

```
- name: SBOM
  uses: anchore/sbom-action@v0
  with:
    output-file: "sbom.json"
    image: "oci-dir:oci-layout"
    format: "cyclonedx-json"
- name: Scan
  uses: anchore/scan-action@v3
  with:
    image: "oci-dir:oci-layout"
- name: Attach artifacts to image
  id: artifacts
  run:
    sbom_digest=$(regctl artifact put \
      --config-media-type application/vnd.oci.image.config.v1+json \
      -f sbom.json --media-type "application/vnd.cyclonedx+json" \
      --annotation org.opencontainers.artifact.type=sbom \
      --annotation org.example.sbom.type=cyclonedx-json \
      --format '{{ .Manifest.GetDescriptor }}' \
      --refers ocidir://oci-layout:latest)
    echo "::set-output name=sbom_digest::${sbom_digest}"
```

Sign

```
- name: zot
  run: |
    docker run --rm -d --name zot \
      -p 127.0.0.1:5000:5000 \
      -u "$(id -u):$(id -g)" \
      -v "$(pwd)/oci-layout:/var/lib/registry/demo" \
      ghcr.io/project-zot/zot-linux-amd64:v1.4.0
    curl -s http://localhost:5000/v2/ -o /dev/null || sleep 2

- name: sign
  env:
    COSIGN_EXPERIMENTAL: "true"
  run: |
    cosign sign "localhost:5000/demo:latest"
    cosign sign "localhost:5000/demo@${{ steps.artifacts.outputs.sbom_digest }}
```

Push

```
- name: login and push
  run: |
    regctl registry login \
      -u "${{ secrets.GHCR_USER }}" \
      -p "${{ secrets.GHCR_TOKEN }}" \
      ghcr.io
    regctl image copy --digest-tags -v info \
      ocidir://oci-layout:latest \
      ghcr.io/sudo-bmitch/demo-gha-with-oci-layout:${{ steps.prep.outputs.version }}
```

Conclusion

Next Steps

- Get OCI to define a reference
- Get the OCI Layout supported in more tools
- Include support for tags, digests, and multi-platform images
- Support the result of the OCI Working Group on Referrers
- Update CI pipelines to use it
- The result is more efficient, modular, and secure



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Open Source and Software Supply Chain Security

IBM is working with Open Source Security Foundation (OpenSSF) to help address challenges

IBM Point of View:

- ✓ Support open source communities security initiatives
- ✓ Learn about Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)
- ✓ Improved security execution is needed by all
- ✓ Contribute directly to open source projects you use



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github.com/sudo-bmitch/presentations
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