

The Popper Container-native Workflow Engine

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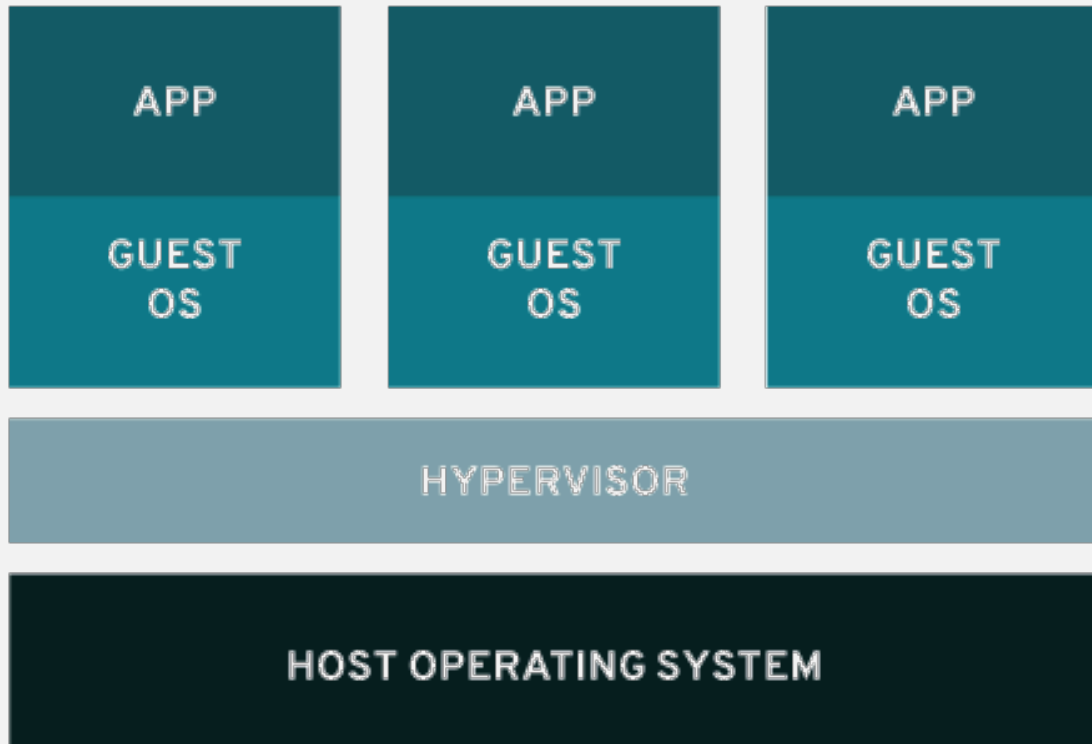
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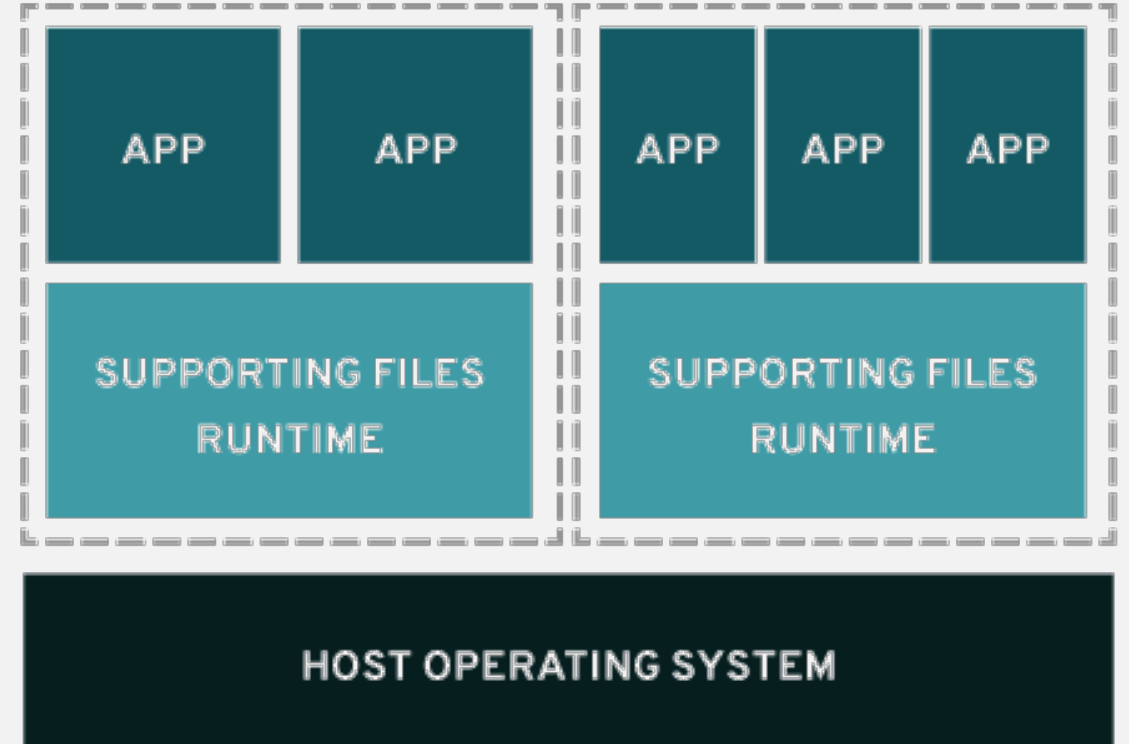
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VIRTUALIZATION



VS.

CONTAINERS



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Software doesn't get installed directly on a host machine; it is running in containers instead*

*other than personal productivity tools such as a text editor, web browser, email reader, calendar app, etc.

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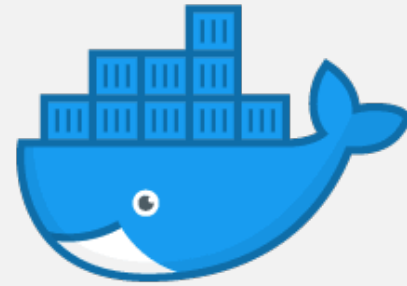



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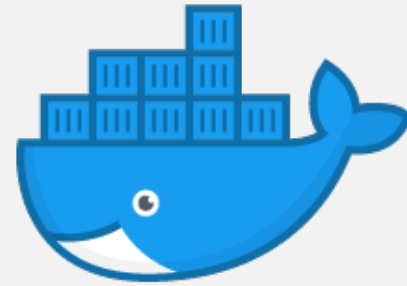
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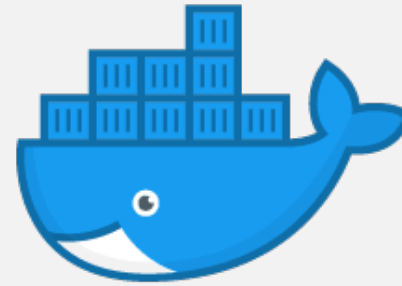


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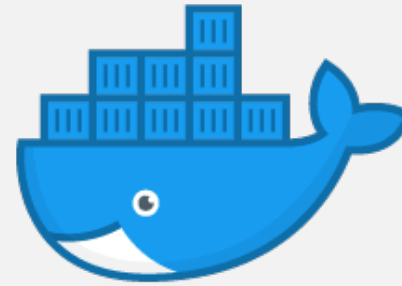


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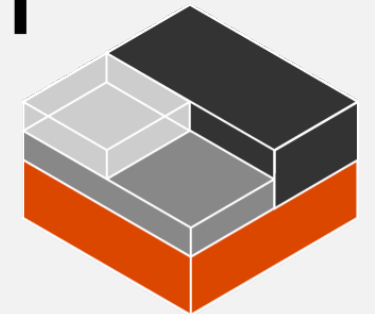




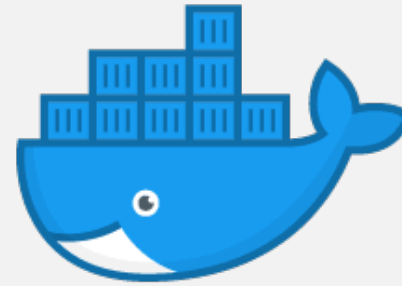
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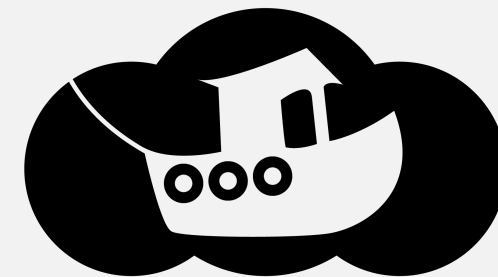
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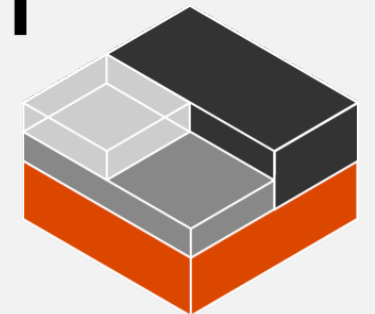
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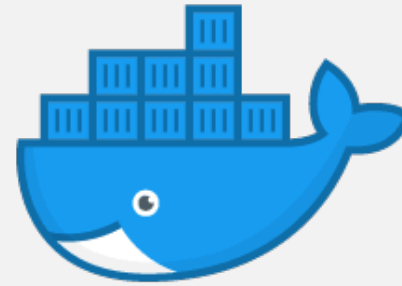
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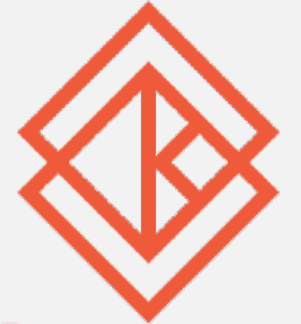
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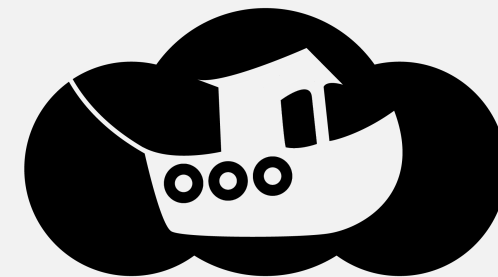
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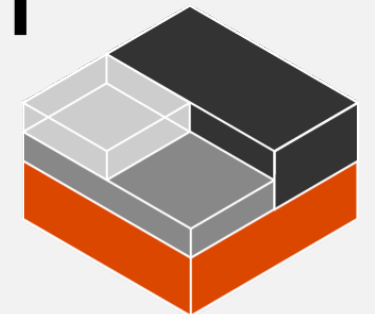
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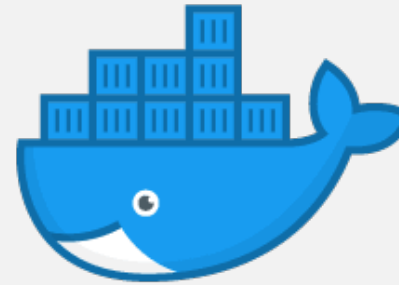
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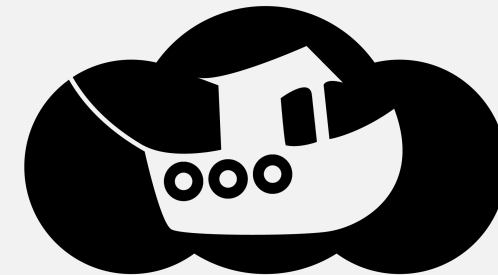
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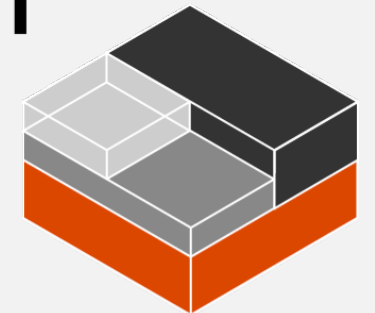
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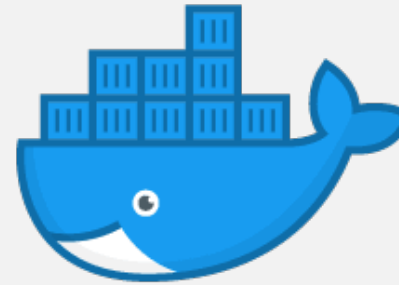
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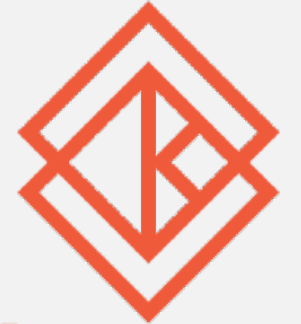
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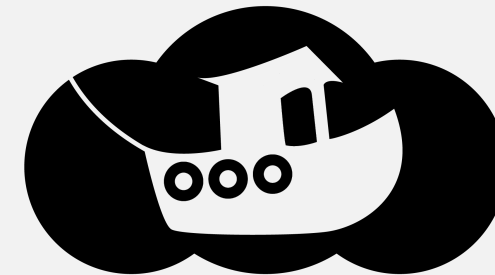
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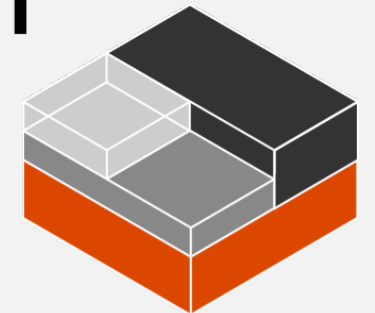
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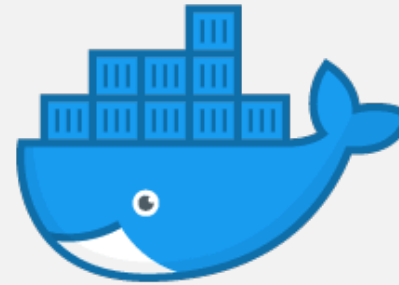
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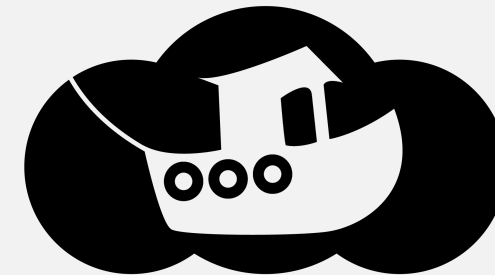
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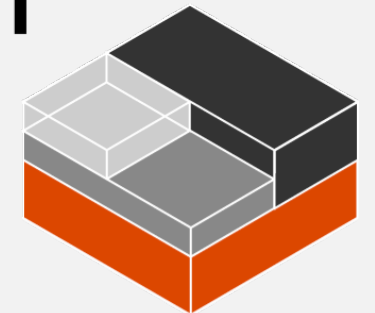
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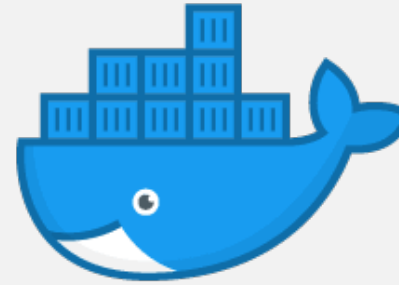


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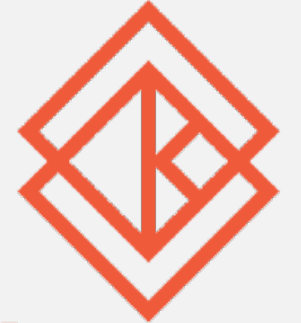


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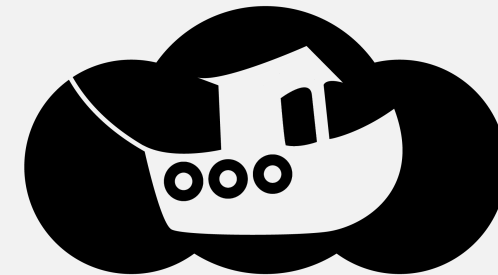
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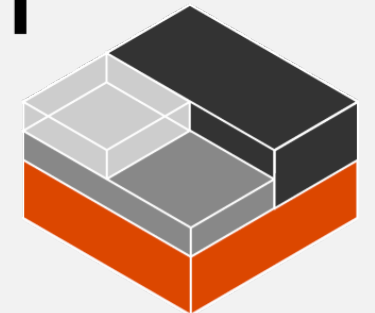
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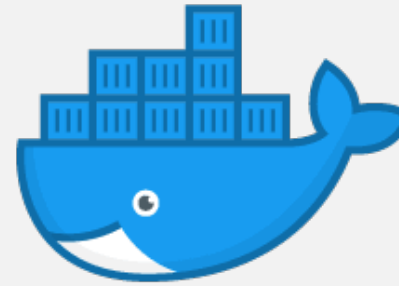
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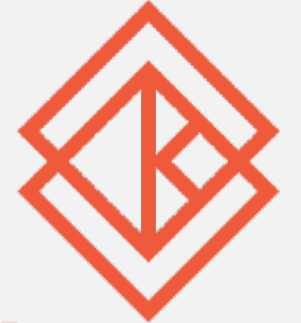
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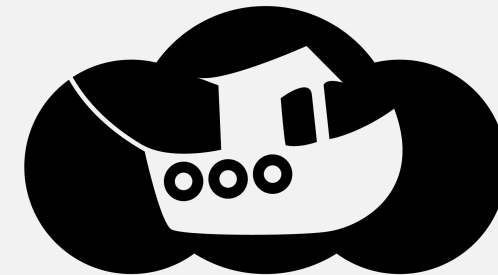
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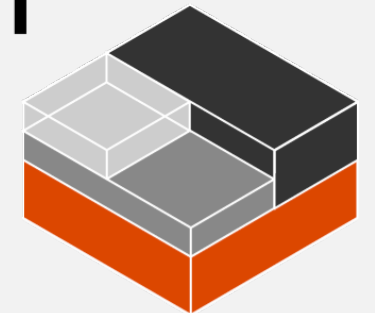
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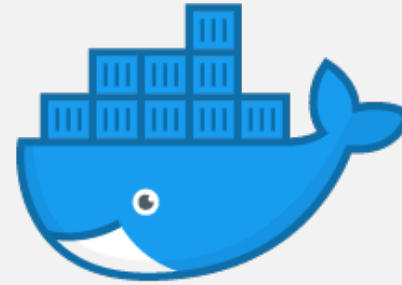
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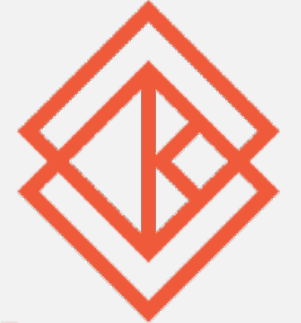
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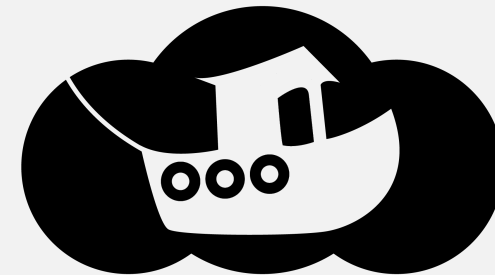
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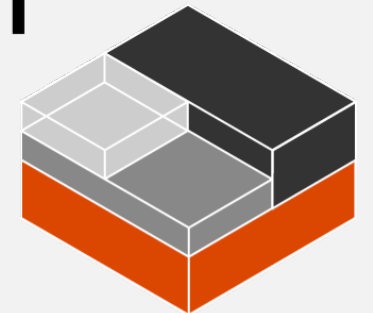
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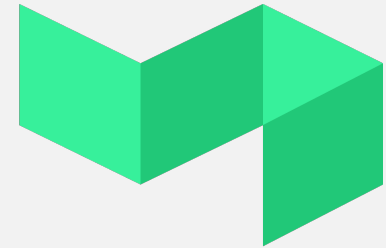
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Popper

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One workflow to rule them all

Example workflows

- Ceph benchmarking: deploy K8S on baremetal, Ceph via Rook; run benchmarks, plot results on Jupyter notebooks
- C++ project: package dev environment in container; build and run unit tests; prepare and run non-functional tests
- Machine learning: build C++ library, install python packages, download datasets, train and evaluate models, show results.
- Others: genomics, computational science, geosciences, etc.



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`github.com/getpopper/popper`

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Branch: master

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CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md	Update README.md, add CONTRIBUTING.md, and COD...	3 years ago			
CONTRIBUTING.md	Fix link in CONTRIBUTING.md	12 days ago			
LICENSE	Create LICENSE	3 years ago			
README.md	Add link to pre-print pdf and fix bibtex link	11 days ago			
install.sh	map env vars into the popper container from current sh...	15 days ago			

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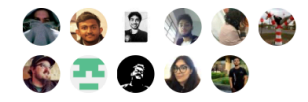
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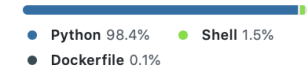
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Popper is a tool for defining and executing container-native workflows in Docker, as well as other container engines. With Popper, you define a workflow in a YAML file, and then execute it with a single command. A workflow file looks like this:

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steps:
  # download CSV file with data on global CO2 emissions
  - id: download
    uses: docker://byrnedo/alpine-curl:0.1.8
    args: [-L0, https://github.com/datasets/co2-fossil-global/raw/master/global.csv]

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OSS Research Experience Project Ideas

- Support more container engines
 - podman, charliecloud, lxd
- Support other resource managers
 - Kubernetes, HTCondor, GridEngine
- Reproducible performance tests
 - Ceph, SkyhookDM, SPDK, DPDK, Seastar, etc.
- Reproducible workflows in other domains:
 - Computational research, machine learning, etc.

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