

# Tailor-made Security

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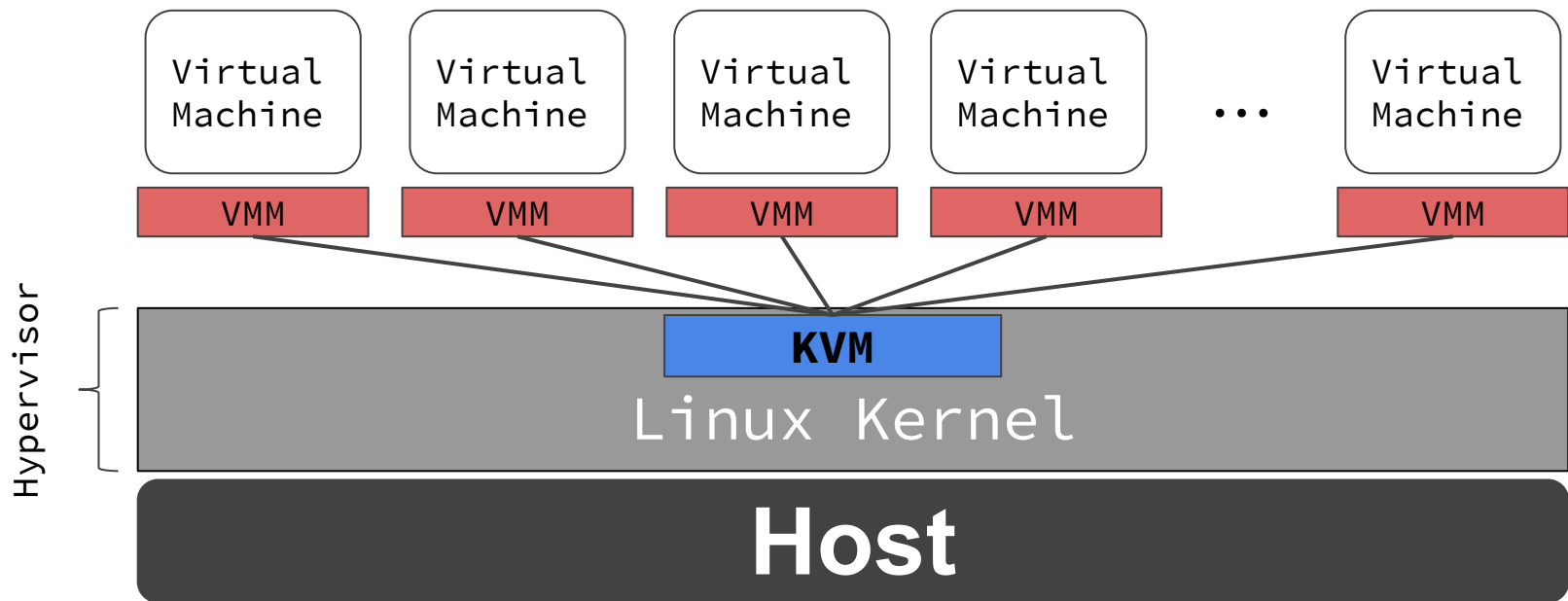
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VMM  
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# Linux Virtualization Stack

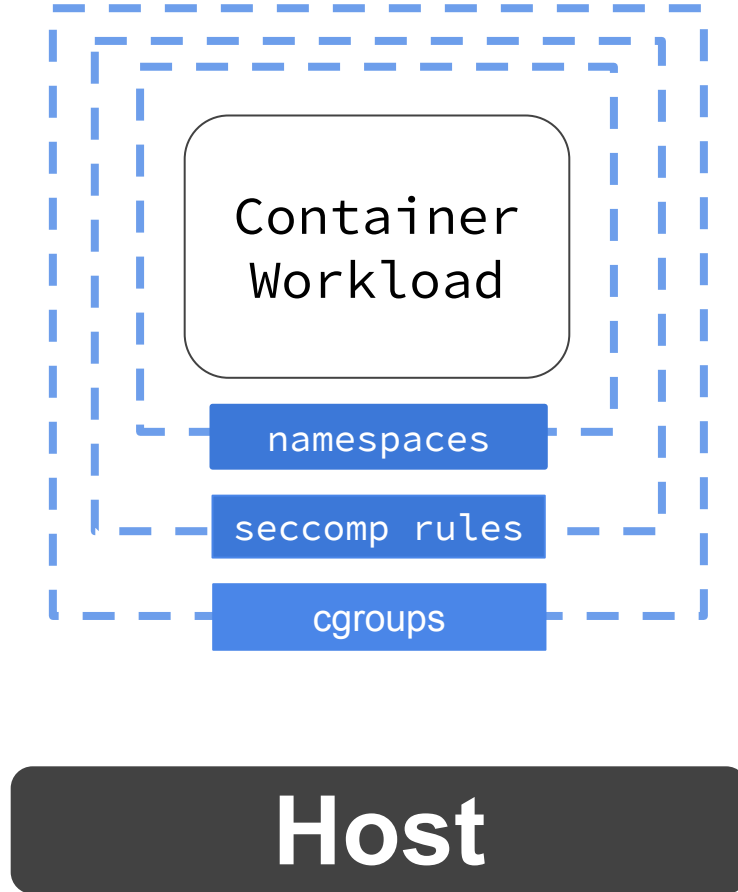


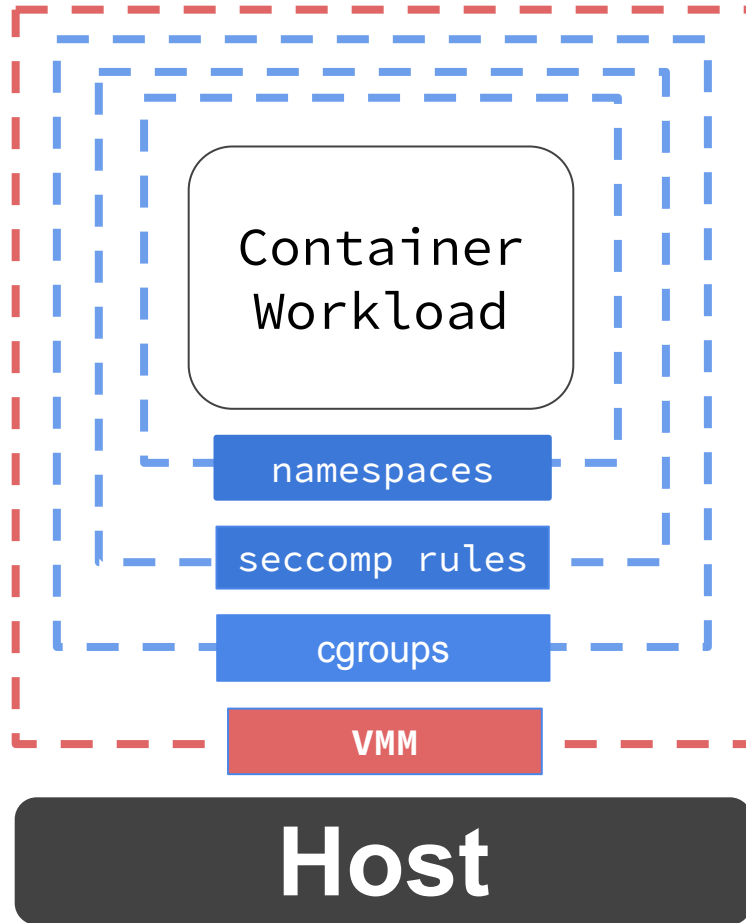
**Container? VMM?**



Container  
Workload

**Host**







# Defense In Depth

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**Containers As Secure As VMs**

# Seamless Integration

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Kubernetes RuntimeClass

Container Runtime Interface (CRI)

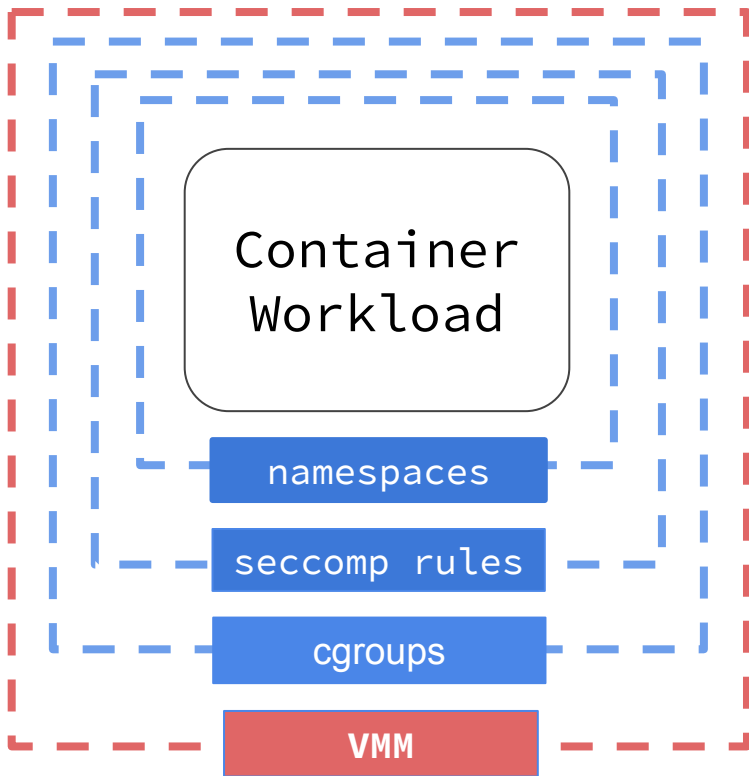
OCI Runtime



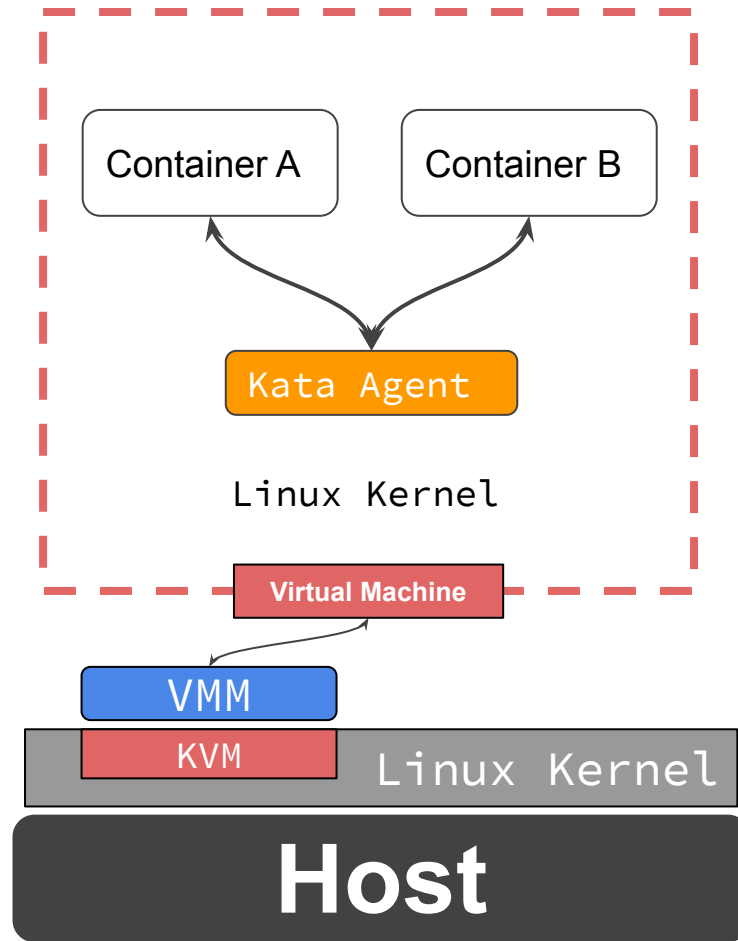
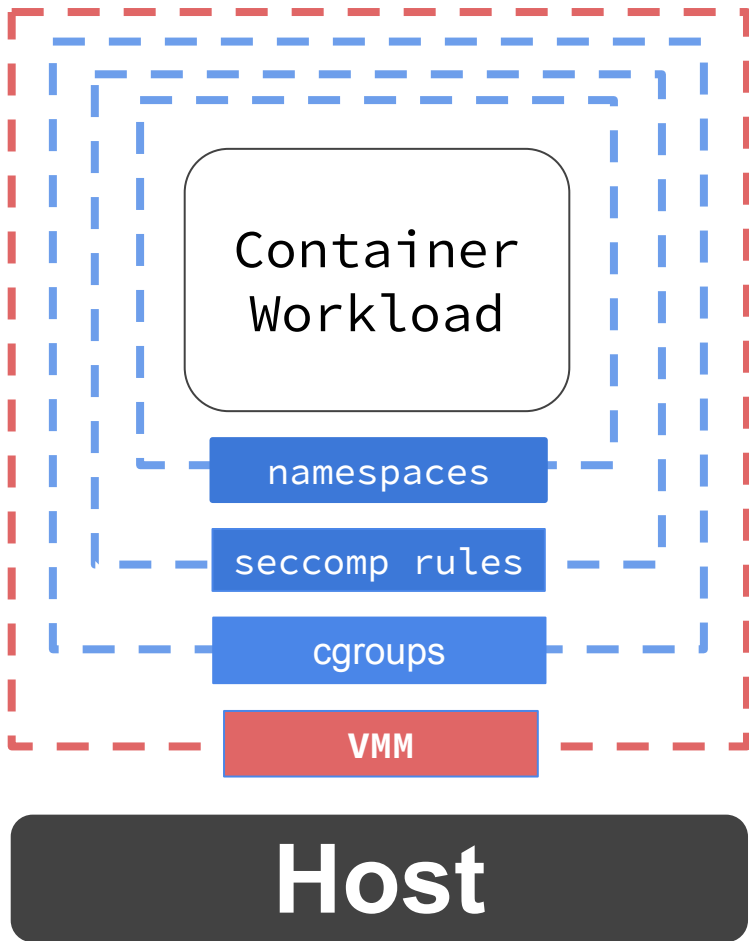


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**Host**





# Kata Containers VMMs

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QEMU

NEMU

Firecracker



# QEMU

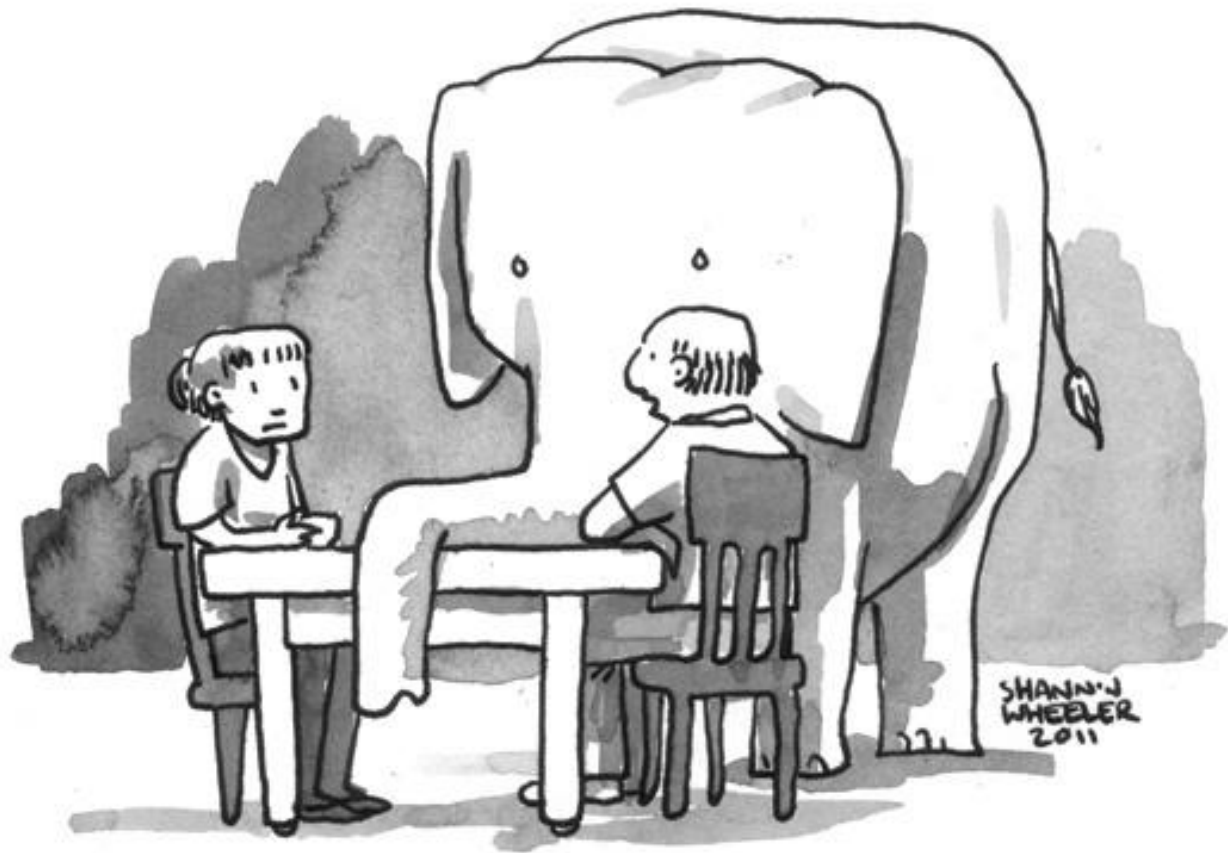
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- High Performance
- Stable
- Extremely Versatile
- Large Code Base and Footprint

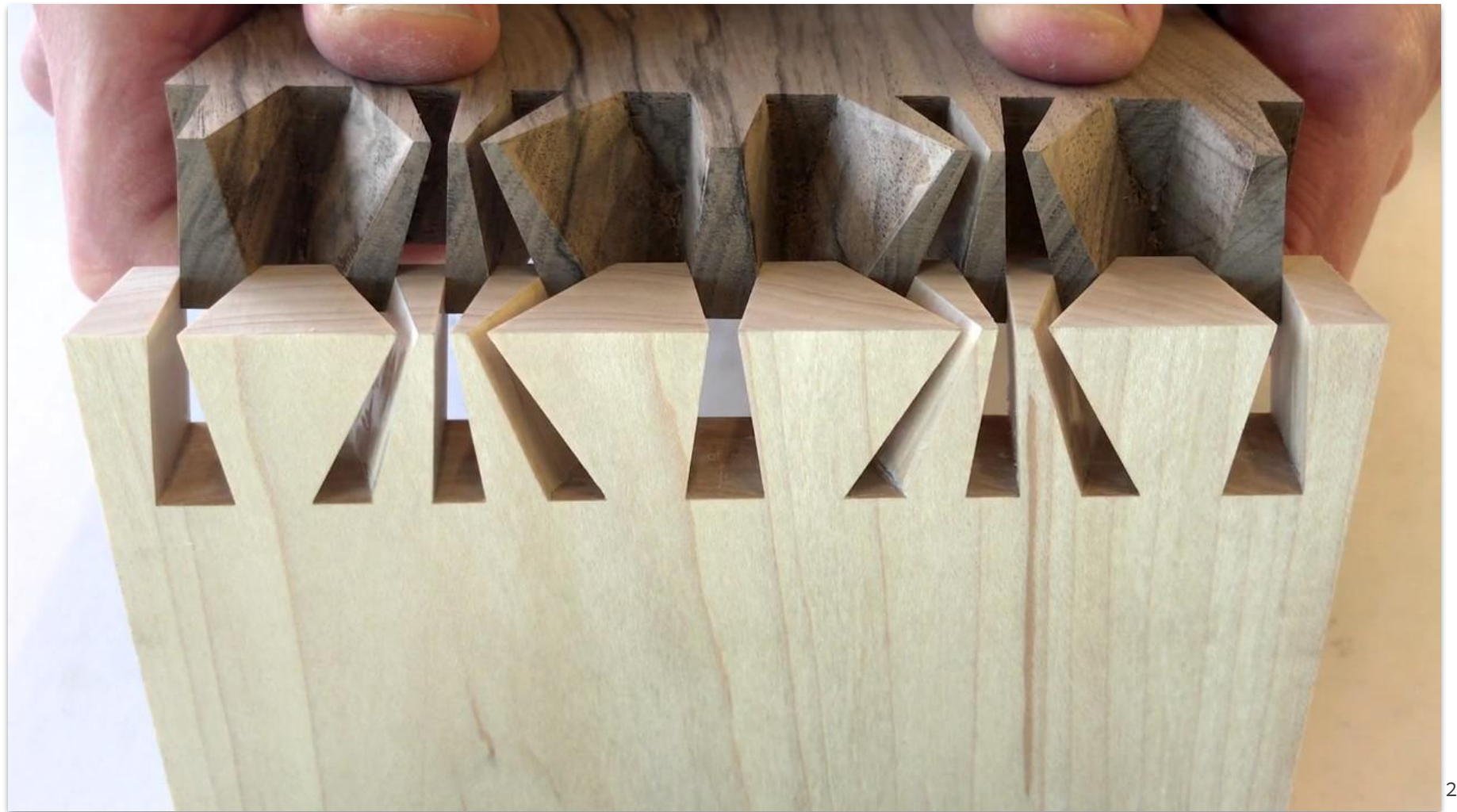
# Firecracker

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- Laser Focused for Serverless
- Small Code Base
- Limited Scope



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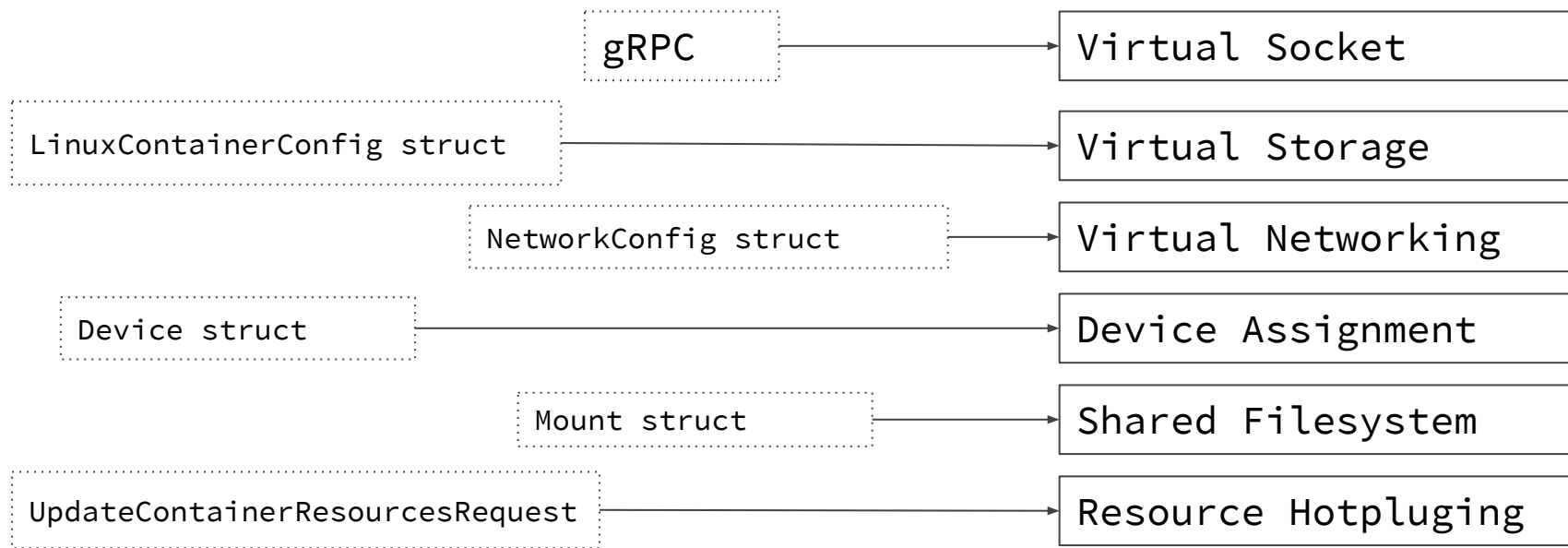
# What defines a container?

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- Runtime Specifications
- Open Container Initiative Runtime (OCI)
- Kubernetes Container Runtime Interface (CRI)

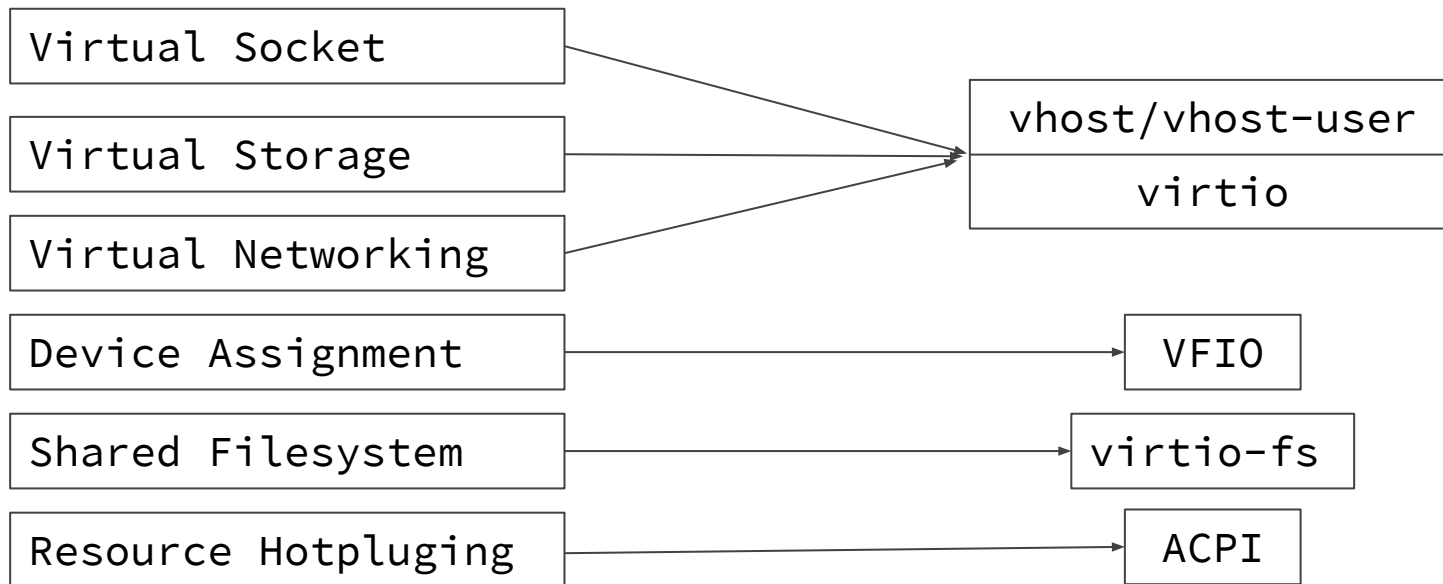
# From CRI to Container VMM

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# From Requirements to Technologies

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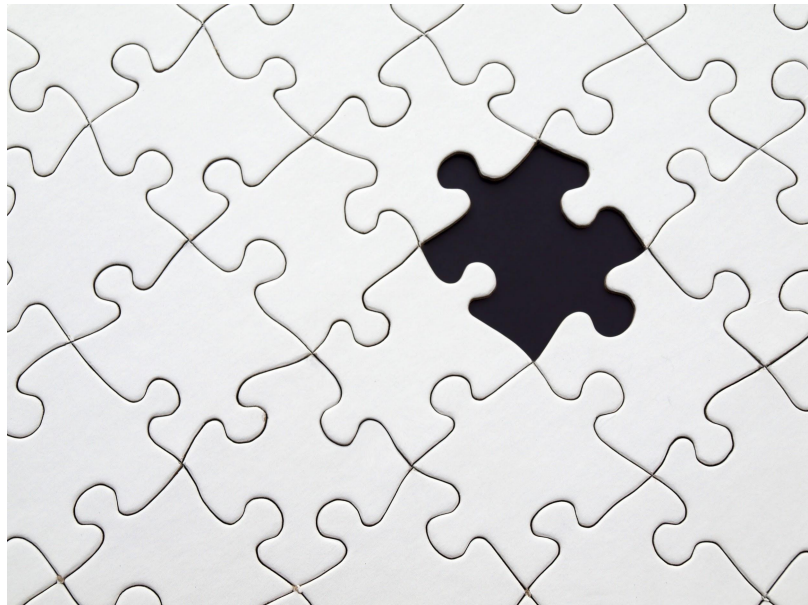


**Where can we get these components from?**

# rust-vmm

# What is rust-vmm?

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- Building blocks for VMMs written in Rust
- Virtualization components (crates)
- Open Source

# Why rust-vmm?

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- Faster development for new custom VMMs
- Security & Testability
- Clean interface
- Reduce code duplication (CrosVM & Firecracker)

# rust-vmm development

# Who is contributing?

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Alibaba Cloud

AWS

Cloudbase Solutions

CrowdStrike

Google

Intel

RedHat

**Individual Contributors**

# Adding crates to rust-vmm

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- CrosVM/Firecracker
  - Wrappers over the KVM API
  - Minimal kernel loader
  - ...
- Developing from scratch
  - vhost-user
  - ACPI
  - ...

# vm-memory - Firecracker

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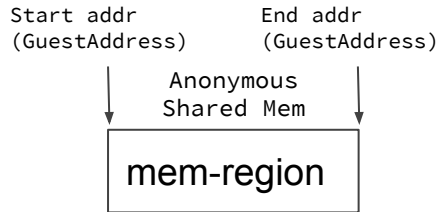
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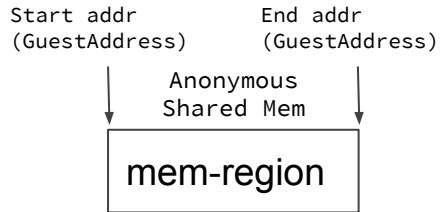
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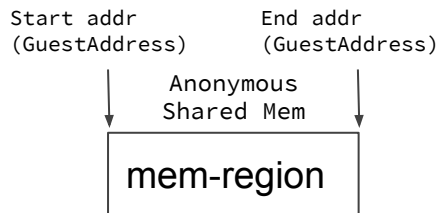
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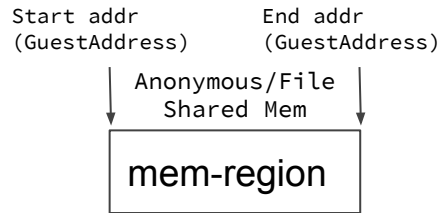
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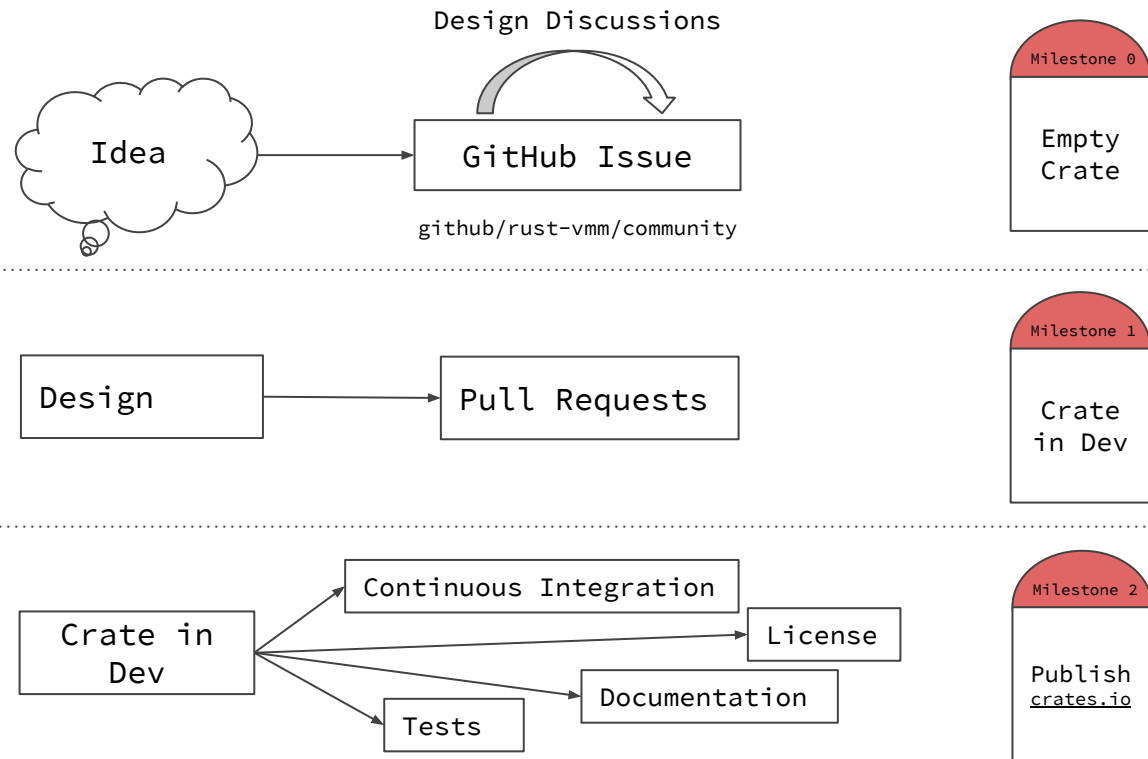
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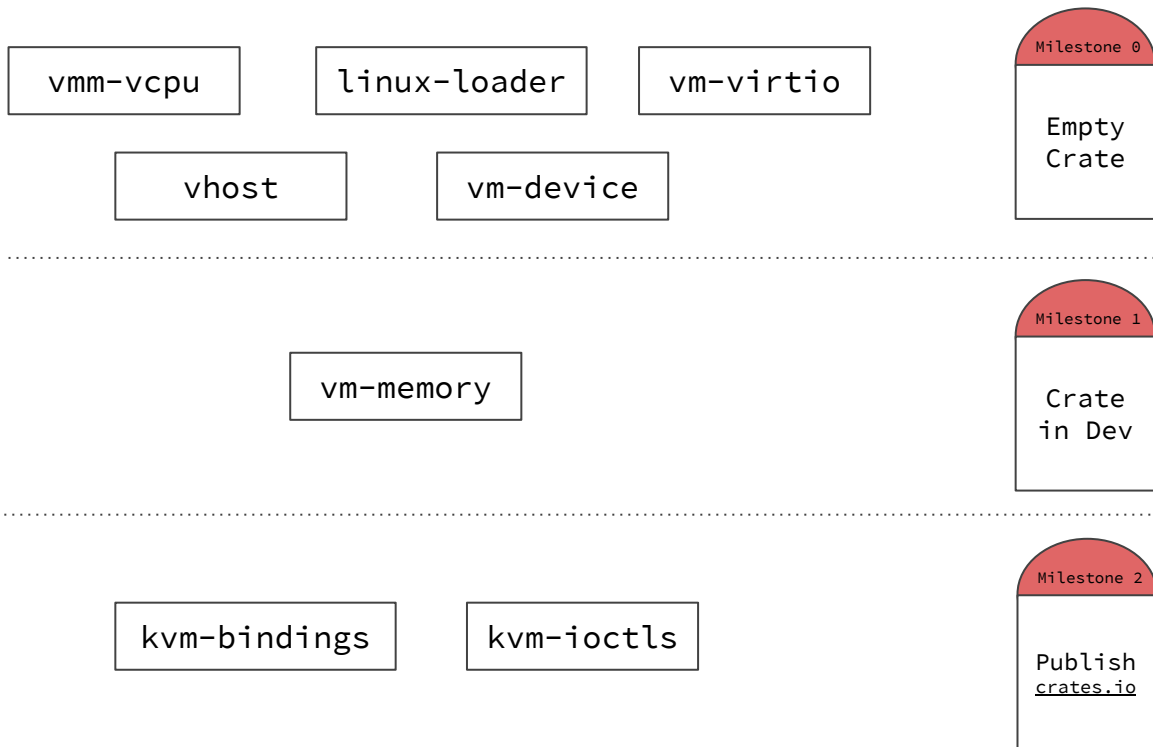
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# From idea to published crate



# Current Status

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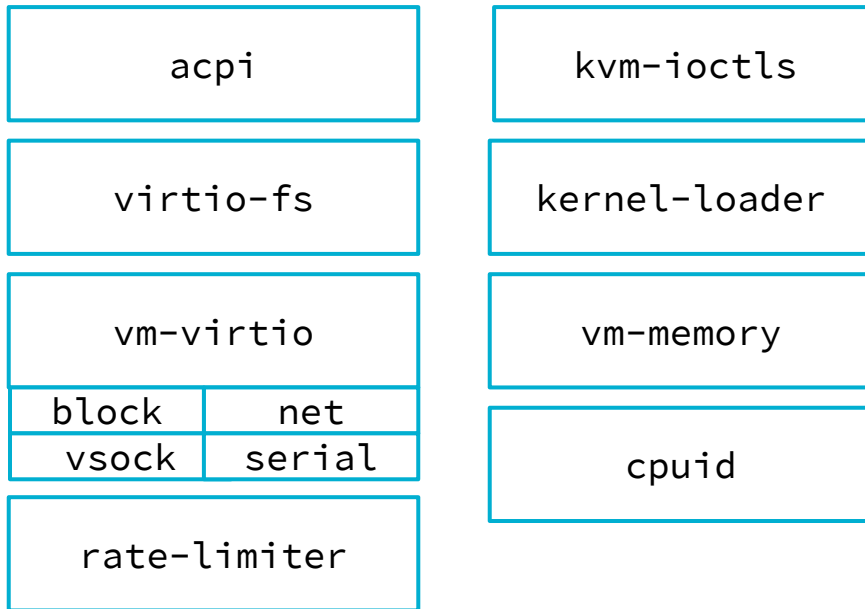
# rust-vmm in practice

# containers-vmm

VMM API

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# rust-vmm components

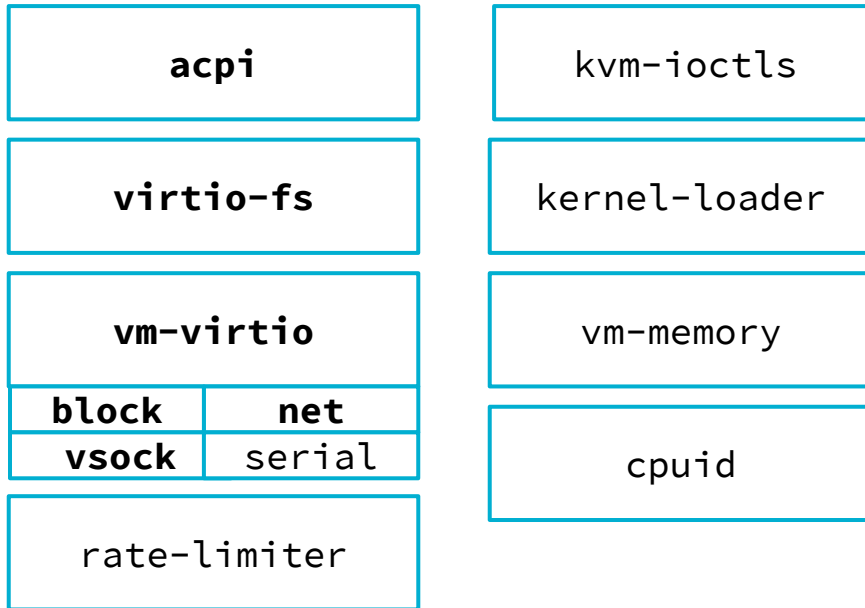




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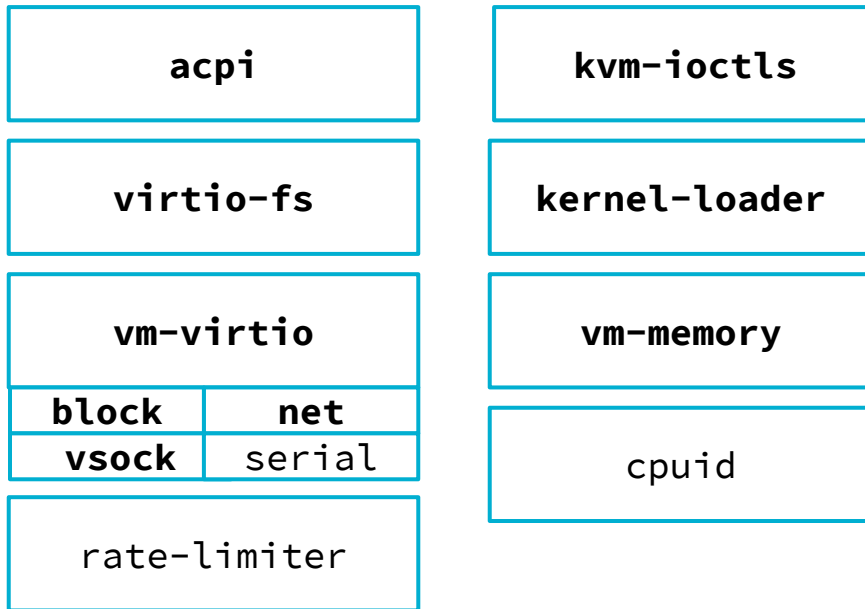
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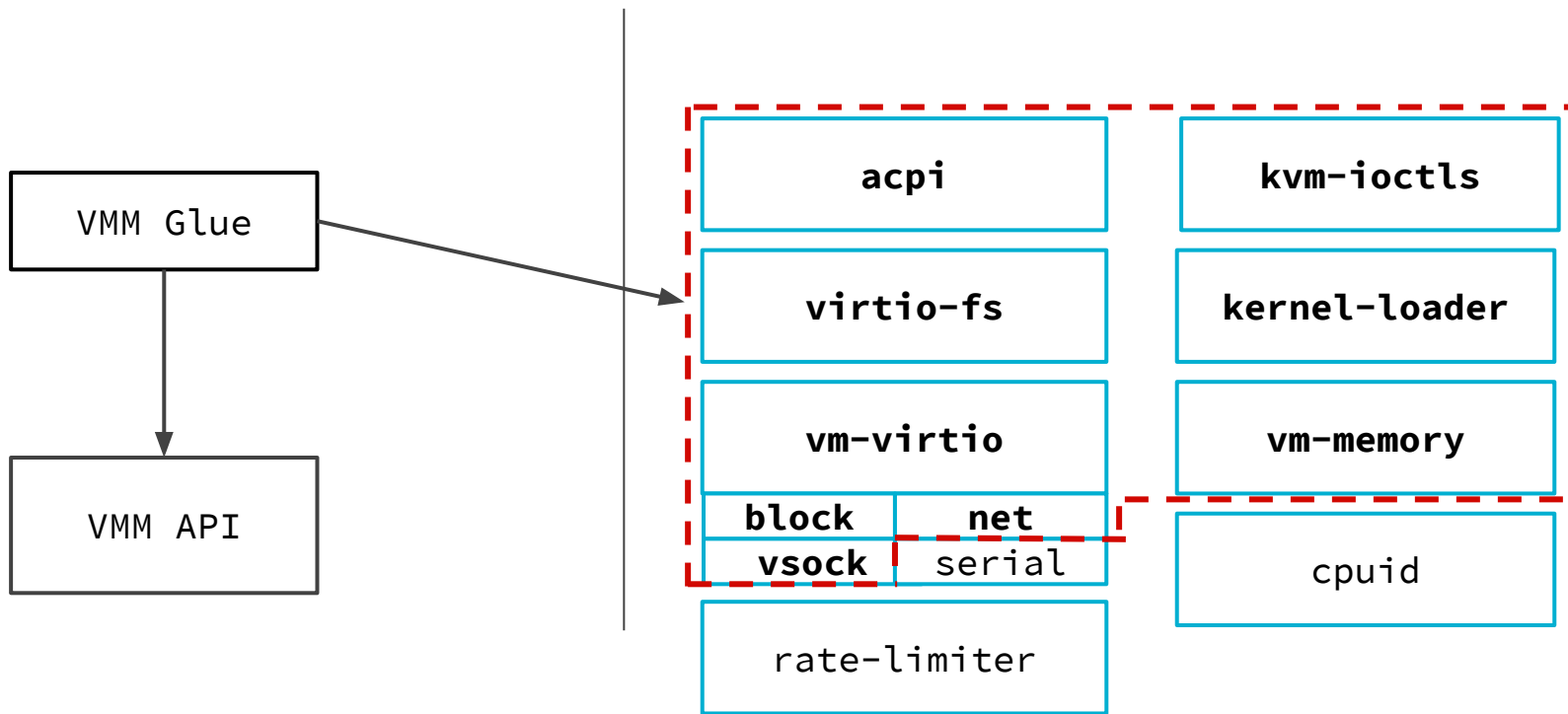
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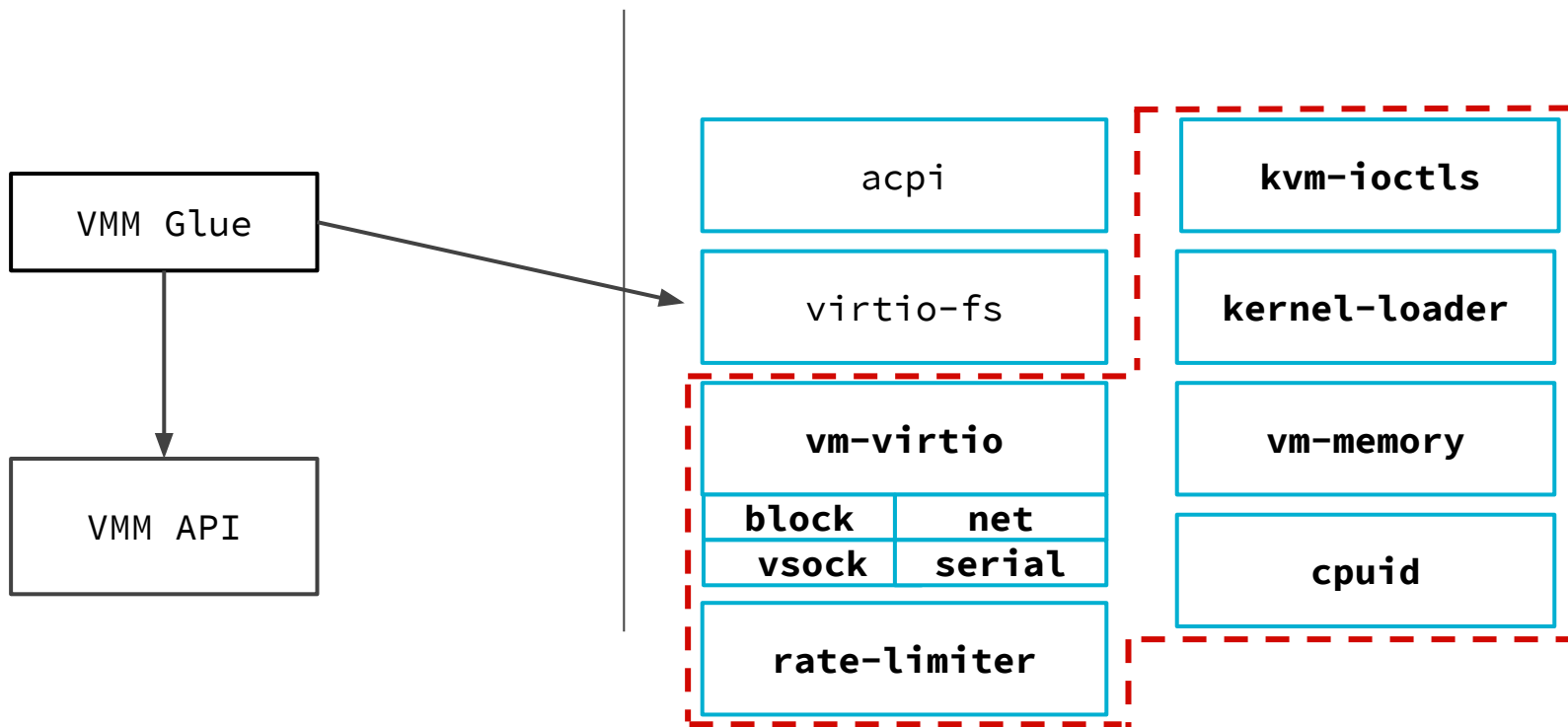
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# serverless-vmm

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**Come decide with us!**

# Be part of rust-vm!

- Subscribe to the [rust-vm](#) email list
- Want feedback on your work? Submit a [review request](#)!

# Conclusion

- VMs: A standard container isolation layer
- Need for a container specific VMM
- rust-vmm to provide the building blocks

<https://github.com/rust-vmm>

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