

# Docker: Run Anything, Anywhere

An introduction to containerisation

## What's in for you?

- Robust deployment of applications
- Leveraging on open-source ecosystem

# Today's Agenda

## → **What is Docker?**

Understanding containers vs VMs

## → **When to Containerise?**

Decision framework for containerisation

## → **Using Docker as a Developer**

Creating your own containers from scratch

## → **Using Docker as a end user**

Running pre-built containers

# What is Docker?



**The "App Store" for microservices**

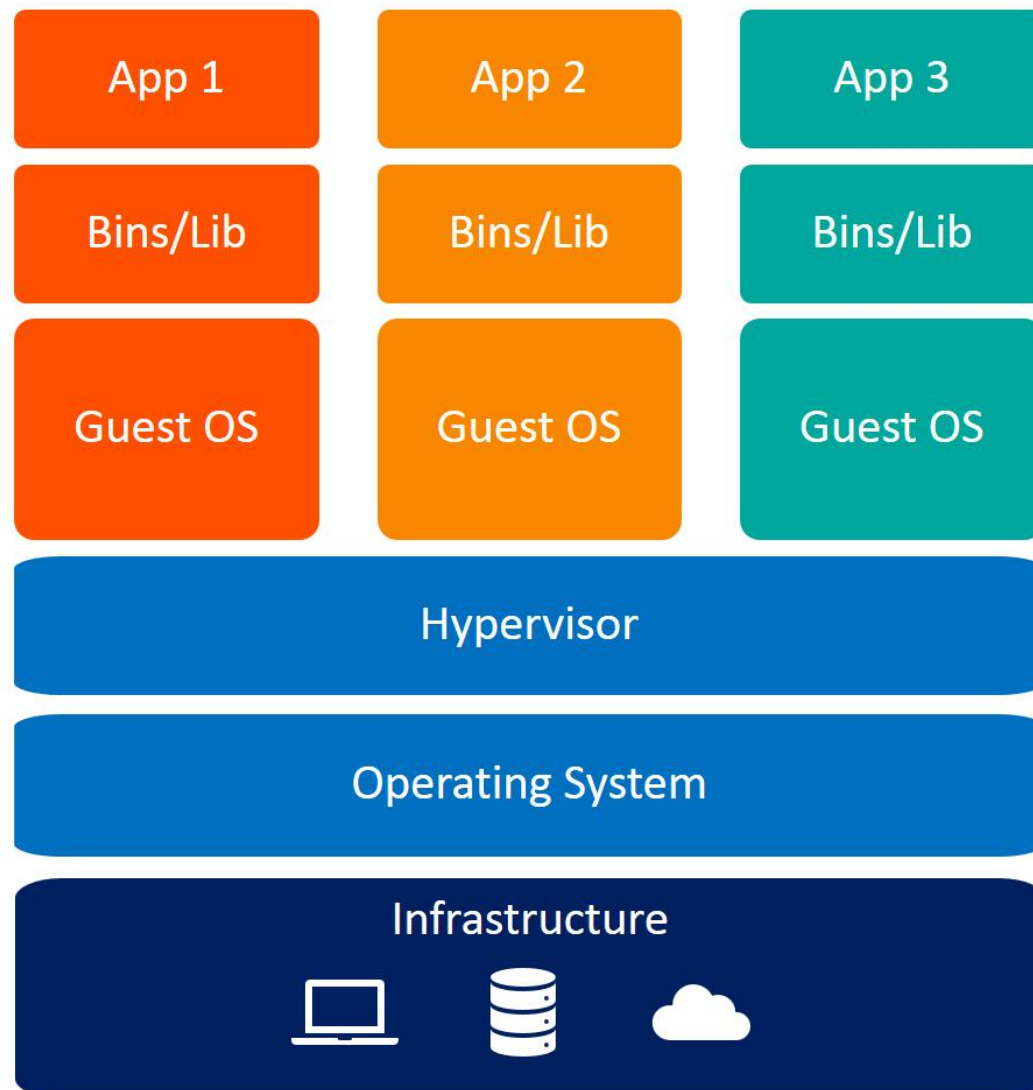
**Accelerate how you build, share,  
and run applications**

Docker helps developers build, share, run, and verify applications anywhere — without tedious environment configuration or management.

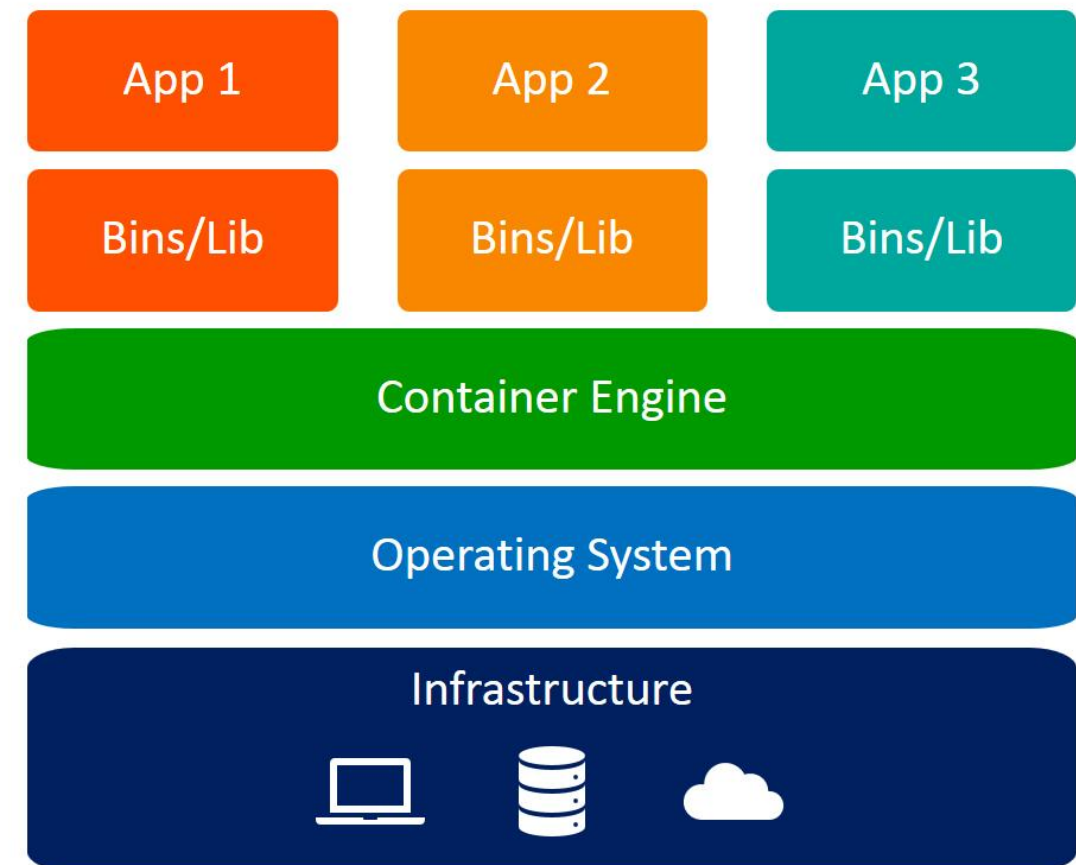
# Virtual Machines vs Containers

- Heavy weight - Each VM runs a complete OS
- Slower to start (minutes)
- GB of storage

- Lightweight - Shares host OS kernel
- Start in seconds
- MB of storage

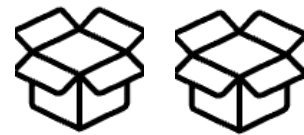


Parallels for mac  
VMware  
Oracle Virtualbox  
MS HyperV Mgr



# When to Containerise?

**Containerisation isn't always necessary** for simple, single-environment applications with minimal dependencies that don't need to be shared widely.



## Dependency Isolation?

Avoid messy local dependencies?



## Consistent Runs?

Need same behavior across platforms?



## Easy Sharing?

Want simple distribution to others?



## Deployment

Scalability & reliability

# Using Docker as a Developer

5 Steps to build your own container

## 01 Prepare your application code

Make sure your application works locally first

## 02 Write a Dockerfile

Define the environment, dependencies, and how to run your app

## 03 Build your image

Execute `docker build -t myapp .`

## 04 Run your container

Execute `docker run -p 5000:5000 myapp`

## 05 Share your image

Push to Docker Hub, Github Container Registry or a private registry/artifact

## Simple Demonstration on using Google Cloud Run

[https://github.com/zey-2/Docker\\_Gcloud\\_Gradio](https://github.com/zey-2/Docker_Gcloud_Gradio)



Python is an interpreted, interactive, object-oriented, open-source programming language.



Node.js is a JavaScript-based platform for server-side and networking applications.



MongoDB document databases provide high availability and easy scalability.

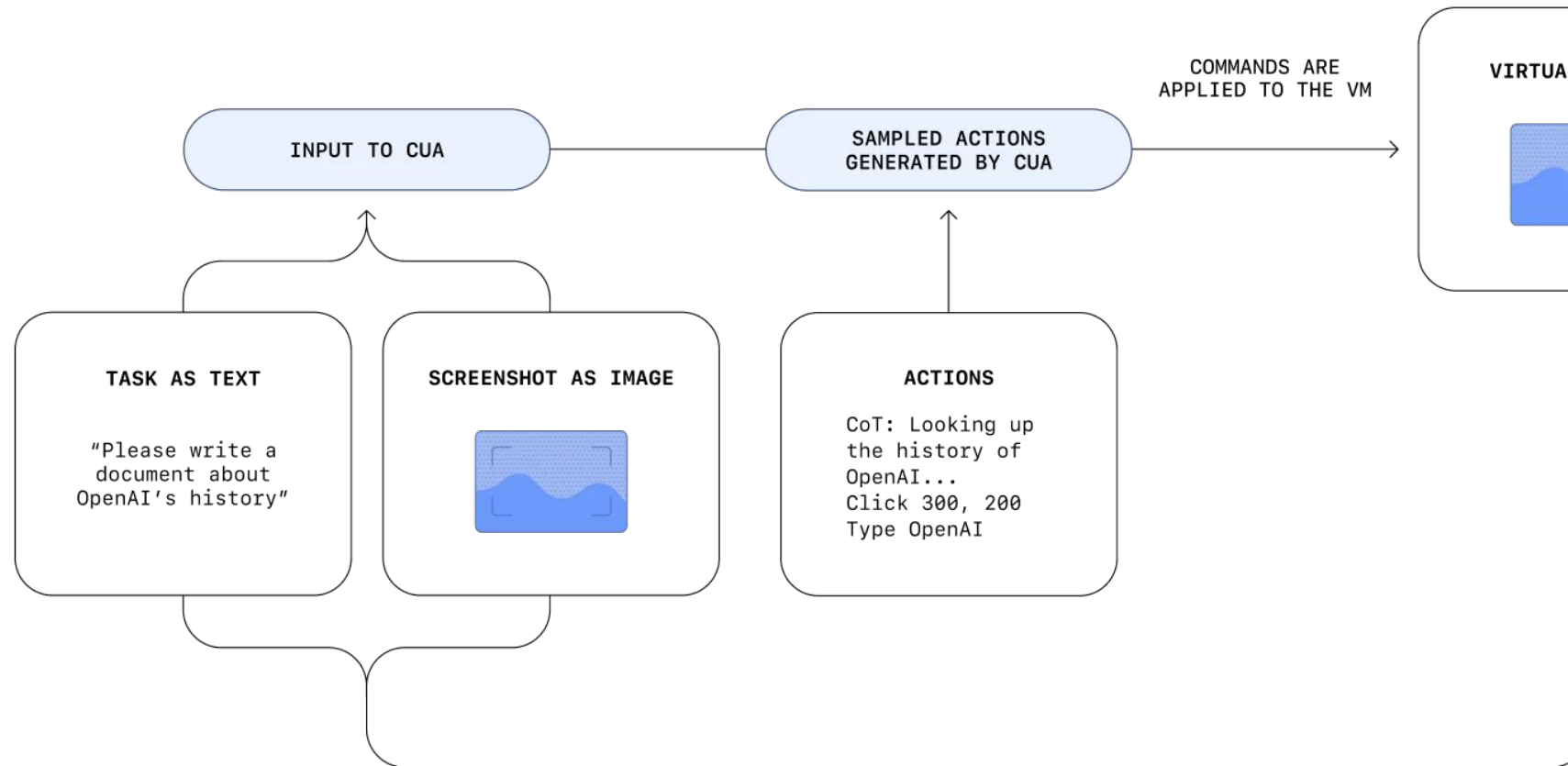


The PostgreSQL object-relational database system provides reliability and data integrity.

<https://hub.docker.com/>



# Using Docker as a Developer



Ubuntu is a Debian-based Linux operating system based on free software.

Dockerfile

```
1 FROM ubuntu:22.04
2 ENV DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive
3
4 # 1) Install Xfce, x11vnc, Xvfb, xdotool, etc., but rem
5 RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y xfce4
6
7 # 2) Add the mozillateam PPA and install Firefox ESR
8 RUN add-apt-repository ppa:mozillateam/ppa && apt-get
9
10 # 3) Create non-root user
11 RUN useradd -ms /bin/bash myuser && echo "myuser AL
12 USER myuser
13 WORKDIR /home/myuser
14
15 # 4) Set x11vnc password ("secret")
16 RUN x11vnc -storepasswd secret /home/myuser/.vncpass
17
18 # 5) Expose port 5900 and run Xvfb, x11vnc, Xfce (no lo
19 EXPOSE 5900
20 CMD ["/bin/sh", "-c", "Xvfb :99 -screen 0 1280x800x
```

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## Computer-Using Agent

Powering Operator with Computer-Using Agent, a universal interface for AI to interact with the digital world.

<https://openai.com/index/computer-using-agent/>

[https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/tools-computer-use?integration\\_cua=docker](https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/tools-computer-use?integration_cua=docker)

# Using Docker as a end user

Tons of ready-to-use applications for your NAS or home server



## Nextcloud

Productivity platform that keeps you in control



## LibrePhotos

A photo management service



## Plex

Stream Movies & TV Shows



## Home Assistant

Home automation that puts local control & privacy first



## GitLab

Software. Faster.



## Tailscale

Zero config VPN to access your Umbrel from anywhere



## Uptime Kuma

Self-hosted uptime monitoring tool



## Grafana

The open-source platform for monitoring and observability



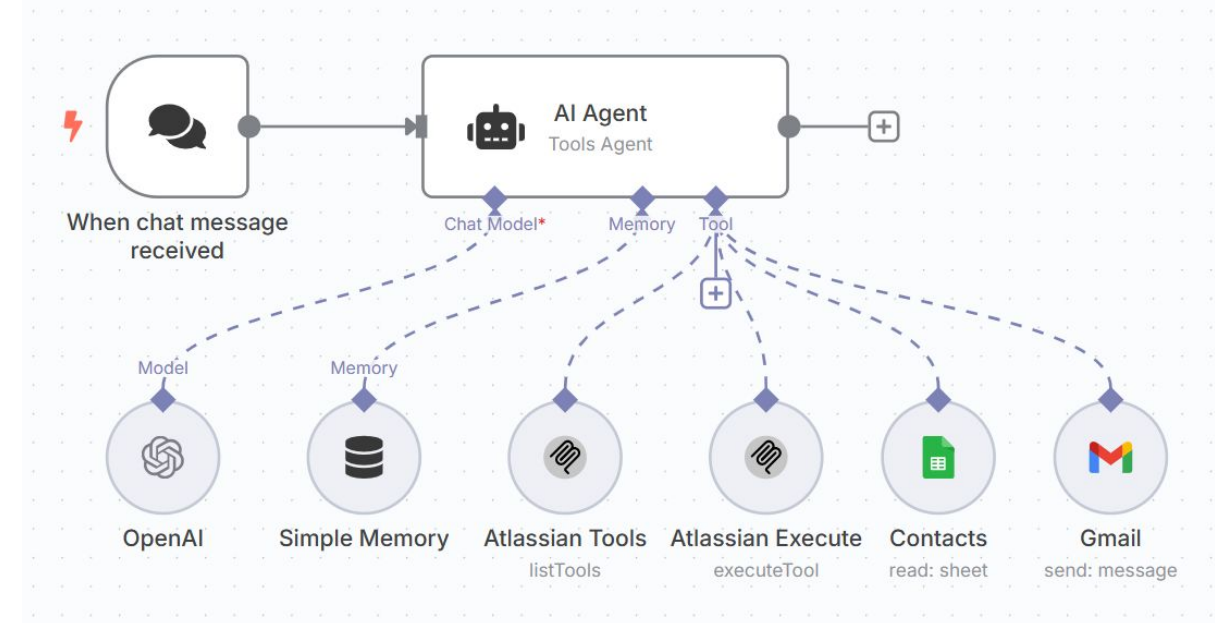
## Pi-hole

Block ads on your entire network



## Vaultwarden

Unofficial Bitwarden® compatible server



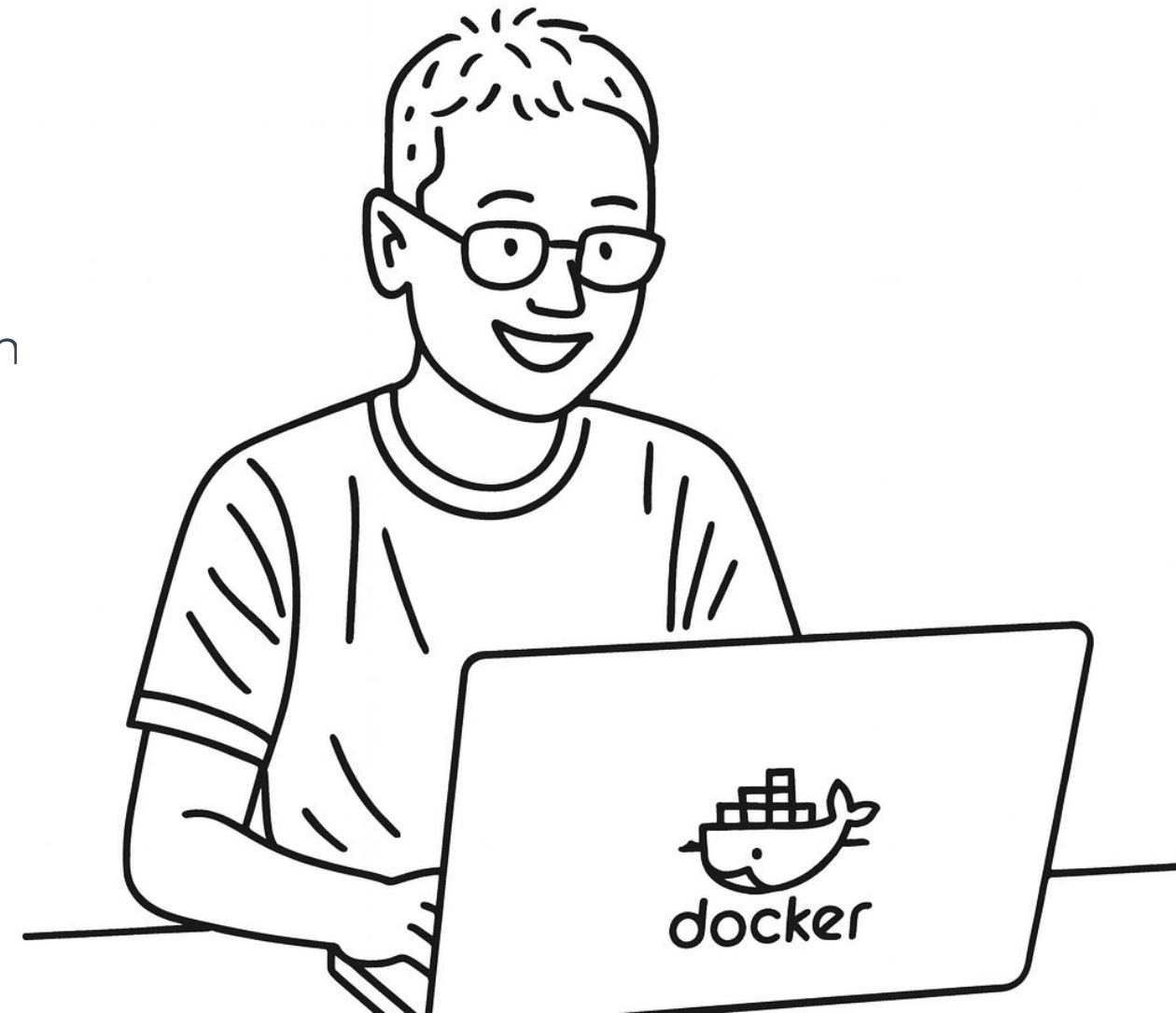
## Docker commands

```
1 docker volume create n8n_data
2
3 docker run -it --rm \
4   --name n8n \
5   -p 5678:5678 \
6   -e GENERIC_TIMEZONE="<YOUR_TIMEZONE>" \
7   -e TZ="<YOUR_TIMEZONE>" \
8   -e N8N_ENFORCE_SETTINGS_FILE_PERMISSIONS=true \
9   -e N8N_RUNNERS_ENABLED=true \
10  -v n8n_data:/home/node/.n8n \
11  docker.n8n.io/n8nio/n8n
```



# Key Takeaways

- **Docker simplifies running, sharing, and scaling app**  
No more "works on my machine" problems  
Consistent environments from development to production
- **No need for containerise most of the time**  
Simple program for own consumption
- **As a end user, you get instant access to thousands of applications**  
From media servers to AI automation and plenty more on **github**



Ready to try Docker?  
Start with `docker run hello-world`