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Docker



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Downloading Docker Desktop

Later on in this session, we will be using software called Docker Desktop which can be downloaded on Windows, Mac and Linux here: <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/>

Downloading
docker via CLI:
<https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/>

Docker Desktop

The #1 containerization software for developers and teams

Your command center for innovative container development

Create an account Download for Windows

Commercial use of Docker Desktop at a company of more than **250 employees** OR more than **\$10 million** in annual revenue requires a paid subscription (Pro, Team, or Business).

Hover over the arrow for OS options



What is docker

- Docker is a containerisation platform that packages an application and its dependencies together inside of a container.
- Docker enables you to separate applications from infrastructure to increase the efficiency of delivering software.
- A container provides a self-contained environment for running applications and software.
- Containers are isolated from one another and underlying infrastructure so they can run in any environment.
- Containers are alternatives to using virtual machines as it uses fewer resources and the host's OS.



Why you should use docker

- Provides portability across different machines as you can deploy containers to any other machine that runs Docker
- More efficient than virtual machines as they do not contain an OS
- Development process of applications and software is more fluid
- Docker containers allow for faster delivery of software updates and rollbacks
- Can also repair applications without completely taking it down
- Containers provide an isolated environment so all required resources self contained to prevent disturbing or depending on another container
- Easy to install and use

Companies that use docker:

- Paypal
- Adobe



Where you can use docker

You can use Docker on any machine that can run docker for a range of things such as:

- Software prototyping and packaging
- Network modelling
- Continuous integration and delivery
- Running multiple containers on the same machine
- Databases (you can keep data by binding Docker to a volume which will be discussed later)
- Early application development
- Pre-deployment testing



Docker desktop

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The screenshot shows the Docker Desktop application window. The title bar includes the Docker logo, the text 'docker desktop', a search bar with 'hello', a 'Ctrl+K' shortcut, and standard window controls. The main interface is dark-themed and divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains navigation options: Containers, Images, Volumes, Builds (marked 'NEW'), Dev Environments (marked 'BETA'), and Docker Scout. Below this is an 'Extensions' section with an 'Add Extensions' button. The main content area is titled 'Containers' and features a search bar. Below the title, there are three blurred container cards. A large heading reads 'Your running containers show up here' with a subtext 'A container is an isolated environment for your code'. Below this, there are two learning cards: 'What is a container?' (5 mins) and 'How do I run a container?' (6 mins). The latter includes a code snippet:

```
1 FROM node
2 RUN mkdir -p
3 WORKDIR /app
4 COPY packa
```

. A 'View more in the Learning center' link is positioned below the cards. The bottom status bar shows 'Engine running', system resources (RAM 3.96 GB, CPU 0.00%), 'Not signed in', and the version 'v4.27.2'.

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Docker Command Line

Benefits of using Docker CLI:

- Full control of containers
- Allows for more in-depth customisation of configuration for containers/images
- Allows users to automate container management tasks
- Easier to integrate with automation tools
- Manage Docker containers from your IDE of choice
- Has third party add-ons such as Fig.io

Disadvantages:

- Potential for security risks if not used properly
- Can be harder to debug
- Limited visual feedback for applications that need it

We will show
certain CLI
commands like
this



hello-world

For CLI:
sudo docker run
hello-world

The hello world container

```
Hello from Docker!  
This message shows that your installation appears to be working.  
  
To generate this message, Docker took the following steps:  
1. The Docker client contacted the Docker daemon.  
2. The Docker daemon pulled the "hello-world" image from the Docker Hub.  
   (amd64)  
3. The Docker daemon created a new container from that image which runs the
```

STATUS




Exited (0) (2 minutes ago)



Search
hello
Image /

Search

☰ Only show running containers

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Image	Status	CPU (%)	Port(s)	Last started	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	nifty_pike e2e37872ed8	hello-world:latest	Exited	N/A		5 seconds ago	  

<https://docs.docker.com/get-started/>



Pulling and Registries and Caches

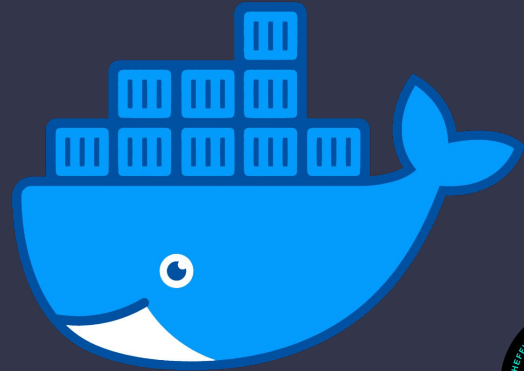
```
docker login [DOCKER-REGISTRY-SERVER] -u <username> [-p <password>]
```

Pulling Images

- Images for containers can be large (those doing the IoT module will know)
- Images are pulled from a hub/registry and cached on the device
 - Many images are based of others which saves time if already downloaded
- Docker hub is main one for docker but you can host private hubs
 - Hubs and caches require configuration and upkeep



Pull image from
Docker Hub



Layers (CLI)

```
^ _ ~
> docker run -it -v ./data:/data -p 25565:25565 -e EULA=true --name mc_server cmunroe/bukkit
[sudo] password for mole:
Unable to find image 'cmunroe/bukkit:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from cmunroe/bukkit
a0d0a0d46f8b: Pull complete
e525bb879f44: Pull complete
1ec233646df6: Downloading [=====>] 28.4MB/205.6MB
dc22545204b5: Download complete
bb1b21891310: Downloading [=====>] 17.77MB/40.66MB
5137b0e4eff1: Download complete
f25baad65625: Waiting
08f73d564fd0: Waiting
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /spreadlayers: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /stop: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /stopsound: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /summon: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /tag: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /team: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /teammsg: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /teleport: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /tell: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /tellraw: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /time: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /timings: Records timings for all plugin events
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /title: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /tm: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /tp: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /trigger: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /version: Gets the version of this server including any plugins in use
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /w: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /weather: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /whitelist: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /worldborder: A Mojang provided command.
[15:34:13] [Server thread/INFO]: /xp: A Mojang provided command.
>
```



Layers and SBOM (Desktop)

Image hierarchy

↳	FROM	debian:stable-20240110-slim, stable-slim	🚫
	ALL	thetorproject/obfs4-bridge:latest	🚫

Layers (20)

↳	0	ADD file:dcc47a5c4d594eaa06a82b7a8e34530fe...	74.77 MB	🚫
↳	1	CMD ["bash"]	0 B	✅
↳	2	LABEL maintainer=Philipp Winter <phw@torproje...	0 B	✅
↳	3	RUN /bin/sh -c apt-get update && apt-get install -...	38.78 MB	⚠️
↳	4	RUN /bin/sh -c curl https://deb.torproject.org/tor...	37.28 KB	✅
↳	5	RUN /bin/sh -c gpg --export A3C4F0F979CAA22C...	34.77 KB	✅
↳	6	RUN /bin/sh -c printf "deb https://deb.torproject.o...	60 B	✅
↳	7	RUN /bin/sh -c apt-get update && apt-get install -...	16.46 MB	⚠️
↳	8	RUN /bin/sh -c printf "deb http://deb.debian.org/...	57 B	✅
↳	9	RUN /bin/sh -c apt-get update && apt-get install -...	6.93 MB	✅

Images (2)

Vulnerabilities (29)

Packages (178)

[Give feedback](#) 🗨️

🔍 Package or CVE name



Fixable packages

Reset filters

Package	Vulnerabilities
> debian/gnutls28 3.7.9-2+deb12u1	1 H 0 M 1 L
> debian/systemd 252.19-1~deb12u1	0 H 1 M 0 L
> debian/openldap 2.5.13+dfsg-5	0 H 0 M 4 L
> debian/tor 0.4.8.10-1~d12.bookworm+1	0 H 0 M 3 L
> debian/glibc 2.36-9+deb12u3	0 H 0 M 3 L
> debian/shadow 1:4.13+dfsg1-1	0 H 0 M 2 L
> debian/perl 5.36.0-7+deb12u1	0 H 0 M 2 L
> debian/cpanel 2.0.11-1~deb12u3	0 H 0 M 2 L

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Pulling and Registries and Caches

Caches

- You might not want to host a private hub (public image but slow speeds)
- Cache keeps a local copy of requested images
 - Image requested from cache
 - If not kept requested from hub and stored
 - Image sent to user



Docker compose

- YAML file
- Allows for creation of many resources at once: containers, volumes, networks etc.
- Compared to long command, easier to:
 - Create
 - Understand
 - Execute

`sudo docker-compose up -d [NAME]`

```
version: "3.4"
services:
  obfs4-bridge:
    image: thetorproject/obfs4-bridge:latest
    networks:
      - obfs4_bridge_external_network
    environment:
      # Exit with an error message if OR_PORT is unset or empty.
      - OR_PORT=${OR_PORT:?Env var OR_PORT is not set.}
      # Exit with an error message if PT_PORT is unset or empty.
      - PT_PORT=${PT_PORT:?Env var PT_PORT is not set.}
      # Exit with an error message if EMAIL is unset or empty.
      - EMAIL=${EMAIL:?Env var EMAIL is not set.}
      # Nickname with default value: "DockerObfs4Bridge"
      - NICKNAME=${NICKNAME:-DockerObfs4Bridge}
    env_file:
      - .env
    volumes:
      - data:/var/lib/tor
    ports:
      - ${OR_PORT}:${OR_PORT}
      - ${PT_PORT}:${PT_PORT}
    restart: unless-stopped

volumes:
  data:
    name: tor-datadir-${OR_PORT}-${PT_PORT}

networks:
  obfs4_bridge_external_network:
```

Storage

Container file system works like normal computer - this is lost when container is removed

For permanent storage:

- Bindings: Folder in container synced to folder in host system
 - Like a shared folder in a VM
 - Easy to access files in host system (manually or other software)
- Volumes: Storage area/drive only for docker
 - Bit like a USB drive
 - Can be shared between containers
 - Slightly better performance



Dockerfile

```
1 FROM ubuntu:latest
2
3 RUN apt-get update \
4     && DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive apt-get install -qq -y python3 sqlite3 python3-pip
5
6 COPY app/ /var/www/html
7 RUN chown -R www-data:www-data /var/www/html
8
9 WORKDIR /var/www/html
10
11 #install requirements as root
12 RUN python3 -m pip install -r requirements.txt
13
14 USER www-data
15
16 #run flask
17 EXPOSE 5000
18
19 #best practice is to have this as non-readable but doing this as quick fix
20 RUN chmod +x /var/www/html/entrypoint.sh
21
22 ENTRYPOINT ./entrypoint.sh
```

The **Dockerfile** is the centerpiece of Docker, it is one of the scripts that tells the Docker daemon how to construct our containers.

Docker uses a combination of its own syntax and also bash to setup the environment.

- **FROM** - Specify the base image to use, e.g. ubuntu or flask
- **COPY** - Copy files from the host to the container
- **RUN** - runs a command as a user, by default it runs as root in bash
- **WORKDIR** - Specify the working directory
- **USER** - Specify the user to change to
- **ENV** - Set an environment variable
- **EXPOSE** - Allow a port to be connected to
- **ENTRYPOINT** - The script to run once the container has started

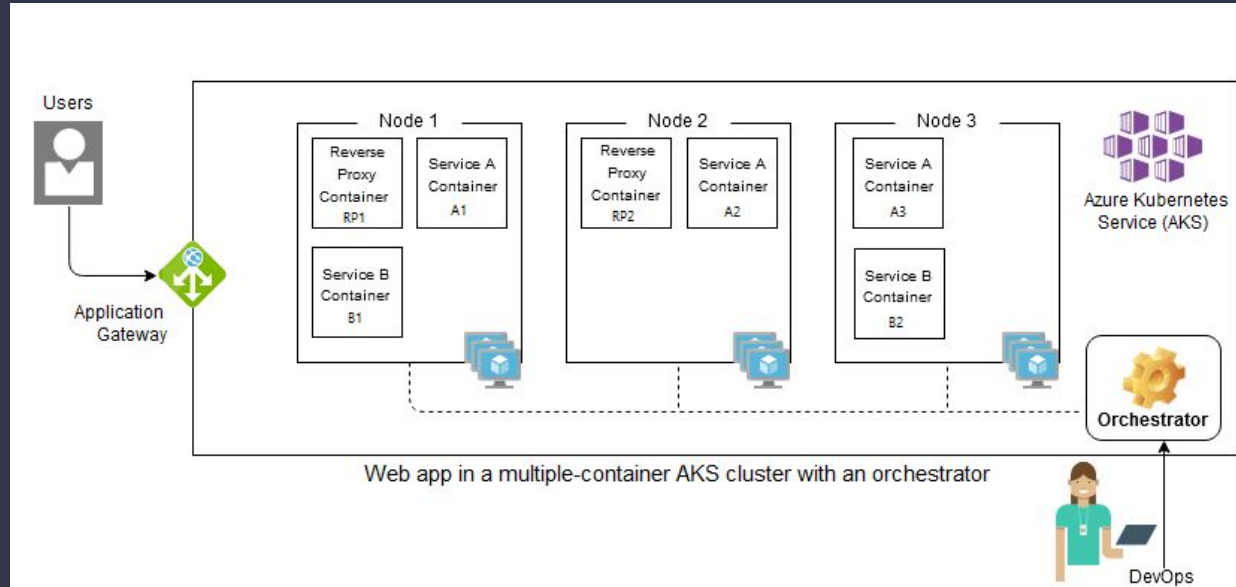


Orchestration

- Scaling
- Load balancing
- Failures/portability
- Secure communication
- Easy deployment including across environments

Kubernetes is an open source container orchestration tool.

Works on containers being microservices where they do a very specialised role.



Security

Update and give minimum permissions.

Misconfiguration:

- Ports/Networking - access to network potentially including the host, other containers and other devices
- Volumes - shared storage with other containers
- Bindings - shared storage with host

Breaking the container - (next slide)

You may also be able to find [dockerfile](#) or [docker-compose.yml](#) files that leak credentials

Docker uses the hosts kernel so if there is a vulnerability in that then the host will be accessible



Vulnerabilities

You can find best practices here: https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Docker_Security_Cheat_Sheet.html

If you are a member of the `docker` group, then you can easily gain root by exploiting the volumes ability to mount the host operating system to a container.

If the docker socket (`find / -name docker.sock 2>/dev/null`) is mounted inside the container you can use it to escape.

Running a docker container with `--privileged` can allow the container to interact with host ports, capabilities and overall lead to code execution on the host as root.

And more...

Articles: CVE-2019-5736 (<https://unit42.paloaltonetworks.com/breaking-docker-via-runc-explaining-cve-2019-5736/>), Privileged Flag Exploit Example (<https://0xdf.gitlab.io/2021/05/15/htb-ready.html#shell-as-root-host>), CVE-2019-5736 Example (<https://0xdf.gitlab.io/2021/07/31/htb-thenotebook.html#shell-as-root>), <https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-unix/privilege-escalation/docker-breakout/docker-breakout-privilege-escalation>



Practical

- (If not completed) Install docker and run hello-world
- Run a more interesting container:
 - itzg/minecraft-server
 - wordpress
 - httpd
 - Find one that interests you...
- Create your own Dockerfile

Ask us for any help or questions you may have.

Be careful what you host. Ask peoples permission before connecting to things.



Connecting to other people's containers

If you are testing a networked service like a game server, you should be able to connect to other people's machines.

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To get your IP address use a website online the university gives you a public IP address (no 192.168.X.X) or type in ipconfig into the terminal and find the number 143.X.X.X



Upcoming Sessions

What's up next?

www.shefesh.com/sessions
shefcompsoc.uk/events/

SESH Sessions:

11th March - ??? (Echo)

18th March - Being a penetration tester (Pen Test Partners)

??? - Capture the Flag Competition

CompSoc Sessions:

13th March - IBM MQ Workshop

20th March - GridMix Workshop

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