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- EPICS+StreamDevice

StreamDevice, as a general-purpose string interface device's Epics driver, has been widely used in the control of devices with network and serial ports in CAFe equipment.

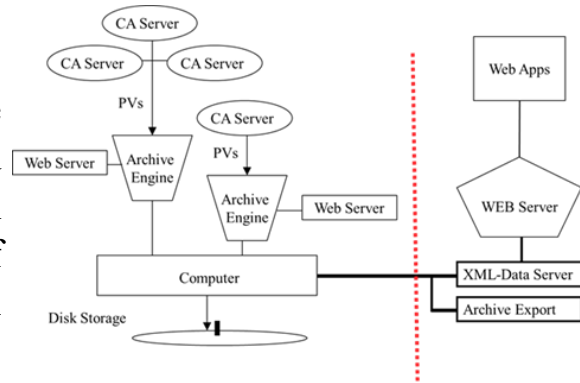
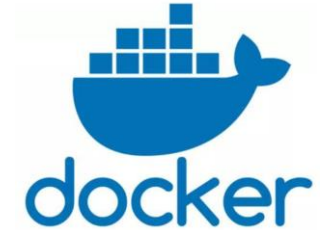


Fig.1 StreamDevice used for webpages

- Docker

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Docker is considered an Internet container and will be the future standard for PaaS



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CAFe equipment, the CiADS superconducting linear accelerator prototype, was built in 2018 to validate the superconducting linear accelerator for CiADS with 10 mA continuous beam current. The equipment consists of the ion source, low-energy transmission section, RFQ, medium-energy transmission section, superconducting linear accelerator, high-energy transmission section, and beam terminal collector. The equipment layout is shown in figure. The overall parameters of the equipment include beam intensity of 10mA, beam energy of 25-40MeV, RF frequency of 162.5MHz, and temperature of 4.5k.

StreamDevice can analyze web pages by regular expressions, and read this important information in real time in the web control interface to learn whether the archiving system is running. After setting PV, CA Server performs data archiving by Archive Engine. And these data should be submitted by Achieve Export to browse. Finally, the information is displayed in the human-machine interface on Web Apps

An asynchronous drive module (ASYN) interface was integrated with StreamDevice, which supports serial ports (RS485, RS232), IEEE-488 (GPIB or HP-IB), and Ethernet interfaces. It can realize the communication between serial ports and Gaussian power supply. The communication rules are specified by writing protocol files, and PV information is defined by DB files

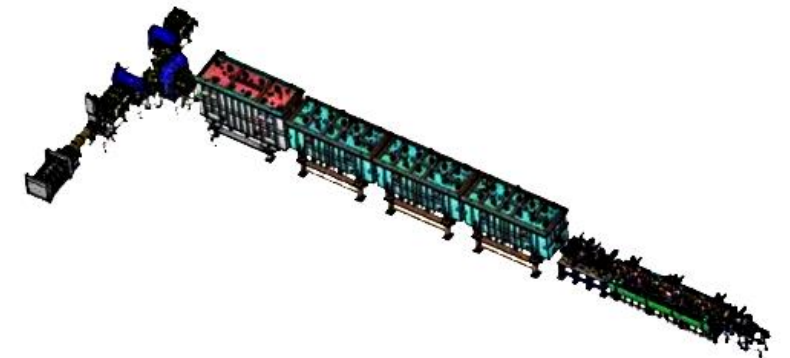


Fig.2 Layout of CAFe superconducting proton linear accelerator

- Docker

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Before using Docker to package EPICS + StreamDevice, if the server is updated or the server is abnormally collapsed, these applications need to be redeployed. The deployment process is complex and may encounter un-known problems, which takes a lot of manpower and time. Packaging all effective loads through Docker enables consensus migration between almost any server, which greatly simplifies deployment and maintenance. The official Ubuntu 18.04 is used as the basic image. The container should be constructed from the image, which installs EPICS + StreamDevice in the container. After all, the container will be committed as a new image.

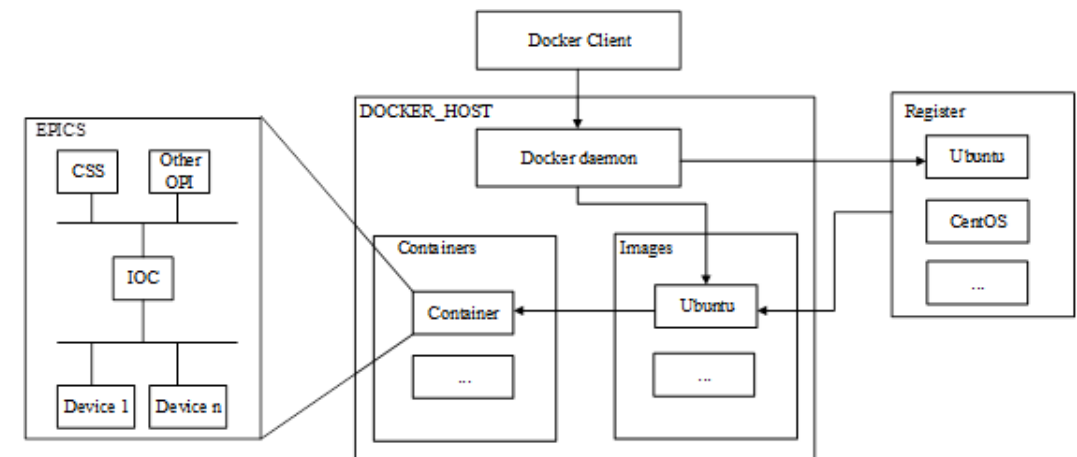


Fig.3 The overall framework of the system

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- The security of Docker container

1. Images security restrictions

The official image registry allows all Docker hub users to visit. All the application projects on it are open source.

The private image stowage was built through Aliyun to increase the authentication mechanism when attempting to pull the image. This method can limit the pull permissions, and ensure the security of the image.

2. Container resource security mechanism

Since the Docker container shares the operating system kernel with the host, there is a risk that the container is controlled by the attacker to obtain the access rights of the host file. Or the attacker obtains the root permission by illegal means to control the host and other containers on the host. It will result in the escape of the container, or even that the Docker container exhausts the host to make the host or other containers pause or die.

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It is necessary to prohibit communication between containers, which can be achieved by setting the parameter `dockerd-icc`.

- Performance

1. Images test

Official image of Ubuntu 18.04.

EPICS is installed and then Asyn and StreamDevice are deployed.

2. Mirror access authentication test

First Aliyun account should be logged in to establish an image storage and create a namespace. Then the image Tag that needs to be uploaded should be changed on the host running docker.

3. Resource limit testing

Cgroups can limit resource items such as CPU, memory, and disk I/O speed of the Docker container to avoid a single container running out of hardware resources on the host.

4. Resource limit testing

The EPICS + StreamDevice container used in this paper provides services separately, so it should be forbidden to communicate with other containers running on the host computer. In the test environment, the IP of the EPICS + StreamDevice container is 172.17.0.2, and that of the Ubuntu container is 172.17.0.3. It is necessary to set `dockerd-icc = false` to prohibit communication between them

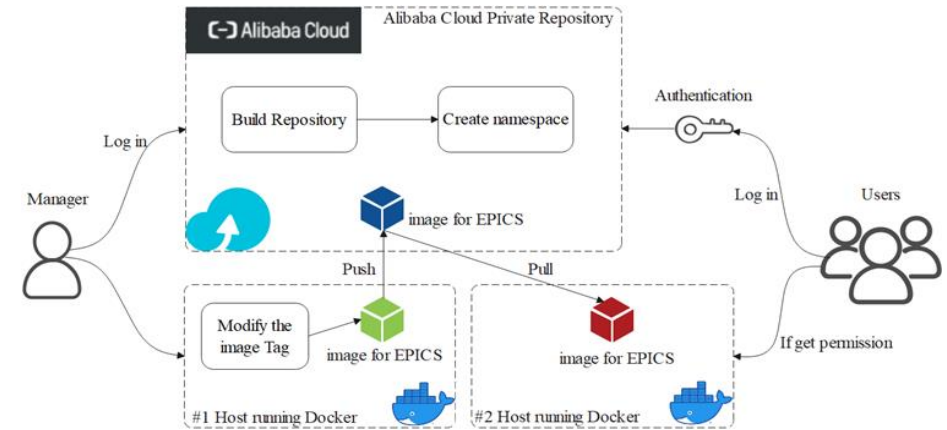


Fig.4 Aliyun private repository image access authentication

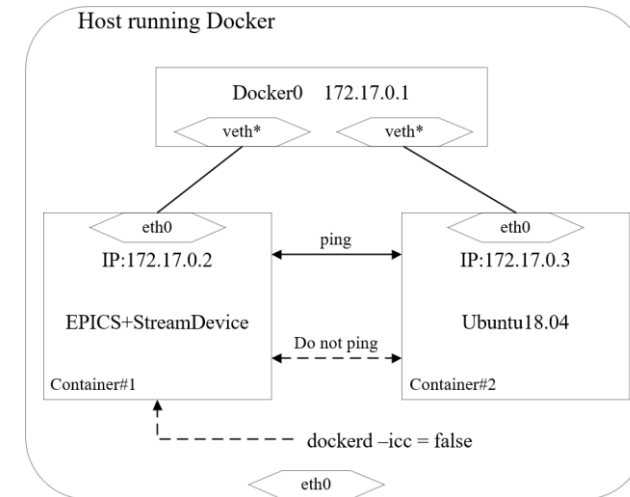


Fig.5 Docker internal network structure