

Docker and Docker Compose v2 in Fedora CoreOS

Summary

If you prefer to use Docker over Podman in Fedora CoreOS, use the Butane file below to add the latest version of Docker and Docker Compose v2 to your system.

Details

Butane

```
variant: fcos
version: 1.4.0
passwd:
  users:
    - name: core
      ssh_authorized_keys:
        - ssh-[Your SSH key]
storage:
  files:
    - path: /etc/yum.repos.d/docker-ce.repo
      overwrite: true
      contents:
        inline: |
          [docker-ce-stable]
          name=Docker CE Stable - $basearch
          baseurl=https://download.docker.com/linux/fedora/$releasever/$basearch/stable
          enabled=1
          gpgcheck=1
```

gpgkey=https://download.docker.com/linux/fedora/gpg

systemd:

units:

Removing unofficial copies of docker and related packages

- name: rpm-ostree-uninstall.service

enabled: true

contents: |

[Unit]

Description=Docker rpm-ostree install

Wants=network-online.target

After=network-online.target

We run before `zincati.service` to avoid conflicting rpm-ostree

transactions.

Before=zincati.service

ConditionPathExists=!/var/lib/%N.stamp

[Service]

Type=oneshot

RemainAfterExit=yes

ExecStart=/usr/bin/rpm-ostree override remove docker containerd runc

ExecStart=/bin/touch /var/lib/%N.stamp

[Install]

WantedBy=multi-user.target

Installing Docker as a layered package with rpm-ostree

- name: rpm-ostree-install.service

enabled: true

contents: |

[Unit]

Description=Docker rpm-ostree install

Wants=network-online.target

Requires=rpm-ostree-uninstall.service

After=rpm-ostree-uninstall.service

We run before `zincati.service` to avoid conflicting rpm-ostree

transactions.

Before=zincati.service

ConditionPathExists=!/var/lib/%N.stamp

[Service]

```
Type=oneshot
RemainAfterExit=yes
ExecStart=/usr/bin/rpm-ostree install docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io docker-buildx-plugin docker-
compose-plugin
ExecStart=/bin/touch /var/lib/%N.stamp

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

Butane - Explanation

On line 7, add your SSH public key to be able to sign into your Fedora CoreOS machine. We add the Docker repository as a file. Then, we use some systemd trickery to remove docker, runc and containerd. These are installed by default in Fedora CoreOS, but conflict with the up-to-date versions of Docker, so we remove them. The next service waits for the uninstall service to complete, and installs docker per the Fedora installation guide [here](#).

Your Fedora CoreOS system will reboot in 10 minutes after running these systemd services. It's unfortunately impossible to apply software removals live, so a restart is required. If you wish to restart sooner, you can run `systemctl reboot` manually.

Why?

Podman doesn't have the equivalent of Docker Compose. Per the [suggestion](#) of the Podman development team, we can simply use Docker Compose with a Podman backend. There needs to be some trickery done to support building images with a Podman backend, which can be seen [here](#).

Overall, I found Podman to be more trouble than it's worth. As I worked with Podman for nearly a year, I ran into constant incompatibilities and oddities that had me searching for workarounds for things that should *just work*. Simply running the latest version of Docker and Docker Compose not only meets my needs, but is stable—I have yet to have any breaking changes due to automatic updates with Docker and Docker Compose v2.

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