

RED HAT® ENTERPRISE LINUX® ATOMIC HOST

+Docker + Cockpit

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I.T. CHALLENGES



CHALLENGES

- BUSINESS CHALLENGES
- Faster time to market
- Elastic, scalable, high performance
- Flexibility without lock-in, pay as you go

- Increase operation efficiency
- Maximize resource utilization
- Reliable, secure, compliant

- DEVELOPER CHALLENGES
- Reduce time to provision and develop, improve productivity
- Test new features and update applications faster
- Improve availability of platforms and resources



What is Red Hat Enterprise Linux Atomic Host?

- A variation of Red Hat Enterprise Linux optimized for Linux containers
- It includes the docker utility, the Docker daemon, Kubernetes, and rpm-ostree
- A Red Hat subscription permits RHEL Atomic Host software updates and yum updates in containers



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IT IS RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX

OPTIMIZED FOR CONTAINERS



Inherits the complete hardware ecosystem, military-grade security, stability and reliability for which Red Hat Enterprise Linux is known.



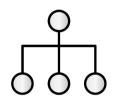
MINIMIZED FOOTPRINT

Minimized host environment tuned for running Linux containers while maintaining compatibility with Red Hat Enterprise Linux.



SIMPLIFIED MAINTENANCE

Atomic updating and rollback means it's easy to deploy, update, and rollback using imaged-based technology.



ORCHESTRATION AT SCALE

Build composite applications by orchestrating multiple containers as microservices on a single host instance.



Container images and image registries

- Container images are read-only file system overlays used to create containers
- Image registries are centralized stores for container images
- RHEL Atomic Host is configured to use two public image registries:
 - registry.hub.docker.com (Docker Hub)
 - registry.access.redhat.com



How RHEL Atomic differs from stardard RHEL?

- yum is not used to install software or upgrade the system; RHEL
 Atomic includes new tooling that allows upgrades and rollback.
- There are only two writable directories: /etc and /var.
- The immutable bit has been set on the / directory. /usr is mounted read-only, but /usr/local is a symlink to /var/usrlocal.
- Other directories are symlinked to a writable location; for example, /home is a symlink to /var/home.
- No firewalld software is installed; only Netfilter and iptables.
- No client-side Kerberos tools are installed
- No iSCSI client nor initiator software is installed.



Managing container images

- docker search -s N name
- docker pull name
- docker load -i filename.tar
- docker images
- docker rmi name



Creating a container from an image

docker run -i -t name command

-i = interactive container

-t = allocate a pseudo-tty

name = name of the image to launch

command = program to launch inside the container



RHEL Atomic Host networking

- RHEL Atomic Host establishes a bridge called docker0
- A virtual interface is attached to docker0 when a container is launched
- The following command maps a RHEL Atomic Host port to a port inside the container when it is launched

docker run -p HOST_PORT:CONT_PORT ...



Creating a simple web server container

Start a container with a shell
 # docker run -p 8080:80 -i -t rhel7 /bin/bash

Install the necessary software in the container
 # yum install -y httpd

Create custom content
 # echo 'Hello world!' > /var/www/html/index.html



Creating a simple web server container (continued)

Confirm the web server publishes the correct content

```
# /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
```

curl http://rhel-atomic-host.fqdn:8080

For httpd, create a startup script

```
# vi /usr/sbin/my_httpd_startup.sh
```

chmod 755 /usr/sbin/my_httpd_startup.sh



Startup script contents

#!/bin/bash

rm -rf /run/httpd

install -m 710 -o root -g apache -d /run/httpd

install -m 700 -o apache -g apache -d /run/httpd/htcacheclean

exec /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND



Creating a container image

 Determine the container ID of the container to be saved as an image

```
# docker ps -a
```

Create the image and assign it a tag

```
# docker commit container_id name:tag
```

Use the new image to create a container and test it

```
# docker run name:tag ...
```

Optionally export the image to a file

```
# docker save name:tag > image-file.tar
```



