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KataContainers the Hard Way: Kubernetes + containerd + KataContainers



The Speakers



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- Lei Zhang (@resouer)
 - Co-maintaining Kubernetes
 - Contributor of Kata Containers
 - Alibaba Group
 - Formerly hyper.sh

- Xu Wang (@gnawux)
 - Kata Containers Arch Committee
 - CTO Co-Founder of hyper.sh

Agenda



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- Kata Containers: a General Introduction
- Kubernetes CRI: Enabling the Pluggability of Container Runtimes
- Connect Kata Containers & Kubernetes
- Future works

What's Kata Containers



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- A container runtime, like runC
- Built w/ virtualization tech, like VM
- Initiated by hyper.sh and Intel®
- Hosted by OpenStack Foundation
- Contributed by Huawei, Google, MSFT, etc.



Kata Containers is Virtualized Container

Combine the Best from Both V* and C*



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Industry Compatibility

Enhanced Networking

Direct Device Support

Run Custom Kernel

More Secure



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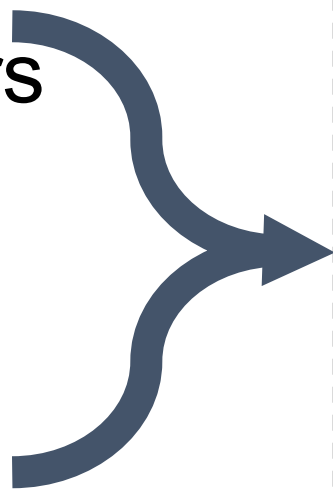
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From runV to Kata Containers

Intel®
Clear Containers

 HYPER.SH
runV



 katacontainers

Announced project



Release 1.0

May
2015

Dec
2017

May
2018

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Recent Developments



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- v1.4.0 was just released late November (<https://github.com/kata-containers/runtime/releases/tag/1.4.0>)
 - 6-week release schedule
 - Hotplug improve
 - Template/Factory from runV
 - VSocket support
 - Multi-Arch support
 - Improved devices support
- Ongoing development
 - **Containerd Shim V2 Support** ← Merged and will be in 1.5.x
 - Nemu as a VMM
 - More on hotplug
 - Live upgrading
 - Etc.

Highlight features from 1.1.0-1.4.0

Merged and will be in 1.5.x

Now Let's Start



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```
$ ARCH=$(arch)
$ sudo sh -c "echo 'deb
http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/katacontainers:/releases:/${A
RCH}:/master/xUbuntu_$(lsb_release -rs)/ /' > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/kata-
containers.list"
$ curl -sL
http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/katacontainers:/releases:/${A
RCH}:/master/xUbuntu_$(lsb_release -rs)/Release.key | sudo apt-key add -
$ sudo -E apt-get update $ sudo -E apt-get -y install kata-runtime kata-proxy
kata-shim
```

<https://github.com/kata-containers/documentation/blob/master/install/ubuntu-installation-guide.md>

Or may be even simpler...



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```
Ubuntu 64-bit Server 18.04.1.0

Featured Server Snaps

These are popular snaps in server environments. Select or deselect with SPACE, press ENTER to see more details of the package, publisher and versions available.

nextcloud      nextcloud      Nextcloud Server - A safe home for all your data
wekan          xet7           Open-Source Kanban
_ kata-containers katacontainers Lightweight virtual machines that seamlessly plug into the containers ecosystem
docker         docker-inc     The docker app deployment mechanism
google-cloud-sdk google-cloud-sdk Command-line interface for Google Cloud Platform products and services
canonical-livepatch canonical      Canonical Livepatch Client
rocketchat-server rocketchat     Group chat server for 100s, installed in seconds.
lxd            canonical     System container manager and API
mosquitto     ralight       Eclipse Mosquitto MQTT broker
etcd          tvansteenburgh Resilient key-value store by CoreOS
powershell   microsoft-powershell PowerShell for every system!
stress-ng     cking-kernel-tools A tool to load, stress test and benchmark a computer system
sabnzbd      safihre       SABnzbd
wormhole     snapcrafters  get things from one computer to another, safely
aws-cli      aws           Universal Command Line Interface for Amazon Web Services
doctl        digitalocean  Digital Ocean command line tool
conjure-up   canonical     Package runtime for conjure-up spells
minidlna-escoand escoand       server software with the aim of being fully compliant with DLNA/UPnP clients.
postgres110 cmd           PostgreSQL is a powerful, open source object-relational database system.
heroku       heroku        CLI client for Heroku

[ Done ]

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Install in progress: installing kernel
```

A Brief History of CRI



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- Once upon a time...
 - rkt was added into kubelet as the 2nd runtime.
 - Increased the complexity on maintenance
 - Docker (the 1st runtime) introduced more and more feature.
 - Don't like a simple runtime any more
 - Hyper.sh joined the community and tried to become a third runtime.

GitHub repository page for kubernetes/kubernetes. The page shows the repository name, a search bar, and navigation links for Code, Issues (2,375), Pull requests (1,079), and Projects (11).

Closed [Jump to bottom](#)

Add a client/server implementation of the container runtime #13768

brendanburns opened this issue over 2 years ago

[area/extensibility](#) [priority/awaiting-more-evidence](#) [sig/node](#)

Currently, any container runtime has to be linked into the kubelet. This makes experimentation difficult, and prevents users from landing an alternate container runtime without landing code in core kubernetes.

To facilitate experimentation and to enable user choice, we should add a client/server implementation of the container runtime interface.

This implementation will simply encode the requests, send them to a server where they will be decoded and sent into an instance of the container runtime interface.

However, this enables container runtime implementations to be built and maintained outside of the core kubernetes tree.

[@dchen1107](#) [@smarterclayton](#)
[@kubernetes/goog-node](#)

The Birth of CRI



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The Kubelet should not vendor a runtime implementation.

- Developers from Google, CoreOS, and Hyper.sh (Unfortunately, this is not the original words literally) drafted a kubelet runtime interface together.
- The interface, CRI, was written with gRPC
 - gRPC had already been open sourced at that time.
 - The performance difference between gRPC and HTTP/REST was tested
- First CRI implementation: dockershim
- First Non-Docker CRI implementation: Frakti

The CRI Interface

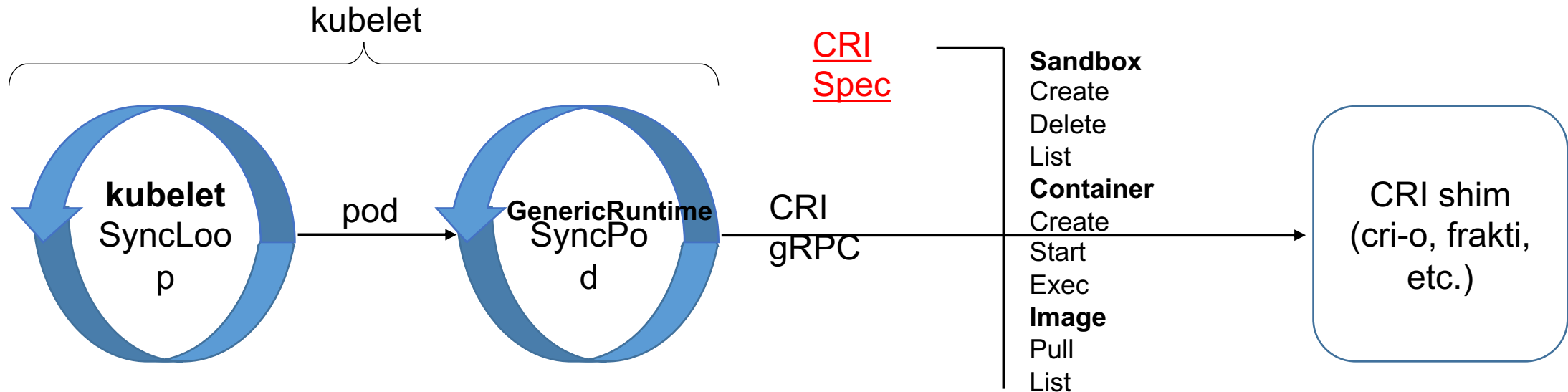


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- Describe what kubelet expects from container runtimes
- Imperative container-centric interface
- Extensibility



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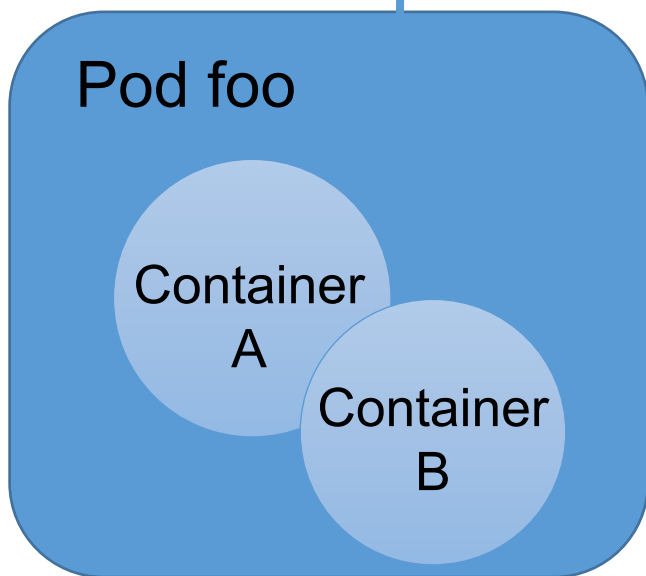
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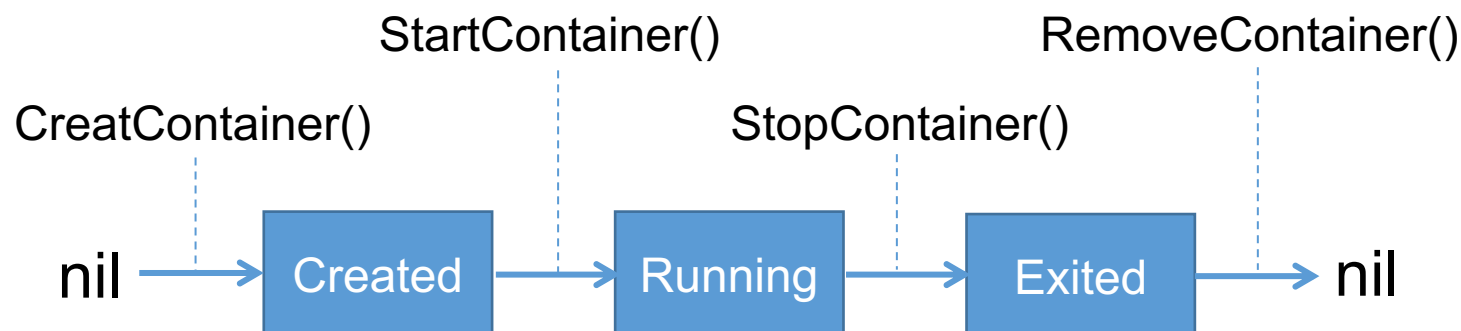
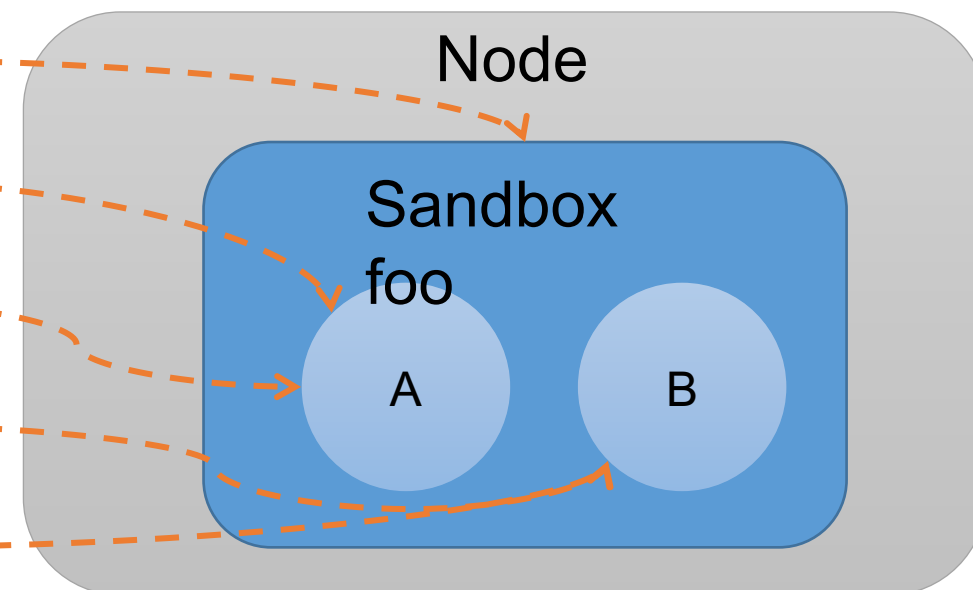
Implement a CRI Runtime (1)

Lifecycle

```
$ kubectl run foo ..
```



1. RunPodSandbox(foo)
2. CreatContainer(A)
3. StartContainert(A)
4. CreatContainer(B)
5. StartContainer(B)





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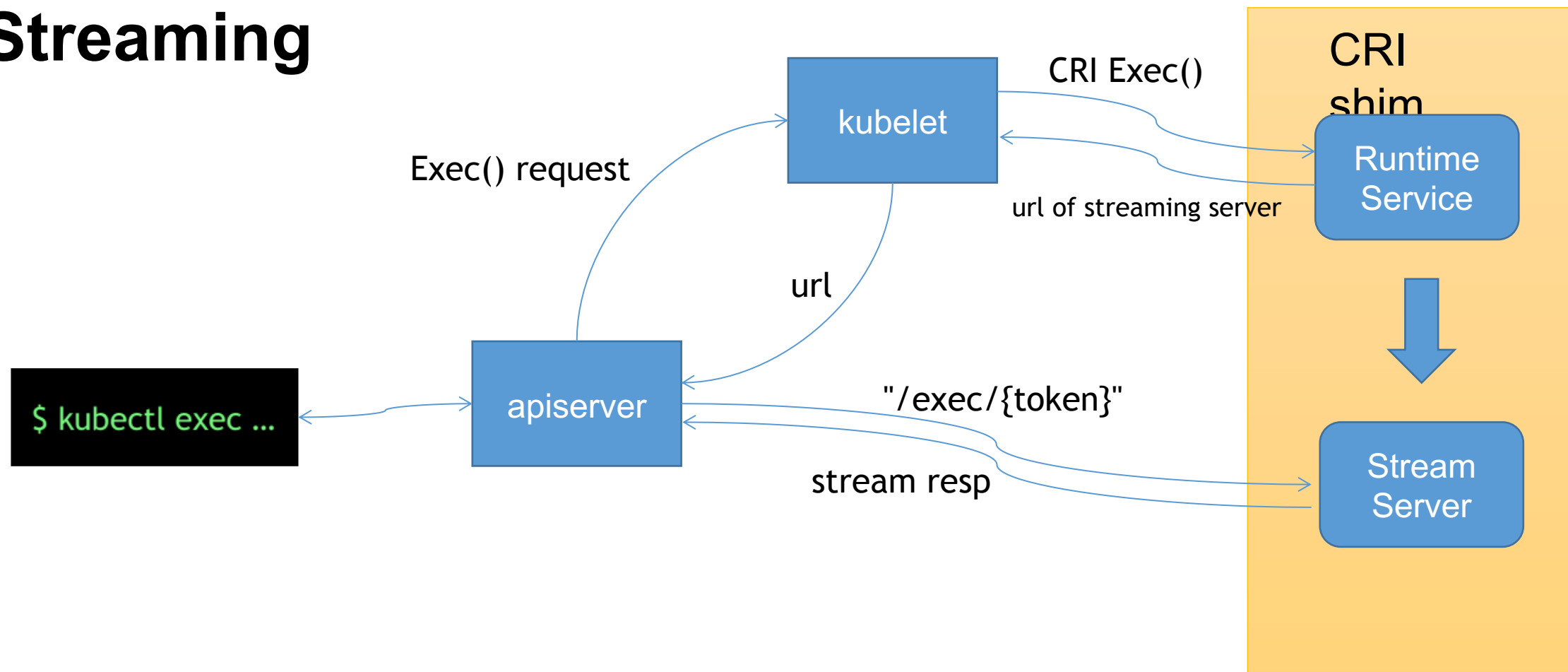


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Implement a CRI Runtime (2)

Streaming



Run Kata Containers w/ Docker



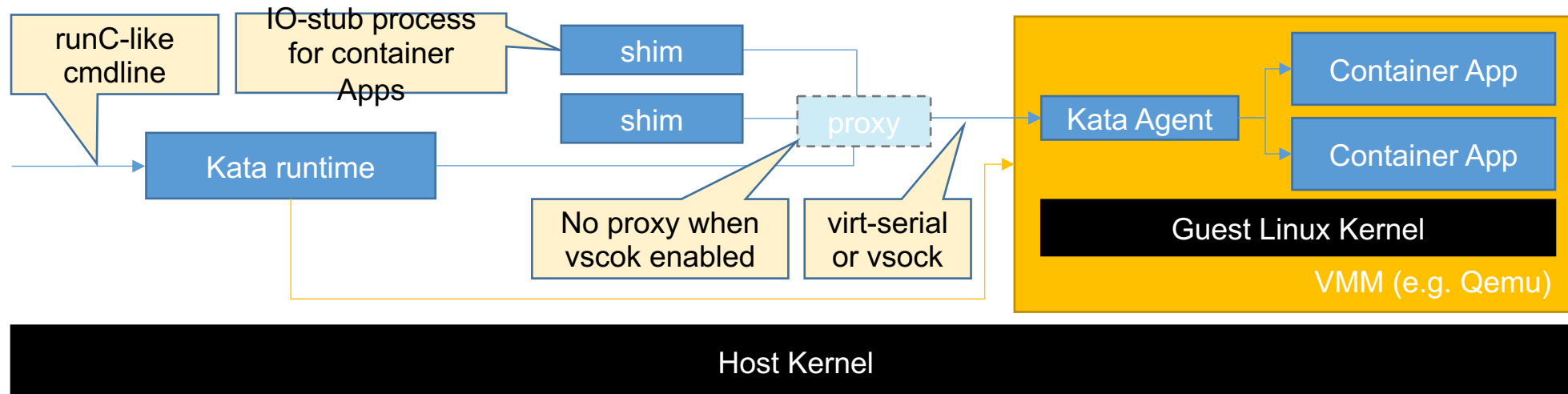
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- Just put it on the position of runC



Run Kata Containers (pre-1.5) w/ k8s



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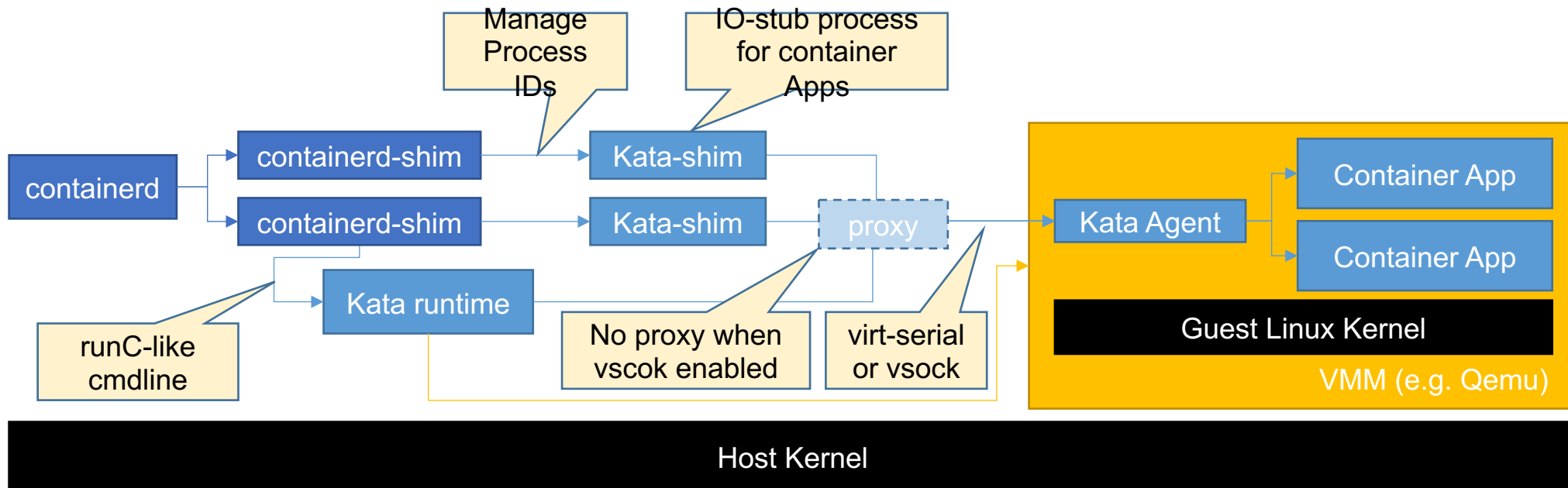


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- It works
- But looks not so elegant...

```
[plugins]
[plugins.cri]
sandbox_image = "mirrorgooglecontainers/pause-amd64:3.1"
[plugins.cri.containerd]
[plugins.cri.containerd.default_runtime]
runtime_type = "io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux"
runtime_engine = "/usr/local/bin/containerd-shim-kata"
```



Run Kata Containers (post-1.5) w/ k8s



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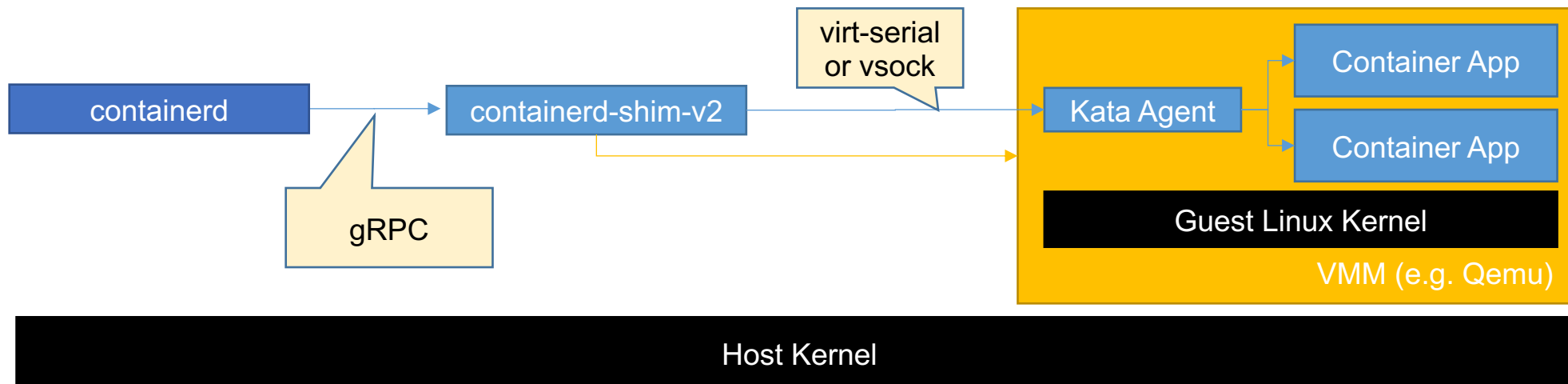


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- Then much simpler

```
[plugins]
[plugins.cri]
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[plugins.cri.containerd.default_runtime]
  runtime_type = "io.containerd.kata.v2"
```





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Hands-on Time



Related and Future Works



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- About CRI-O Support
 - Similar and different parts
- About Storage
 - Block or filesystem
- About Networking
 - Common CNI plugins support
 - Optimized Networking support

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- Website: <https://katacontainers.io>
- Code and documentation hosted on <https://github.com/kata-containers/>
- Major releases managed through Github* Projects
- Intel (Intel® Clear Containers) & Hyper.sh (runV) contributing initial IP
- Apache 2 license
- Slack: katacontainers.slack.com
- IRC: #kata-dev@freenode
- Mailing-list: kata-dev@lists.katacontainers.io



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