Simplifying Container Management with Habitat

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Broom

Roomba

Vacuum Cleaner





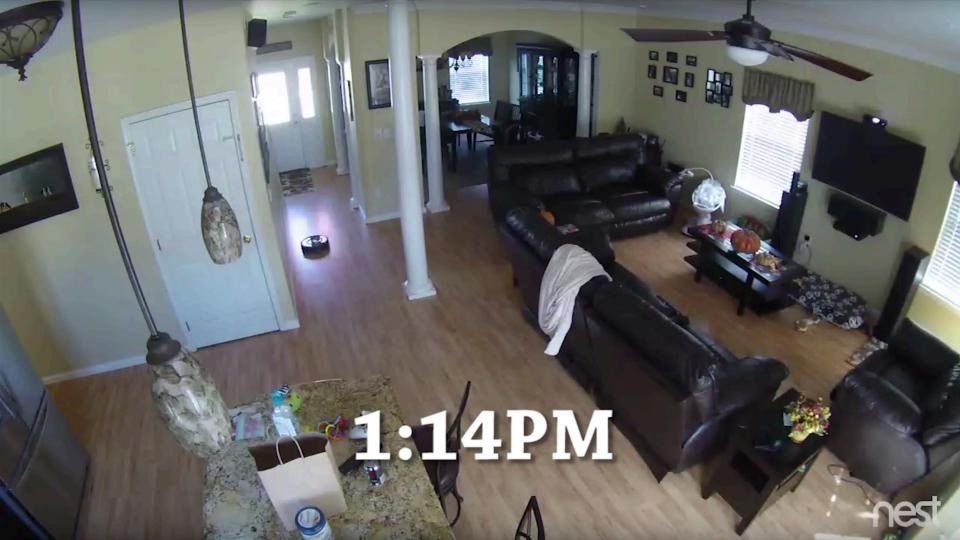










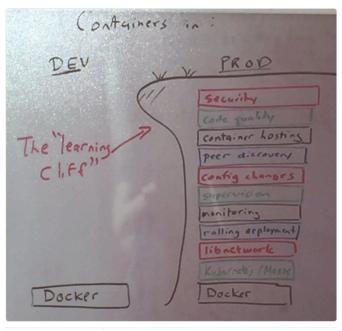




Current Container Pain



Containers in Dev vs Prod



1,632









1,358

Containers aren't a VM

You sure about that?

Current Container Usage

- 4 to 1 container to host ratio
- 75% of containers container a full OS

Easy to do the wrong thing

FROM ubuntu:12.04

FROM debian:latest

FROM centos:centos7

Technical Debt for fun and profit.

Lift and Shift your

Modern Applications

API first

Small Area of Concern

Ephemeral

Focus on Artifacts

Habitat is about running modern apps.





Focuses on Artifacts

Eliminates the OS

Operable Application Containers

- Isolated
- Immutable
- Configurable
- Common interface for monitoring health
- Rebuild from source
- Common packaging
- Runtime Independence

The dreaded build cycle

```
wget https://some.place/package.tar.gz
tar xfzv package.tar.gz
./configure
make
make install
```

The dreaded build cycle

Lifecycle Reference

The following lists all build phases of the default, clean and site lifecycles, which are executed in the order given up to the point of the one specified.

Clean Lifecycle

pre-clean	execute processes needed prior to the actual project cleaning
clean	remove all files generated by the previous build
post-clean	execute processes needed to finalize the project cleaning

Default Lifecycle

validate	validate the project is correct and all necessary information is available.
initialize	initialize build state, e.g. set properties or create directories.
generate-sources	generate any source code for inclusion in compilation.
process-sources	process the source code, for example to filter any values.
generate-resources	generate resources for inclusion in the package.
process-resources	copy and process the resources into the destination directory, ready for packaging.
compile	compile the source code of the project.
process-classes	post-process the generated files from compilation, for example to do bytecode enhancement on Java classes.
generate-test-sources	generate any test source code for inclusion in compilation.
process-test-sources	process the test source code, for example to filter any values.
generate-test- resources	create resources for testing.
process-test- resources	copy and process the resources into the test destination directory.
test-compile	compile the test source code into the test destination directory
process-test-classes	post-process the generated files from test compilation, for example to do bytecode enhancement on Java classes. For Maven 2.0.5 and above.
test	run tests using a suitable unit testing framework. These tests should not require the code be packaged or deployed.
prepare-package	perform any operations necessary to prepare a package before the actual packaging. This often results in an unpacked, processed version of the package. (Maven 2.1 and above)
package	take the compiled code and package it in its distributable format, such as a JAR.

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npm-scripts

How npm handles the "scripts" field

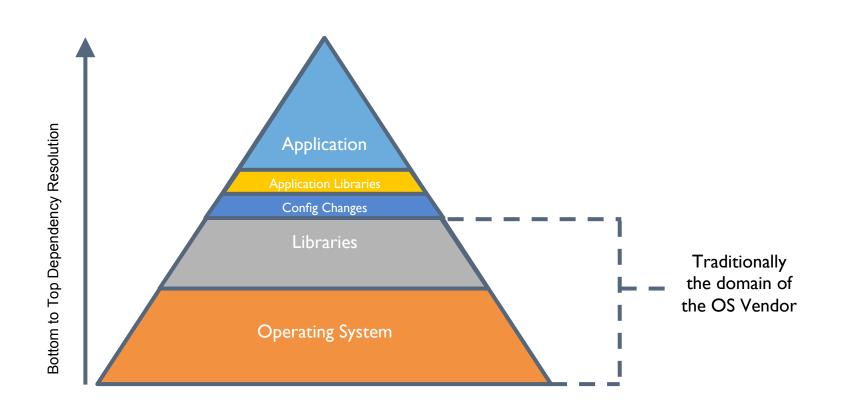
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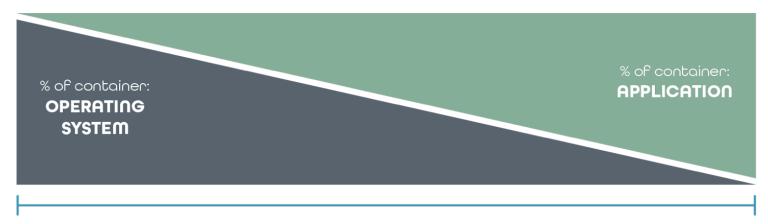
npm supports the "scripts" property of the package. ison script, for the following scripts:

- prepublish: Run BEFORE the package is packed and published, as well as on local npm install without any arguments. (See below)
- prepare: Run both BEFORE the package is packed and published, and on local npm install without any arguments (See below). This is run AFTER prepublish, but BEFORE prepublishOnly.
- prepublishOnly: Run BEFORE the package is prepared and packed, ONLY on npm publish. (See below.)
- prepack: run BEFORE a tarball is packed (on npm pack, npm publish, and when installing git dependencies)
- postpack: Run AFTER the tarball has been generated and moved to its final destination.
- publish, postpublish: Run AFTER the package is published.
- preinstall: Run BEFORE the package is installed
- install, postinstall: Run AFTER the package is installed.
- preuninstall, uninstall: Run BEFORE the package is uninstalled.
- postuninstall: Run AFTER the package is uninstalled.
- preversion: Run BEFORE bumping the package version.
- version: Run AFTER bumping the package version, but BEFORE commit.
- postversion: Run AFTER bumping the package version, and AFTER commit.
- pretest, test, posttest: Run by the npm test command.
- prestop, stop, poststop: Run by the npm stop command.
- prestart, start, poststart: Run by the npm start command.
- prerestart, restart, postrestart: Run by the npm restart command. Note: npm restart will run the stop and start scripts if no restart script is provided.
- preshrinkwrap, shrinkwrap, postshrinkwrap: Run by the npm shrinkwrap command.

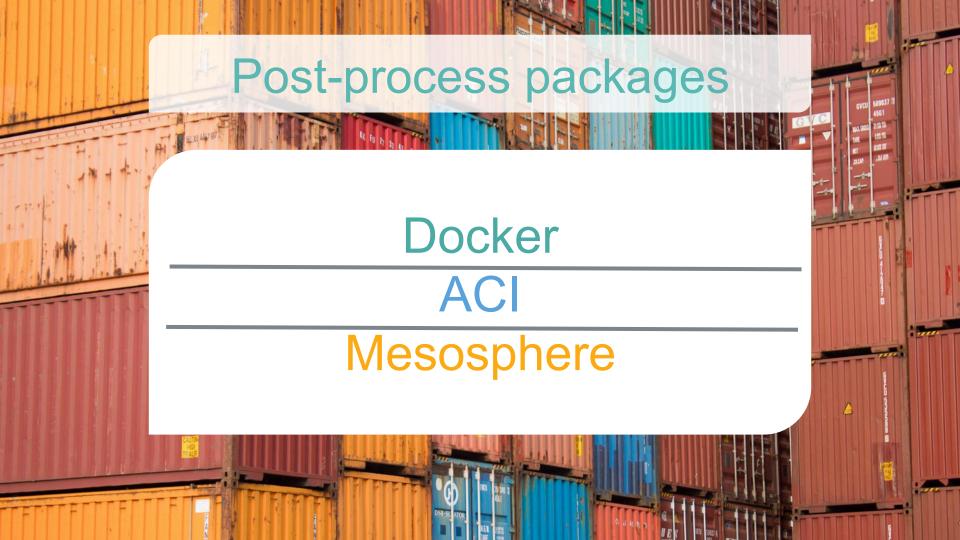
Habitat Defines the Build Lifecycle

- Default implementation is C/C++ Build Lifecycle
- Other default implementations provided by Scaffolding
 - core/scaffolding-ruby
 - core/scaffolding-node
- Build dependencies explicitly declared
- Runtime dependencies explicitly declared.





Dynamic Linked Binary Large OS Static Linked Binary No OS



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- Lifecycle events
 - Start, Stop, Reconfigure, etc
- Environment specific configuration
- Knowledge of peers
- Knowledge of dependent services

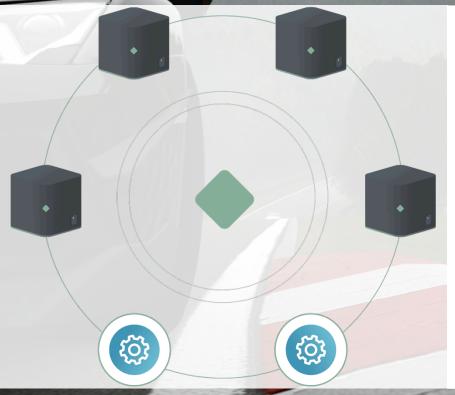
Lifecycle Hooks

- init
- run
- health_check
- file_updated
- reload
- reconfigure
- post-run
- suitability

Configuration

- Config files stored in ./config
- Default values provided by
 - Scaffolding
 - default.toml
- Override defaults through
 - ENV variable
 - user.toml
 - Over the network





Peers

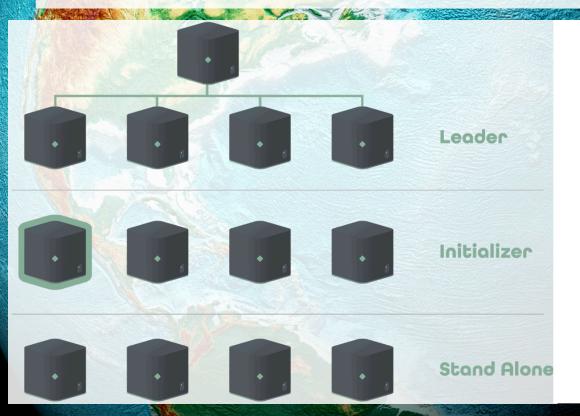
Service Groups

Gossip

Availability increases with scale

What do applications need to run?

Supervisors support topologies



Dynamic configuration

Service group level

Uses the ring

Self Organizing Applications

- Habitat applications can self organize
- Typical pattern
 - Bake intent into the container
 - Redis-master container image
 - Redis-follower container image
 - Introduces image sprawl

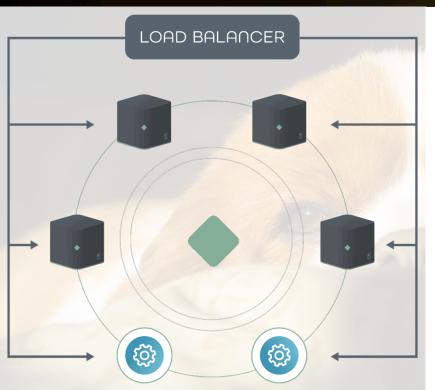
Self Organizing Applications

- Habitat pattern
 - One container image
 - Launch images with knowledge of peers
 - Application self organizes

Self Organizing Applications

- Habitat config files, hooks, and labeling
 - Config files are generating based on self organization
 - Hooks will be fired after the application self-organizes
 - Hooks can communicate with other services (Kubernetes) to inform services of changes

Supervisors provide a REST API



External Actors

Health and Status

Supervisor Debugging

What Habitat brings to Containers:

- Build containers from the Application down
- Export containers in a variety of formats
- Automatically export containers with:
 - Service Discovery
 - Configuration Management
 - Supervisor API
 - Clustering Topology Support



Questions

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