

CONTAINERS FOR SCIENCE

What are they? Why are they useful? How to use them? How to build them?

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POLL – WHAT ARE CONTAINERS?

- a) A different name for a virtual machine
- b) Plastic boxes to store food in and keep it separated
- c) A collection of tools to keep programs from interfering with each other

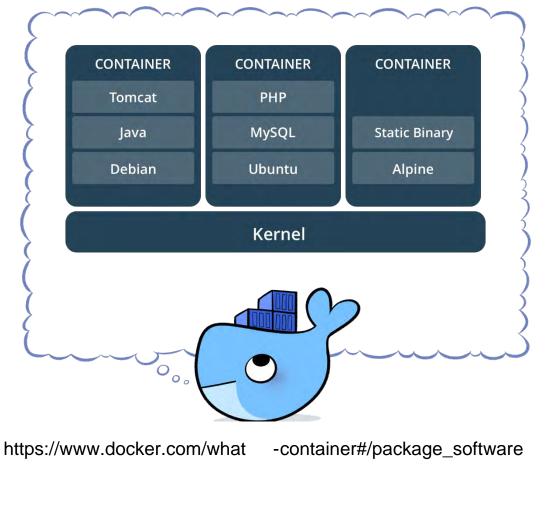




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WHAT ARE CONTAINERS?

- isolate software from its surroundings
- container image includes: code, runtime, system tools, system libraries, settings
- resource management provided by the Linux kernel (namespaces and cgroups)
- recipe = describes what should be in an image
- image = stores everything we need to run
- container = what we launch based on an image







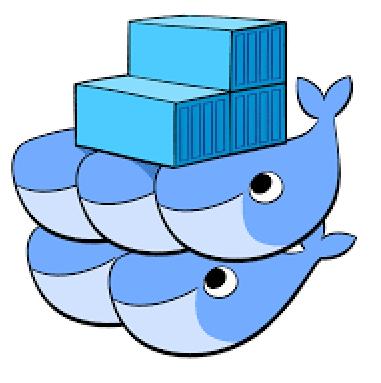
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DOCKER

- started the container hype by providing easy to use packages for Linux, Windows, Mac
- widely adopted and supported by cloud providers, including orchestration of many containers (Kubernetes)

- not easy to run graphical applications
- requires elevated privileges ⊗





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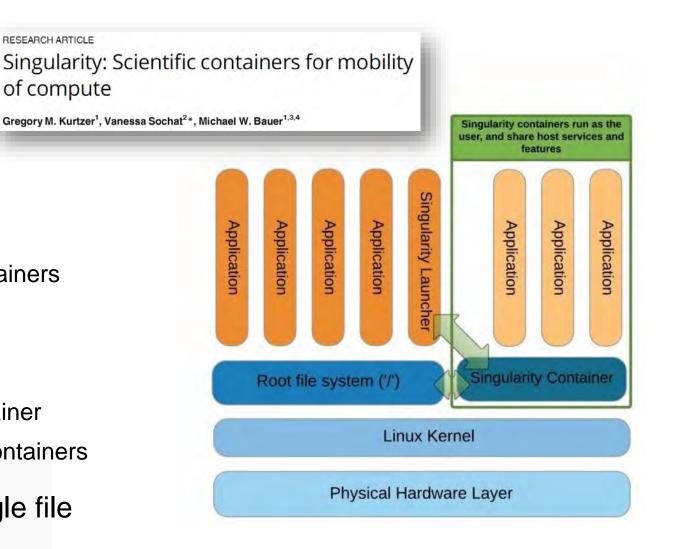


SINGULARITY

- Built to run on HPCs
- simple to install
- untrusted users running untrusted containers

RESEARCH ARTICLE

- same user inside image than outside
- built for data science
- GPU devices can be accessed in container
- graphical applications can run inside containers
- container format based on a single file
- simple file transfer and archive



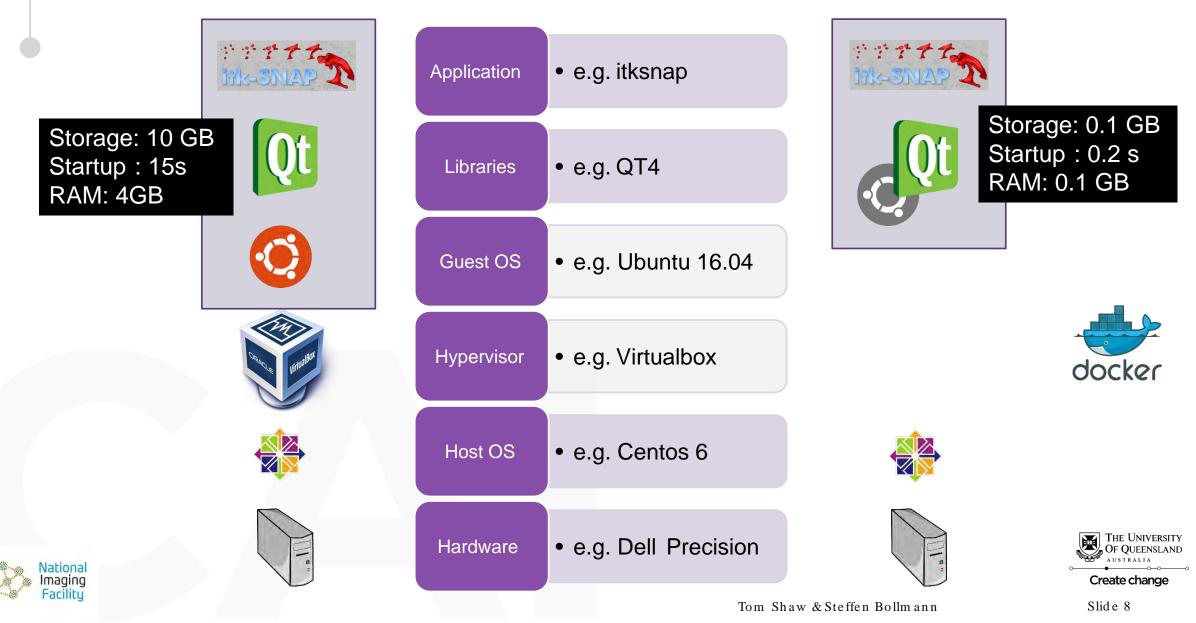
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VIRTUAL MACHINES VS CONTAINERS



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WHY ARE CONTAINERS USEFUL?

Reproducibility of neuroimaging analyses across operating systems

Tristan Glatard^{1,2}, Lindsay B. Lewis¹, Rafael Ferreira da Silva³, Reza Adalat¹, Natacha Beck¹, Claude Lepage¹, Pierre Rioux¹, Marc-Etienne Rousseau¹, Tarek Sherif¹, Ewa Deelman³, Najmeh Khalili-Mahani¹ and Alan C. Evans^{1*}

- glibc 2.5 vs 2.18 deliver different floating -point results
- leads to significant differences in long pipelines

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USE CASE – RE-RUNNING FREESURFER ANALYSIS FROM 5 YEARS AGO

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USE CASES: SCALABILITY

- Example: Running fMRIPrep on your pilot data
- Your pilot data turns into 100 participants.
- OR you have to include a larger dataset in your publication
- Use the same software on different platforms (your notebook/PC, Linux workstations, different clusters/ high performance computers)
- Run the same pipeline with no changes. Hooray!







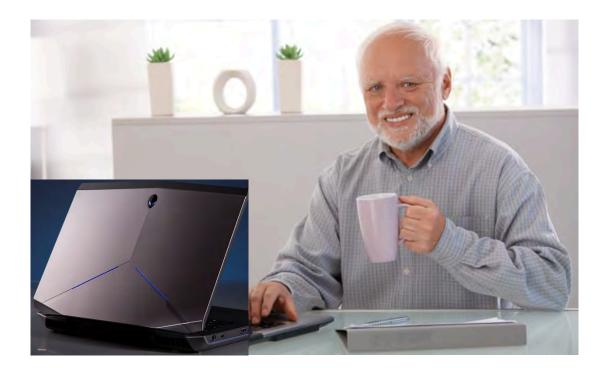
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USE CASES: RUNNING THINGS ON DIFFERENT OS

- Example: Upgrade your computer! Now what?
- Different OS?
- Run Linux software on Mac and Windows
- Containers make your work reproducible and robust to OS changes.





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USE CASES: SHARING

Example: Sharing a reproducible pipeline including the software and the data!



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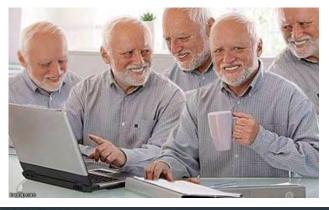
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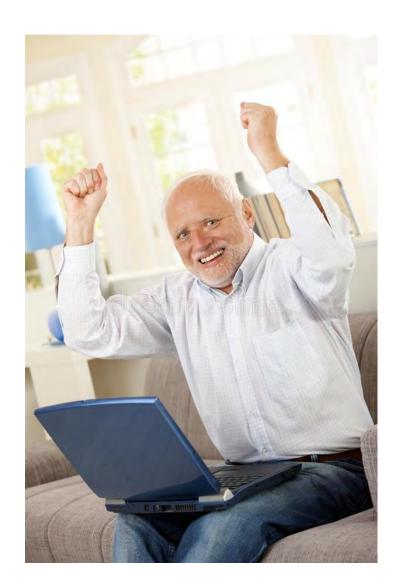
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BENEFITS

- Longitudinal stability of software pipeline (e.g., upgrade of Ubuntu 16.04 breaks fslview -> libpng12 gone)
- Reproducible? Yes and no: version of container can change. Is the container build reproducible?
- Portable
- Isolated are not exposed to the host system
- Ease of use (e.g., compiling ANTs on a HPC without sudo access vs using compiled ANTs container)
- Some software is easier to use in containers (e.g., fmriprep, mriqc, BIDSApps / integration.)







CHALLENGES

- Hard to use bind mounts/syntax of commands
- Docker doesn't run with HPCs
- Versioning of containers comes with no guarantees —images may not exist tomorrow, hubs disappear
- Licensing issues (Freesurfer/ FSL/ MATLAB)
- Black box how was it made?
- Version of Singularity or Docker changes







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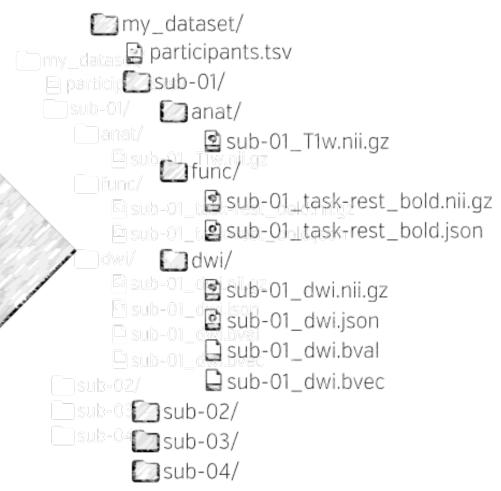


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BIDS APPS

RESEARCH ARTICLE

BIDS apps: Improving ease of use, accessibility, and reproducibility of neuroimaging data analysis methods

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- neuroimaging tools and workflows in docker containers
- e.g. FreeSurfer, SPM, MRtrix3, AFNI, ANTS, HCPPipelines







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https://tinyurl.com/ohbm2020 -containers

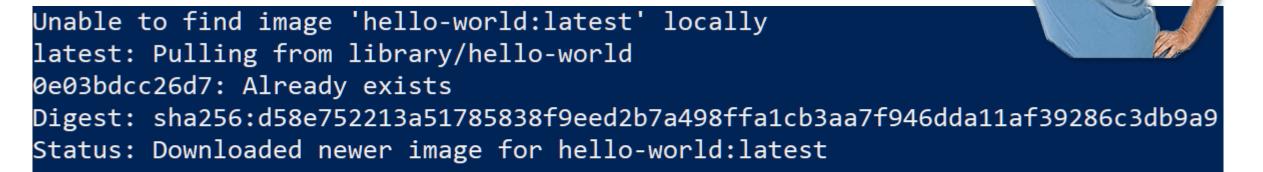




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HELLO WORLD OF DOCKER

docker run hello-world



Hello from Docker! This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly.





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DOCKER CACHES IMAGES

Does not download image again!



PS C:\Users\uqsbollm> docker run hello-world

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SHOW DOWNLOADED IMAGES

• This can fill up your hard drive ...



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CLEAN UP DOCKER IMAGES



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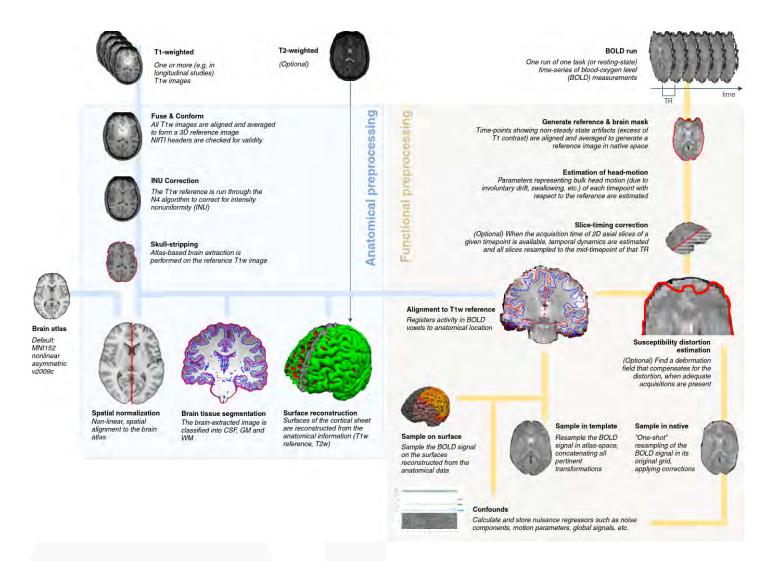
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FMRIPREP EXAMPLE





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- >> -v \$HOME/data/work:/work `
- >> poldracklab/fmriprep:latest /data /out/fmriprep-latest `
- >> participant -w /work





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FMRIPREP EXAMPLE

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If you have any questions, please post on https://neurostars.org/tags/bids.

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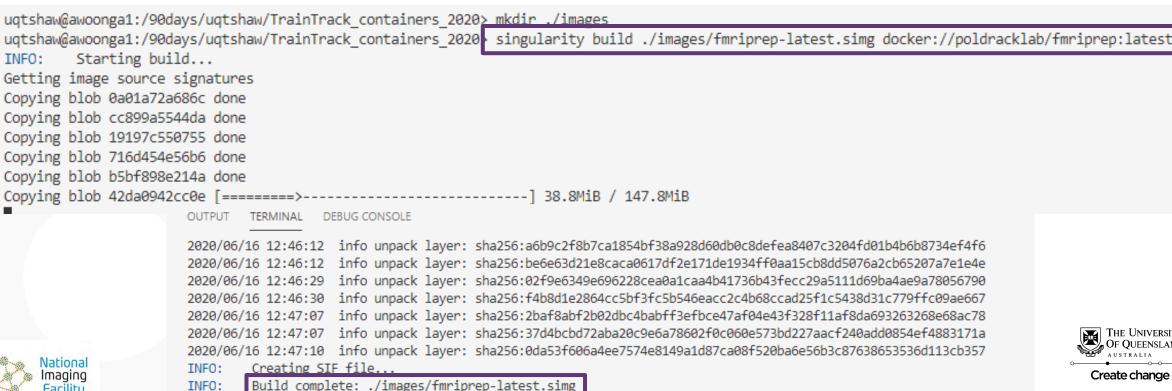
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- * Output spaces: MNI152NLin2009cAsym:res-native.
- * Pre-run FreeSurfer's SUBJECTS DIR: /out/fmriprep-latest/freesurfern Shaw & Steffen Bollmann



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PULL FMRIPREP TO HPC

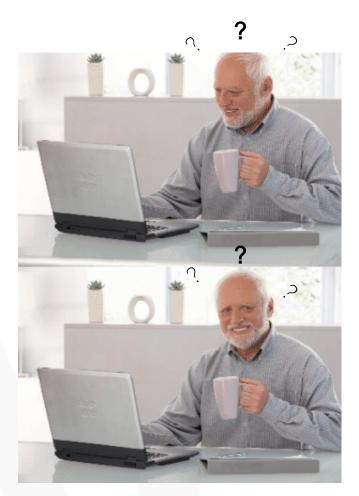
- I want to run fMRIPrep on the HPC to impress my boss
- Docker doesn't run need Singularity
- Push to docker hub and pull on HPC (so you can run the software
- Or pull an image from docker/singularity hub





without root access)

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A SIMPLE DOCKER CONTAINER

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A SIMPLE DOCKER CONTAINER

PS C:\repos\TrainTrack_containers_2020\2_build_itksnap_docker> docker build .

Sending build context to Docker daemon 5.632kB

Step 1/9 : FROM ubuntu:16.04

---> 005d2078bdfa

Step 2/9 : LABEL maintainer="Thom Shaw"

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---> c3f25d7ddfdd

Step 3/9 : LABEL org.label-schema.maintainer="Thom Shaw"

---> Using cache

---> 159ed9b7f638

Step 4/9 : ENV PATH="/opt/itksnap/bin/:\${PATH}"

---> Using cache

---> 1dae10a5d039

Step 5/9 : ENV LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/opt/itksnap/lib/:\${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}

---> Using cache

---> 82af4c8fae03

Step 6/9 : RUN apt-get update -y && apt-get install -y wget libglu1 libcurl4-openssl-dev libsm6 libxt6 libf reetype6 libxrender1 libfontconfig1 libglib2.0-0 libqt4-dev libgtk2.0-dev && wget -O itksnap.tar.gz 'https: //sourceforge.net/projects/itk-snap/files/itk-snap/Nightly/itksnap-nightly-master-Linux-gcc64-qt4.tar.gz/do wnload' && tar -zxf itksnap.tar.gz -C /opt/ && mv /opt/itksnap-*/ /opt/itksnap/ && rm itksnap.tar.gz && use radd -m -s /bin/bash itksnap

---> Using cache

---> 99c17fa41e18

Step 7/9 : USER itksnap

---> Using cache

---> bcc94c35bd2b

Step 8/9 : COPY --chown=itksnap:itksnap UserPreferences.xml /home/itksnap/.itksnap.org/ITK-SNAP/

- ---> Using cache
- ---> aa87bda36826

Step 9/9 : CMD ["itksnap"]

---> Using cache

---> 440f73a1ee8d

Successfully built 440f73a1ee8d



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RUN THE CONTAINER INTERACTIVELY

- Running graphical applications requires some wizardry
- We will keep things simple here by going into the container

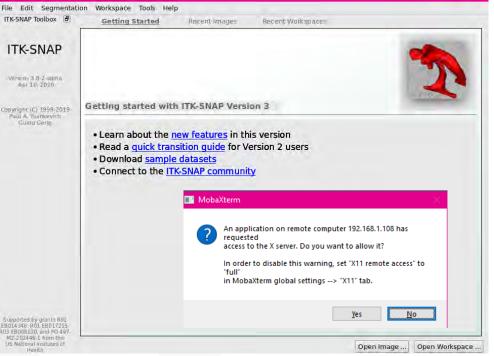


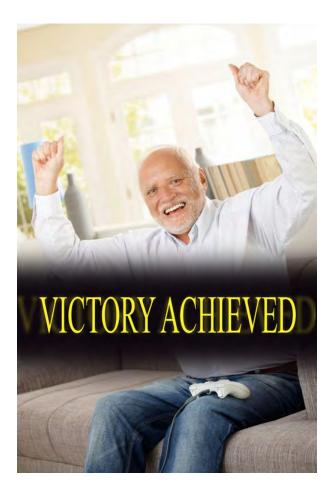
PS C:\Users\thoma> docker run -it thomshaw92/itksnap bash itksnap@e240848aeced:/\$ export DISPLAY=192.168.1.108:1.0 itksnap@e240848aeced:/\$ itksnap Return code : 0 itksnap@e240848aeced:/\$

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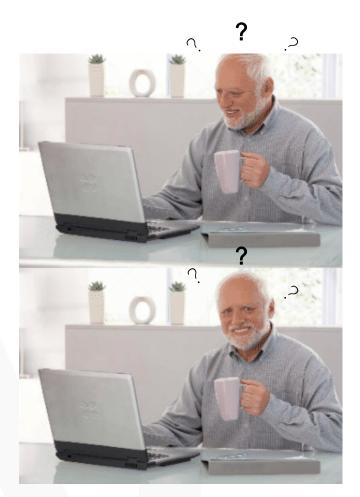


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NEURODOCKER

 Neurodocker generates docker+singularity recipes for almost all the tools we need ⁽²⁾

software	argument	description
AFNI	version*	Either 17.2.02 or latest.
	install_r	If true, install R and AFNI R packages. False by default.
	install_python2	If true, install Python 2.
	install_python3	If true, install Python 3.
ANTs	version*	2.2.0, 2.1.0, 2.0.3, or 2.0.0
	use_binaries	If true (default), use pre-compiled binaries. If false, build from source.
	git_hash	Git hash to checkout to before building from source (only used if use_binaries is false).
Convert3D	version*	"1.0.0" or "nightly".
dcm2niix	version*	"latest", "master", git commit hash, or git tag.

FreeSurfer	version*	Any version for which binaries are provided.
	license_path	Relative path to license file. If provided, this file will be copied into the Docker image. Must be within the build context.
	min	If true, install a version of FreeSurfer minimized for recon-all. See freesurfer/freesurfer#70. False by default.
FSL**	version*	Any version for which binaries are provided.
	eddy_5011	If true, use pre-release version of FSL eddy v5.0.11
	eddy_5011_cuda	6.5, 7.0, 7.5, 8.0; only valid if using eddy pre-release
	use_binaries	If true (default), use pre-compiled binaries. Building from source is not available now but might be added in the future.
	use_installer	If true, use FSL's Python installer. Only valid on CentOS images.
MINC	version*	1.9.15
Miniconda	env_name*	Name of this conda environment.
	yaml_file	Environment specification file. Can be path on host or URL.
	conda_install	Packages to install with conda. e.g., conda_install="python=3.6 numpy traits"
	pip_install	Packages to install with pip.
	conda_opts	Command-line options to pass to conda create .e.g., conda_opts="-c vida-nyu"
	pip_opts	Command-line options to pass to pip install.
	activate	If true (default), activate this environment in container entrypoint.
	miniconda_version	Version of Miniconda. Latest by default.
MRtrix3	use_binaries	If true (default), use pre-compiled binaries. If false, build from source.
	git_hash	Git hash to checkout to before building from source (only used if use_binaries is false).
NeuroDebian	os_codename*	Codename of the operating system (e.g., stretch, zesty).
	download_server*	Server to download NeuroDebian packages from. Choose the one closest to you. See neurodocker generatehelp for the full list of servers.
	pkgs	Packages to download from NeuroDebian.
	full	If true (default), use non-free sources. If false, use libre sources.
PETPVC	version*	1.2.0-b, 1.2.0-a, 1.1.0, 1.0.0
SPM	version*	12 (earlier versions will be supported in the future).
	matlab_version*	R2017a (other MCR versions will be supported once earlier SPM versions are supported).



https://github.com/repronim/neurodocker



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NEURODOCKER RECIPE

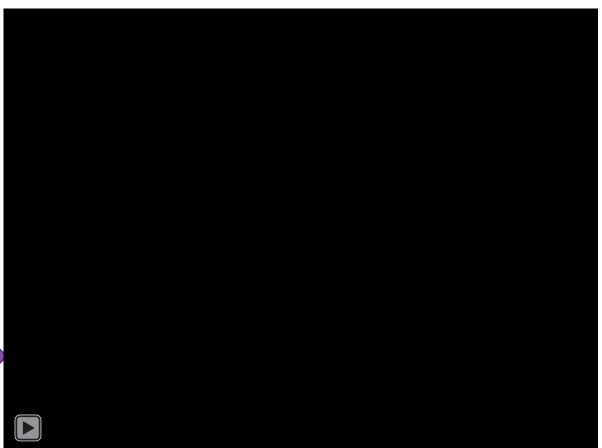
• Let's make it easier



Generate singularity recipe neurodocker generate singularity \

- --base ubuntu:16.04 \
- --pkg-manager apt \
- --itksnap version=3.8.0 \setminus
- --env DEPLOY_PATH=/opt/itksnap-3.5.0/bin/ \
- --entrypoint /opt/itksnap-3.5.0/bin/itksnap \
- --user=neuro \
- > Singularity.itksnap







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SINGULARITY BUILD

- Build singularity container locally
- Or if you don't have root access: https://cloud.sylabs.io/builder

Build online

uqtshaw@awoonga1:.../uqtshaw/TrainTrack_containers_2020/3_build_neurodocker> singularity remote login Run!

Authenticating with default remote. INFO:

Generate an API Key at https://cloud.sylabs.io/auth/tokens, and paste here: API Key:

API Key Verified! INFO:

uqtshaw@awoonga1:.../uqtshaw/TrainTrack containers 2020/3 build neurodocker> singularity build --remote \${imageName} \${buildDate}.sif ./Singularity.itksnap Copying blob sha256:e92ed755c008afc1863a616a5ba743b670c09c1698f7328f0559193245za4z5f Copying blob sha256:b9fd7cb1ff8f489cf082781b0e1fe0c13b840e20147e8fc8204b4592da7c2f70

Copying blob sha256:ee690f2d57a128744cf4c5b52646ad0ba7a5af113d9d7e0e02b62c06d35fd14c

Copying blob sha256:53e3366ec435596bed2563cc882ba47ec25df6be2b1027e3243e83589c667c1e

Copying config sha256:9387a5fd608d7a23de506446be6fcc9b8c13eed5f40b72106957ebee499dc1ce

Writing manifest to image destination

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• Do I always have to type

singularity exec itksnap_3.8.0_20200505.sif itksnap

to run itksnap ?

No – we can automatically build wrapper scripts and make our life easier ③

https://github.com/CAIsr/transparent-singularity





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git clone https://github.com/CAIsr/transparent-singularity.git afni_20.1.06

cd afni_20.1.06/

./run_transparent_singularity.sh afni_20.1.06_20200522.sif

installing container afni_20.1.06_20200522.sif

[MPORTANT: you need to set your system specific mount points in your .bashrc!: e.g. export SINGULARITY_BINDPATH="/opt,/data"

checking for singularity ... deploying in /gpfs1/scratch/30days/uqsbollm/test/ohbm-container-talk/afni_20.1.06 checking if container needs to be downloaded bulling image now ... this will take some time! making container executable checking which executables exist inside container create singularity executable for each regular executable in commands.txt creating activate script that runs deactivate first in case it is already there deactivate script create module files one directory up

This created a wrapper for every executable inside the container

(base) uqsbollm@awoonga1:.../test/ohbm-container-talk/afni_20.1.06> cat suma #!/usr/bin/env bash export PWD=`pwd -P` singularity exec --pwd \$PWD /gpfs1/scratch/30days/uqsbollm/test/ohbm-container-talk/afni_20.1.06/afni_20.1.06_20200522.sif suma \$@

And it made these wrapper scripts known to the HPC module system \odot

(base) uqsbollm@a	woongal:/test/ohb	m-container-ta	lk/afni_20.1.06>	module avail
afni/20.1.02	afni/20.1.06 (D)	ants/2.3.0	ants/2.3.1 (D)	freesurfer/6.0.1

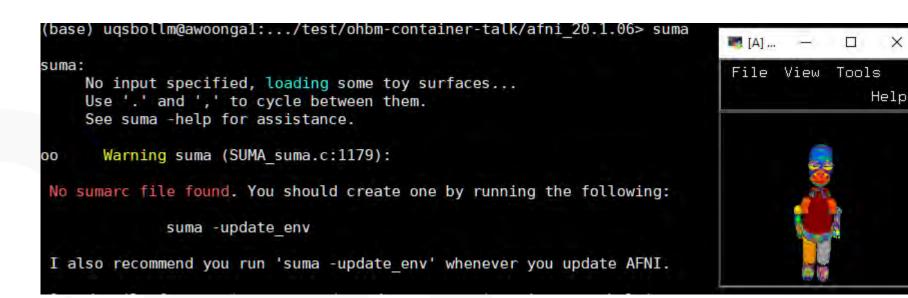




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 Now we can just use all tools inside the container (and combine tools from different containers)

module load afni/20.1.06







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