

Dockerising a 32 bit binary

Multi-Stage Dockerfile

32 bit app in a 64-bit Docker Container

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A little more than building a basic container

Why?

3 techniques:

- Multi-Stage Dockerfile
- i386 architecture
- Using CMD and ENTRYPOINT

Why

The problem

- 32 bit is going from Ubuntu ...
 - at very best we are going to have to jump through hoops
 - how do we keep our applications using ancient libraries going?
- How do we keep our Docker containers small
 - We really do not want to include the build environment in the container
- How do we make our command line docker (slightly) easier to use ...
 - separate the command from the arguments

Multi-Stage Dockerfile

Compile in one docker run in another

Dockerfile

```
FROM i386/ubuntu:16.04 AS builder
RUN apt-get update -y && apt-get install -y make g++
WORKDIR /app
COPY . /app
RUN make dockerinstall

FROM ubuntu:16.04
RUN dpkg --add-architecture i386
RUN apt-get update -y
RUN apt-get install -y libc6-dbg libc6-dbg:i386 lib32stdc++6
COPY --from=builder /app/lib/lib*.so /usr/lib
RUN ldconfig
COPY --from=builder /app/example /usr/bin
CMD ["-h"]
ENTRYPOINT ["/usr/bin/example"]
```

Makefile

```
all: example

INC=inc
LIB=lib

example.o: example.cpp
    g++ -m32 -std=c++0x -c example.cpp -I$(INC)

example: example.o
    g++ -m32 -o example example.o -L$(LIB) -lancientlib

clean:
    rm -f example
    rm -f example.o

test: example
    env LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$(LIB) ./example 192.168.168.133

dockerinstall: example
    cp example /usr/bin
    cp $(LIB)/ancientlib.so /usr/local/lib
    cp $(LIB)/ancientlib.so.2.40.0 /usr/local/lib
```

Multi-Stage Dockerfile

First Stage

- In this case we get a 386 container and install our build tools
- This container is internally called “builder”
- Copy our code into the app directory
- Use make to build it and install to locations we want
 - libraries are copied to /usr/local/lib & program (example) to /usr/bin

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Second Stage

- In this case we get a standard container and customise it to run i386 binaries
- Copy our compiled code and libraries from “builder”
- Build the shared library cache

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- To build: `docker build -t example .`

Multi-Stage Dockerfile

What we got

- A container with only what is need to run our program
- A 64 bit container with a 32-bit program in it that runs

i386 Architecture

Two ways

- An ubuntu 16.04 i386 container

FROM i386/ubuntu:16.04 AS builder

- A 64 bit container with i386 architecture support

FROM ubuntu:16.04
RUN dpkg --add-architecture i386

Using ENTRYPOINT & CMD

It runs sort of like a standard command line program

- Using ENTRYPOINT & CMD together
 - ENTRYPOINT names the program to run
 - CMD defines the default arguments to the program
- In this example we display the help if no arguments are provided by the user of the container

```
CMD ["-h"]  
ENTRYPOINT ["/usr/bin/example"]
```

- Display help: docker run example
- Pass an argument: docker run example 192.168.168.133

References

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