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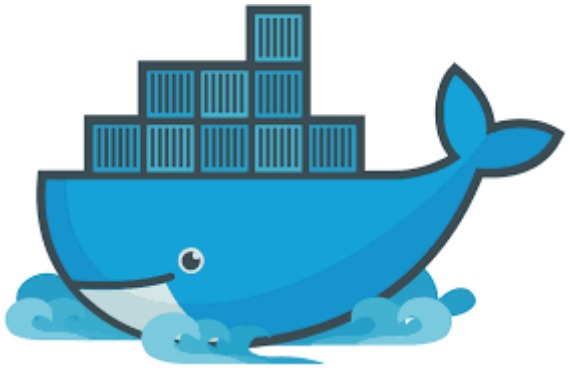


Practice 3

Docker, Containers

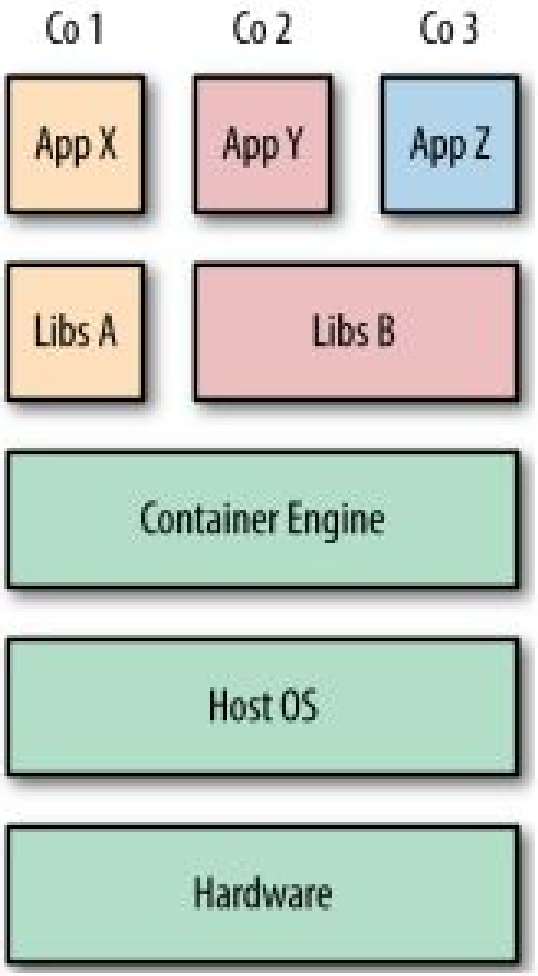
What's docker?

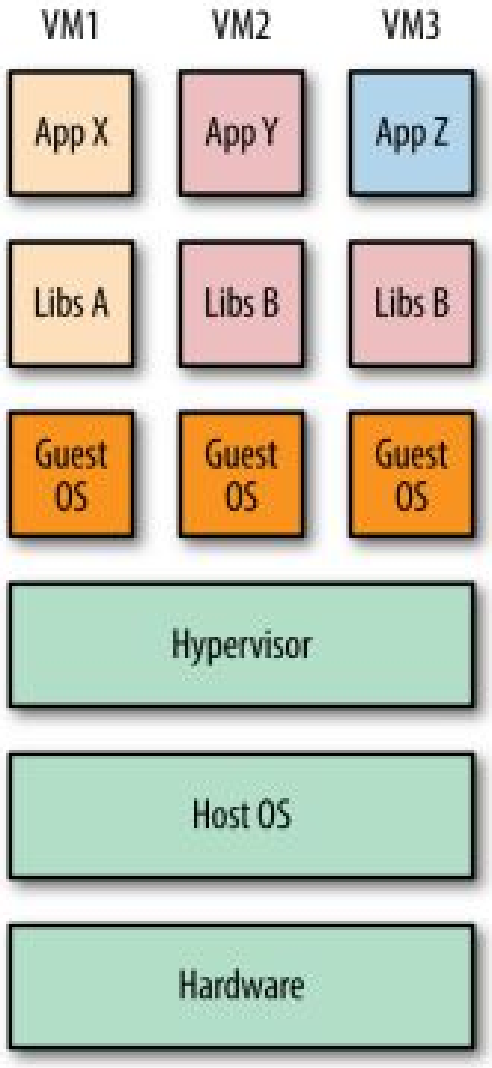
- Operating-system-level virtualization
  - An additional layer of abstraction
  - Based on Linux
- "Split up a computer into isolated containers that run your code"
- Builds these containers
- Social platform to find and share containers

What is a container?

- A self-contained isolated unit of software
- Contains everything required to run the code
- Includes:
  - Code, configs, processes, networking, dependencies, OS

Containers vs. VMs

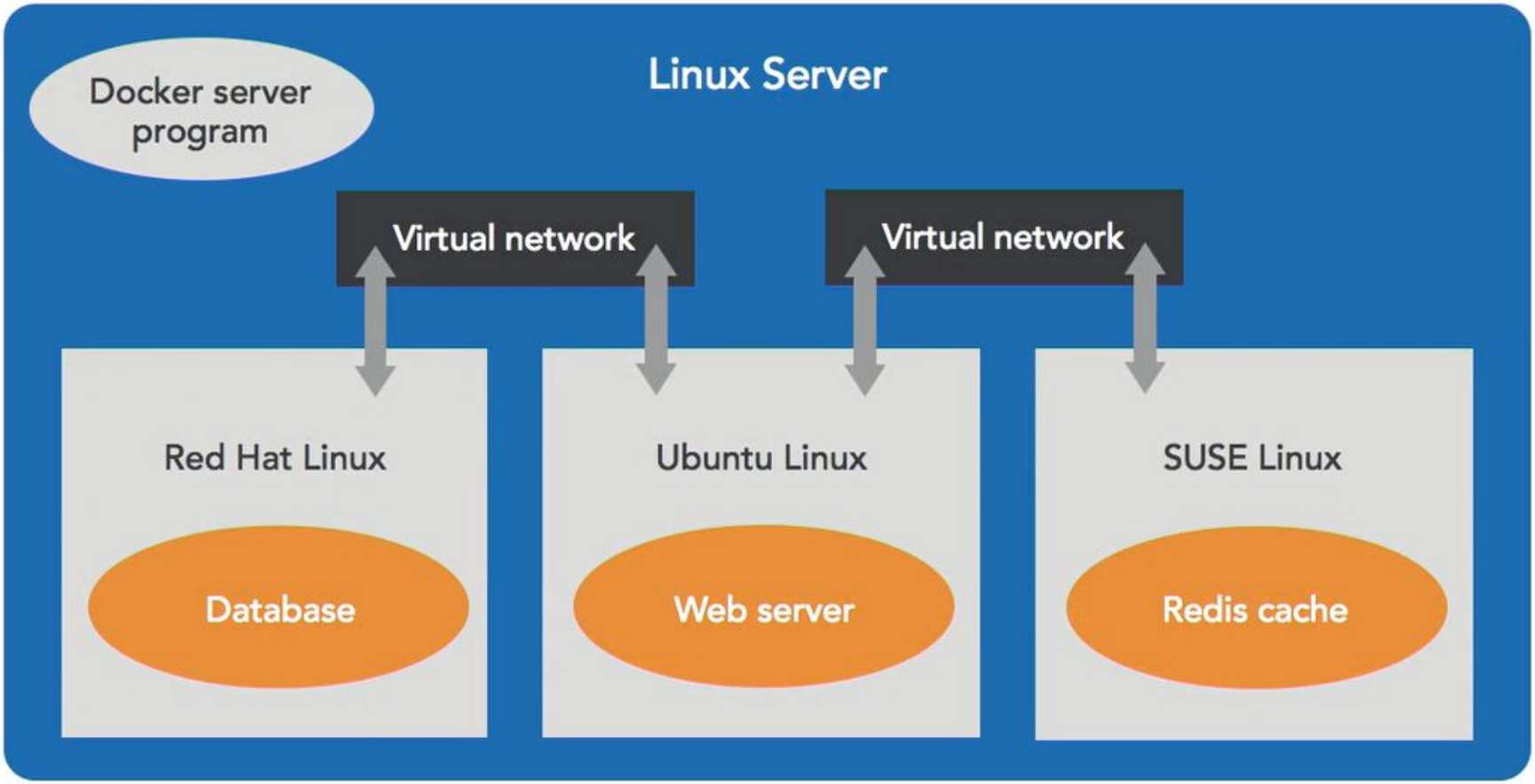




Main advantages of containers

- Can be started and stopped in a fraction of a second
- Portability
- More than one container can be run at the same time
- Run complex applications without long configuration and installing processes

How it works?


Linux Server
Docker server program
Virtual network
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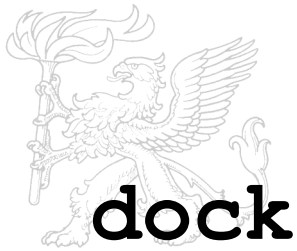
Red Hat Linux
Ubuntu Linux
SUSE Linux
Database
Web server
Redis cache

Dockerfile

- File that contains commands such as
  - Loading other images
  - Installing drivers
  - Running
- After a build it becomes a Docker image stored in your local Docker registry



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docker build -t result_name .
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How build works?

- Before running the instructions, Docker daemon performs a preliminary validation
  - Syntax errors
- Instructions will be run one-by-one
  - Result of each instruction is commited to a new image (run independently)
  - Docker daemon automatically clean up the context
  - Intermediate images are re-used (cache)

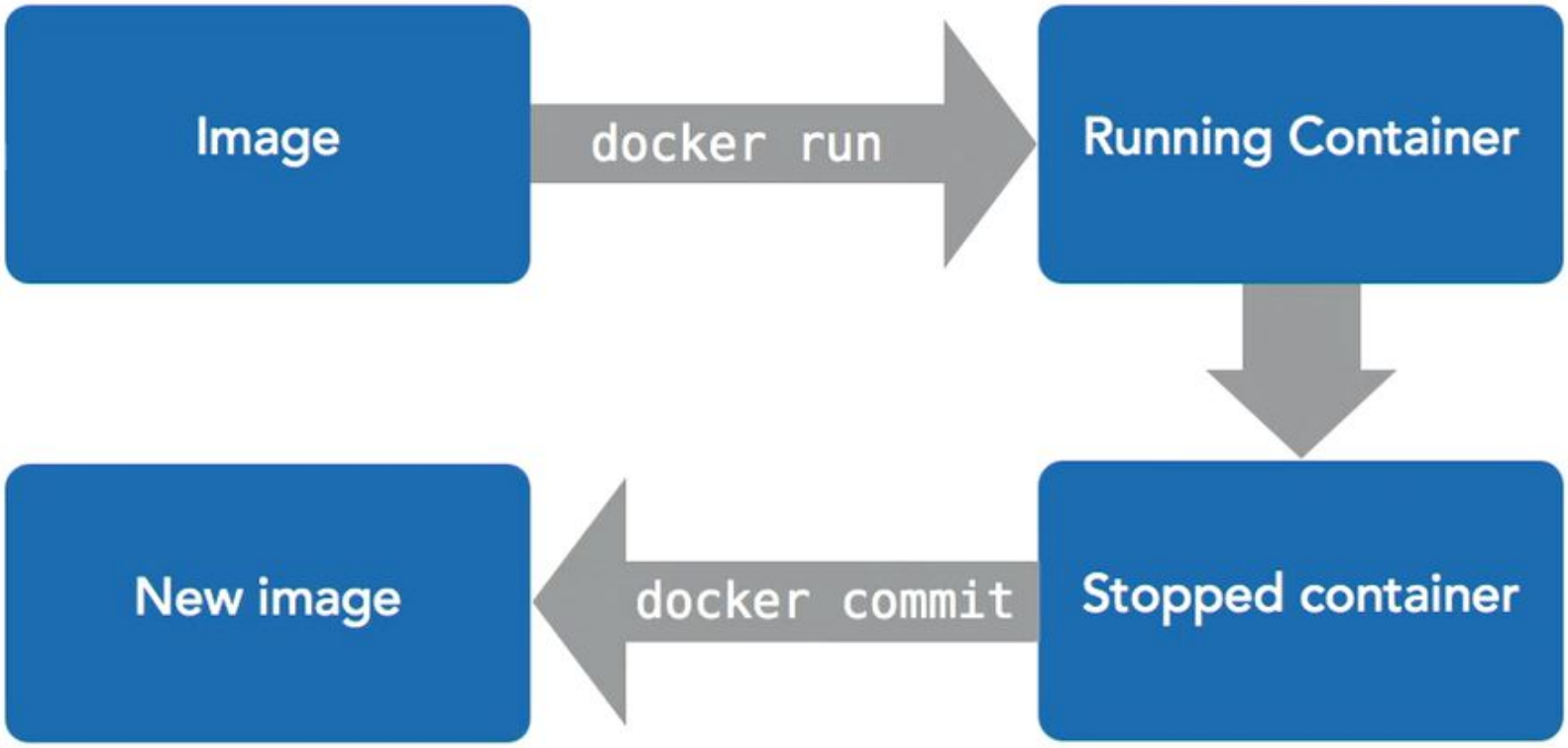
Docker image

- Filesystem and parameters to use at runtime
- It has no state and never changes
- A container is a running instance of an image

Dockerfile instructions

- FROM – getting an existing image from Docker Hub
- RUN – installation & configuration part
- CMD – running the software contained by image
- EXPOSE – indicates the ports on which a container will listen for connections
- ADD – fetch packages from remote URLs
- COPY – supports basic copying of local files into the container

Docker workflow

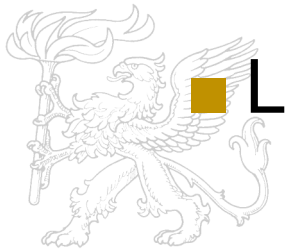


Run an image

- **`docker run [options] image_name`**
  - Options:
    - **`-d`** – run in the background
    - **`--rm`** – it gets removed after stopping the container
    - **`-p`** – specify the port that it uses
    - -t – allocating a pseudo TTY
    - -i – make it interactive
  - **`image_name`** – the name of the image file
- *Pseudo TTY: having the functions of a physical terminal without actually being one*

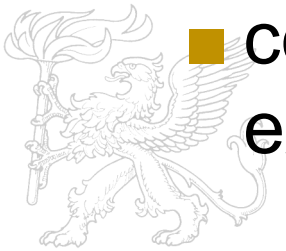
Getting list of containers/images

- `docker ps`
  - Only running containers
- `docker ps -a`
  - Containers that are running and are stopped but not removed
- `docker image ls`
  - List all the images from the Docker registry



Connect to a running container

- `docker exec [options] container_id command`
  - Options:
    - -i – interactive
    - -t – allocating a pseudo TTY
  - container_id – 12 characters long id
  - command – the command that you wan't to execute (e.g.: ls, mkdir, etc…)



Restart a stopped container

- `docker start [options] container_id`
  - Options:
    - -i – interactive
  - container_id – 12 characters long id

Killing a running container

- `docker kill [options] container_id`
  - Stops the container and removes it from the background
  - It won't be removed from the Docker registry

Deleting containers/images

- `docker rm [options] container_id`
  - Deletes a container given by ID
- `docker rmi [options] image_name`
  - Deletes an image