CS 340

#16: Containers, CaaS, and Docker

Computer Systems

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IaaS vs. CaaS

When we use IaaS, a blank operating system with only the default software is provided.

- As an IaaS user:
- As a container developer:
- As a container consumer:

Containers are **isolated environments** that have their own dedicated RAM, CPU access, disks, network ports, etc.

A Dockerfile specifies how a container should be built:

16/Dockerfile-01

1 FROM alpine

2 ENTRYPOINT ["/bin/sh"]

[Line 1]: FROM <image>

[Line 2]: ENTRYPOINT [<command>]

\$ docker build -t test -f Dockerfile-01 .

Running a docker container:

\$ docker run test

Q: What happens?

• Fix:

Common docker run arguments:

\$ docker run test

One of the most important things to do is to add your files into your container:

16/Dockerfile-02

1 FROM alpine

2 COPY cs340 /inside-of-docker-filesystem

3 ENTRYPOINT ["/bin/sh"]

[Line 2]: COPY <local path> <container path>

You may need to run a command on **building** the image:

16/Dockerfile-03

1 FROM alpine

2 COPY cs340 /inside-of-docker-filesystem

3 RUN /inside-of-docker-filesystem/create.sh

4 ENTRYPOINT ["/bin/sh"]

[Line 3]: RUN <command>

Q: What do we expect to happen?

16/cs340/create.sh

1 echo "Bye" >bye.txt

You can change the working directory:

```
16/Dockerfile-04
  1 FROM alpine
  2 COPY cs340 /inside-of-docker-filesystem
  3 WORKDIR /inside-of-docker-filesystem
  4 RUN create.sh
  5 ENTRYPOINT ["/bin/sh"]
```

Bridging Resources with the Host System

If you want the use of any host system resources, you must **explicitly** give them to the docker when you launch the container:

```
docker run --rm -it -v `pwd`:/mount test
docker run --rm -it -p 34000:34000
```

Docker Images as Building Blocks

Every dockerfile starts with a `FROM <image>` -- all the way down to `FROM scratch` (an image that contains no starting environment).

cs340-mp6 image:

```
FROM python:3.9 [...]
python:3.9 image:
                             [...]
 FROM buildpack-deps:buster
 buildpack-deps:buster image:
  FROM buildpack-deps:buster-scm
  buildpack-deps:buster-scm image:
   FROM buildpack-deps:buster-curl [...]
```

buildpack-deps:buster-curl image:

```
[...]
FROM debian:buster
```

debian:buster image:

```
FROM scratch
ADD rootfs.tar.xz /
CMD ["bash"]
```

Developer Uses of Containers

Containers allow us to fully configured services quickly, immediately, and without any concerns about the system runtime.

Example:

```
docker run -it --rm
  -p 27017:27017
  -v `pwd`/mongodb/:/data/db
  mongo
```

Natively on Windows:

- Use PowerShell
- Use -v \${PWD}/mongodb/:/data/db for -v option.

When the Docker is running, we can start programming using Mongo:

```
16/artist.py
  1 from pymongo import MongoClient
  2 mongo = MongoClient('localhost', 27017)
  3 db = mongo["17-artist-database"]
  5 store = db["waf"]
  6 doc = store.find_one({
      "Favorite Artist": {"$exists": True }
  8 })
  9
 10 if doc:
      print("Favorite Artist: ")
 11
      print(doc)
 13 else:
      store.insert_one({
        "Favorite Artist": "Taylor Swift"
 15
 16
      })
      print("Added Favorite Artist!")
```

Q: What happens if we restart the docker container after running this program several times?

Q: What happens if we remove the -v flag in our run command?