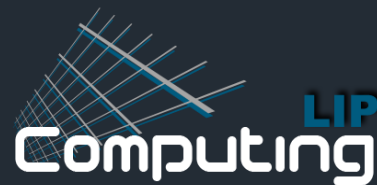




# UDOCKER



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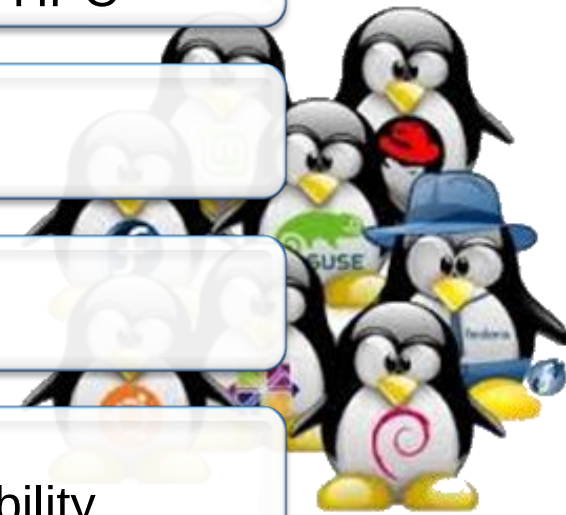
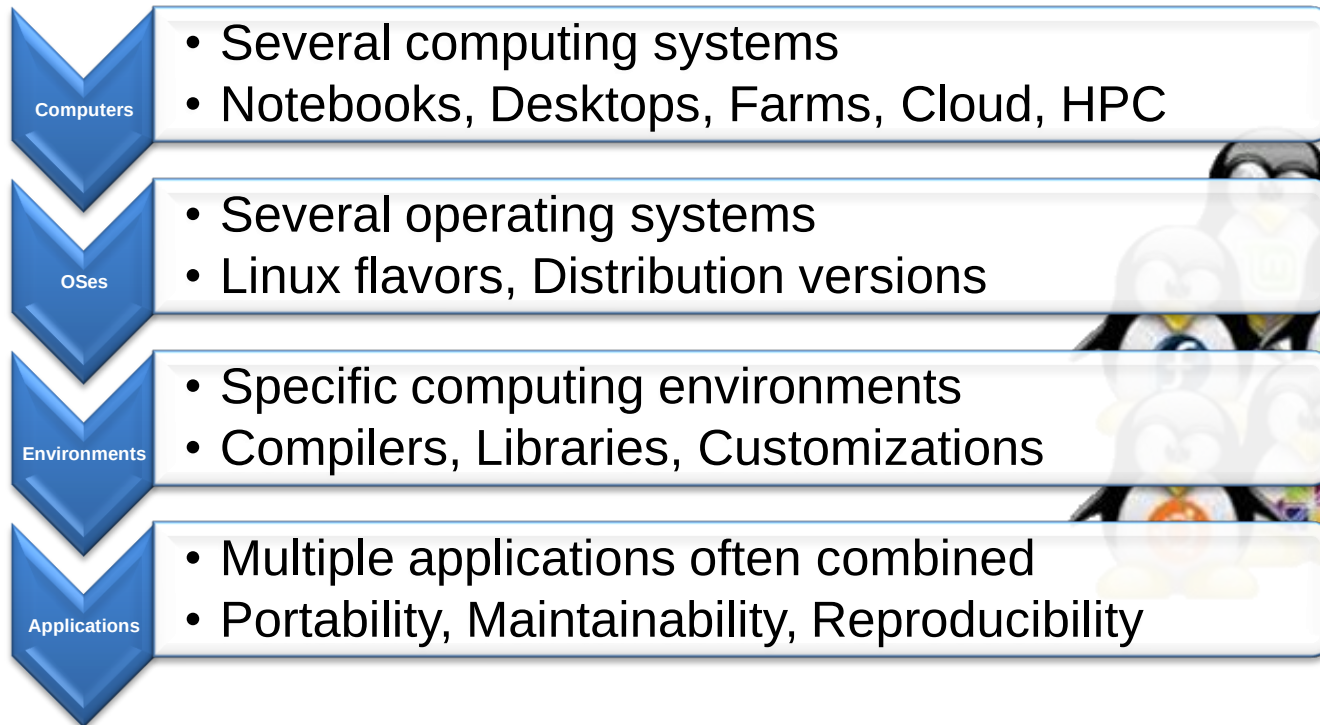


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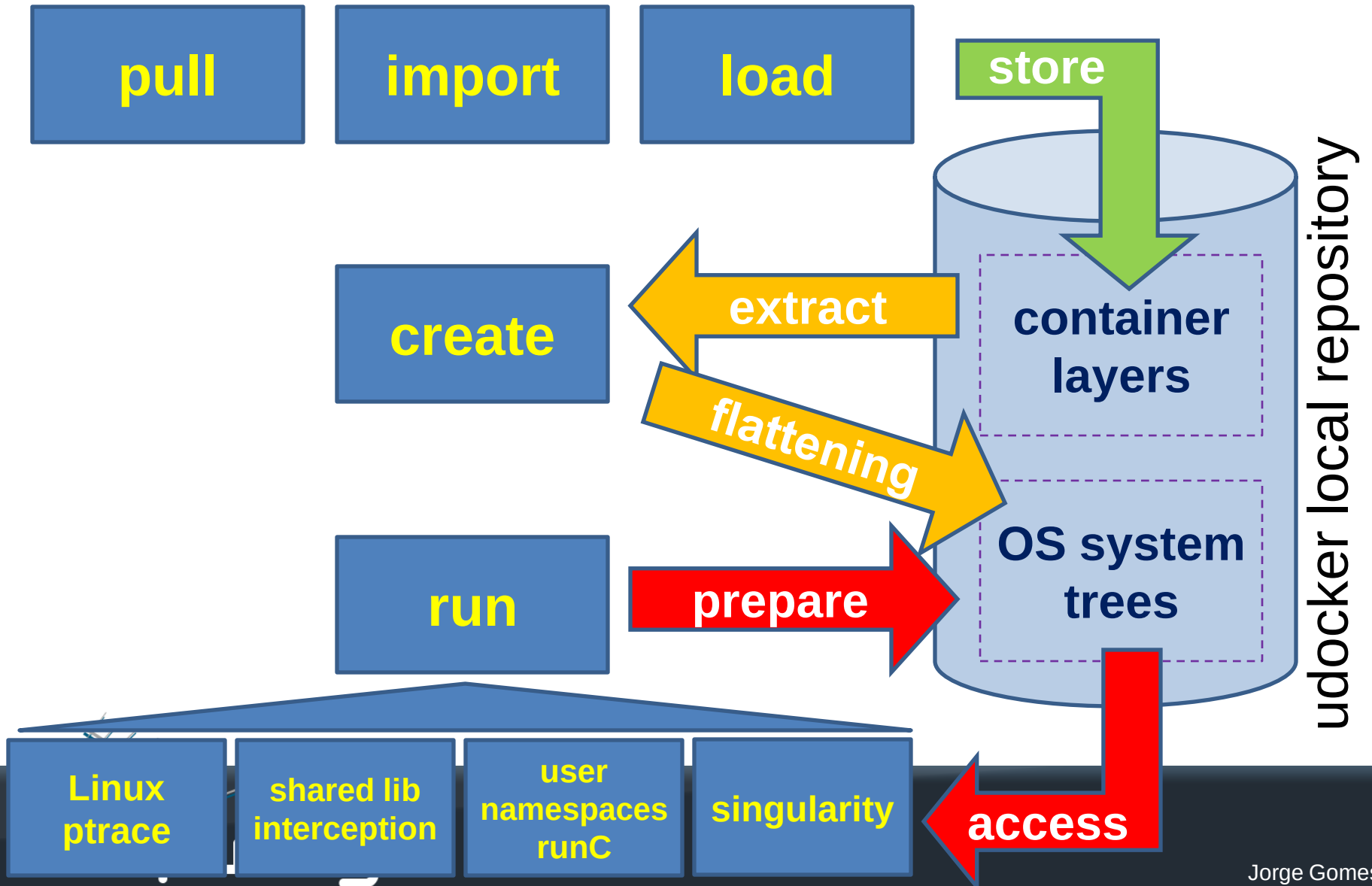


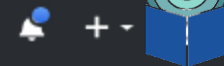
# udocker motivations

- **Run applications encapsulated in docker containers:**
  - without using docker
  - without using privileges
  - without system administrators intervention
  - without additional system software
- **and run:**
  - as a normal user
  - in interactive or batch systems
  - with the normal process controls and accounting
- Empower end-users to run applications in containers



# udocker: concept



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# UDOCKER

## Repository

- <https://github.com/indigo-dc/udocker/tree/master>

## Documentation

- <https://github.com/indigo-dc/udocker/tree/master/doc>

udocker is a basic user tool to execute simple docker containers in user space without requiring root privileges. Enables download and execution of docker containers by non-privileged users in Linux systems where docker is not available. It can be used to pull and execute docker containers in Linux batch systems and interactive clusters that are managed by other entities such as grid infrastructures or externally managed batch or interactive systems.

# udocker: install from github

```
$ curl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/indigo-dc/udocker/master/udocker.py > udocker
```

```
$ chmod u+rx udocker
```

```
$ ./udocker install
```

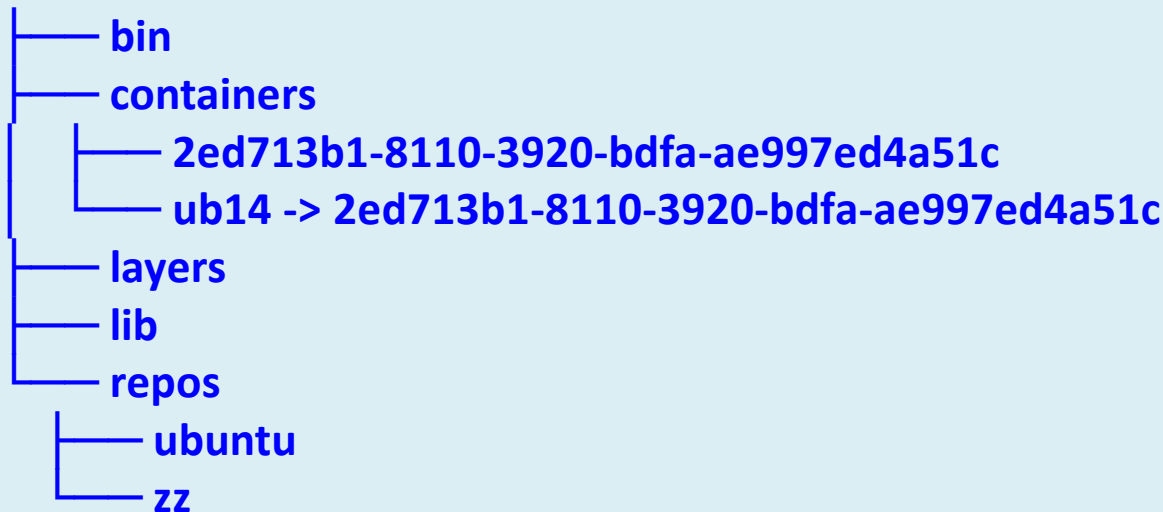
**Does not require compilation or system installation**  
**Tools are delivered statically compiled**



# udocker: installation

- udocker front-end is a python script
- udocker install
  - Creates a directory tree under \$HOME/.udocker
  - Places some executables and libraries

## **.udocker**



# udocker: install from github

```
$ ./udocker install --force
```

```
$ ./udocker install --force --purge
```





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# udocker: version information

```
$ ./udocker version
```

```
version: 1.1.3  
tarball: https://owncloud.indigo-datacloud.eu/index.php/s/iv4FOV1jZcfnGFH/download  
https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/CS31ycK0pj2Kzx0/download  
https://download.ncg.ingrid.pt/webdav/udocker/udocker-1.1.3.tar.gz  
tarball_release: 1.1.3
```



```
$ curl https://download.ncg.ingrid.pt/webdav/udocker/udocker-1.1.3.tar.gz > XXX  
$ export UDOCKER_TARBALL=$(pwd)/XXX  
$ ./udocker install
```

# udocker

- Run time to execute docker containers:
  - search
  - pull
  - images
  - create
  - rmi
  - ps
  - rm
  - run
  - login
  - logout
  - load
  - save
  - import
  - export
  - setup
  - clone
  - verify
  - Inspect
  - mkrepo

# udocker: pull images from repository

```
$ udocker pull ubuntu:14.04
```

Search for names and tags at:  
<https://hub.docker.com/>

```
Downloading layer: sha256:bae382666908fd87a3a3646d7eb7176fa42226027d3256cac38ee0b79bdb0491
Downloading layer: sha256:f1ddd5e846a849fff877e4d61dc1002ca5d51de8521cced522e9503312b4c4e7
Downloading layer: sha256:90d12f864ab9d4cfe6475fc7ba508327c26d3d624344d6584a1fd860c3f0fefa
Downloading layer: sha256:a57ea72e31769e58f0c36db12d25683eba8fa14aaab0518729f28b3766b01112
Downloading layer: sha256:783a14252520746e3f7fee937b5f14ac1a84ef248ea0b1343d8b58b96df3fa9f
Downloading layer: sha256:a3ed95caeb02ffe68cdd9fd84406680ae93d633cb16422d00e8a7c22955b46d4
```

# udocker: export and import as image



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```
$ udocker images
```

```
REPOSITORY
```

```
ubuntu:14.04
```

```
.
```

# udocker: export and import as image



```
$ udocker images -l
```

```
REPOSITORY
```

```
ubuntu:14.04
```

```
  /home/jorge/.udocker/repos/ubuntu/14.04
```

```
    /sha256:515c9bb515362c9d26b0c6acaa3ad0a79c20cf421d56a8c5bb4ddc60a336239b (1 MB)
```

```
    /sha256:e1eabe0537eb2d3647100f04687474cc1c232b4e512e70fd0a09b93d55da8f69 (1 MB)
```

```
    /sha256:a7344f52cb744a28edb7b2c806f4227d07219709d2365c32a42b580165d261c1 (64 MB)
```

```
    /sha256:a3ed95caeb02ffe68cdd9fd84406680ae93d633cb16422d00e8a7c22955b46d4 (1 MB)
```

```
    /sha256:4701f1215c13b72f8e1fbd292558fc4cb49655209db1b450cbb5c068be64956c (1 MB)
```

# udocker: create container from image

```
$ udocker create --name=ub14 ubuntu:14.04
```

←  
**container-alias**

```
2ed713b1-8110-3920-bdfa-ae997ed4a51c ← container-id
```

# udocker: list containers

```
$ udocker ps
```

| container-id                         | protected | write     | alias    | image        |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| CONTAINER ID                         |           | P M NAMES |          | IMAGE        |
| 2ed713b1-8110-3920-bdfa-ae997ed4a51c | .         | W         | ['ub14'] | ubuntu:14.04 |

# udocker: set execution mode

```
$ udocker setup --execmode=P2 ub14
```

Execution mode





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# udocker: run container

```
$ udocker run ub14
```

**udocker respects container metadata, if the container has a default cmd to run it will be run otherwise starts a shell**

```
*****
*                                                                 *
*           STARTING 9fe2f9e7-ce37-3be5-b12d-829a3236d2a6       *
*                                                                 *
*****
executing: bash
root@nbjorge:/# cat /etc/lsb-release
DISTRIB_ID=Ubuntu
DISTRIB_RELEASE=14.04
DISTRIB_CODENAME=trusty
DISTRIB_DESCRIPTION="Ubuntu 14.04.5 LTS"
root@nbjorge:/#
```

# udocker: run container

**Limited root emulation is allows some actions such as software installation**

```
root@nbjorge:/# apt-get -o APT::Sandbox::User=root update  
root@nbjorge:/# apt-get -o APT::Sandbox::User=root install unzip
```

# udocker: environment

```
$ ./udocker run -e AAAA=xxxx ub14 env | grep AAAA
```

```
*****  
*                                                                 *  
*           STARTING 9fe2f9e7-ce37-3be5-b12d-829a3236d2a6       *  
*                                                                 *  
*****  
executing: bash  
AAAA=xxxx
```

# udocker: environment

```
$ ./udocker run --hostenv ub14 env
```

```
*****  
*                                                                 *  
*           STARTING 9fe2f9e7-ce37-3be5-b12d-829a3236d2a6       *  
*                                                                 *  
*****  
executing: bash
```

...

...

...

# udocker: run container as yourself

```
$ ./udocker run --user=jorge -v /home/jorge \  
-e HOME=/home/jorge --workdir=/home/jorge ub14
```

Warning: non-existing user will be created

```
*****  
*                                                                 *  
*           STARTING 9fe2f9e7-ce37-3be5-b12d-829a3236d2a6       *  
*                                                                 *  
*****  
executing: bash  
jorge@nbjorge:~$ id  
uid=1000(jorge) gid=1000(jorge) groups=1000(jorge),10(uucp)  
jorge@nbjorge:~$ pwd  
/home/jorge  
jorge@nbjorge:~$
```

# udocker: run container as yourself

```
$ udocker run --user=jorge --bindhome \  
--hostauth ub14
```

```
*****  
*                                                                 *  
*           STARTING 9fe2f9e7-ce37-3be5-b12d-829a3236d2a6       *  
*                                                                 *  
*****  
executing: bash  
jorge@nbjorge:~$ id  
uid=1000(jorge) gid=1000(jorge) groups=1000(jorge),10(uucp)  
jorge@nbjorge:~$ pwd  
/home/jorge  
jorge@nbjorge:~$
```

# udocker: run commands in the prompt



```
$ udocker run --user=jorge --bindhome \  
--hostauth ub14 /bin/bash -c "id; pwd"
```

```
*****  
*                                                                 *  
*           STARTING 9fe2f9e7-ce37-3be5-b12d-829a3236d2a6       *  
*                                                                 *  
*****  
executing: bash  
uid=1000(jorge) gid=1000(jorge) groups=1000(jorge),10(uucp)  
/home/jorge
```



# udocker: quiet

```
$ udocker -q run ub14 /bin/cat /etc/lsb-release
```

```
DISTRIB_ID=Ubuntu  
DISTRIB_RELEASE=14.04  
DISTRIB_CODENAME=trusty  
DISTRIB_DESCRIPTION="Ubuntu 14.04.5 LTS"
```

```
$ alias x=udocker -q run --user=user --bindhome \  
--hostauth ub14
```

```
$ x /bin/ls
```



# udocker: run commands in the prompt

```
$ udocker run --user=jorge --bindhome \  
  --hostauth ub14 /bin/bash <<EOF  
id; pwd  
EOF
```

```
*****  
*                                                                 *  
*           STARTING 9fe2f9e7-ce37-3be5-b12d-829a3236d2a6       *  
*                                                                 *  
*****  
executing: bash  
uid=1000(jorge) gid=1000(jorge) groups=1000(jorge),10(uucp)  
/home/jorge
```

# udocker: a more complex application

```
$ apt-get -o APT::Sandbox::User=root install firefox
```

```
$ ./udocker.py run --bindhome --hostauth \  
--hostenv -v /sys -v /proc -v /var/run \  
-v /dev --user=jorge ub14 firefox --no-remote
```

# udocker: nvidia GPGPUs

```
$ udocker setup --execmode=F3 --nvidia ub14
```

# udocker: duplicate a container

```
$ udocker clone --name=yy ub14
```

```
$ udocker ps
```

cloned container-id

| CONTAINER ID                         | P M NAMES    | IMAGE        |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2ed713b1-8110-3920-bd5a-ae997ed4a51c | . W ['ub14'] | ubuntu:14.04 |
| e542b94f-f6a0-31fa-b113-72c0fa5826b9 | . W ['yy']   | ubuntu:14.04 |

# udocker: remove created container

remove container by alias or id

```
$ udocker rm yy
```



```
$ udocker rm e542b94f-f6a0-31fa-b113-72c0fa5826b9
```

# udocker: export and import as image



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export to  
tarball



```
$ udocker export -o ub14.tar ub14
```

```
$ udocker import ub14.tar zz:latest
```



import from  
tarball



new image  
name

- Only the container files are exported, metadata is lost
- This is interoperable with docker

# udocker: export and import as image



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```
$ udocker images
```

```
REPOSITORY  
ubuntu:14.04  
zz:latest
```

# udocker: remove image

```
$ udocker rmi zz:latest
```

```
$ udocker images
```

```
REPOSITORY  
ubuntu:14.04
```



# udocker: export and import as container

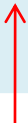


export to  
tarball



```
$ udocker export -o ub14.tar ub14
```

```
$ udocker import --tocontainer --name=xx ub14.tar
```



import from tarball  
to container



new container  
alias

- Only the container files are exported, metadata is lost
- Export is interoperable with docker

# udocker: remove image

```
$ udocker ps
```

| CONTAINER ID                         | P | M | NAMES    | IMAGE            |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|----------|------------------|
| 2ed713b1-8110-3920-bdfa-ae997ed4a51c | . | W | ['ub14'] | ubuntu:14.04     |
| b9414dfa-41ae-39f9-8ed1-f1d7b12cc9da | . | W | ['xx']   | IMPORTED:unknown |
| .                                    |   |   |          |                  |

# udocker: export and import as container



export clone



```
$ udocker export --clone -o ub14.tar ub14
```

```
$ udocker import --clone --name=xx ub14.tar
```



import clone

- Is imported as a container saving space and time
- Container metadata and execution mode are preserved
- This is NOT interoperable with docker

# udocker: export + import as container



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export clone



```
$ udocker export --clone ub14 | \  
ssh user@host \  
"udocker import --clone --name=xx - ; udocker run xx"
```



import clone



run

- Export and import across nodes
- Piping stdout to stdin and minimizing I/O

# udocker: save and load images

save image with all layers and  
metadata



```
$ docker save -o image.tar centos:centos6
```

```
$ udocker load -i image.tar
```



load image with all layers and  
metadata

- Docker saves the image as a tarfile containing layers
- Udocker loads the image
- Can be used to transfer images without having to pull them

# udocker: save and load images

save image with all layers and  
metadata



```
$ docker save centos:centos6 | udocker load
```



load image with all layers and  
metadata

- Save from docker and load with udocker
- Piping stdout to stdin

# udocker

## How does it work ...

# udocker

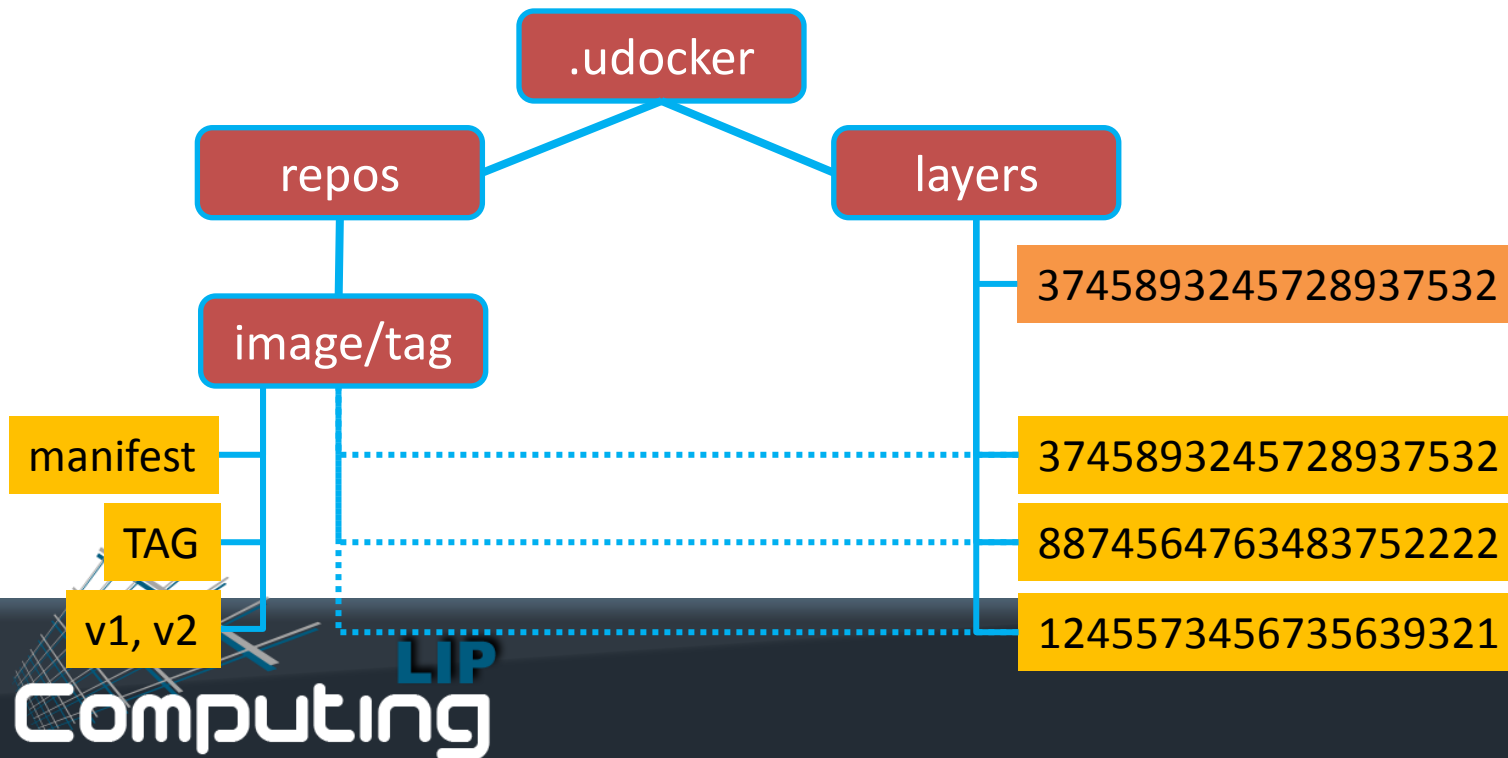
- Implemented
  - python, C, C++, go
- Can run:
  - CentOS 6, CentOS 7, Fedora  $\geq 23$
  - Ubuntu 14.04, Ubuntu 16.04
  - Any distro that supports python 2.7
- Components:
  - Command line interface docker like
  - Pull of containers from Docker Hub
  - Local repository of images and containers
  - Execution of containers with modular engines





# Udocker: pull

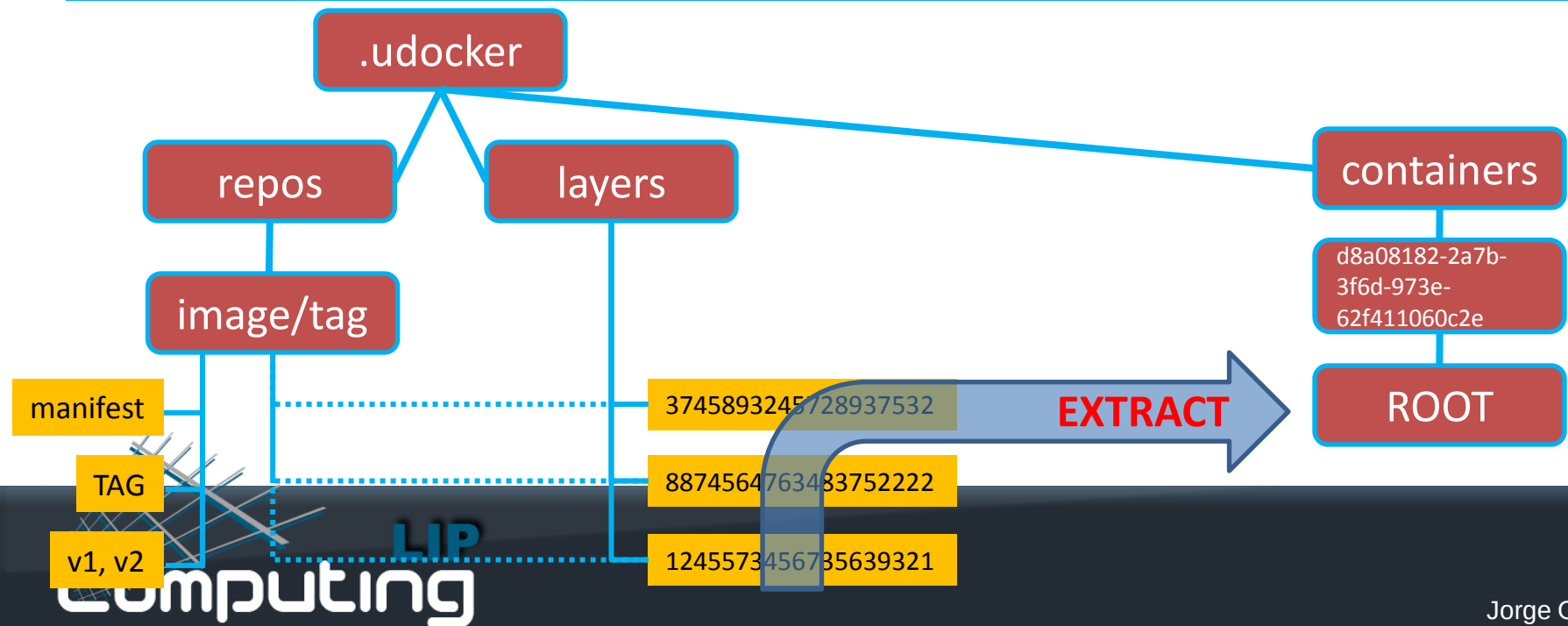
- Images
  - Layers and metadata are pulled with DockerHub REST API
  - Image metadata is interpreted to identify the layers
  - Layers are stored in the use home directory under `~/.udocker/layers` so that can be shared by multiple images





# Udocker: create

- Containers
  - Are produced from the layers by flattening them
  - Each layer is extracted on top of the previous
  - Whiteouts are respected, protections are changed
  - The obtained directory trees are stored under `~/.udocker/containers` in the user home directory





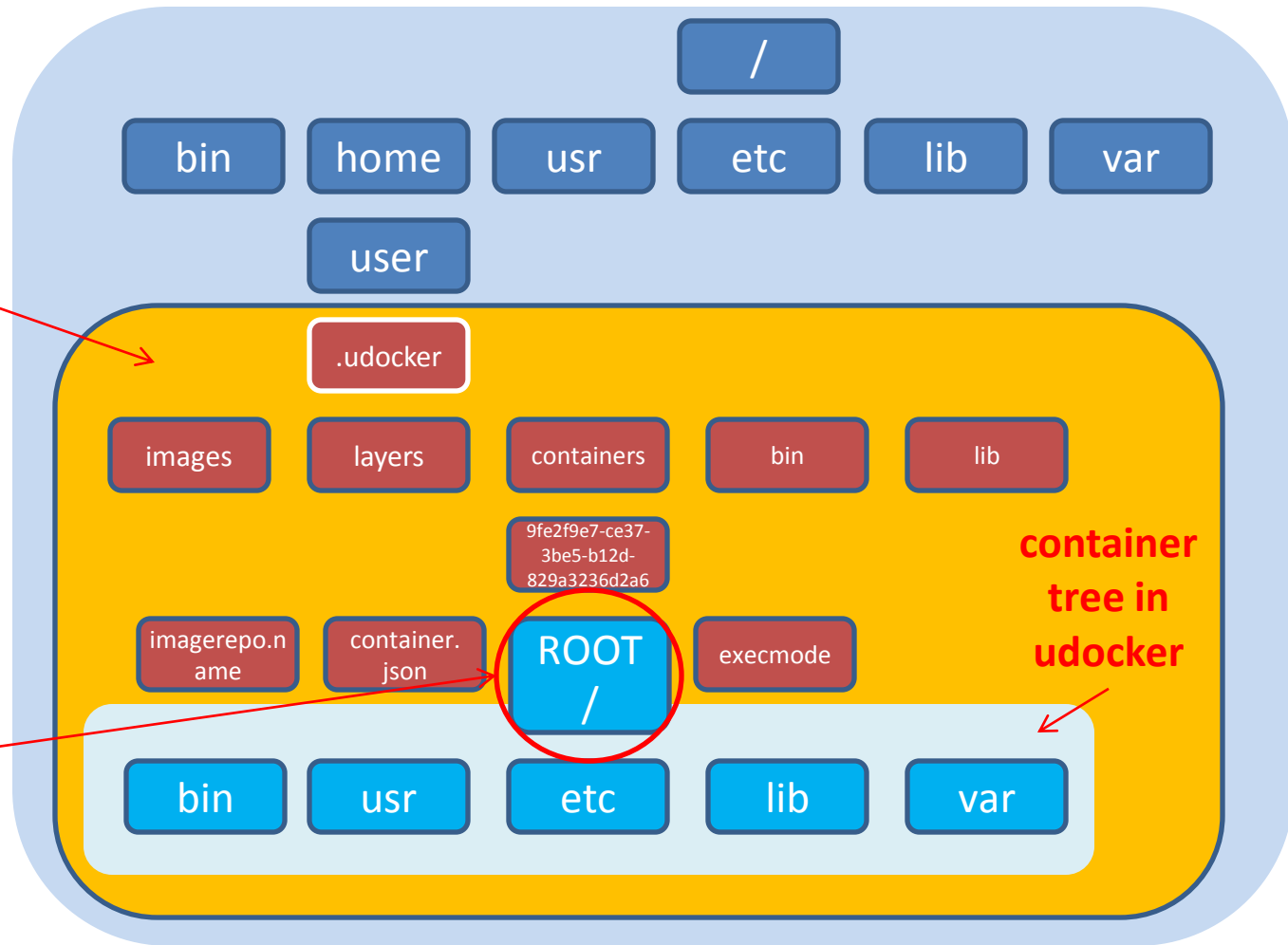
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# udocker: run

- Execution
- chroot-like

udocker  
directory tree  
\$HOME/.udocker

chroot to this  
directory  
becomes the  
new root for  
container  
processes



container  
tree in  
udocker

# udocker: inspect

```
$ udocker inspect ub14
```

```
$ udocker inspect -p ub14
```



# udocker: Execution methods

- udocker supports several techniques to achieve the equivalent to a chroot without using privileges
  - They are selected per container id via execution modes

| Mode      | Base        | Description                                                  |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>P1</b> | PRoot       | PTRACE accelerated (with SECCOMP filtering) ← <b>DEFAULT</b> |
| <b>P2</b> | PRoot       | PTRACE non-accelerated (without SECCOMP filtering)           |
| <b>R1</b> | runC        | rootless unprivileged using user namespaces                  |
| <b>F1</b> | Fakechroot  | with loader as argument and LD_LIBRARY_PATH                  |
| <b>F2</b> | Fakechroot  | with modified loader, loader as argument and LD_LIBRARY_PATH |
| <b>F3</b> | Fakechroot  | modified loader and ELF headers of binaries + libs changed   |
| <b>F4</b> | Fakechroot  | modified loader and ELF headers dynamically changed          |
| <b>S1</b> | Singularity | where locally installed using chroot or user namespaces      |

# udocker: set execution mode F3

```
$ udocker setup --execmode=F3 ub14
```

Execution mode F3

# udocker: PRoot engine (P1 and P2)

**UDOCKER\_DIR** : root directory of udocker usually \$HOME/.udocker

**UDOCKER\_BIN** : location of udocker related executables

**UDOCKER\_LIB** : location of udocker related libraries

**UDOCKER\_CONTAINERS** : location of container directory trees

**UDOCKER\_KEYSTORE** : location of keystore for login/logout

**UDOCKER\_TMP** : location of temporary directory

**UDOCKER\_TARBALL** : location of installation tarball (file of URL)

**UDOCKER\_LOGLEVEL** : logging level

**UDOCKER\_USE\_CURL\_EXECUTABLE** : pathname for curl binary

**UDOCKER\_REGISTRY** : override registry default is Docker Hub.

**UDOCKER\_INDEX** : override default index default is Docker Hub.

# udocker: PRoot engine (P1 and P2)

- PRoot uses PTRACE to intercept system calls
- Pathnames are modified before the call
  - To expand container pathnames into host pathnames
- Pathnames are modified after the call
  - To shrink host pathnames to container pathnames
- The P1 mode uses PTRACE + SECCOMP filtering, to limit the interception to the set of calls that manipulate pathnames
  - We developed code to make it work on recent kernels
  - P1 is the udocker default mode
- The P2 mode uses only PTRACE → therefore tracing all calls
- The impact of tracing depends on the system call frequency



# udocker: runC engine (R1)

- runC is a tool to spawn containers according to the Open Containers Initiative (OCI) specification
  - In a very recent release 1.0 candidate 3, runC supports unprivileged namespaces using the user namespace
  - Unprivileged namespaces have many limitations but allow execution in a contained Docker like environment
  - Only run as root is supported
  - Available devices are limited
- We added conversion of Docker metadata to OCI
- udocker can produce an OCI spec and run the containers with runC transparently



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# udocker: Fakechroot engine

- Fakechroot is a library to provide chroot-like behaviour
- Uses the Linux loader LD\_PRELOAD mechanism to:
  - intercept library calls that manipulate pathnames
  - change the pathnames similarly to PRoot
- It was conceived to support debootstrap in debian
- Originally the OS in the host and in the chroot tree must be the same:
  - as the loader inside the chroot will by default load libraries from the host system directories
  - the loaders are statically linked and the pathnames inside are absolute and non changeable

# udocker: Fakechroot engine

- How loaders search for libraries:
  - If the pathname has a / they are directly loaded
  - If the pathname does not contain / (no directory specified) a search path or location can be obtained from:
    1. DT RPATH dynamic section attribute of the ELF executable
    2. LD LIBRARY PATH environment variable
    3. DT RUNPATH dynamic section attribute of the ELF executable
    4. cache file /etc/ld.so.cache
    5. default paths such as /lib64, /usr/lib64, /lib, /usr/lib
- The location of the loader itself is encoded in the executables ELF header

# udocker: Fakechroot engine (F1)

- The loader is encoded in the ELF header of executable
  - is the executable that loads libraries and calls the actual executable
  - also act as library providing functions and symbols
- Is essential that executables in the container are run with the loader inside of the container instead of the host loader
- The mode **F1 enforces the loader:**
  - **passes it as 1st argument in exec\* and similar calls shifting argv**
  - the loader starts first gets the executable pathname and its arguments from argv and launches it
  - **Enforcement of shared library locations** is performed by filling in **LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH** with the library locations in the container and also **extracted from the container ld.so.cache**



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# udocker: Fakechroot engine (F2)

- The mode **F2** changes the loader binary within the container:
  - A copy of the container loader is made
  - The **loader binary** is then edited by **udocker**
  - The loading from host **locations** **/lib, /lib64** etc is **disabled**
  - The **loading using the host ld.so.cache** is **disabled**
  - **LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH** is renamed to **LD\_LIBRARY\_REAL**
- Upon execution
  - Invocation is performed as in mode F1
  - The **LD\_LIBRARY\_REAL** is filled with library locations from the container and its ld.so.cache
  - Changes made by the user to **LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH** are intercepted and pathnames adjusted to container locations and inserted in **LD\_LIBRARY\_REAL**

# udocker: Fakechroot engine (F3 and F4)



- The mode **F3 changes binaries both executables and libraries**
  - The **PatchELF** tool was heavily modified to enable easier change of
    - Loader location in ELF headers of executables
    - Library path locations inside executables and libraries
- **When modes F3 or F4 are selected the executables and libraries are edited**
  - The loader location is change to point to the container
  - The libraries location if absolute are changed to point to container
  - The libraries search paths inside the binaries are changed to point to container locations
- The loader no longer needs to be passed as first argument
- The libraries are always fetched from container locations

# udocker: Fakechroot engine (F3 and F4)



- The LD\_LIBRARY\_REAL continues to be used in F3 and F4
- The mode **F4 adds dynamic editing of executables and libraries**
- This is useful with libraries or executables are added to the container or created as result of a compilation
- Containers in modes F3 and F4 cannot be transparently moved across different systems:
  - the absolute pathnames to the container locations will likely differ.
  - In this case convert first to another mode before transfer
  - or at arrival use: “setup --execmode=Fn --force”

# udocker & Phenomenology

```
export MASTERDIR=/gpfs/csic_users/userabc/mastercode  
export UDOCKER_DIR=$MASTERDIR/.udocker
```

```
udocker.py run --hostauth \  
    -v /home/csic/cdi/ica/mcpp-master \  
    -v /home/csic/cdi/ica \  
    -user=user001 \  
    -w /home/csic/cdi/ica/mcpp-master mastercode \  
    /bin/bash -c "pwd; ./udocker-mastercode.sh"
```





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# udocker & sockets

Compatibility with other platforms, or compatibility with older stuff to avoid overruns while using `snprintf()` and `strncpy()`.

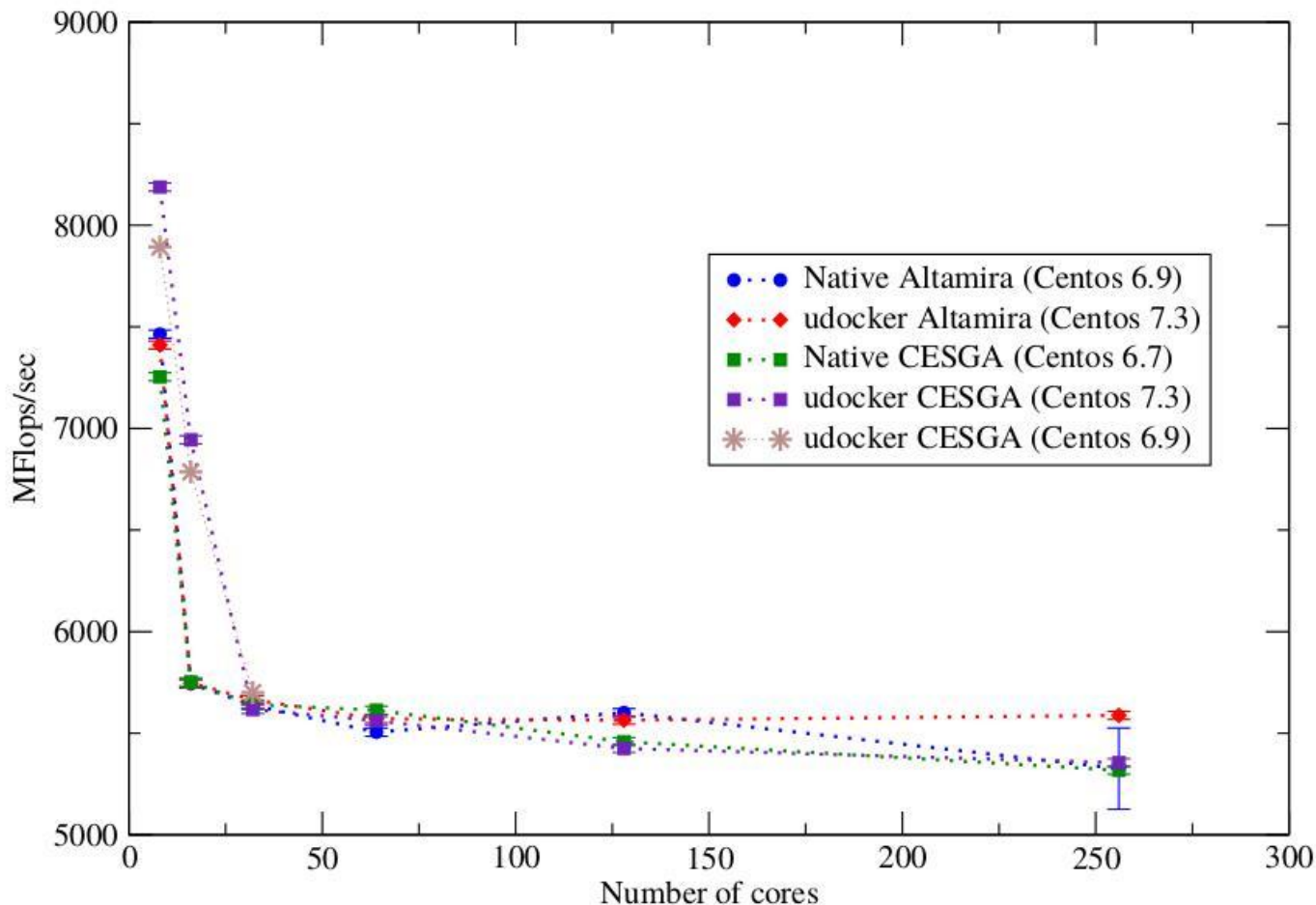
Michael Kerrisk explain in [his book](#) at the [page 1165](#) - Chapter 57, Sockets: Unix domain :

SUSv3 doesn't specify the size of the `sun_path` field. Early BSD implementations used 108 and 104 bytes, and one contemporary implementation (HP-UX 11) uses 92 bytes. Portable applications should code to this lower value, and use `snprintf()` or `strncpy()` to avoid buffer overruns when writing into this field.

Linux domain socket limit pathname limit is 107

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$ udocker run -v /tmp -v /dir/dir/dir/dir ub14
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# udocker & Lattice QCD



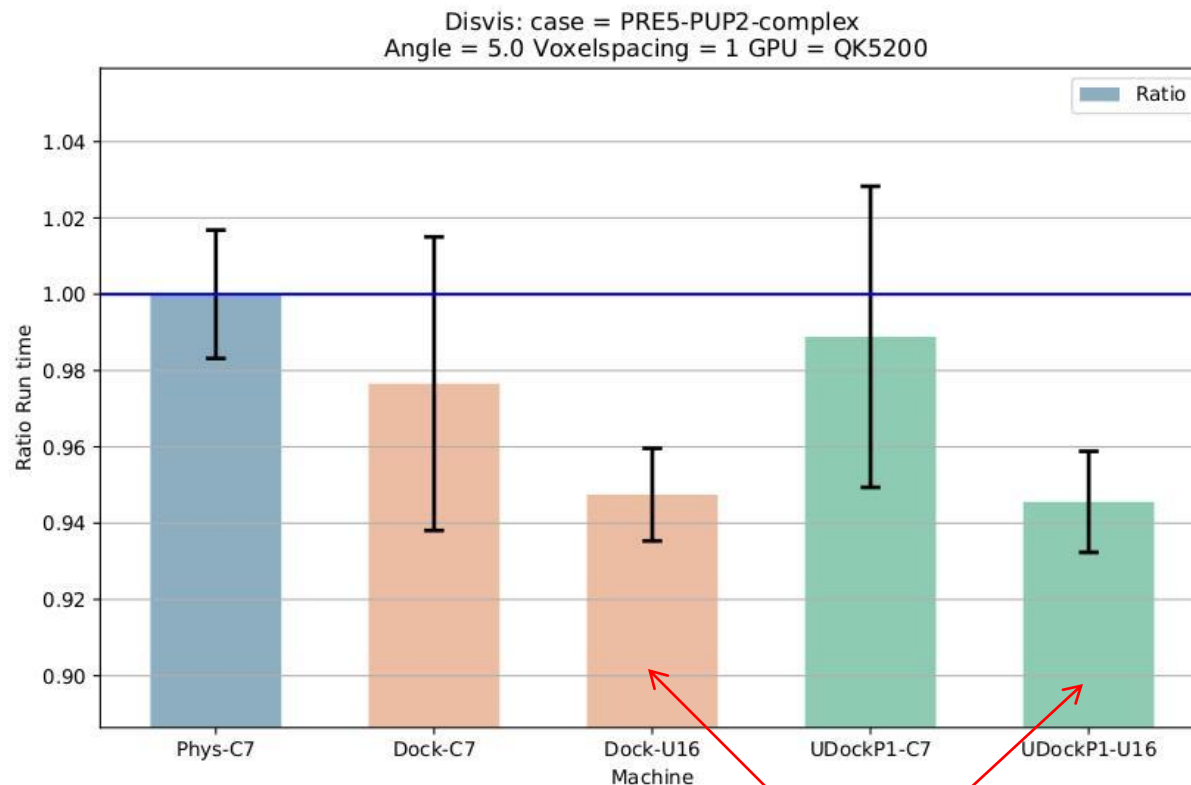
OpenQCD is a very advanced code to run lattice simulations

Scaling performance as a function of the cores for the computation of application of the Dirac operator to a spinor field.

Using OpenMPI

**udocker in P1 mode**

# udocker & Biomolecular complexes



DisVis is being used in production with udocker

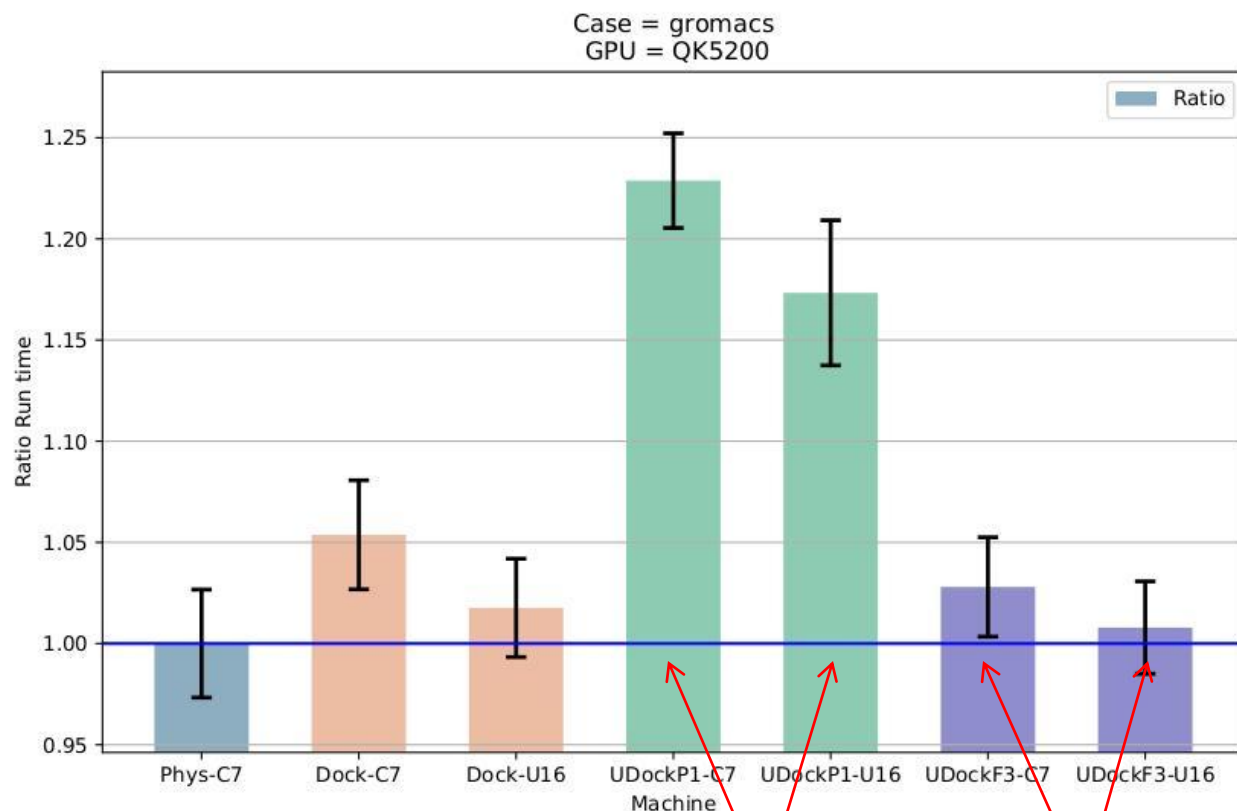
Performance with docker and udocker are the same and very similar to the host.

Using OpenCL and NVIDIA GPGPUs

**Better performance with Ubuntu 16 container**

**udocker in P1 mode**

# udocker & Molecular dynamics



**PTRACE**

**SHARED LIB CALL**

Gromacs is widely used both in biochemical and non-biochemical systems.

udocker P mode have lower performance  
udocker F mode same as Docker.

Using OpenCL and OpenMP

udocker in P1 mode  
udocker in F3 mode

# udocker & Phenomenology

## Performance Degradation

|            | Compiling | Running |
|------------|-----------|---------|
| HOST       | 0%        | 0%      |
| DOCKER     | 10%       | 1.0%    |
| udocker    | 7%        | 1.3%    |
| VirtualBox | 15%       | 1.6%    |
| KVM        | 5%        | 2.6%    |

MasterCode  
connects several  
complex codes.  
Hard to deploy.

Scanning through  
large parameter  
spaces. High  
Throughput  
Computing

C++, Fortran,  
many authors,  
legacy code

**udocker in P1 mode**

# Thank you

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