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Open Source Software Licensing Compliance in the Age of Community and Containers
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Enforcement in 2016

- Most enforcement is still by pro bono groups such as SFC (Software Freedom Conservancy)
- Informal enforcement still more common
- Formal enforcement is stepping up
- Copyright trolls are popping up
  - See the community enforcement guidelines
  - Drafted in response to negative publicity and trolling activity

https://sfconservancy.org/copyleft-compliance/principles.html

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Enforcement– Why we Care

- Compliance standards have historically been modest and faults forgiven
- Trolls (i.e. those not following the guidelines) are unforgiving of minor breaches
- Germany is now the jurisdiction of choice
  - Code system
  - Less transparency than U.S. proceedings (confidential pleadings)
  - Ex parte injunctions
  - Preventative injunctions
  - Fines and criminal sanctions
  - Fee shifting

Containers and Virtualization
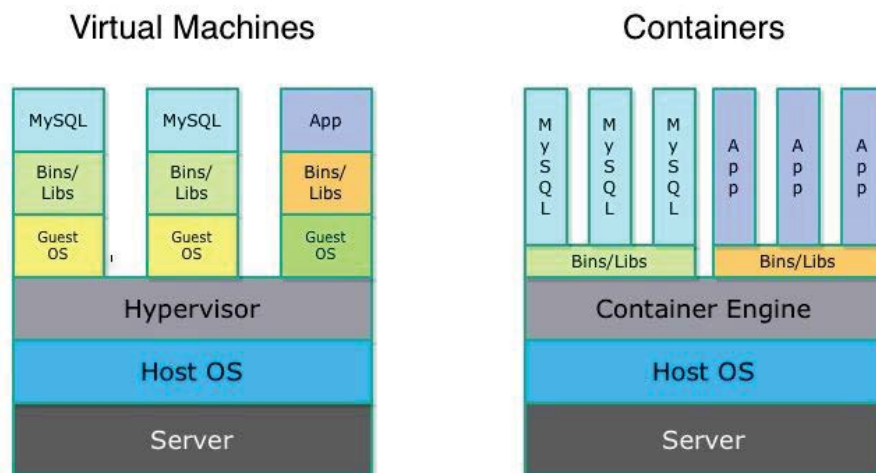
What is a container?
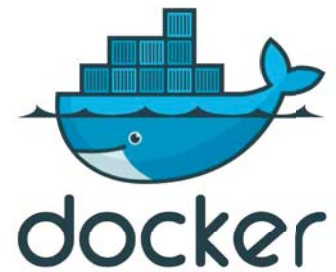
Applications

System
Libraries
and Utilities

Docker
Engine

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Pets and Cattle

Care and Feeding

Easy Come, Easy Go

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