



Kubernetes and Checkpoint Restore

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Agenda

Introduction

Use cases

Details

Definition:

Container Live Migration

Transfer Running Container

Serialize on Source System

Transfer to Destination System

Checkpoint/Restore in Userspace

CRIU

Multiple Integrations Exist

Container Live Migration

OpenVZ

Container Live Migration

Borg

Container Live Migration

LXC/LXD

Container Live Migration

Docker

Container Live Migration

Podman

Container Live Migration

CRI-O

<https://github.com/cri-o/cri-o/pull/4199>

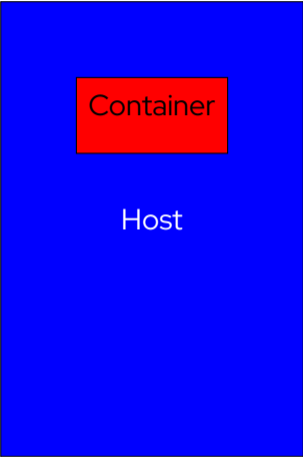
Container Live Migration

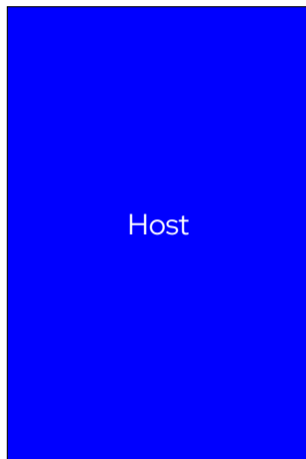
Kubernetes

<https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernetes/issues/3949>

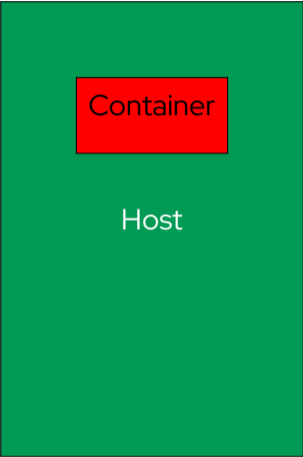
Use Cases

Reboot and Save State





Container



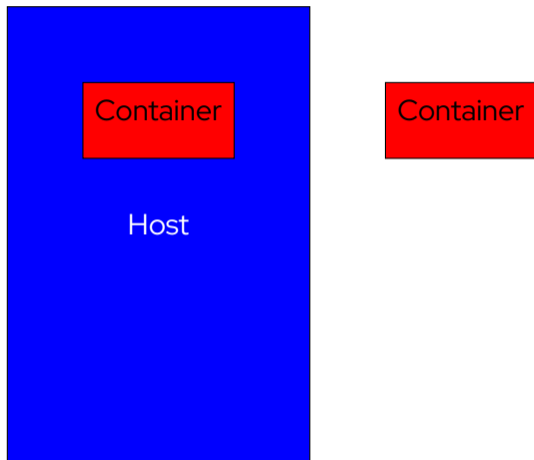
Quick Startup

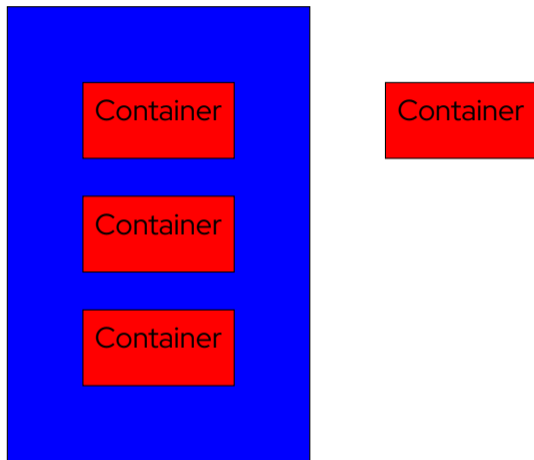


A diagram illustrating the relationship between a container and a host. It consists of a large blue rectangle representing the host. Inside this rectangle, near the top center, is a smaller red rectangle representing a container. The word "Container" is written in black text inside the red rectangle, and the word "Host" is written in white text in the center of the blue rectangle.

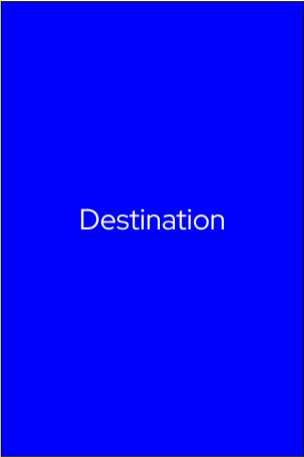
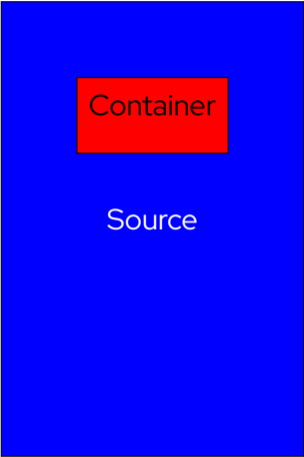
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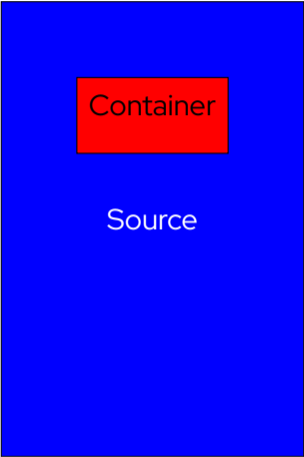
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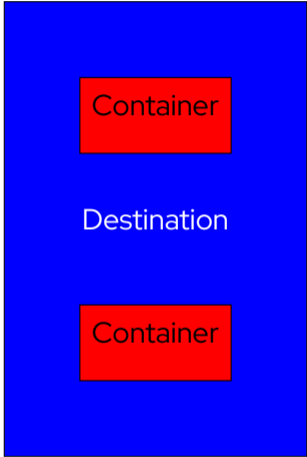
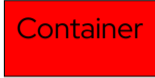
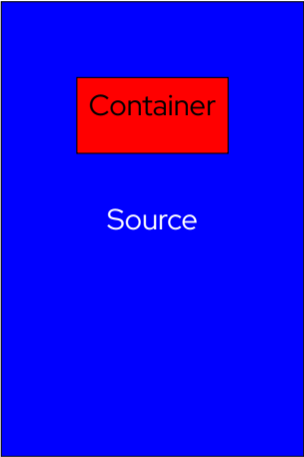




Container Live Migration







Forensic Container Checkpointing

`https://github.com/kubernetes/enhancements/pull/1990`
`https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernetes/pull/104907`

CRIU

First Step: Checkpointing

Seize Process Using

`ptrace()`

Collect Details From

`/proc/<PID>/*`

Parasite Code

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Injected into the process

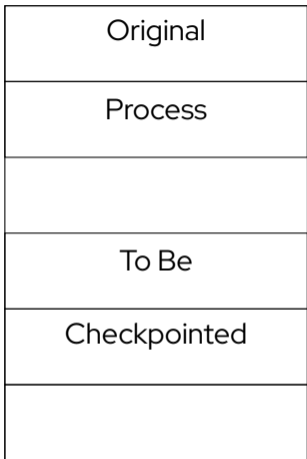
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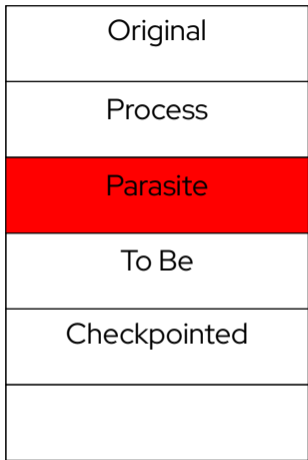
Daemon waiting for commands

Parasite Code

Removed after usage

Original
Process
Code
To Be
Checkpointed





Original
Process
Code
To Be
Checkpointed

Checkpointing Finished

Checkpointing Finished

All relevant information written

Checkpointing Finished

Target process is killed

Checkpointing Finished

Or continues to run

Second/Last Step: Restoring

Read Checkpoint Images

`clone()` For Each PID/TID

`clone3()` with Linux 5.5

CRIU Morphs Itself

Open and position file descriptors

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Map memory pages

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Load security settings

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Jump into restored process

```
1 # podman run --rm -d adrianreber/wildfly-hello
2 699f33eb7fecbc5bbb00400be0aa79c888dbc63a54cac7bd2eed836a57d8a68a
3 # podman inspect -l --format "{{.NetworkSettings.IPAddress}}"
4 10.88.0.247
5 # curl 10.88.0.247:8080/helloworld/
6 0
7 # curl 10.88.0.247:8080/helloworld/
8 1
9 # podman container checkpoint -l --export=/tmp/chkpt.tar.gz
10 699f33eb7fecbc5bbb00400be0aa79c888dbc63a54cac7bd2eed836a57d8a68a
11 # scp /tmp/chkpt.tar.gz rhel08:/tmp
```

```
1 # podman container restore --import=/tmp/chkpt.tar.gz
2 699f33eb7fecbc5bbb00400be0aa79c888dbc63a54cac7bd2eed836a57d8a68a
3 # podman inspect -l --format "{{.NetworkSettings.IPAddress}}"
4 10.88.0.247
5 # curl 10.88.0.247:8080/helloworld/
6 2
7 # curl 10.88.0.247:8080/helloworld/
8 3
```

```
1 # podman container restore --import=/tmp/chkpt.tar.gz -n hello1
2 d02feeec894d77f66cc82484fe77ae369396a85f6d05594dc156c21e685942dd
3 # podman container restore --import=/tmp/chkpt.tar.gz -n hello2
4 735efb4fee6961d3eee069beb28dde5cbc6fc46c1a32a43ecc993d04c02015b2
5 # podman inspect --format "{{.NetworkSettings.IPAddress}}" hello1
6 10.88.0.248
7 # podman inspect --format "{{.NetworkSettings.IPAddress}}" hello2
8 10.88.0.249
9 # curl 10.88.0.248:8080/helloworld/
10 2
11 # curl 10.88.0.249:8080/helloworld/
12 2
```


Summary

- CRIU can checkpoint and restore containers
- Integrated in different containers engines
- Used in production
- Reboot into new kernel without losing container state
- Start multiple copies
- Migrate running containers
- Forensic container checkpointing (KEP #2008)



Thank you