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Managing Containers with Red Hat Enterprise Linux Atomic Host

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What is Red Hat Enterprise Linux Atomic Host?

- A variation of Red Hat Enterprise Linux optimized for Linux containers
- It includes the docker utility, the Docker daemon, Kubernetes, and rpm-ostree
- A Red Hat subscription permits RHEL Atomic Host software updates and yum updates in containers



RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX ATOMIC HOST

IT IS RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX

Inherits the complete hardware ecosystem,

Red Hat Enterprise Linux is known.

military-grade security, stability and reliability for which



MINIMIZED FOOTPRINT

Minimized host environment tuned for running Linux containers while maintaining compatibility with Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

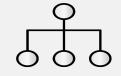




OPTIMIZED FOR CONTAINERS

SIMPLIFIED MAINTENANCE

Atomic updating and rollback means it's easy to deploy, update, and rollback using imaged-based technology.



ORCHESTRATION AT SCALE

Build composite applications by orchestrating multiple containers as microservices across multiple hosts.



Container images and image registries

- Container images are read-only file system overlays used to create containers
- Image registries are centralized stores for container images
- RHEL Atomic Host is configured to use two public image registries:
 - registry.hub.docker.com (Docker Hub)
 - registry.access.redhat.com



Managing container images

docker search -s N name

docker pull name

docker load -i filename.tar

docker images

docker rmi name



Creating a container from an image

docker run -i -t name command

- -i = interactive container
- -t = allocate a pseudo-tty

name = name of the image to launch
command = program to launch inside the container



RHEL Atomic Host networking

- RHEL Atomic Host establishes a bridge called dockerO
- A virtual interface is attached to dockerO when a container is launched
- The following command maps a RHEL Atomic Host port to a port inside the container when it is launched

```
docker run -p HOST_PORT:CONT_PORT ...
```



Creating a simple web server container

Start a container with a shell

```
docker run -p 8080:80 -i -t rhel7 /bin/bash
```

Install the necessary software in the container

```
yum install -y httpd
```

Create custom content

```
echo 'Hello world!' > /var/www/html/index.html
```



Creating a simple web server container (continued)

Confirm the web server publishes the correct content

```
/usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
curl http://rhel-atomic-host.fqdn:8080
```

For httpd, create a startup script

```
vi /usr/sbin/my_httpd_startup.sh
chmod 755 /usr/sbin/my_httpd_startup.sh
```



Startup script contents

```
#!/bin/bash
rm -rf /run/httpd
install -m 710 -o root -g apache -d /run/httpd
install -m 700 -o apache -g apache -d /run/httpd/htcacheclean
exec /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
```



Creating a container image

 Determine the container ID of the container to be saved as an image docker ps -a

Create the image and assign it a tag

docker commit container_id name:tag

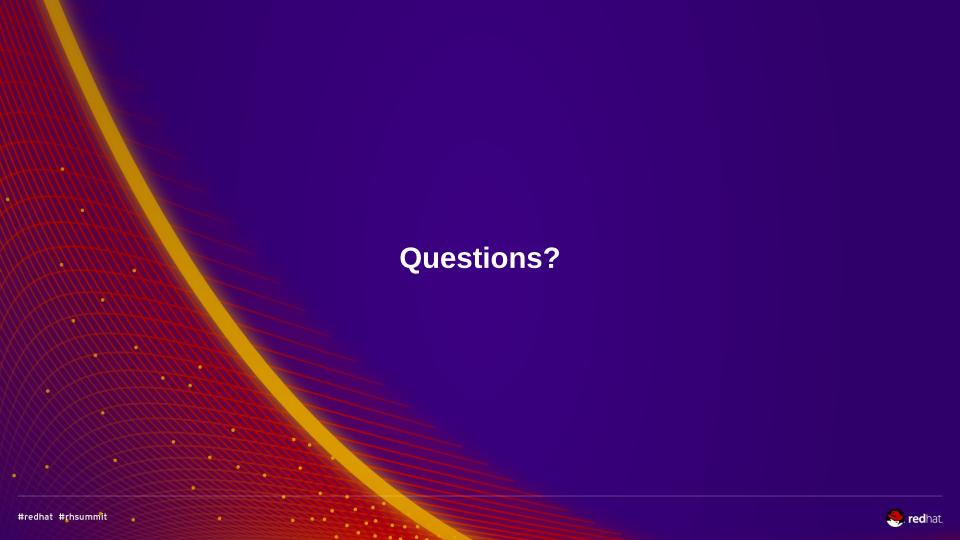
Use the new image to create a container and test it

```
docker run name:tag ...
```

Optionally export the image to a file

```
docker save name:tag > image-file.tar
```





More container topics?

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