


# TCSS 462/562: (SOFTWARE ENGINEERING FOR) CLOUD COMPUTING

## Containerization

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## OFFICE HOURS – FALL 2024

- **THIS WEEK**
- **Tuesday:**
  - 2:30 to 3:30 pm - CP 229
- **Friday \*:**
  - 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm –via Zoom\*
- **Or email for appointment**

> *Office Hours set based on Student Demographics survey feedback*

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## ONLINE DAILY FEEDBACK SURVEY

- Daily Feedback Quiz in Canvas - Take After Each Class
- Extra Credit for completing

- Announcements
- Assignments**
- Discussions
- Zoom
- Grades
- People
- Pages
- Files
- Quizzes
- Collaborations
- UW Libraries
- UW Resources

▼ Upcoming Assignments

- 📄 **Class Activity 1 - Implicit vs. Explicit Parallelism**  
Available until Oct 11 at 11:59pm | Due Oct 7 at 7:50pm | -/10 pts
- 📄 **Tutorial 1 - Linux**  
Available until Oct 19 at 11:59pm | Due Oct 15 at 11:59pm | -/20 pts

▼ Past Assignments

- 📄 **TCSS 562 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 10/5**  
Available until Dec 18 at 11:59pm | Due Oct 6 at 8:59pm | -/1 pts
- 📄 **TCSS 562 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 9/30**  
Available until Dec 18 at 11:59pm | Due Oct 4 at 8:59pm | -/1 pts

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TCSS 562 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 10/5  
Started: Oct 7 at 1:13am  
Quiz Instructions

Question 1 0.5 pts

On a scale of 1 to 10, please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Mostly Review To Me Equal New and Review Mostly New to Me

Question 2 0.5 pts

Please rate the pace of today's class:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Slow Just Right Fast

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## MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (**42** respondents):
  - 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
  - **Average - 5.31** (↓ - *previous 5.60*)
- Please rate the pace of today's class:
  - 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
  - **Average - 5.10** (↓ - *previous 5.42*)
- **Response rates:**
  - TCSS 462: 28/42 - 66.6%
  - TCSS 562: 14/20 - 70.0%

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## FEEDBACK FROM 11/14

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## FEEDBACK FROM 11/16

- **Why is it advantageous for containers to be run on top of VMs?**
  
- **Why is it advantageous for containers to be run on top of bare metal?**

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## AWS CLOUD CREDITS UPDATE

- AWS CLOUD CREDITS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR TCSS 462/562
- Credits provided on request
- Credit codes must be securely exchanged
- Request codes by sending an email with the subject "AWS CREDIT REQUEST" to [wllloyd@uw.edu](mailto:wllloyd@uw.edu)
- Codes can also be obtained in person (or zoom), in the class, during the breaks, after class, during office hours, by appt
  - 57 credit requests fulfilled as of Nov 18 @ 11:59p
- Codes not provided using discord


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## Don't Forget to Terminate (Shutdown) all EC2 instances for Tutorials 3 & 7

Tutorial 3 spot instance:  
c5d.large instance @ ~3.2 cents / hour

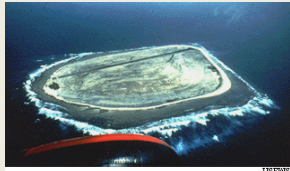
**\$0.78 / day**  
**\$5.48 / week**  
**\$23.78 / month**  
**\$285.42 / year**

AWS CREDITS → → → → → → → → 

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## TUTORIAL SUBMISSION TIME

- Tutorials can now be submitted on the due date until the very last minute of the day **Anywhere-on-Earth (AOE)**
  - **Equivalent to 4:59 AM Pacific Standard Time (PST)**
- Anywhere-on-Earth timezone: **Baker Island, Pacific Ocean**
- <https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zones/aoe>
- Uninhabited island in Pacific Ocean
- Coordinates                    0° 11' 45" N 176° 28' 45" W
- Area                                2.1 km<sup>2</sup> (0.81 sq mi)
- Length                            1.81 km (1.125 mi)
- Width                             1.13 km (0.702 mi)
- Coastline                        4.8 km (2.98 mi)
- Highest elevation            8 m (26 ft)
- Population                       0 (2000)



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## TUTORIAL 5 – DUE NOV 14, LATE SUBMISSIONS UNTIL NOV 19

- Introduction to Lambda II: Working with Files in S3 and CloudWatch Events
- [https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462\\_562\\_f2024\\_tutorial\\_5.pdf](https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2024_tutorial_5.pdf)
- Customize the Request object (add getters/setters)
  - Why do this instead of HashMap ?
- Import dependencies (jar files) into project for AWS S3
- Create an S3 Bucket
- Give your Lambda function(s) permission to work with S3
- Write to the CloudWatch logs
- Use of CloudTrail to generate S3 events
- Creating CloudWatch rule to capture events from CloudTrail
- Have the CloudWatch rule trigger a target Lambda function with a static JSON input object (hard-coded filename)
- **Optional:** for the S3 PutObject event, dynamically extract the name of the file put to the S3 bucket for processing

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## TUTORIAL 6 – NOV 23

- Introduction to Lambda III: Serverless Databases
- [https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462\\_562\\_f2024\\_tutorial\\_6.pdf](https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2024_tutorial_6.pdf)
- Create and use Sqlite databases using sqlite3 tool
- Deploy Lambda function with Sqlite3 database under /tmp
- Compare in-memory vs. file-based Sqlite DBs on Lambda
- Create an Amazon Aurora “Serverless” v2 MySQL database
- Using an ec2 instance in the same VPC (Region + availability zone) connect and interact with the database using the mysql CLI app
- Deploy an AWS Lambda function that uses the MySQL “serverless” database

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## TUTORIAL 7 – DEC 1

- Introduction to Docker
- [https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462\\_562\\_f2024\\_tutorial\\_7.pdf](https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2024_tutorial_7.pdf)
- Complete tutorial using Ubuntu 24.04 (for cgroups v2)
- Complete using **c6i.large ec2 instance** (for consistency)
- Use DOCX file for copying and pasting Docker install commands
- Topics:
  - Installing Docker
  - Creating a container using a Dockerfile
  - Using cgroups virtual filesystem to monitor CPU utilization of a container
  - Persisting container images to Docker Hub image repository
  - Container vertical scaling of CPU/memory resources
  - Testing container CPU and memory isolation

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## GROUP PRESENTATIONS

- **TWO OPTIONS:**
- **Cloud technology presentation**
- **Cloud research paper presentation**
  - Recent & suggested papers will be posted at:  
<http://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/papers/>
- **Presentation dates:**
  - Tuesday November 26
  - Tuesday December 3, Thursday December 5
- **Peer Reviews**
  - Word DOCX form will be provided, fill out, submit PDF on Canvas
  - Feedback shared with groups
  - TCSS 462: submit 4 total peer reviews in lieu of a group presentation

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## GROUP PRESENTATIONS

- **9 Presentation Teams**
- **3 Cloud Technology Talks**
- **6 Cloud Research Paper Presentations**
- **2 one-person teams**
- **4 two-person teams**
- **3 three-person teams**
  
- **Thank you for the submissions**

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## PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

- **<Tuesday November 26>**
  1. Soumith Kondubhotla, Siva Srinivasa Aditya, Sri Mylavarapu  
Research paper: ***Sandboxing Functions for Efficient and Secure Multi-tenant Serverless Deployments***
  2. Mingzhi Ma, Derry Cheng, Aaron Chen  
Research paper: ***Serverless? RISC more!***
  3. Ishwarya Narayana Subramanian, Thanvi Yadav Sirla  
Cloud Technology: ***Azure Kubernetes Service***
  4. Steven Golob  
Research paper: ***Tiny Autoscalers for Tiny Workloads: Dynamic CPU Allocation for Serverless Functions***
- **<Tuesday December 3>**
  1. Andrew Nguyen, Pavel Braginskiy  
Cloud Technology: ***AWS Amplify***

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- **<Thursday December 5>**
  1. Viktoria Dolojan and Carla Peterson  
Research paper: ***FootPrinter: Quantifying Data Center Carbon Footprint***
  2. Andrew Jang, Shrey Srivastava, Naga  
Cloud Technology: ***SageMaker: training configurations***
  3. Roark Zhang  
Research paper: ***Process-as-a-Service: Unifying Elastic and Stateful Clouds with Serverless Processes***
  4. Sanya Sinha, Jackson Davis  
Research paper: ***Goldfish: Serverless Actors with Short-Term Memory State for the Edge-Cloud Continuum***

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## TUTORIAL 8 - TO BE POSTED

- Introduction to AWS Step Functions and Amazon Simple Queue Service (SQS)
- Not Required, available for extra credit (scored out of 0)
  - adds points to overall tutorials score
- **Tasks**
  - Adapt Caesar Cipher Lambda functions for use with AWS Step Functions
  - Create AWS Step Functions State Machine
  - Create a BASH client to invoke the AWS Step Function
  - Create Simple Queue Service Queue for messages
  - Add message to SQS queue from AWS Lambda function
  - Modify AWS Step Function Bash client script to retrieve AWS Step Function result from SQS queue

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# CONTAINERIZATION

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## MOTIVATION FOR CONTAINERIZATION

- Containers provide “light-weight” alternative to full OS virtualization provided by a VM hypervisor
- Containers do not provide a full “machine”
- Instead they use operating system constructs to provide “sand boxes” for execution
  - Linux cgroups, namespaces, etc.
- Containers can run on bare metal, or atop of VMs

**Containers**

**Hypervisor/VM**

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## CONTAINER PERFORMANCE – LU FACTORIZATION PERFORMANCE

- Solve linear equations – matrix algebra

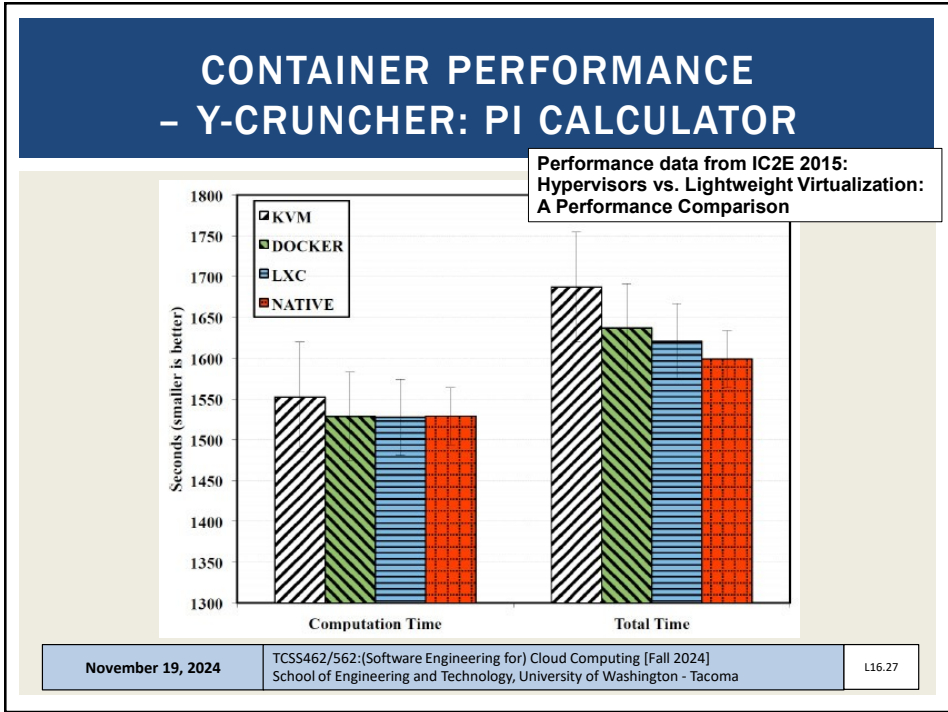
**Performance data from IC2E 2015:  
Hypervisors vs. Lightweight Virtualization:  
A Performance Comparison**

Platform	MFlops (approx.)
KVM	524.5
DOCKER	527.5
LXC	527.0
NATIVE	525.5
OSV	521.5

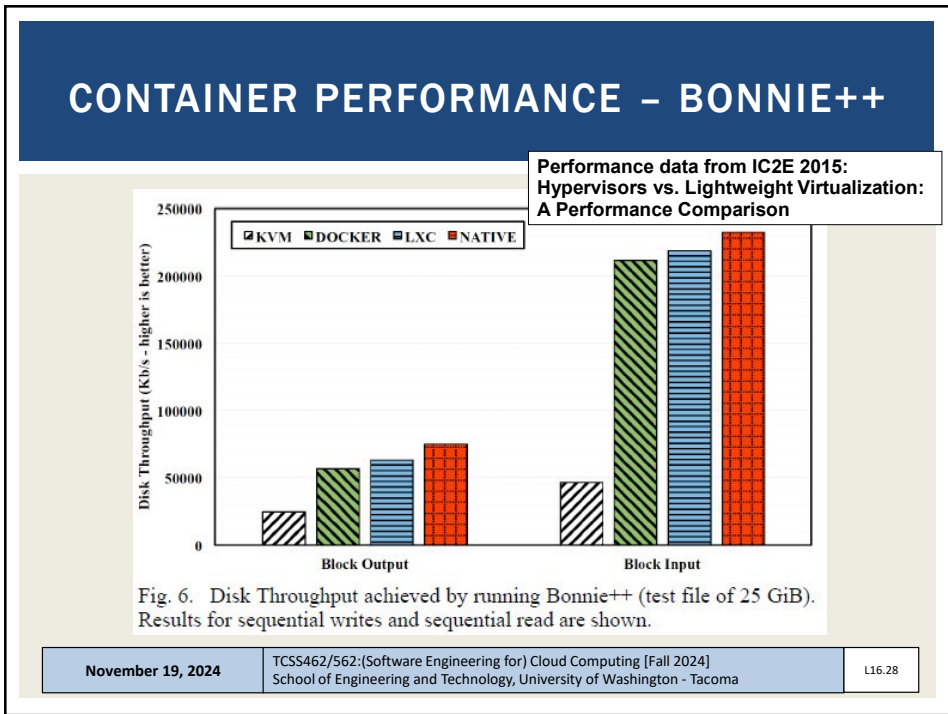
Fig. 4. The value of Linpack results on each platform over 15 runs. This is the particular case of N=1000.

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# WHAT IS A CONTAINER?

According to NIST (National Institute of Standards Technology)

- **Virtualization:** the simulation of the software and/or hardware upon which other software runs. (800-125)
- **System Virtual Machine:** A System Virtual Machine (VM) is a software implementation of a complete system platform that supports the execution of a complete operating system and corresponding applications in a cloud. (800-180 draft)
- **Operating System Virtualization (aka OS Container):** Provide multiple virtualized OSES above a single shared kernel (800-190). E.g., Solaris Zone, FreeBSD Jails, LXC
- **Application Virtualization (aka Application Containers):** Same shared kernel is exposed to multiple discrete instances (800-180 draft). E.g., Docker (containerd), rkt

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# OPERATING SYSTEM CONTAINERS

- Virtual environments: share the host kernel
- Provide user space isolation
- Replacement for VMs: run multiple processes, services
- Mix different Linux distros on same host
- Examples: LXC, OpenVZ, Linux Vserver, BSD Jails, Solaris zones

Identical OS containers

Different flavoured OS containers

▪ Credit: <https://blog.risingstack.com/operating-system-containers-vs-application-containers/>

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## APPLICATION CONTAINERS

- Designed to package and run a single service
- All containers share host kernel
- Subtle differences from operating system containers
- Examples: Docker, Rocket
- Docker: runs a single process on creation
- OS containers: run many OS services, for an entire OS
- Create application containers for each component of an app
- Supports a micro-services architecture
- DevOPS: developers can package their own components in application containers
- Supports horizontal and vertical scaling

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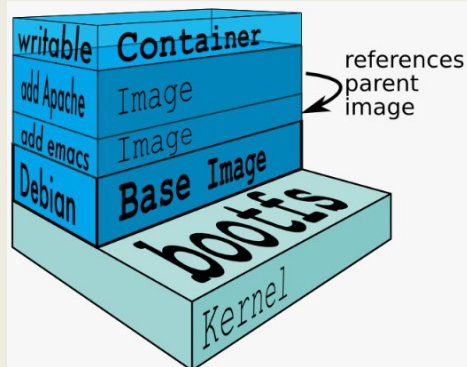
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## APPLICATION CONTAINERS - 2

- Container images are “layered”
- Base image: common for all components
- Add layers that are specific for components, services as needed
- Layering promotes reuse
- Reduces duplication of data across images



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## 2016 DOCKER SURVEY

- Docker application containers
  - Leading containerization vehicle

**80%**  
say Docker is part of cloud strategy

**60%**  
plan to use Docker to migrate workloads to cloud

**41%**  
want application portability across environments

**35+%**  
want to avoid cloud vendor lock-in

docker

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## DOCKER

- Docker daemon “dockerd”
  - Implements docker engine that interprets CLI requests and creates/manages containers using backend layered Docker architecture
- Starting in 2017 version numbering switches from 1.x to YR.x
- 2017 releases: 17.03 – 17.12
- 2018 releases: 18.01 – 18.09
- 2019 releases: 19.03.0 – 19.03.13

Docker Clients

Docker Daemon

Docker Containers

Docker Client-Server Architecture

■ Credit: <https://hackernoon.com/docker-containerd-standalone-runtimes>

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## ORIGINAL DOCKER ENGINE IMPLEMENTATION

- (1) Original Docker engine relied on LXC
  - LXC itself is a containerization tool predating Docker
  - Original Docker API just called it
  - LXC originally provided access to Linux kernel features: namespaces and cgroups
  - LXC was Linux specific – caused issues if wanting to be multi-platform
  - Docker implemented their own replacement for LXC

```
graph TD; Client["$Docker client"] <--> dockerd; dockerd <--> LXC; LXC <--> HostKernel[Host Kernel]; subgraph HostKernel; Namespaces; Capabilities; cgroups; end
```

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## INTRODUCTION OF LIBCONTAINER

- Docker v0.9: libcontainer introduced (~2014) to replace LXC as the default Docker daemon

```
graph TD; Client["$Docker client"] <--> dockerd; dockerd <--> libcontainer; libcontainer <--> HostKernel[Host Kernel]; subgraph HostKernel; Namespaces; Capabilities; cgroups; end
```

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## OPEN CONTAINER INITIATIVE (OCI)

- OCI created container standards for:
  - Image specification
  - Container runtime specification
- **Docker 1.1 (2016):** Docker refactored the docker engine to be compliant with OCI standards
  - Essentially this introduced abstraction layers (i.e. generic interfaces that map to the implementation) so that Docker's design conformed to the OCI standard
- **Runc** was added to implement the OCI container runtime spec
  - Provides small, lightweight wrapper for libcontainer
  - Can build and run OCI compliant containers directly using runc provided in Docker, but it is "bare bones" and low-level.
    - The Docker API is much more user friendly
- Support for OCI compliant images was added to **Containerd**

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## CREATING A CONTAINER

**\$ docker run -it --rm tcss558client sh**

- Docker CLI posts request to **Docker daemon**
- Daemon calls **containerd**
- **Containerd** passes of request to **runc**
  - **Containerd** converts docker image into OCI compliant bundle
  - This step would allow any OCI compliant container to be plugged into the back-end
- **Runc** interfaces with the Linux kernel (namespaces, cgroups, etc.) to create container
- **Shim**: once a container is created, runc exits
  - Shim remains as a daemonless stub to implement the container
  - Allows Docker to be upgraded w/o stopping the container !!!

```

graph TD
    Client["$ Docker client"] <--> dockerd
    dockerd <--> containerd
    containerd <--> shim
    shim <--> runc
    runc <--> HostKernel
    subgraph HostKernel
        Namespaces
        Capabilities
        cgroups
    end
            
```

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## CREATING A CONTAINER - 2

The diagram illustrates the Containerd Integration Architecture. It shows a flow from Docker CLI/UI to Docker Engine, then to Containerd, which finally connects to Runc and other OCI runtimes. The runtimes are depicted as a stack of containers.

- **Docker CLI:** interfaces with **dockerd** daemon
- **Docker engine:** **dockerd** daemon, interfaces with **containerd**
- **Containerd:** simple daemon, interfaces with **runc** to manage containers; CRUD interface for containers, images, volumes, networks, builds; HTTP API → Google RPC (gRPC) interface;
- **runc:** lightweight command-line tool for running containers; Interfaces with Linux cgroups, namespaces; Runs an OCI container

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## SUPPORT FOR ALTERNATE CONTAINER RUNTIMES

- Modularity of Docker implementation supports “execution drivers concept”:
- Enables docker to support many alternate container backends
- OpenVZ, system-nspawn, libvirt-lxc, libvirt-sandbox, qemu/kvm, BSD Jails, Solaris Zones, and chroot

The diagram shows Docker at the top, connected to libcontainer. libcontainer then branches into three execution drivers: libvirt, lxc, and system-nspawn. These drivers all interface with the Linux kernel. The Linux kernel features shown are cgroups, namespaces, netlink, capabilities, selinux, netfilter, and apparmor. A penguin icon is present at the bottom right of the Linux section.

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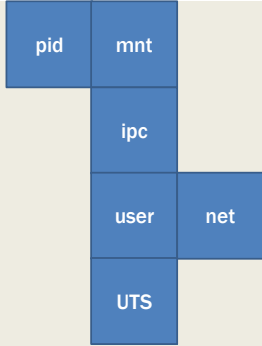
WE WILL RETURN AT  
~4:50 PM



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## LINUX KERNEL NAMESPACES

- 7 different namespaces in Linux (cgroups not shown)
  - pid, mnt, ipc, user, net, UTS
- Partitions kernel resources



pid	mnt	
	ipc	
	user	net
	UTS	

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## NAMESPACES - 2

```

root@935bf3df0c3e: /
top - 08:34:29 up 6:24, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
Tasks: 4 total, 1 running, 3 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 0.0 us, 0.0 sy, 0.0 ni, 100.0 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st
KiB Mem : 3853100 total, 2798844 free, 157568 used, 896688 buff/cache
KiB Swap: 0 total, 0 free, 0 used, 3500784 avail Mem

  PID USER   PR  NI  VIRT  RES  SHR  S  %CPU  %MEM    TIME+  COMMAND
    1 root    20   0 18376 3032 2780  S   0.0   0.1   0:00.02  entrypoint_te+
    5 root    20   0  4532   764   784  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00  sleep
    6 root    20   0 18508 3476 3064  S   0.0   0.1   0:00.01  bash
   14 root    20   0 36596 3228 2796  R   0.0   0.1   0:00.04  top
    
```

- Provides isolation of OS entities for containers
- **mnt**: separate filesystems
- **pid**: independent PIDs; first process in container is PID 1
- **ipc**: prevents processes in different IPC namespaces from being able to establish shared memory. Enables processes in different containers to reuse the same identifiers without conflict.  
... provides expected *VM like isolation*...
- **user**: user identification and privilege isolation among separate containers
- **net**: network stack virtualization. Multiple loopbacks (lo)
- **UTS (UNIX time sharing)**: provides separate host and domain

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## LINUX KERNEL NAMESPACES - 3

- Processes see only their set of resources
- Provides isolation
- Namespaces are hierarchical
- Parent processes can see down the hierarchy
- Each process can only see resources associated with the namespace, and descendent namespaces

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## CONTROL GROUPS (CGROUPS)

- Collection of Linux processes
- Group-level resource allocation: *CPU, memory, disk I/O, network I/O*
- **Resource limiting**
  - Memory, disk cache
- **Prioritization**
  - CPU share
  - Disk I/O throughput
- **Accounting**
  - Track resource utilization
  - For resource management and/or billing purposes
- **Control**
  - Pause/resume processes
  - Checkpointing → Checkpoint/Restore in Userspace (CRIU)
  - <https://criu.org>

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## CGROUPS - 2

- Control groups are hierarchical
- Groups inherit limits from parent groups
- Linux has multiple cgroup controllers (subsystems)
- `ls /proc/cgroups`
- “memory” controller limits memory use
- “cpuacct” controller accounts for CPU usage
- **cgroup filesystem:**
- `/sys/fs/cgroup`
- Can browse resource utilization of containers...

#subsys_name	hierarchy	num_cgroups	enabled
cpuset	3	2	1
cpu	5	97	1
cpuacct	5	97	1
blkio	8	97	1
memory	9	218	1
devices	6	97	1
freezer	4	2	1
net_cls	2	2	1
perf_event	10	2	1
net_prio	2	2	1
hugetlb	7	2	1
pids	11	98	1

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# OVERLAY FILE SYSTEMS

- Docker leverages overlay filesystems
- 1<sup>st</sup>: AUFS - Advanced multi-layered unification filesystem
- Now: overlay2
- **Unlon mount file system**: combine multiple directories into one that appears to contain combined contents

- Idea: Docker uses layered file systems
- Only the top layer is writeable
- Other layers are read-only
- Layers are merged to present the notion of a real file system
- Copy-on-write- implicit sharing
  - Implement duplicate copy

- <https://medium.com/@nagarwal/docker-containers-filesystem-demystified-b6ed8112a04a>
- <https://www.slideshare.net/jpetazzo/scale11x-lxc-talk-1/>

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# LAYERED FS: BUILDING A CONTAINER

- **Dockerfile:**

```


FROM ubuntu:18.04
COPY . /app
RUN make /app
CMD python /app/app.py
                
```

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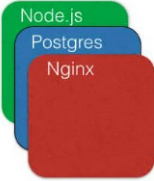
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## THREE-TIER ARCHITECTURE



- Node.js
- Postgres
- Nginx



### OS containers

- Meant to be used as an OS - run multiple services
- No layered filesystems by default
- Built on cgroups, namespaces, native process resource isolation
- Examples - LXC, OpenVZ, Linux VServer, BSD Jails, Solaris Zones

### App containers

- Meant to run for a single service
- Layered filesystems
- Built on top of OS container technologies
- Examples - Docker, Rocket

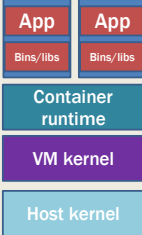
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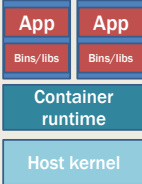
## CONTAINER ISOLATION

- Is the host isolated from application containers?
- Are application containers isolated from each other?

**Application containers**



**Application containers**



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## LXC (LINUX CONTAINERS)

- Operating system level virtualization
- Run multiple isolated Linux systems on a host using a single Linux kernel
- Control groups(cgroups)
  - Including in Linux kernels => 2.6.24
  - Limit and prioritize sharing of CPU, memory, block/network I/O
- Linux namespaces
- Docker initially based on LXC

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## OTHER DOCKER TOOLS

- **Docker Machine:** automatically provision and manage sets of docker hosts to form a cluster
- **Docker Swarm:** Clusters multiple docker hosts together to manage as a cluster.
- **Docker Compose:** Config file (YAML) for multi-container application; Describes how to deploy and configure multiple containers

```
graph TD;
    DE[Docker Engine] --- C[containerd];
    C --- CS1[containerd-shim];
    C --- CS2[containerd-shim];
    C --- CS3[...];
    CS1 --- R1[runC];
    CS2 --- R2[runC];
    CS3 --- R3[...];
```

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## CONTAINER ORCHESTRATION FRAMEWORKS

- Framework(s) to deploy multiple containers
- Provide container clusters using cloud VMs
- Similar to “private clusters”
- Reduce VM idle CPU time in public clouds
- Better leverage “sunk cost” resources
- Compact multiple apps onto shared public cloud infrastructure
- Generate to cost savings
- Reduce vendor lock-in

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## KEY ORCHESTRATION FEATURES

- Management of container hosts
- Launching set of containers
- Rescheduling failed containers
- Linking containers to support workflows
- Providing connectivity to clients outside the container cluster
- Firewall: control network/port accessibility
- Dynamic scaling of containers: horizontal scaling
  - Scale in/out, add/remove containers
- Load balancing over groups of containers
- Rolling upgrades of containers for application

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## CONTAINER ORCHESTRATION FRAMEWORKS - 2

- Docker swarm
- Apache mesos/marathon
- Kubernetes
  - Many public clouds now offer managed services to host Kubernetes clusters
  - Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS), Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS), Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE)
- Amazon elastic container service (ECS)
- Apache aurora (retired project based on Mesos)
  
- Container-as-a-Service
  - Serverless containers without managing clusters
  - Azure Container Instances, AWS Fargate...

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## OBJECTIVES - 11/19

- Questions from 11/14
- Tutorials Questions
- Class Presentations Schedule -  
Cloud Technology or Research Paper Review
- Tutorial 8: AWS Step Functions, AWS SQS
- Containerization
- **Kubernetes**

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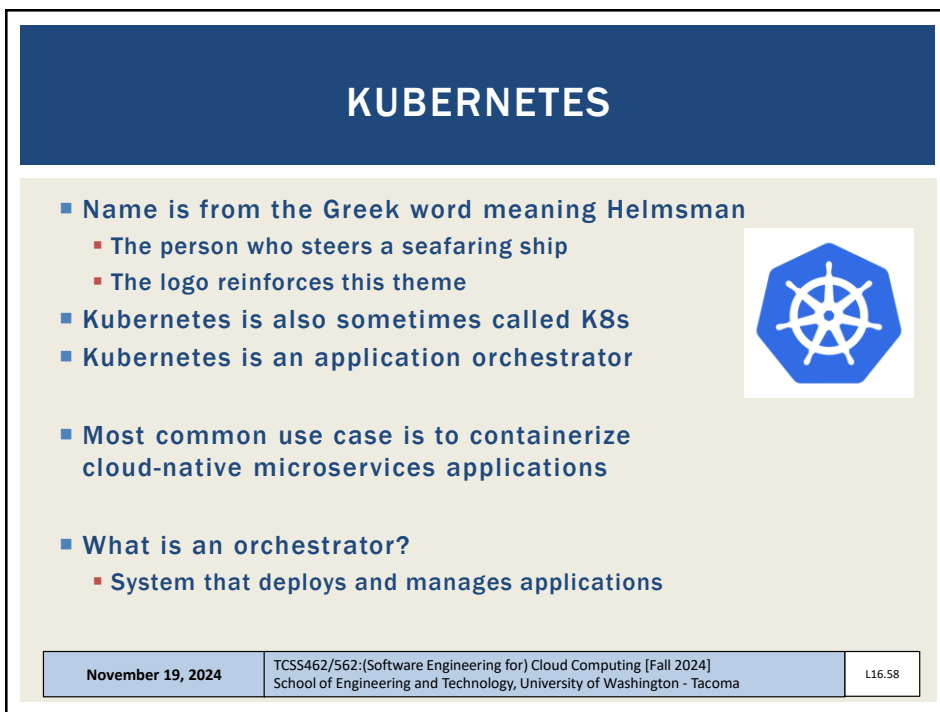


# KUBERNETES

from: "The Kubernetes Book", Nigel Poulton and Pushkar Joglekar, Version 7.0, September 2020


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# KUBERNETES

- Name is from the Greek word meaning Helmsman
  - The person who steers a seafaring ship
  - The logo reinforces this theme
- Kubernetes is also sometimes called K8s
- Kubernetes is an application orchestrator
  
- Most common use case is to containerize cloud-native microservices applications
  
- What is an orchestrator?
  - System that deploys and manages applications



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## KUBERNETES – 2

Why does Google want to give Kubernetes away for free?

- Initially developed by Google
- **Goal:** *make it easier for potential customers to use Google Cloud*
- Kubernetes leverages knowledge gained from two internal container management systems developed at Google
  - Borg and Omega
- Google donated Kubernetes to the Cloud Native Computing Foundation in 2014 as an open-source project
  
- Kubernetes is written in Go (Golang)
- Kubernetes is available under the Apache 2.0 license
- Releases were previously maintained for only 8 months!
- Starting w/ v 1.19 (released Aug 2020) support is 1 year

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## GOALS OF KUBERNETES

1. Deploy your application
2. Scale it up and down dynamically according to demand
3. Self-heal it when things break
4. Perform zero-downtime rolling updates and rollbacks

- These features represent automatic infrastructure management
  
- Containerized applications run in container(s)
- Compared to VMs, containers are thought of as being:
  - Faster
  - More light-weight
  - More suited to rapidly evolving software requirements

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## CLOUD NATIVE APPLICATIONS

- Applications designed to meet modern software requirements including:
  - **Auto-scaling:** resources to meet demand
  - **Self-healing:** *required for high availability (HA) and fault tolerance*
  - **Rolling software updates:** with no application downtime for DevOPS
  - **Portability:** can run anywhere there's a Kubernetes cluster

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## WHAT IS A MICROSERVICES APP?

- Application consisting of many specialized parts that communicate and form a meaningful application
- Example components of a microservice eCommerce app:
  - Web front-end
  - Shopping cart
  - Logging service
  - Catalog service
  - Authentication service
  - Persistent data store
- **KEY IDEAS:**
  - Each microservice can be coded/maintained by different team
  - Each has its own release cadence
  - Each is deployed/scaled separately
  - Can patch & scale the log service w/o impacting others

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## KUBERNETES - 3

- Provides “an operating system for the cloud”
- Offers the de-facto standard platform for deploying and managing **cloud-native applications**
- OS: abstracts physical server, schedules processes
- Kubernetes: ***abstracts the cloud***, schedules microservices
- Kubernetes abstracts differences between private and public clouds
- Enable cloud-native applications to be **cloud agnostic**
  - i.e. they don't care *WHAT* cloud they run on
  - Enables fluid application migration between clouds
- Kubernetes provides rich set of tools/APIs to introspect (observe and examine) your apps

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## KUBERNETES - 4

- Features:
  - A “control plane” – brain of the cluster
    - Implements autoscaling, rolling updates w/o downtime, self-healing
  - A “bunch of nodes” – workers (muscle) of the cluster
- Provides orchestration
  - The process of organizing everything into a useful application
  - And also the goal of keeping it running smoothly

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## KUBERNETES - CLUSTER MANAGEMENT

- Master node(s) manage the cluster by:
  - Making scheduling decisions
  - Performing monitoring
  - Implementing changes
  - Responding to events
- *Masters implement the control plane of a Kubernetes cluster*
- Recipe for deploying to Kubernetes:
  - Write app as independent microservices in preferred language
  - Package each microservice in a container
  - Create a manifest to encapsulate the definition of a **Pod**
  - Deploy Pods to the cluster w/ a higher-level controller such as “Deployments” or “DaemonSets”

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## LOOK AHEAD: PODS

- Pod – atomic unit of deployment & scheduling in Kubernetes
- A Kubernetes Pod is defined to run a containerized application
- Kubernetes manages Pods, not individual containers
- Cannot run a container directly on Kubernetes
- All containers run through Pods
- Pod comes from “pod of whales”
- Docker logo shows a whale with containers stacked on top
- Whale represents the Docker engine that runs on a single host
- **Pods encapsulate the definition of a single microservice for hosting purposes**
- **Pods can have a single container, or multiple containers, if the service requires more than one**



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## DECLARATIVE SERVICE APPROACH

- **Imperative definition:** sets of commands and operations
  - Example: BASH script, Dockerfile
- **Declarative definition:** specification of a service's properties
  - What level of service it should sustain, etc.
  - Example: Kubernetes YAML files
- Kubernetes manages resources **declaratively**
- How apps are deployed and run are defined with YAML files
- YAML files are POSTed to Kubernetes endpoints
- Kubernetes deploys and manages applications based on declarative service requirements
- If something isn't as it should be: *Kubernetes automatically tries to fix it*

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## KUBERNETES MASTERS

- Provide system services to host the control plane
- Simplest clusters use only **1** master – (i.e. no replication)
  - Suitable for lab and dev/test environments
- Production environments: masters are replicated **~3-5x**
  - Provides fault tolerance and high availability (HA)
  - Cloud-based managed Kubernetes services offer HA deployments

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## MASTER SERVICES

- **API Server**
- Cluster store
- Controller Manager
- Scheduler
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Docker Kubelet    Docker Kubelet    Docker Kubelet

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Linux Server    Linux Server    Linux Server

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## API SERVER

- Can run on 1-node for lab, test/dev environments
- Default port is 443
- Exposes a RESTful API where YAML configuration files are POST(ed) to
- YAML files (manifests) describe desired state of an application
  - Which container image(s) to use
  - Which ports to expose
  - How many POD replicas to run

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## CLUSTER STORE

- Used to persist Kubernetes cluster state information
- Persistently stores entire configuration and state of the cluster
- Currently implemented with **etcd**
  - Popular distributed key/value store (db) supporting replication
  - HA deployments may use ~3-5 replicas
  - Is the authority on true state of the cluster
- etcd prefers consistency over availability
- etcd failure: apps continue to run, nothing can be reconfigured
- Consistency of writes is vital
- Employs RAFT consensus protocol to negotiate which replica has correct view of the system in the event of replica failure

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## CONTROLLER MANAGER

- Provides a “controller” of the controllers
  - Implements background control loops to monitor cluster and respond to events
  - Control loops include: node controller, endpoints controller, replicaset controller, etc...
- **GOAL: ensure cluster current state *matches* desired state**
- Control Loop Logic:
  1. Obtain desired state (defined in manifest YAMLS)
  2. Observe the current state
  3. Determine differences
  4. Reconcile differences
- Controllers are specialized to manage a specific resource type
  - They are not aware/concerned with of other parts of the system

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## TASK SCHEDULER

- Scheduler's job is to identify the best node to run a task
  - Scheduler does not actually run tasks itself
- Assigns work tasks to appropriate healthy nodes
- Implements complex logic to filter out nodes incapable of running specified task(s)
- Capable nodes are ranked
- Node with highest ranking is selected to run the task

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## ENFORCING SCHEDULING PREDICATES

- Scheduler performs predicate (property) checks to verify how/where to run tasks
  - Is a node tainted?
  - Does task have affinity (deploy together), anti-affinity (separation) requirements?
  - Is a required network port available on the node?
  - Does node have sufficient free resources?
- Nodes incapable of running the task are eliminated as candidate hosts

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## RANKING NODES

- Remaining nodes are ranked based on for example:
  1. Does the node have the required images?
    - Cached images will lead to faster deployment time
  2. How much free capacity (CPU, memory) does the node have?
  3. How many tasks is the node already running?
- Each criterion is worth points
- **Node with most points is selected**
- If there is no suitable node, task is not scheduled, but marked as pending
- **PROBLEM:** *There is no one-sized fits all solution to selecting the best node. How weights are assigned to conditions may not reflect what is best for the task*

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## CLOUD CONTROLLER MANAGER

- Abstracts and manages integration with specific cloud(s)
- Manages vendor specific cloud infrastructure to provide instances (VMs), load balancing, storage, etc.
- Support for AWS, Azure, GCP, Digital Ocean, IBM, etc.

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## WORKER NODES

- Nodes perform tasks (i.e. host containers & services)
  
- Three primary functions:
  1. Wait for the scheduler to assign work
  2. Execute work (host containers, etc.)
  3. Report back state information, etc.
  
- Nodes are considerably simpler than masters

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## WORKER NODES

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## KUBELET

- Main Kubernetes agent
- Runs on every node
- Adding a new node installs the kubelet onto the node
- Kubelet registers the node with the cluster
- Monitors API server for new work assignments
- Maintains reporting back to control plane
- When a node can't run a task, kubelet is **NOT** responsible for finding an alternate node

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## CONTAINER RUNTIME(S)

- Each node requires a container runtime to run containers
- Early versions had custom support for a limited number of container types, e.g. Docker
- Kubernetes now provides a standard Container Runtime Interface (CRI)
- CRI exposes a clean interface for 3<sup>rd</sup> party container runtimes to plug-in to
- Popular container runtimes: Docker, containerd, Kata

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## KUBE-PROXY

- Runs on every node in the cluster
- Responsible for managing the cluster's networking
- Ensures each node obtains a unique IP address
- Implemented local IPTABLES and IPVS rules to route and load-balance traffic
- IPTABLES (ipv4) – enables configuration of IP packet filtering rules of the Linux kernel firewall
- IPVS – IP Virtual Server: provides transport-layer (layer 4) load balancing as part of the Linux kernel; Configured using ipvsadm tool in Linux

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## CORE KUBERNETES COMPONENTS

- **Kubernetes DNS**
- Pods
- Services

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## KUBERNETES DNS

- Every Kubernetes cluster has an internal DNS service
- Accessed with a static IP
- Hard-coded so that every container can find it
- Every service is registered with the DNS so that all components can find every Service on the cluster by **NAME**
- Is based on CoreDNS (<https://coredns.io>)

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- Pods encapsulate the definition of a single microservice for hosting purposes
- Pods can have a single container, or multiple containers if the service requires more than one



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## PODS - 2

- **Examples of multi-container Pods:**
  - Service meshes
  - Web containers with a helper container that pulls latest content
  - Containers with a tightly coupled log scraper or profiler
- **YAML manifest files are used to provide a declarative description for how to run and manage a Pod**
- **To run a pod, POST a YAML to the API Server:**  
“`kubectrl run <NAME>`” where NAME is the service
- **A Pod runs on a single node (host)**
- **Pods share:**
  - Interprocess communication (IPC) namespace
  - Memory, Volumes, Network stack

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## PODS - 3

- **Pods provide a “fenced” environment to run containers**
- **Provide a “sandbox”**
- **Only tightly coupled containers are deployed with a single pod**
- **Best practice: decouple individual containers to separate pods**
  - *What is the best container composition into pods? (1:1, 1:many)*
- **Scaling**
  - Pods are the unit of scaling
  - Add and remove pods to scale up/down
  - Do not add containers to a pod, add pod instances
  - Pod instances can be scheduled on the same or different host
- **Atomic Operation**
  - Pods are either fully up and running their service (i.e. port open/exposed), or pods are down / offline

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## PODS - 4

### ■ Pod Lifecycle

- An application should not be tightly bound or dependent on a specific Pod instance
- Pods are designed to fail and be replaced
- Use of **service objects** in Kubernetes help decouple pods to offer resiliency upon failure

### ■ Deployments

- Higher level controllers often used to deploy pods
- Controllers implement a controller and watch loop:
- “Deployments” – offer scalability & rolling updates
- “DaemonSets” – run instance of service on every cluster node
- “StatefulSets” – used for stateful components
- “CronJobs” – for short lived tasks that need to run at specified times

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## CORE KUBERNETES COMPONENTS

### ■ Kubernetes DNS

### ■ Pods

### ■ Services

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## KUBERNETES “SERVICES”

- Pods managed with “Deployments” or “DaemonSets” controllers are automatically replaced when they die
  - This provides resiliency for the application
- **KEY IDEA:** Pods are unreliable
- **Services** provide reliability by acting as a “GATEWAY” to pods that implement the services
  - They underlying pods can change over time
  - The services endpoints remain and are always available
- Service objects provide an abstraction layer w/ a reliable name and load balancing of requests to a set of pods

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## SERVICES

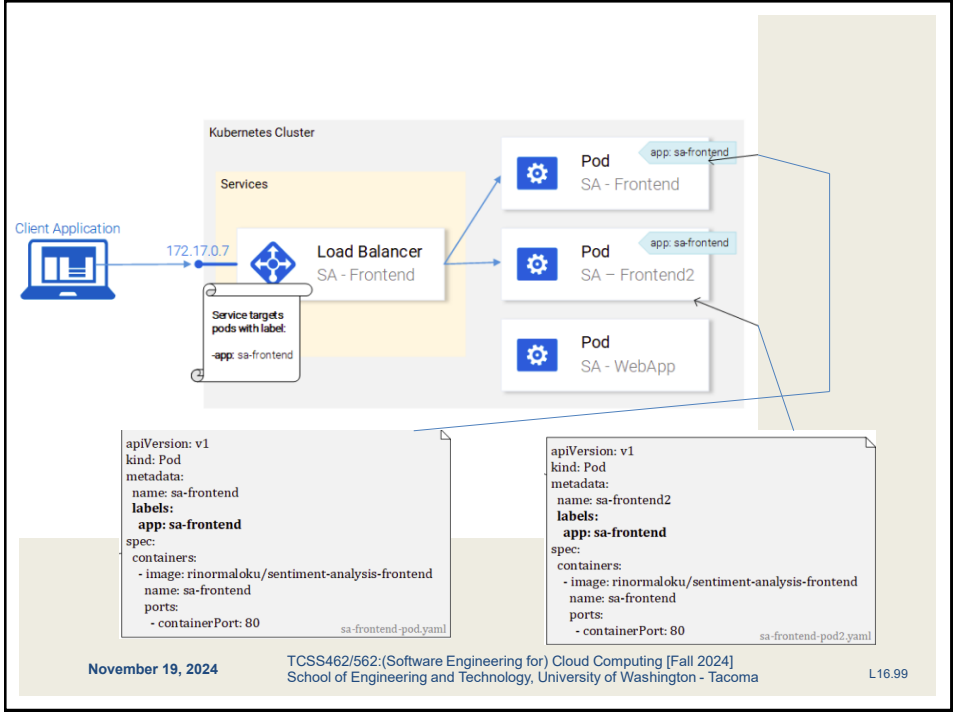
- Provide reliable front-end with:
  - Stable DNS name
  - IP Address
  - Port
- Services do not possess application intelligence
- No support for application-layer host and path routing
- Services have a “label selector” which is a set of labels
- Requests/traffic is only sent to Pods with matching labels
- Services only send traffic to healthy Pods
- **KEY IDEA:** Services bring stable IP addresses and DNS names to unstable Pods

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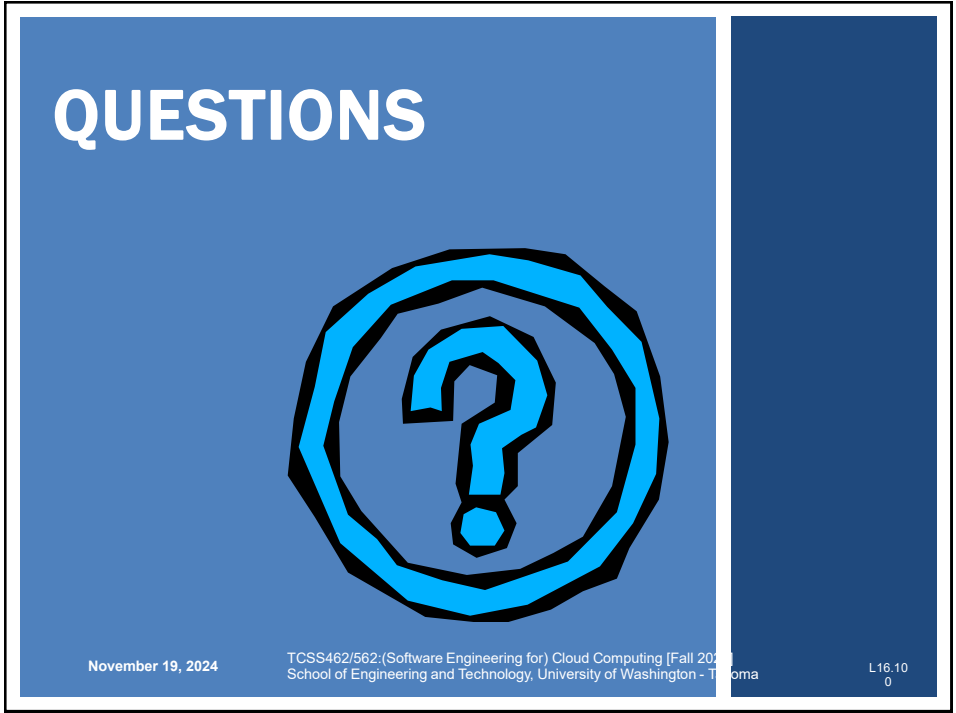
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