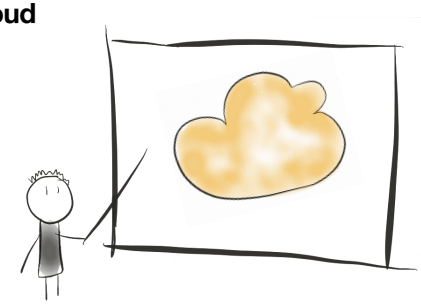
# CSC 346 - Cloud Computing

01: What is the Cloud? An introduction to Docker

## The Cloud



## The Cloud

- Using someone else's computers is actually pretty useful


## The Data Center

- Not too long ago, pretty much all big applications ran on physical servers in data centers that the Company or University controlled.

## The Data Center

- Our Apps pretty much used to be installed on specific physical servers.
- If it was a big app, maybe it was distributed across several physical servers.

## The Data Center

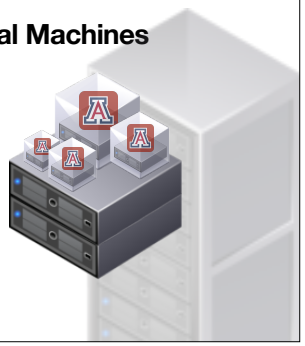
- Required a lot of guessing about the future
  - How much memory?
  - How many CPUs?
  - 1 server? 10 servers?
  - If I need more, how long will it take to order them, ship them, rack them, install the app…
  - If I bought too much, what then?

## The Data Center

- Also problematic for smaller applications
  - Don't need a whole server for some smaller apps or sites
  - Can put multiple applications on the same server
  - Difficulties with cross dependencies

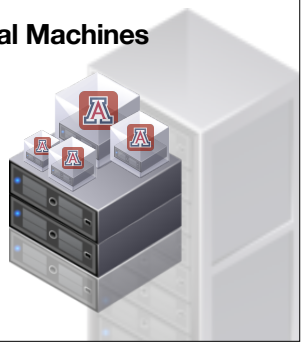
## The Data Center - Virtual Machines

- Virtual Machines allowed one massive server to host many smaller virtual machines.
  - This solved a lot of problems
  - Isolated applications
  - VMs can be sized to meet the application needs
  - Some overhead for growth



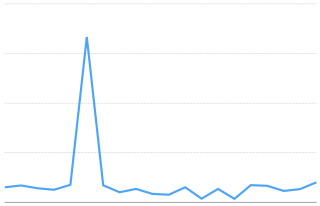
## The Data Center - Virtual Machines

- Still had problems
  - Expensive initial purchase
  - Had to guess about future
  - You could expand later, but might not get identical equipment
  - If needs change drastically you may still be caught short on resources



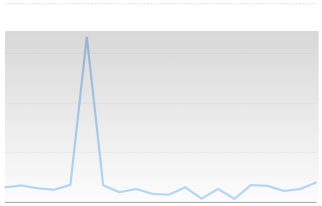
## The Data Center - Virtual Machines

- “Spiky Workloads” are a particular problem for a datacenter
- If your application gets slammed at particular times (say… for priority registration)



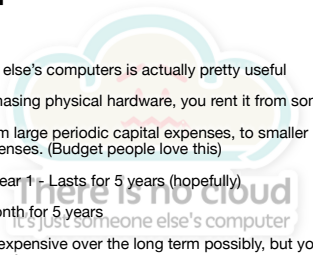
## The Data Center - Virtual Machines

- You have to have enough resources to meet that peak demand year round
  - That costs a lot of money
  - That excess capacity is “wasted” much of the time
  - VMs help some, as that excess capacity can be used by short lived projects



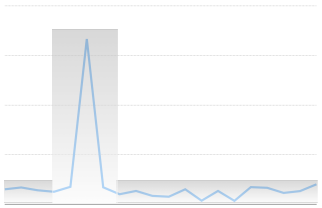
## The Cloud

- Using someone else's computers is actually pretty useful
- Instead of purchasing physical hardware, you rent it from someone else
- Costs move from large periodic capital expenses, to smaller monthly operational expenses. (Budget people love this)
  - $100,000 in year 1 - Lasts for 5 years (hopefully)
  - $2000 per month for 5 years
    - A bit more expensive over the long term possibly, but you don't need $100,000 up front




## The Cloud

- The biggest advantage of the Cloud is flexibility
  - Instead of paying for peak capacity year round, you can only pay for the 2 week spike
  - So maybe instead of $2000 a month its only $500 most months, and $2,000 that one peak month
    ($27,500 + $10,000 = $37,500)



## The Cloud

**Flexibility enables many different use cases**

- Autoscaling - detect when your backend hosts are getting stressed and automatically deploy more backend resources. Get rid of them as the load subsides
- Experiments - deploy additional development environments in parallel to your production environments. Maybe each developer or feature gets dedicated resources
- Try new things faster - you don't have to wait for new CPUs to be delivered to your datacenter. You can try new resources quickly and relatively cheaply.

# The Cloud

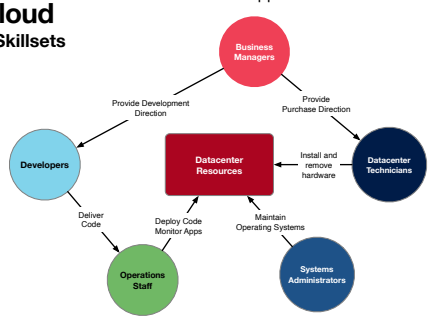
## Pay Per Hour vs Pay Per Request

- Cloud vendors offer many higher level services that shift the compute calculation
  - Virtual Servers are pay per hour.  You pick a configuration, and it costs that much as long as you have the server “on”.
  - Other services are pay per request. You configure the service, and then you pay a small fraction for each request the service handles. This can offer tremendous savings for smaller services, but could also benefit large ones.
  - Become, hire, or befriend a cloud economist.

# The Cloud

## Shifting Skillsets

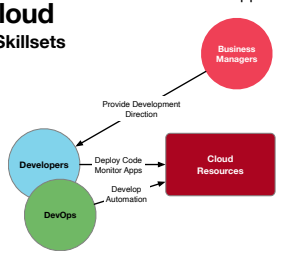
Datacenter Application Model




# The Cloud

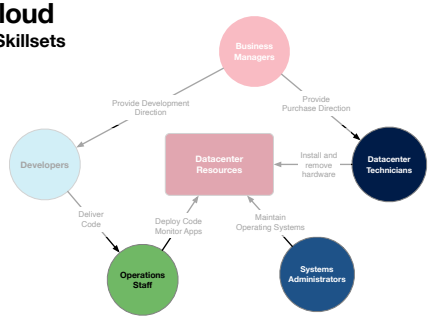
## Shifting Skillsets

Cloud Application Model



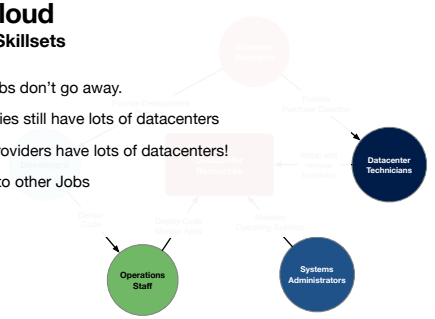
## The Cloud
### Shifting Skillsets

What about these folks?




## The Cloud
### Shifting Skillsets

- These jobs don't go away.
- Companies still have lots of datacenters
- Cloud Providers have lots of datacenters!
- Migrate to other Jobs




## Application Development
### It's All About Speed of Deployment

- Research shows one of the best indicators of high performing development teams is how often they deploy new code to production, and how fast they can do this*
- Requires automation at all levels
- Cloud providers are easier to automate
  - API First mentality

*Accelerate: The Science of Lean Software and DevOps: Building and Scaling High Performing Technology Organizations
Forsgren, Nicole ; Humble, Jez ; Kim, Gene ; 2018
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## Application Development
### How Do We Deploy Quickly?

- Datacenters
  - It was hard. Each new host had to be manually configured, at least initially.
  - After initial setup, automation tools like Chef, Puppet, and Ansible could be used to setup a standard application environment, install dependencies, and deploy the application.
  - This process was still comparatively slow, taking minutes to hours to complete.
  - Operating system maintenance and patching could also be done through these orchestration tools.

## Application Development
### How Do We Deploy Quickly?

- Virtual Servers
  - Once the VM infrastructure was configured, a “master image” of an application could be built.
  - These images could then be deployed multiple times across VM infrastructure to build out the desired capacity.
  - Images needed to be kept up to date with security patches still.
  - Deploying code meant pushing changes into an existing VM, or re-building the entire VM image.
  - Long-lived VMs still need to be managed with orchestration like Puppet, Chef, Ansible

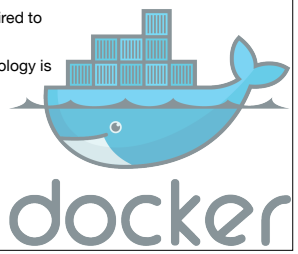
## Application Development
### How Do We Deploy Quickly?

- Cloud Computing with “Traditional” VMs
  - Not really much different from VM infrastructure in your own datacenter.
  - You’re still responsible for:
    - Building images
    - Operating system updates and patches
    - Application code updates
  - It’s still just someone else’s computer
  - Faster. No “spare capacity” to maintain yourself.

## Containers

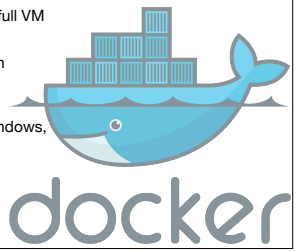
**Yeah, pretty much Docker**

- Containers isolate all dependencies required to run an application process
- Feels like a VM, but the underlying technology is different
- Does not contain a full OS / Kernel
- All containers on a Host share the same underlying Kernel
- Processes are isolated




## Containers

- Container images are much smaller than full VM images.
- Host container environment can be run on commodity hardware. Does not require specialized VM infrastructure.
- The same container can run on Linux, Windows, macOS.
- Can run in Google Cloud, AWS, Azure
- Can run on your laptop



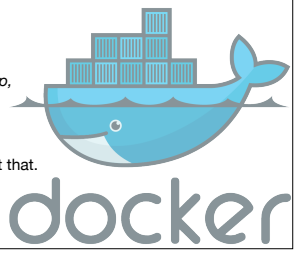

## Containers & Docker

- Solves the age old problem of:

  *"Developer: well, it runs on my laptop.*

  *Operations: great, give me your laptop, I'll put that into production."*

- With Docker, you pretty much can do just that.

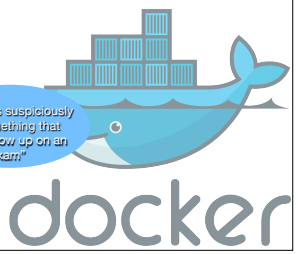


## Containers & Docker

**Key Concepts**

- Containers isolate processes
- Containers encapsulate dependencies
- Running containers are ephemeral
- Images are immutable
- Images are composable

"that looks suspiciously like something that would show up on an exam!"



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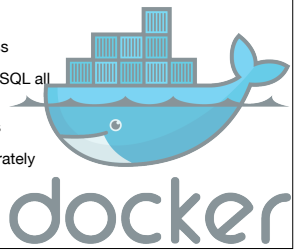
## Containers & Docker

- Container isolate processes
  - A container is meant to run one process
  - You don't run Apache, Django, and MySQL all in one container
  - Instead have three separate containers
  - Allows each piece to be updated separately



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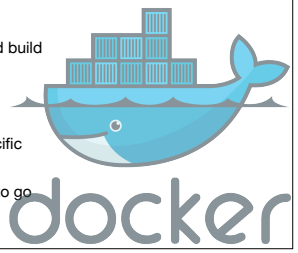
## Containers & Docker

- Container images are composable
  - You can start from a "base" image, and build your changes on top of this
  - Allows other teams/companies to be responsible for base configuration
  - You just have to worry about your specific dependencies
  - No limit to how many layers you want to go



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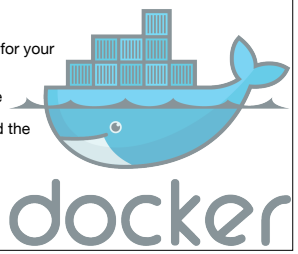
## Containers & Docker

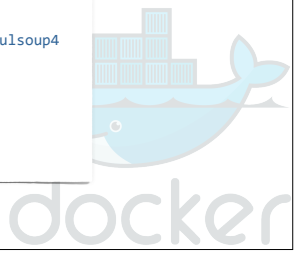
- Container encapsulate dependencies
  - All the required libraries and code files for your process can be built into the image
  - A Dockerfile is used to define an image
  - Using the Dockerfile you can then build the image




## Containers & Docker

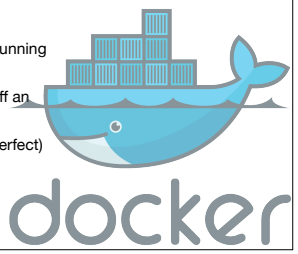
```
FROM python:3.10

RUN pip install locust beautifulsoup4

RUN mkdir /tests

WORKDIR /tests

CMD ["locust"]
```

https://locust.io



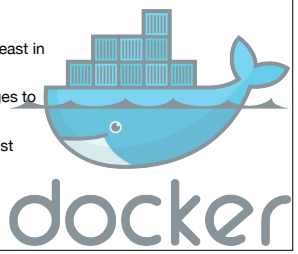

## Containers & Docker

- Container images are immutable
  - When you run an image, you create a running container
  - Each time you run a container based off an image it's exactly the same.
  - Analogous to instantiating a class (imperfect)



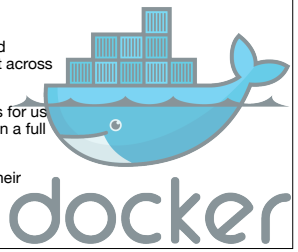
## Containers & Docker

- Running containers are ephemeral
  - You don't "shut down" a container (at least in production)
  - When a container terminates, all changes to the container filesystem are lost
  - Any data the needs to be persisted must happen outside the container




## Why Use Docker for CSC 346?

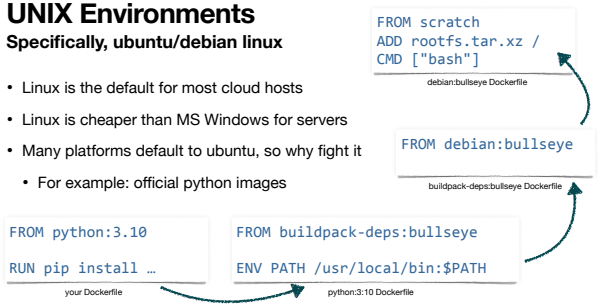
- You all have different laptops
- Docker gives us a way to have a standard development and evaluation environment across widely varying hosts
- You can turn in Dockerfiles and code files for us to run and test, without having to maintain a full Virtual Machine
- Remember that containers do not save their filesystem! Don't lose your work!




## UNIX Environments

**Specifically, ubuntu/debian linux**

- Linux is the default for most cloud hosts
- Linux is cheaper than MS Windows for servers
- Many platforms default to ubuntu, so why fight it
  - For example: official python images



## What is UNIX?

- Bell Labs in the early 1970s
- Spawned many Open Source derivatives
  - BSD → Darwin → macOS
  - Linux → Debian → Ubuntu
  - Linux → Android
- Nearly unchallenged in the server / cloud space
  - Great process model
  - Developer friendly
  - Great command line interface

## Linux Basics
### Files and Directories

- Linux organizes a filesystem based mainly on files and directories
  - Directories = Folders - We will not be pedantic about this 🙂
- A filesystem is organized into a **directory tree**
  - Directories = branches  Files = leaves
- A filesystem has a single root directory
- Linux uses the “forward slash”, or just “slash” as the directory delimiter

```
/Users/mark/Documents/csc246/01-cloud-docker.key
```

## Linux Basics
### Users and Groups

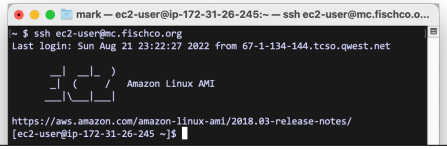
- Files are owned by users
- A ‘root’ user has access to everything
- Users can belong to groups
- File and Directories can have permissions that grant various access to users and groups
- Docker containers run everything inside them as a local root user, this is different from the host’s root user.

# Linux Basics

## Connecting

- A remote host is usually accessed through a Secure Shell - ssh

```
$ ssh username@hostname
```




# Linux Basics

## Connecting

- A local docker container can be accessed either through the initial run command, or by an exec command.

```
$ docker run -it --name python python:3.10 bash
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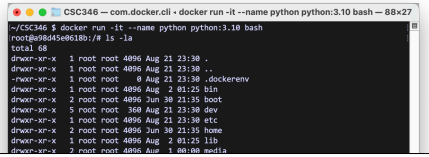



# Linux Basics

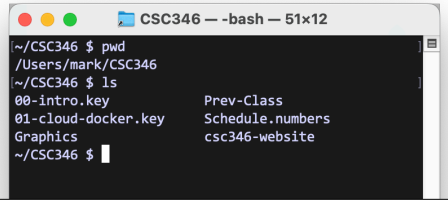
## Where Am I?

- When you first connect to a linux host, your CLI session will usually start in the user's home directory
- Docker containers usually start at the WORKDIR defined in that Image's Dockerfile
  - If WORKDIR is not defined, you'll start at the filesystem root: /
- Use `pwd` to see your filesystem location (Present Working Directory)

# Linux Basics

## What Stuff Is Here?

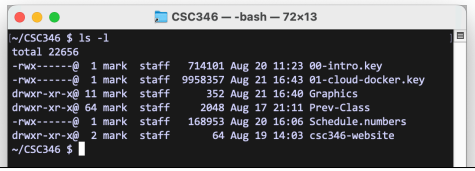
- To see the contents of the directory you're in, use the `ls` command (list)




# Linux Basics

## CLI Arguments

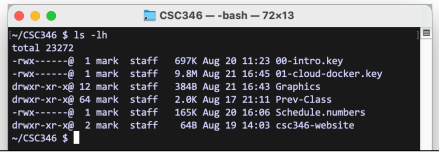
- Most CLI commands support arguments and options. Tells the command to do different things.
- The `ls` command accepts the `-l` option to list files in the long format.




# Linux Basics

## CLI Arguments

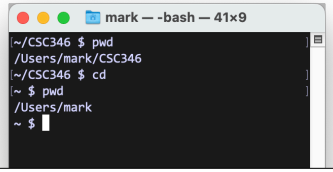
- By default the `-l` long format shows file sizes in bytes.
- Use the `-h` option to show sizes in human readable format.
- Multiple options can be combined with the same dash: `-lh`



# Linux Basics

## Moving Yourself Around

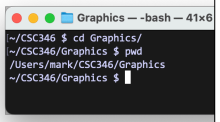
- To move to a different directory, use the `cd` command (Change Directory)
- If used without an argument, `cd` will take you to your home directory.



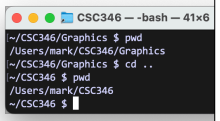

# Linux Basics

## Moving Yourself Around

- To move into another directory contained in the current one, use `cd dirname`




- To move up a directory, use the special `".."` directory




# Linux Basics

## Core CLI Commands

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|---|---|
| `pwd` | Prints your present working directory |
| `ls` | Lists the files in your current directory |
| `ls -lh` | Lists the files in your current directory in long form, with human readable file sizes |
| `cd [dir]` | Change your current working directory to `[dir]` |
| `mkdir [dir]` | Create a new directory named `dir` inside your current working directory |
| `mv [from] [to]` | Move a file from one location to another. If `to` is not within another directory, it renames the file in your current directory |
| `cp [from] [to]` | Copy a file `from` one location `to` another |
| `rm [file]` | Delete a `file` (remove it) |

# Linux Basics

## Core CLI Commands

| | |
|---|---|
| `cat [file]` | Prints the full contents of `file` to the screen |
| `grep [string] [file]` | Search `file` for the specified `string` |
| `head -n[count] [file]` | Print the first `n` lines of a `file` to the screen. |
| `tail -n[count] [file]` | Print the last `n` lines of a `file` to the screen. |
| `tail -f [file]` | Print the last few lines of a `file` to the screen, and continue to follow it as new lines are added. |
| `less [file]` | Prints out the contents of the first page of a file to your screen, and gives you keyboard commands for navigating through the file. Read-only. |

# Linux Basics

## CLI Text Editors

- Popular editors: `vi, vim, emacs, nano`
  - All keyboard and text based. No mouse.
- I mostly try and avoid CLI text editors. I like my GUI!
  - We'll see many strategies for avoiding the CLI editors
- When I need to, I mostly use `vim` or `vi` depending on what is available

# Linux Basics

## STDOUT, Redirection, and Pipes

- UNIX has a concept of Standard Out (STDOUT) and Standard Error (STDERR)
- By default STDOUT is directed to your terminal screen
- STDOUT can be redirected to other places though

| | |
|---|---|
| `ls -l > output.txt` | Sends the `STDOUT` of the `ls` command to a file named `output.txt`. If that file exists, it will be overwritten. If the file does not exist, it will be created. |
| `ls -l >> output.txt` | Appends the `STDOUT` of the `ls` command to a file named `output.txt`. If that file exists, it will add new output to the end of the file. If the file does not exist, it will be created. |
| `python3 ./prog.py \| less` | Pipe the `STDOUT` of the python program to `less`. This lets you scroll through the output of `prog.py` while still letting new text come in at the bottom. |

## Development Environments
### Microsoft VS Code

- Not required, but it's really great
- Free
- GUI Text editor and terminal all in one
- Can open a local folder and use it as a project
- Customizable
- Plugins for just about everything

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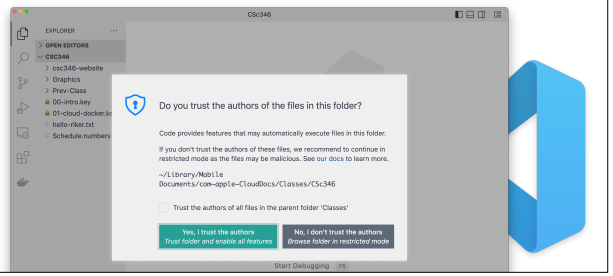
# Development Environments

## Microsoft VS Code

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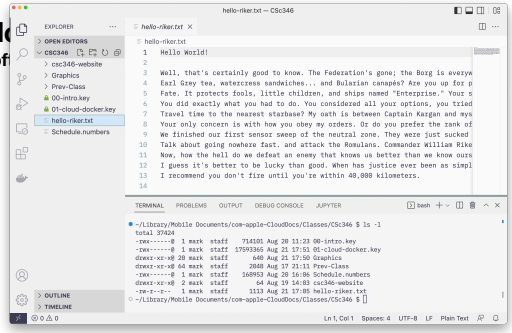
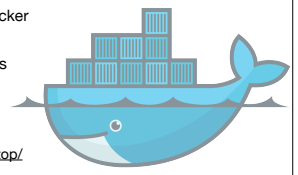



# Docker

## Installation

- For this class you will need access to Docker Desktop on a computer
  - Free for individual and educational uses
- Installers for Windows, Mac, and Linux

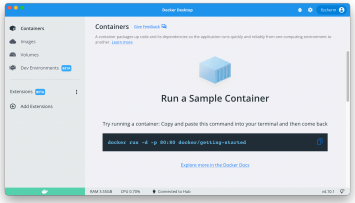
https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/



docker

# Docker
## Our First Container

- Once you have Docker Desktop installed and running, you should see a window like this.




# Docker
## docker run

- Starting a new container from an image is done with the docker run command

```
$ docker run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
```

```
$ docker run -it python:3.10 bash
```

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## docker run

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- The **`-it`** options are for interactive **`(i)`** and connect tty terminal **`(t)`**
- The image is **`python`** and the tag for the image is **`3.10`**, this specifies which version of the image to run
- Once the container is running, we execute the **`bash`** command inside it. Since we connected our terminal to this, we should get a command prompt 'inside' the container

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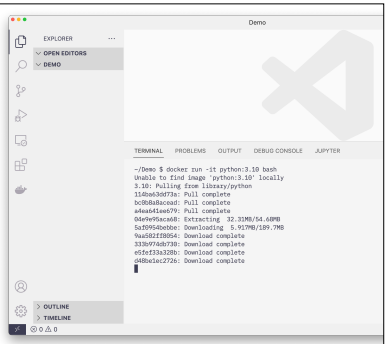
## Our First Container

- We can run this command in our terminal
- Because we have never used the **`python:3.10`** image before, it must be downloaded from hub.docker.com

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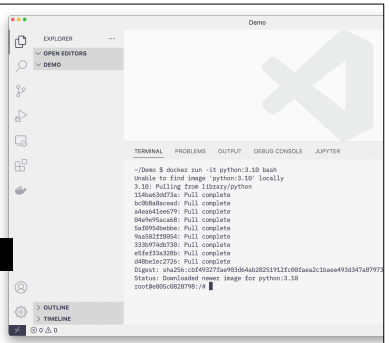
## Our First Container

- Once the image has downloaded, our bash command is executed inside.
- You can see our terminal prompt has changed

```
root@e005c0828798:/#
```

- We're root inside the container

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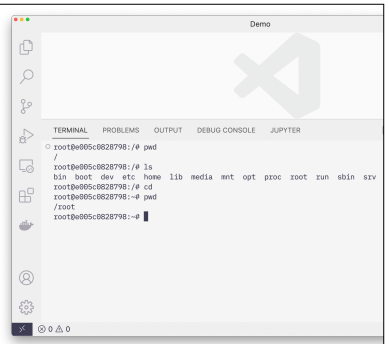
## Our First Container

- We can use our linux commands here
- The **`pwd`** command shows we're currently at the filesystem root
- The **`ls`** command lists all the fils and directories at the root of the filesystem
- The **`cd`** command will take us to root's home directory



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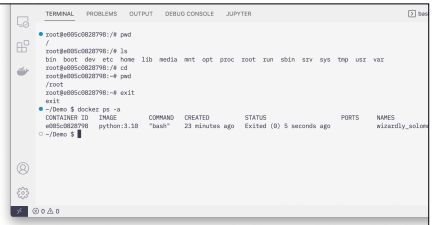
## Our First Container




- We can exit our container by typing the **`exit`** command
- This returns us to our host
- We can list all the running or stopped containers with the **`docker ps -a`** command

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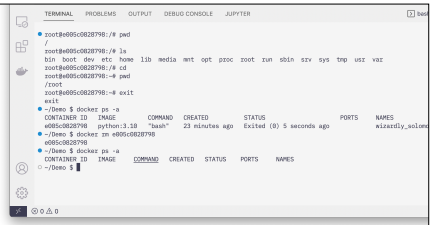
## Our First Container




- Docker containers are not removed by default
- Remove an exited container with **`docker rm [container id]`**
- Can also remove containers by name with **`docker rm [container name]`**

# Docker

## Our First Container

- You can list images you currently have locally with the **`docker images`** command

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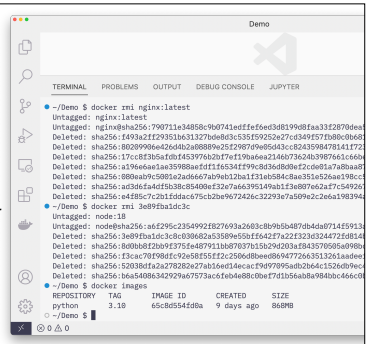
## Our First Container

- While still smaller than full Virtual Machine images, docker images can still clutter up your local storage
- Use **`docker rmi [image id]`** or **`docker rmi [image:tag]`** to remove them

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## Our First Container

- Some additional run options
- The **`-name`** option sets the friendly name of the container
- The **`--rm`** option automatically removes the container upon exit

```
$ docker run -it —rm -name python python:3.10 bash
```

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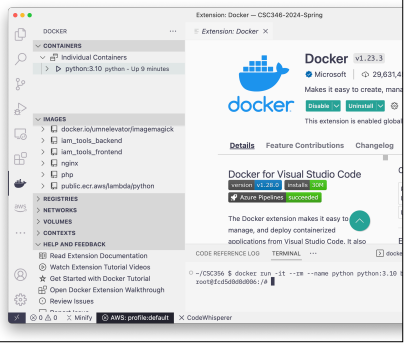
## Our First Container

- Official Docker extension for VS Code is pretty useful



# Automation

## First Steps

- Our CLI commands are already getting longer and harder to remember.
- Linux offers us a way to wrap up a set of commands into a script file that can be executed
  - This works by default for macOS and Linux based laptops
  - Windows uses PowerShell by default and can do similar things

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```
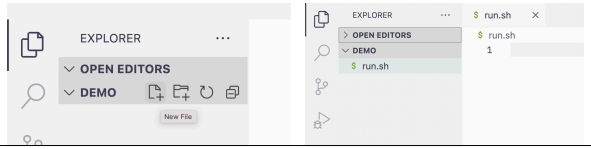

# Automation

## First Steps

- With a folder opened in VS Code, click on the new file icon next to the folder name in the Explorer tab
- Type in the name of the new file. For example **`run.sh`**
- The new file will open in a new tab in the Editor pane



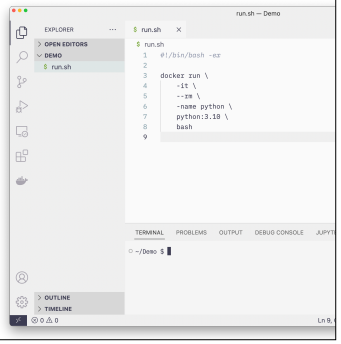




# Automation

## Bash Shell Script

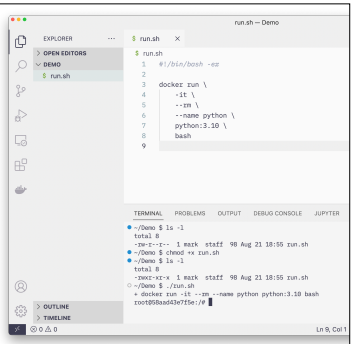
- Instead of having everything on one line, it is often easier to break a command across multiple lines.
- Shell commands can be continued to a new line by having a backslash character as the final character on a line



# Automation

## Bash Shell Script

- Before you can execute a shell script, you must flag it as executable
- The **`chmod`** command lets you change modes on a file
- The **`+x`** option adds the execute mode to the file
- Run the command with **`./[filename]`**




next up: docker images in depth