System containers at scale

An introduction to LXD clustering

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What are system containers?

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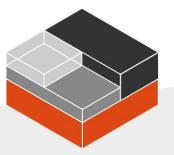
They are the oldest type of containers *BSD jails, Linux vServer, Solaris Zones, OpenVZ, LXC and LXD*.

They behave like standalone systems No need for specialized software or custom images.

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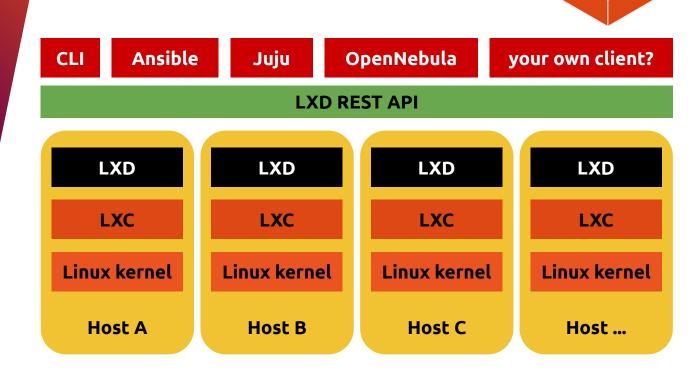
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Low overhead, easy management Thousands can be run on one system, as easy to manage as a bunch of processes.



LXD

System container manager



What LXD is

Simple

Clean command line interface, simple REST API and clear terminology.

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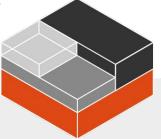
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Fast Image based, optimized storage & migration, direct hardware access.

Secure Safe by default. Combines all available kernel security features.

Scalable

From a single container on a laptop to tens of thousands of containers in a cluster.



Wide selection of images

Updated daily



Chromebooks



Installing Linux...

This process may take a few minutes. Starting the Linux container.



Travis-Cl



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LXD Main

components

Certificates Cluster Events Aliases Images **Snapshots Backups** Instances Networks Operations Projects Storage volumes Snapshots Storage pools

LXD clustering

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Built-in clustering support No external dependencies, all LXD 3.0 or higher installations can be instantly turned into a cluster.

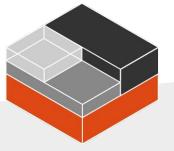
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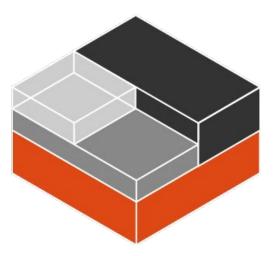
Same API as a single node *Clients that aren't clustering aware just see it as a very large LXD instance.*

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Scales to thousands of containers on dozens of nodes Uses a built-in distributed database and cross-connections between the nodes to offer a consistent view to clients and load-balance containers.



Demo time!



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LXD everywhere

Linux

snap install lxd requires snapd on a supported Linux distribution	Support	
Native packages available for some releases on Alpine, ArchLinux Gentoo, OpenSUSE and Ubuntu	x, Fedora,	
On your Chromebook Search for "Terminal" in your app launcher		
brew install lxc requires Homebrew on current MacOS		

Windows

MacOS

choco install lxc

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Contributing to LXD



Written in Go

With low level logic in C through a variety of libraries.



Apache2 licensed

Re-use and improve any of our Go packages in your own projects.



Fully translatable client

An easy way to contribute to LXD, translate our CLI in your language!



No copyright assignment

Easy contributions, no legal paperwork, just send a pull request.



API client libraries

Official ones for Go and Python Additional ones in Ruby, Node, Java, Haskell, ...



Online user community

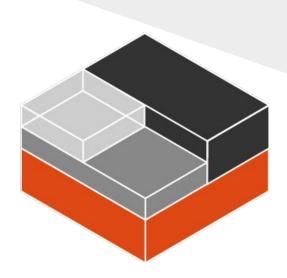
Very active discussion forum with active experts in container networking, security and more.

git clone https://github.com/lxc/lxd

Questions?

Website: Code: Online demo: https://linuxcontainers.org/lxd https://github.com/lxc/lxd https://linuxcontainers.org/lxd/try-it

We have stickers, come get them in front!



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