

Container-Virtualization within the Space Industry

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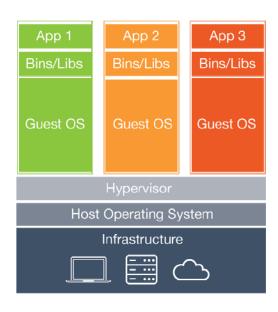
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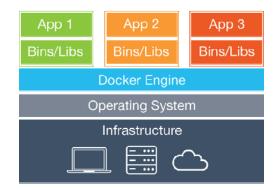


Containers vs. Virtual Machines

Virtual Machine



Container



Benefits

- Efficient resource usage
- Portable
- Simplified automated scaling



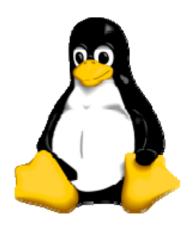


What can run inside a container?

- Originally only Linux applications,
- But others are catching up (e.g. Microsoft)

Most starred images from docker hub

Rank	Repository	Stars
1	ubuntu	2,007
2	centos	1,164
3	nginx	1,163
4	redis	957
5	node	891
6	postgres	889
7	mysql	885
8	mongo	796
9	debian	573
10	jenkins	508



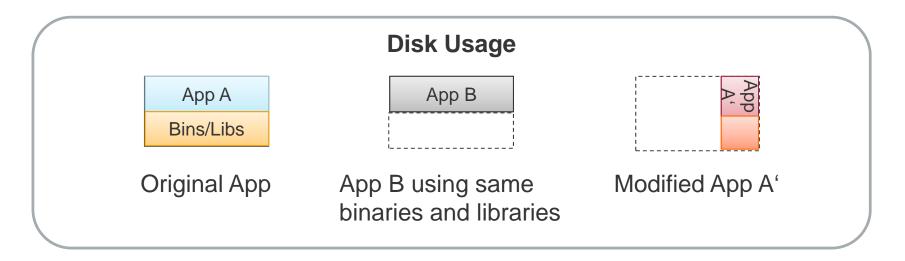


Efficiency

Memory / CPU Consumption

All containers on a host share the same kernel.

- Little overhead in terms of memory and CPU consumption.
- Containers do not allocate more memory or CPU than required.
- Fast starting of containers (almost instantaneous).







Portability

Off-premise / public cloud



Bare metal

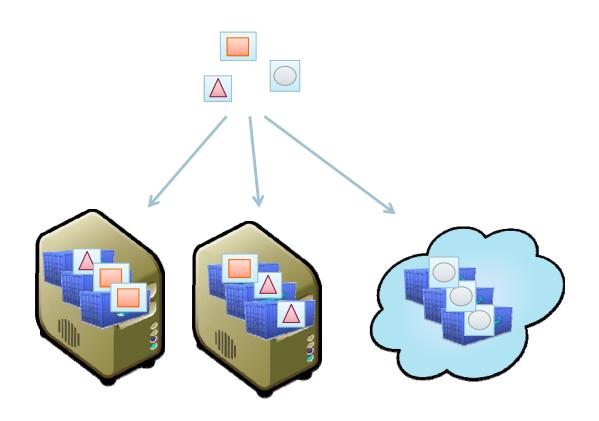


On-premise / private cloud





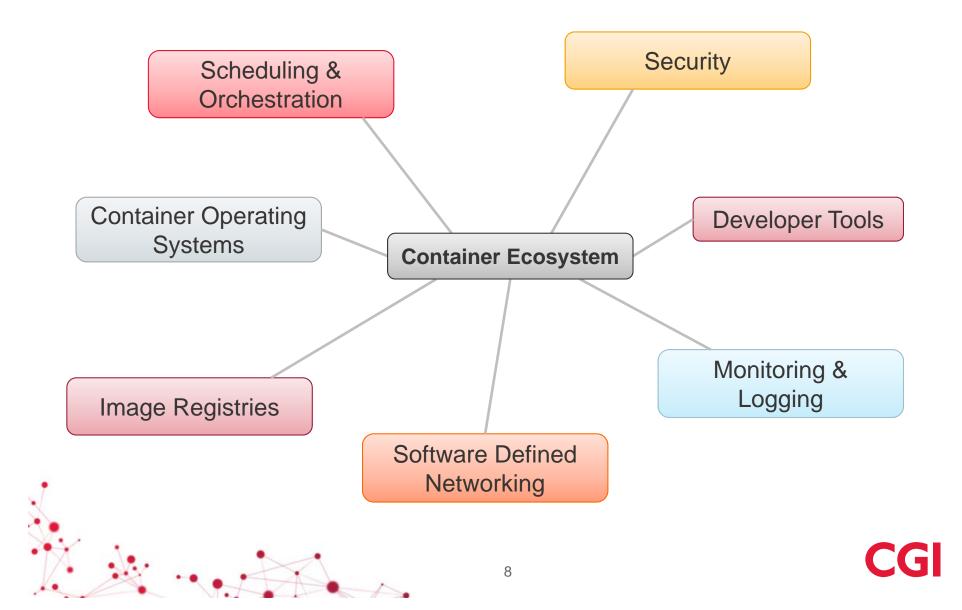
Scaling using containers







Tool Support



Container Usage in Development

IDPF

Processing infrastructure for EUMETSAT's Meteosat Third Generation Ground Segment Level 1 data facility

Receives high volume raw instrument data

 Performs spectral, radiometric and geometric calibrations and corrections.

Scheduling over a cluster of nodes





Container Usage in Development

Single Docker host running

- IDPF server container
- Multiple IDPF processing containers

Docker host can be



Developer workstation



Virtual machine







Benefits of Containers in Development Phase

Portability:

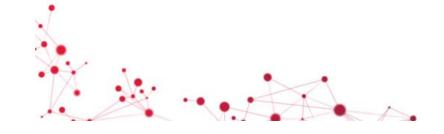
To run the test system, only a Docker engine is needed

Scalability:

- Due to autoscaling, only necessary amount of resources is used
- Inactive nodes are automatically removed freeing memory, CPU, and storage resources

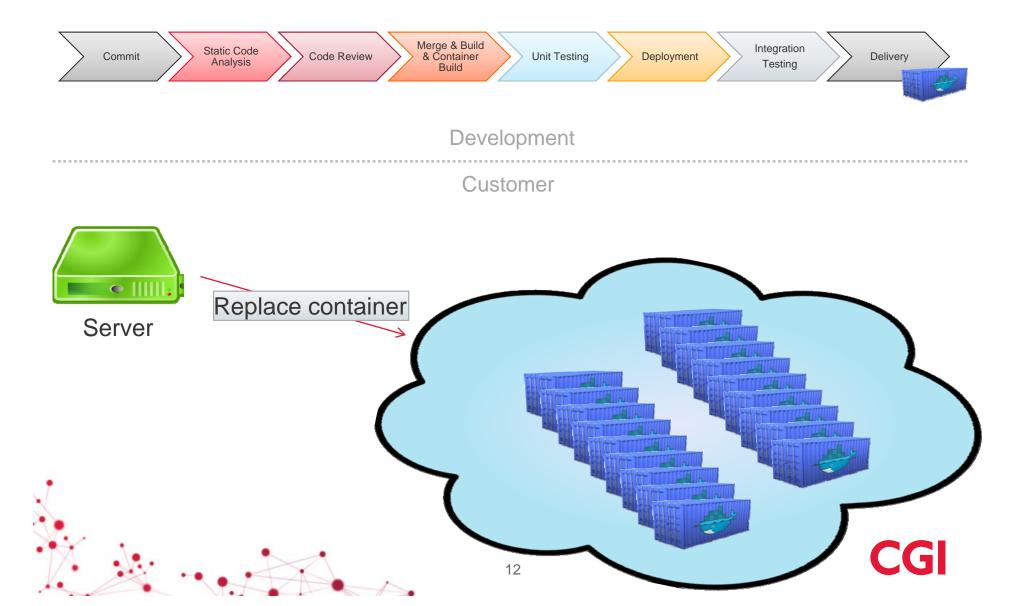
Efficiency:

- Reduced disk, memory, and CPU consumption during testing
- Increased automated test coverage by allowing usage of distributed test scenarios during nightly automated testing





Benefits of Containers in Production



Summary

- Containers are efficient, portable, and scalable.
 - Reduced operating costs
 - Increased flexibility
- Container technology complements virtualization.
- Particularly suited for container deployment:
 - Systems with loose coupling between components.
 - Systems that require the scheduling and scaling of tasks.







Thank you.

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