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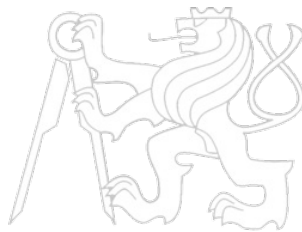## Lecture 6: Cloud Native and Microservices

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Overview

- Cloud Native
- Microservices
- Containers
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- The Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF)
  - *Motto: Building sustainable ecosystems for cloud native software*
  - *CNCF is part of the nonprofit Linux Foundation*

- Cloud Native = scalable apps running in modern cloud environments
  - *containers, service mashes, microservices*
  - *Apps must be usually re-built from scratch or refactored*
  - *Benefits:*
    - → *loosely coupled systems that are resilient, manageable, and observable*
    - → *automation allowing for predictable and frequent changes with minimal effort*
  - *Trail Map*
    - → *provides an overview for enterprises starting their cloud native journey* ⬀

- Lift and Shift
  - *Cloud transition program in organizations*
  - *Move app from on-premise to the cloud*
  - *Benefits*
    - → *Infrastructure cost cutting (OPEX vs. CAPEX)*
    - → *Improved operations (scaling up/down if possible can be faster)*

CNCF Trail Map

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- Cloud Native
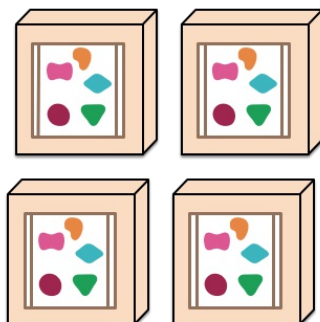- **Microservices**
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Overview

- Emerging software architecture
  - *monolithic vs. decoupled applications*
  - *applications as independenly deployable services*

A monolithic application puts all its functionality into a single process...

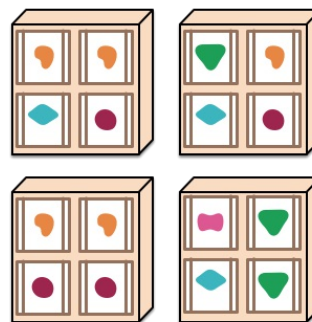A microservices architecture puts each element of functionality into a separate service...

... and scales by replicating the monolith on multiple servers
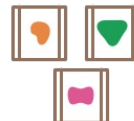
... and scales by distributing these services across servers, replicating as needed.

Major Characteristics

- Loosely coupled
  - *Integrated using well-defined interfaces*
- Technology-agnostic protocols
  - *HTTP, they use REST architecture*
- Independently deployable and easy to replace
  - *A change in small part requires to redeploy only that part*
- Organized around capabilities
  - *such as accounting, billing, recommendation, etc.*
- Impplemented using different technologies
  - *polyglot – programming languages, databases*

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Virtual Machines vs. Containers

Virtual Machines

App A-1	App A-2	App B-1
/bin-1	/bin-1	/bin-2
/libs-1	/libs-1	/libs-1
Guest OS	Guest OS	Guest OS

Hypervisor

Host OS

Bare Metal

$ docker run, docker ps, ...
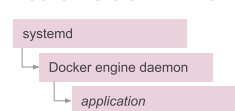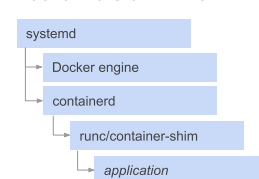
Containers are isolated, they share OS and bin/libraries

CLI

Unix/tcp socket

Container Layer (R/W)

| App A-1 | App A-2 | App B-1 | App B-2 | App B-3 |

Image Layers (R/O)

| /bin-1 | /bin-2 |
| /libs-1 |

container engine

container runtime

Linux namespaces
Host OS

Bare Metal or Virtual Machine

Overview

- Linux Containers
  - *Introduced in 2008*
  - *Allow to run a process tree in a isolated system-level "virtualization"*
  - *Use much less resources and disk space than traditional virtualization*

- Implementations
  - *LXC – default implementation in Linux*
  - *Docker Containers*
    - → *Builds on Linux namespaces and union file system (OverlayFS)*
    - → *A way to build, commit and share images*
    - → *Build images using a description file called Dockerfile*
    - → *Large number of available base and re-usable images*

- Monolithic design originally
  - *Now several layers*
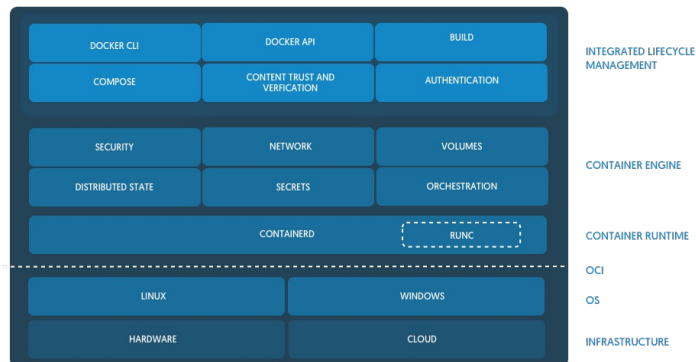 - *container runtime*
  - *container engine*

Docker version <1.11.0

| systemd |
| Docker engine daemon |
| application |

Docker version 1.11.0+

| systemd |
| Docker engine |
| containerd |
| runc/container-shim |
| application |

Containerd

- Container engine
  - *Accepts user inputs (via CLI or API), pulling images from registry, preparing metadata to be passed to container runtime*
- Container runtime
  - *Abstraction from syscalls or OS specific functionality to run containers on linux, windows, solaris, etc.*
  - *Uses* `runc` *and* `container-shim`
  - *Communicates with kernel to start containerized processes*

Terminology

- Image
  - *An image contains a union of layered filesystems stacked on top of each other*
  - *Immutable, it does not have state and it never changes*
- Container
  - *One or more processes running in one or more isolated namespaces in a filesystem provided by the image*
- Container Engine/Runtime
  - *The core processes providing container capabilities on a host*
- Client
  - *An app (e.g. CLI, custom app), communicates with a container engine by its API*
- Registry
  - *A hosted service containing repository of images*
  - *A registry provides a registry API to search, pull and push images*
  - *Docker Hub is the default Docker registry*
- Swarm
  - *A cluster of one or more docker engines*

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Linux Namespaces

- Isolation of Linux processes, there are **7 namespaces**
  - *Mount, UTS, IPC, PID, Network, User, Cgroup*
  - *By default, every process is a member of a default namespace of each type*
  - *In case no additional namespace configuration is in place, processes and all their direct children will reside in this exact namespace*
  - *Run* `lsns` *to check namespaces the process is in*

```
$ lsns
NS          TYPE  NPROCS   PID USER    COMMAND
4026531836 pid        2 30873 oracle -bash
4026531837 user     108  1636 oracle /bin/bash /u01/oracle/scripts/startWebLogicContainer.sl
4026531838 uts        2 30873 oracle -bash
4026531839 ipc        2 30873 oracle -bash
4026531840 mnt        2 30873 oracle -bash
4026531956 net      108  1636 oracle /bin/bash /u01/oracle/scripts/startWebLogicContainer.sl
4026532185 mnt       13 13542 oracle /bin/bash /u01/oracle/scripts/startNM_ohs.sh
4026532192 pid       13  2798 oracle /bin/bash /u01/oracle/scripts/startNM_ohs.sh
...
```

- Flexible configuration, for example:
  - *You can run two apps that only share the network namespace, e.g.* 4026531956
  - *The apps can talk to each other*
  - *Any other app (not in this namespace) won't be able to talk to the apps*

Types: mnt, uts, ipc and pid

- `mnt` namespace
  - *Isolates filesystem mount points*
  - *Restricts the view of the global file hierarchy*
  - *Each namespace has its own set of mount points*
- `uts` namespace
  - *The value of the hostname is isolated between different UTS namespaces*
- `ipc` namespace
  - *Isolates interprocess communication resources*
  - *message queues, semaphore, and shared memory*
- `pid` namespace
  - *Isolates PID number space*
  - *A process ID number space gets isolated*
    - → *Processes can have PIDs starting from the value 1*
    - → *Real PIDs outside of the namespace of the same process is a different number*
  - *Containers have their own init processes with a PID value of 1*

Types: net

- `net` namespace
  - *Processes have their own private network stack (interfaces, routing tables, sockets)*
  - *Communication with external network stack is done by a virtual ethernet bridge*
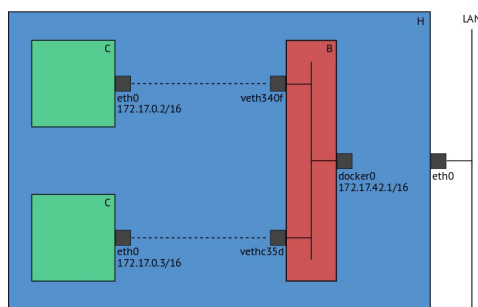
  - *On the host there is a **userland proxy** or **NAT***
    - → *NAT is a prefered solution over userland proxy (`/usr/bin/docker-proxy`)*
    - → *Lack of NAT hairpinning may prevent to use NAT*
  - *Use case*
    - → *Multiple services binding to the same port on a single machine, e.g. `tcp/80`*
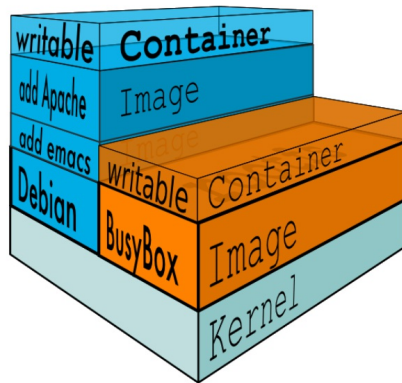   - → *A port in the host is mapped to the port exposed by a process in the NS*

Types: user

- `user` namespace
  - *Isolates UID/GID number spaces*
- `cgroup` namespace
  - *Isolate cgroup root directory*

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Container Images

- *Containers are made up of R/O layers via a storage driver (OverlayFS, AUFS, etc.)*
- *Containers are designed to support a single application*
- *Instances are ephemeral, persistent data is stored in bind mounts or data volume containers.*

Image Layering with OverlayFS

- OverlayFS
  - *A filesystem service implementing a **union mount** for other file systems.*
  - *Docker uses `overlay` and `overlay2` storage drivers to build and manage on-disk structures of images and containers.*

- Image Layering
  - *OverlayFS takes two directories on a single Linux host, layers one on top of the other, and provides a single unified view.*
  - *Only works for two layers, in multi-layered images hard links are used to reference data shared with lower layers.*
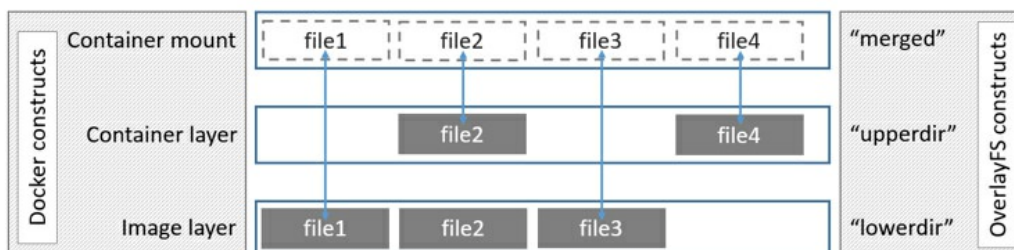
Image Layers Example

- Pulling out the image from the registry

```
$ docker pull ubuntu

Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from library/ubuntu

5ba4f30e5bea: Pull complete
9d7d19c9dc56: Pull complete
ac6ad7efd0f9: Pull complete
e7491a747824: Pull complete
a3ed95caeb02: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:46fb5d001b88ad904c5c732b086b596b92cfb4a4840a3abd0e35dbb6870585e4
Status: Downloaded newer image for ubuntu:latest
```

  – *Each image layer has its own directory under* `/var/lib/docker/overlay/`.
  – *This is where the contents of each image layer are stored.*

- Directories on the file system

```
$ ls -l /var/lib/docker/overlay/

total 20
drwx------ 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 38f3ed2eac129654acef11c32670b534670c3a06e483fce313d72e3e
drwx------ 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 55f1e14c361b90570df46371b20ce6d480c434981cbda5fd68c6ff61
drwx------ 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 824c8a961a4f5e8fe4f4243dab57c5be798e7fd195f6d88ab06aea92
drwx------ 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 ad0fe55125ebf599da124da175174a4b8c1878afe6907bf7c7857034
drwx------ 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 edab9b5e5bf73f2997524eebeac1de4cf9c8b904fa8ad3ec43b35041
```

  – *The organization of files allows for efficient use of disk space.*
  – *There are* **files unique to every layer** *and* **hard links to files** *shared with lower layers*

Dockerfile

- Dockerfile is a script that creates a new image

```
# This is a comment
FROM oraclelinux:7
MAINTAINER Tomas Vitvar <tomas@vitvar.com>
RUN yum install -q -y httpd
EXPOSE 80
CMD httpd -X
```

- A line in the Dockerfile will create an intermediary layer

```
$ docker build -t tomvit/httpd:v1 .
Sending build context to Docker daemon 2.048 kB
Step 1 : FROM oraclelinux:7
 ---> 4c357c6e421e
Step 2 : MAINTAINER Tomas Vitvar <tomas@vitvar.com>
 ---> Running in 35feebb2ffab
 ---> 95b35d5d793e
Removing intermediate container 35feebb2ffab
Step 3 : RUN yum install -q -y httpd
 ---> Running in 3b9aee3c3ef1
 ---> 888c49141af9
Removing intermediate container 3b9aee3c3ef1
Step 4 : EXPOSE 80
 ---> Running in 03e1ef9bf875
 ---> c28545e3580c
Removing intermediate container 03e1ef9bf875
Step 5 : CMD httpd -X
 ---> Running in 3c1c0273a1ef
```

  If processing fails at some step, all preceeding steps will be loaded from the cache on the next run.

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Docker Container State Diagram

run a command in the container,
add files, make changes, etc.

`docker run <image> <command>`
`docker build <Dockerfile>`
*create a container from the image
and start the container*

3

2

`docker push <image>`
push the image to a docker registry

8

running
container

`docker exec <container>`
*execute a command in a
running container*

3

end the command,
exit the container

4

new
image

`docker pull <image>`
*download an image from a
docker registry*

1

`docker start <container>`
start a container

5

`docker commit <container> <name>`
*commit the container to
create an image*

6

stopped
container

9

no
image

`docker rmi <image>`
delete the image

7

`docker rm <container>`
remove the container

1: There is no image in the local store; you pull an image a remote registry.
2: You run a new container on top a specified image.
3: You modify the container by adding a library/content in it; you can also run a command in the container from the host.
4: You stop a running container.

5: You start a stopped container.
6: You commit the container and create a new image from it.
7: You remove the container.
8: You push the image to the remote registry.
9: You can remove the image from the local store.

Commands (1)

`docker version`
list current version of docker engine and client

`docker search <image>`
search for an image in the registry

`docker pull <image[:version]>`
download an image of a specific version from the registry
if the version is not provided, the latest version will be downloaded

`docker images`
list all local images

`docker run -it <image[:version]> <command>`
start the image and run the command inside the image
if the image is not found locally, it will be downloaded from the registry
option `-i` starts the container in interactive mode
option `-t` allocates a pseudo TTY

`docker ps [-as]`
list all running containers
option `-a` will list all containers including the stopped ones.
option `-s` will list the container's size.

Commands (2)

`docker rm <container>`
remove the container

`docker rmi <image>`
remove the image

`docker commit <container> <name[:version]>`
create an image from the container with the name and the version

`docker history <image>`
display the image history

Networking and Linking

- There are 3 docker networks by default
  - *bridge* – *container can access host's network (default)*
    - → *Docker creates subnet* `172.17.0.0/16` *and gateway to the network*
    - → *When a container is started, it is automatically added to this network*
    - → *All containers in this network can communicate with each other*
  - *host* – *all host's network interfaces will be available in the container.*
  - *none* – *container will be placed on its own network and no network interfaces will be configured.*
- Custom Network configuration
  - *You can create a new network and add containers to it*
  - *Containers in the new network can communicate with each other but the network will be isolated from the host network*
- Linking containers (legacy)

```
$ docker run -d --name redmine-db postgres
$ docker run -it --link redmine-db:db postgres /bin/bash
root@c4b12143ebe8:/# psql -h db -U postgres
psql (9.6.1)
Type "help" for help.
postgres=# SELECT inet_server_addr();
postgres=# SELECT * FROM pg_stat_activity \x\g\x
```

Networking Commands

`docker network ls`
  lists all available networks

`docker network inspect <network-id>`
  Returns the details of specific network

`docker network create --driver bridge isolated_nw`
  creates a new isolated network

`docker run -it --network=isolated_nw ubuntu bin/bash`
  starts the container ubuntu and attaches it to the isolated network

Data Volumes

- Data Volume
  - *A directory that bypass the union file system*
  - *Data volumes can be shared and reused among containers*
  - *Data volume persists even if the container is deleted*
  - *It is possible to mount a shared sotrage volume as a data volue by using a volume plugin to mount e.g. NFS*
- Adding a data volume

  `docker run -d -v /webapp training/webapp python app.py`

  will create a new value with name `webapp`*,*

  the location of the volume can be determined by using `docker inspect`*.*

- Mount a host directory as a data volume

  `docker run -d -v /src/webapp:/webapp training/webapp python app.py`

  if the path exists in the container, it will be overlayed (not removed),

  if the host directory does not exist, the docker engine creates it.

- Data volume container
  - *Persistent data to be shared among two or more containers*

  `docker create -v /dbdata --name dbstore training/postgres /bin/true`

  `docker run -d --volumes-from dbstore --name db1 training/postgres`

  `docker run -d --volumes-from dbstore --name db2 training/postgres`

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- In your architecture...
  - *Containers are atomic pieces of application architecture*
  - *Containers can be linked (e.g. web server, DB)*
  - *Containers access shared resources (e.g. disk volumes)*

- Kubernetes
  - *Automation of deployments, scaling, management of containerized applications across number of nodes*
  - *Based on Borg, a parent project from Goolge*
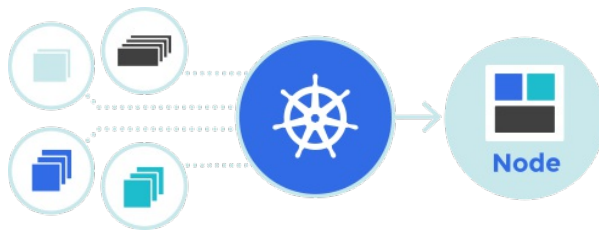
Features

- Automatic binpacking
  - *Automatically places containers onto nodes based on their resource requirements and other constraints.*

- Horizontal scaling
  - *Scales your application up and down with a simple command, with a UI, or automatically based on CPU usage.*

- Automated rollouts and rollbacks
  - *Progressive rollout out of changes to application/configuration, monitoring application health and rollback when something goes wrong.*

- Storage orchestration
  - *Automatically mounts the storage system (local or in the cloud)*

- Self-healing
  - *Restarts containers that fail, replaces and reschedules containers when nodes die, kills containers that don't respond to user-defined health checks.*

- Service discovery and load balancing
  - *Gives containers their own IP addresses and a single DNS name for a set of containers, and can load-balance across them.*

Architecture
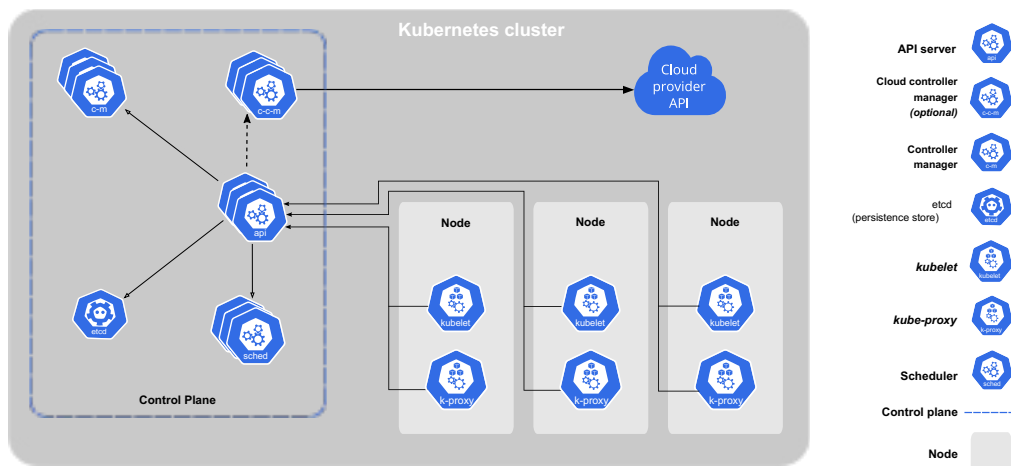
Control Plane Components

- Global decisions about the cluster
  - *Schedulling*
  - *Detecting and responding to cluster events, starting up new pods*

- kube-apiserver
  - *exposes the Kubernetes API*
  - *The API server is the front end for the Kubernetes control plane.*

- etcd
  - *highly-available key value store used to store all cluster data*

- kube-scheduler
  - *watches for newly created Pods with no assigned node*
  - *selects a node for Pods to run on.*
  - *Decision factors: resource requirements, hardware/software/policy constraints, affinity and anti-affinity specifications*
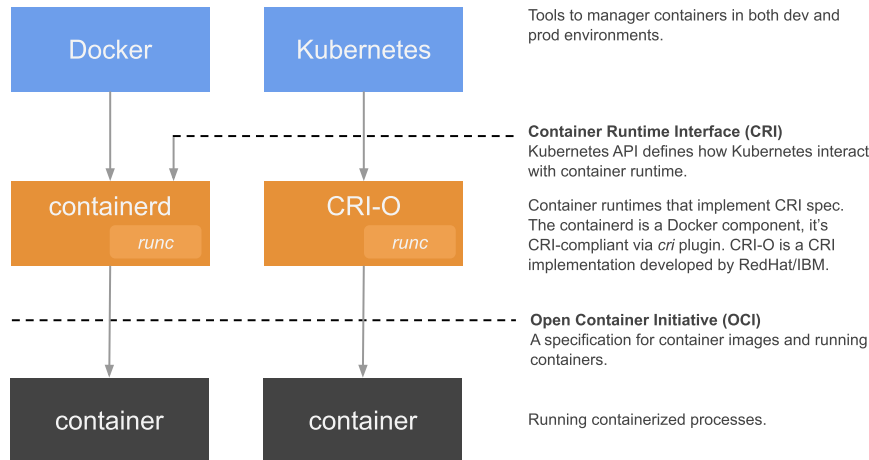
Control Plane Components

- kube-controller-manager
  - *runs controller to ensure the desired state of cluster objects*
  - ***Node controller***
    - → *noticing and responding when nodes go down*
  - ***Job controller***
    - → *creates Pods to run one-off tasks to completion.*
  - ***Endpoints controller***
    - → *Populates the Endpoints object (that is, joins Services & Pods).*
- cloud-controller-manager
  - *Integration with cloud services (when the cluster is running in a cloud)*
  - ***Node controller***
    - → *checks if a node has been deleted in the cloud after it stops responding*
  - ***Route controller***
    - → *For setting up routes in the underlying cloud infrastructure*
  - ***Service controller***
    - → *For creating, updating and deleting cloud provider load balancers*

Node

- Kubernetes runtime environment
  - *Run on every node*
  - *Maintaining running pods*
- kubelet
  - *An agent that runs on each node in the cluster*
  - *It makes sure that containers are running in a Pod.*
- kube-proxy
  - *maintains network rules on nodes*
  - *network rules allow network communication to Pods from inside or outside of the cluster*
  - *uses the operating system packet filtering layer or forwards the traffic itself.*
- Container runtime
  - *Responsible for running containers*
  - *Kubernetes supports several container runtimes (containerd, CRI-O)*
  - *Any implementation of the Kubernetes CRI (Container Runtime Interface)*

Container Stack

		Tools to manager containers in both dev and prod environments.
Docker	**Kubernetes**	

Container Runtime Interface (CRI)
Kubernetes API defines how Kubernetes interact with container runtime.

containerd *runc*	**CRI-O** *runc*	Container runtimes that implement CRI spec. The containerd is a Docker component, it's CRI-compliant via *cri* plugin. CRI-O is a CRI implementation developed by RedHat/IBM.

Open Container Initiative (OCI)
A specification for container images and running containers.

container	**container**	Running containerized processes.

Pod

- Pod
  - *A group of one or more tightly-coupled containers.*
  - *Containers share storage and network resources.*
  - *A Pod runs a single instance of a given application*
  - *Pod's containers are always co-located and co-scheduled*
  - *Pod's containers run in a shared context, i.e. in a set of Linux namespaces*
- Pods are created using workload resources
  - *You do not create them directly*
- Pods in a Kubernetes cluster are used in two main ways
  - *Run a single container, the most common Kubernetes use case*
  - *Run multiple containers that need to work together*

Workloads

- An application running on Kubernetes

- Workloads run in a set of Pods

- Pre-defined workload resources to manage lifecylce of Pods
  - *Deployment and ReplicaSet*
    - → *managing a stateless application workload*
    - → *any Pod in the Deployment is interchangeable and can be replaced if needed*
  - *StatefulSet*
    - → *one or more related Pods that track state*
    - → *For example, if a workload records data persistently, run a StatefulSet that matches each Pod with a persistent volume.*
  - *DaemonSet*
    - → *Ensures that all (or some) Nodes run a copy of a Pod*
    - → *Such as a cluster storage daemon, logs collection, node monitoring running on every node*
  - *Job and CronJob*
    - → *Define tasks that run to completion and then stop.*
    - → *Jobs represent one-off tasks, whereas CronJobs recur according to a schedule.*

Deployment Spec Example

- Deployment spec

```
1   apiVersion: apps/v1
2   kind: Deployment
3   metadata:
4     name: nginx-deployment
5   spec:
6     selector:
7       matchLabels:
8         app: nginx
9     replicas: 3 # tells deployment to run 3 pods matching the template
10    template:
11      metadata:
12        labels:
13          app: nginx
14      spec:
15        containers:
16        - name: nginx
17          image: nginx:1.14.2
18          ports:
19          - containerPort: 80
```

- *A desired state of an application running in the cluster*
- *Kubernetes reads the Deployment spec and starts three app instances*
- *If an instance fails, Kubernetes starts a replacement app instance*

Service

- Networking
  - *Containers within a Pod use networking to communicate via loopback*
  - *Cluster networking provides communication between different Pods.*

- Service resource
  - *An abstract way to expose an application running on a set of Pods*
  - *Example: a set of Pods with a label* `app=nginx`*, each listens on* `tcp/9376`

```
1   apiVersion: v1
2   kind: Service
3   metadata:
4     name: my-service
5   spec:
6     selector:
7       app: nginx
8     ports:
9       - protocol: TCP
10        port: 80
11        targetPort: 9376
```

  - *This specification creates a new Service object named* `my-service`
  - *The servive targets* `tcp/9376` *on any Pod with the* `app=nginx` *label.*
  - *Kubernetes assigns this Service a cluster IP address, which is used by the Service proxies.*

Demo

- Environment Setup
  - `minikube` – *a local virtual machine (running a master and a single node)*
  - `kubectl` – *CLI to access Kubernetes cluster*

- Steps
  1. *create* `hello-node` *app in node.js and test it [see* server.js*]*
     `node server.js`
  2. *create docker image for the app [see* Dockerfile*]*
     `docker build -t hello-node:v1 .`
  3. *deploy the app to Kubernetes by using* `kubectl`
     `kubectl run hello-node --image=hello-node:v1 --port=8080`
  4. *Expose the app as a load balancer service.*
     `kubectl expose deployment hello-node --type=LoadBalancer`
  5. *Explore the app in minikube dashboard.*
     `minikube dashboard`
  6. *Fire requests at the service and count them [see* test.sh*]*
     `./test.sh`.
  7. *Change the number of replicas by using the dashboard or* `kubectl`.