



# Usage of Docker on 1756-CMEE

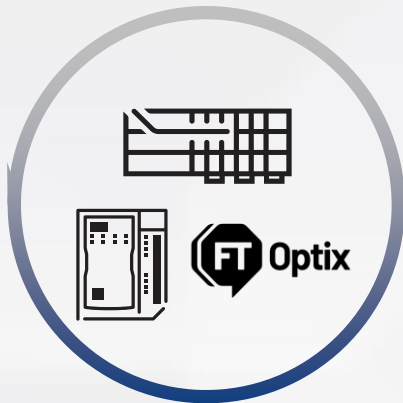
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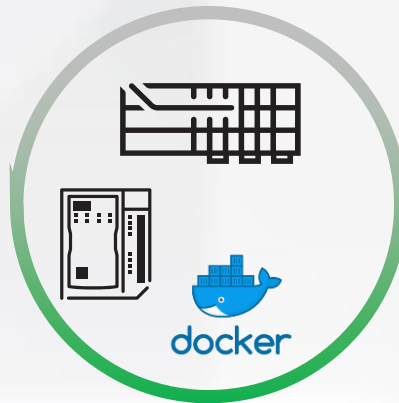
# Embedded Edge Compute Program Priorities

Optimize machine & equipment control while enabling additional OT and IT technologies at the Edge



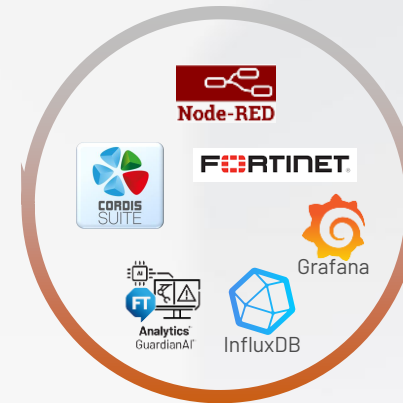
## Edge and Control

Bring contemporary IT/OT technologies in-rack alongside world class multi-discipline control that is Modular, Secure and Safe



## Containerized Applications

Provide flexibility to the Logix platform including capabilities to support containerized applications



## Application Ecosystem

Expand the ecosystem of deployable applications to enable more complimentary value to the Logix platform



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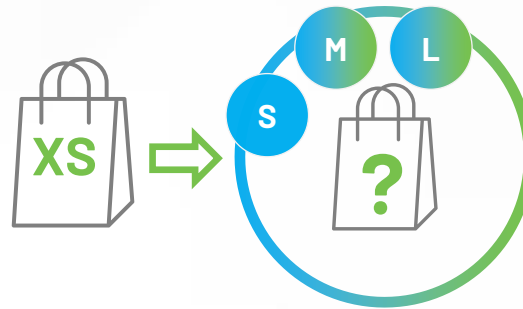
Release 1 – Q4FY23

# Embedded Edge Compute™ hosting FactoryTalk® Optix™

Embedded hardware solution optimized for FactoryTalk® Optix™

## Embedded Edge Compute

- Scaled to meet wide range of customer needs:
  - **Greenfield and Brownfield applications**
  - OEM focus – small to large machines, simple to complex applications
  - End User Focus – Simple to complex Machines and Applications
- **Released in September 2023**
- Includes
  - FactoryTalk® Optix™ Runtime **Xtra-Small**
  - FactoryTalk® Remote Access™ Runtime **Pro**
- Optional License Upgrade
  - FactoryTalk® Optix™ Runtime (Small-L)
- Specifications
  - ARM NXP iMX8M Plus
  - 50GB+ User Memory
  - Linux Yocto 64-bit OS





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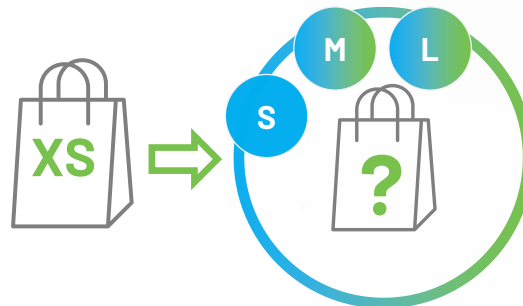
Container Support – Q1FY25

# Embedded Edge Compute™ Containers enabled

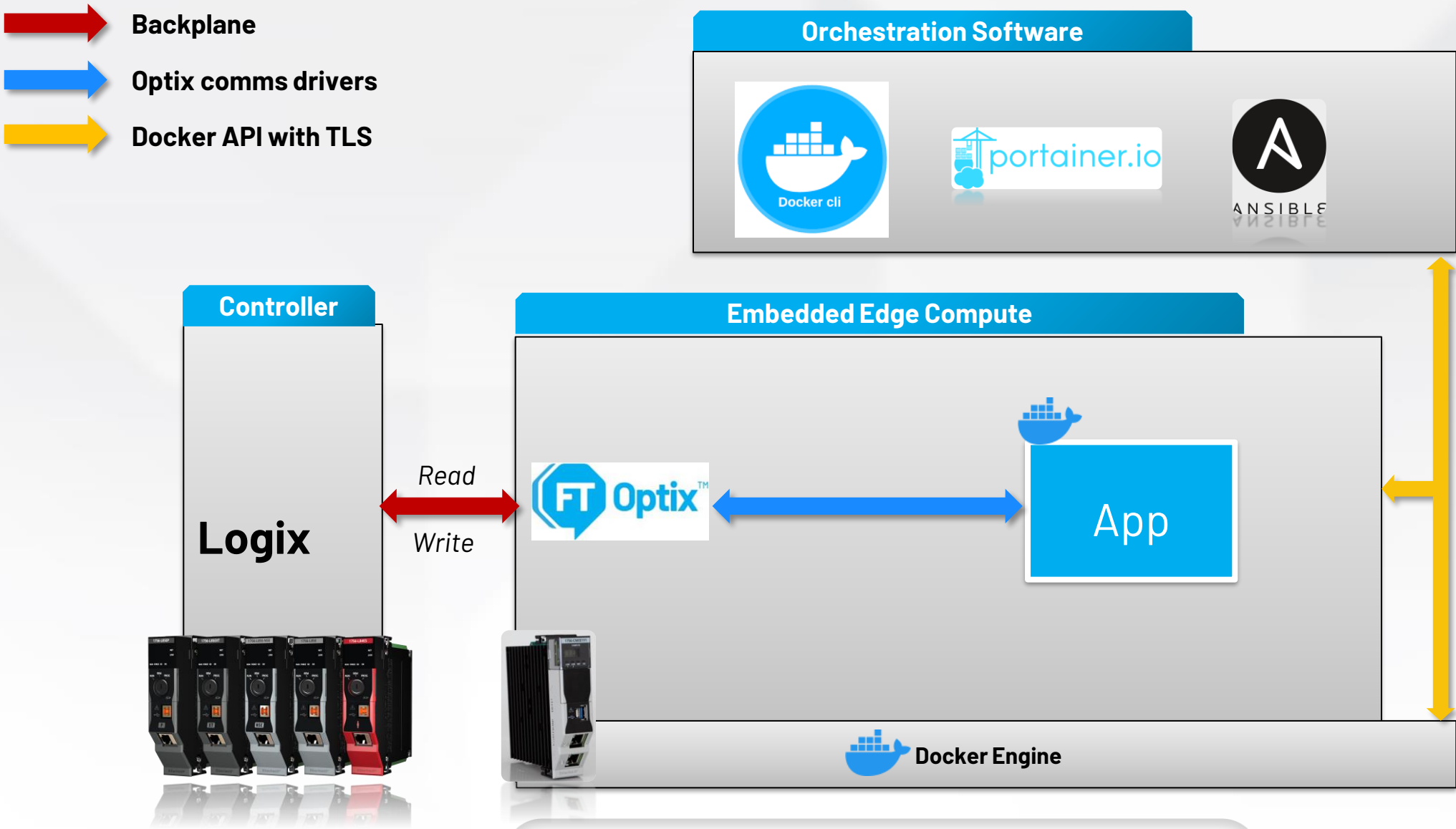
Open, Secure and IT/OT ready co-processor for Logix Controllers

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  - Same as Release 1



# Embedded Edge Compute Containerization





# Embedded Edge Compute™ Containers enabled

Open, Secure and IT/OT ready co-processor for Logix Controllers

## Open

Following software can run on the module:

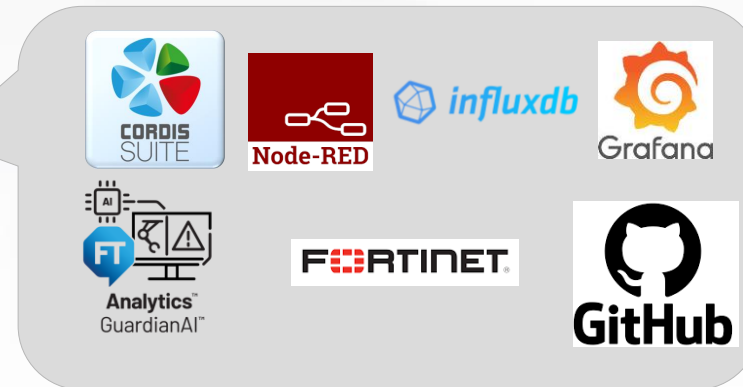
- RA apps
- RA Partners apps
- Custom apps
- Third-party apps

## Secure

- Closed host OS
- Encrypted Connections

## IT/OT ready

- App deployment options





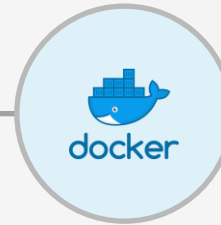
# Containerization



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# Workshop goals

From zero to hero with Docker and Portainer on the 1756-CMEE



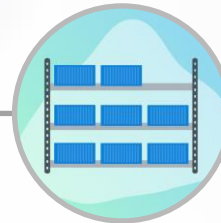
Docker

Key concepts of containerization, what is a container, why to use a container, what is Docker.



Portainer

Key concepts of orchestrators, what is Portainer, why to use Portainer



Deploy a container

Enablement of Docker on the 1756-CMEE, enabling Portainer CE, deployment of a container, use of Docker CLI



Build a custom container

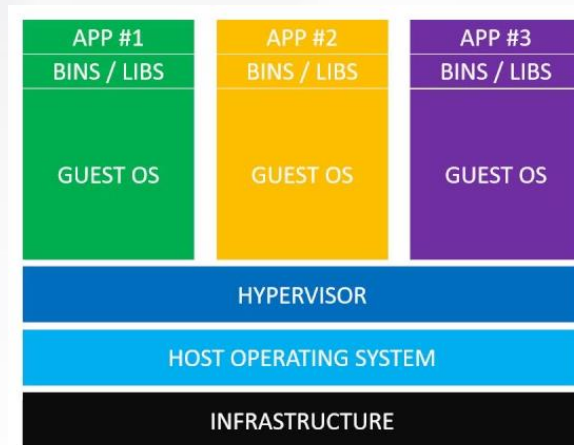
What is a Dockerfile, what is Docker Composer, create a custom container image for the 1756-CMEE.

# Containerization

How to pack many things into a carry-on bag

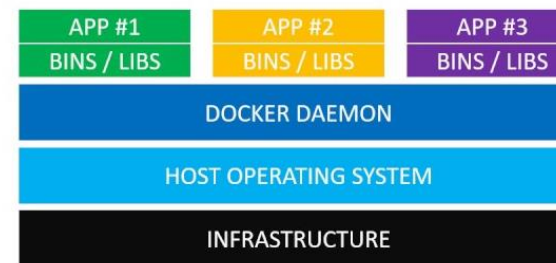
## Virtual Machine

- Needs lot of resources
- Needs specific virtualization software
- Weighs some tenth of GB
- Contains many things that are not strictly necessary



## Container

- Needs only the resources used by the executable
- Can run on any host OS with a container agent
- Weighs few KB (or even just as a single text file)
- Only contains the main executable and dependencies



# Containerization softwares

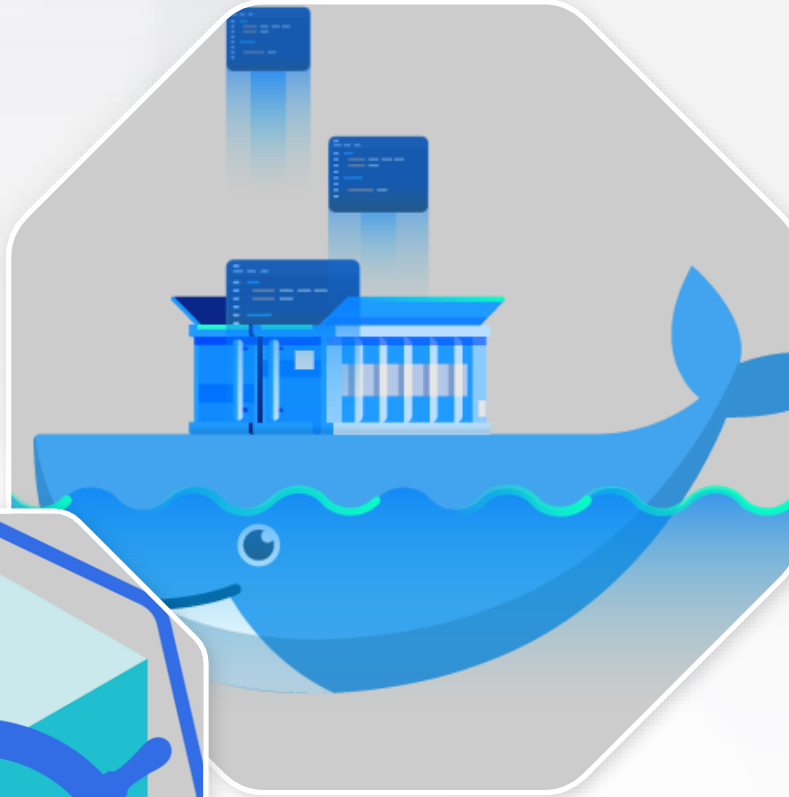
Docker is not the only one, it is just one of the most famous



Minikube is a lightweight Kubernetes native tool with advanced features like load balancing and Add-Ons



Podman is an open-source tool which is 1:1 compatible with Docker



Containerd is an industry-standard container runtime with an emphasis on simplicity, robustness, and portability

Docker offers a simple and efficient approach to running and managing containers, but Kubernetes offers more complex capabilities, such as automated container deployment, scalability, and self-healing



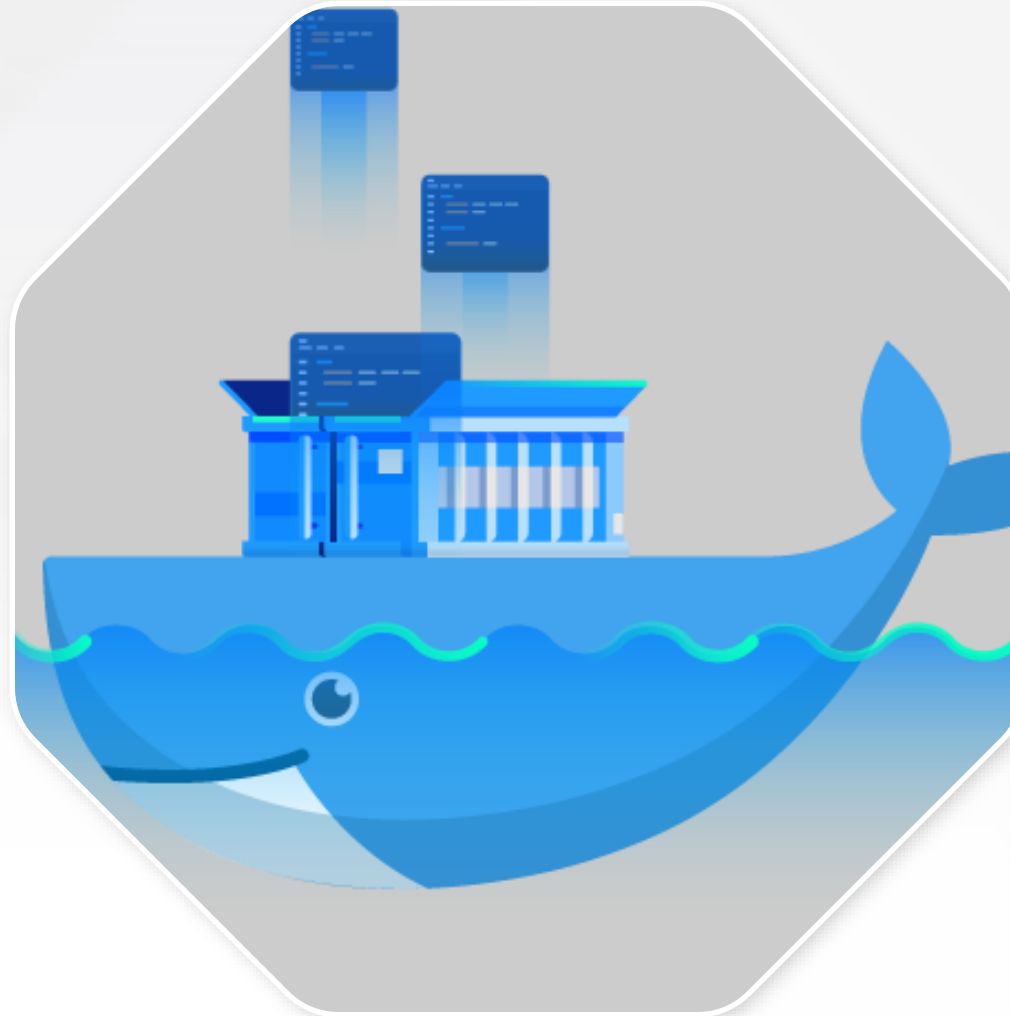
# Why Docker?

Good advertisements and customer care

Mostly focused on every-day development by supporting Linux, Windows and MAC OS

Large community of both professionalist and amateurs which create a strong engagement

Constantly updated and supported



Simplicity and good documentation

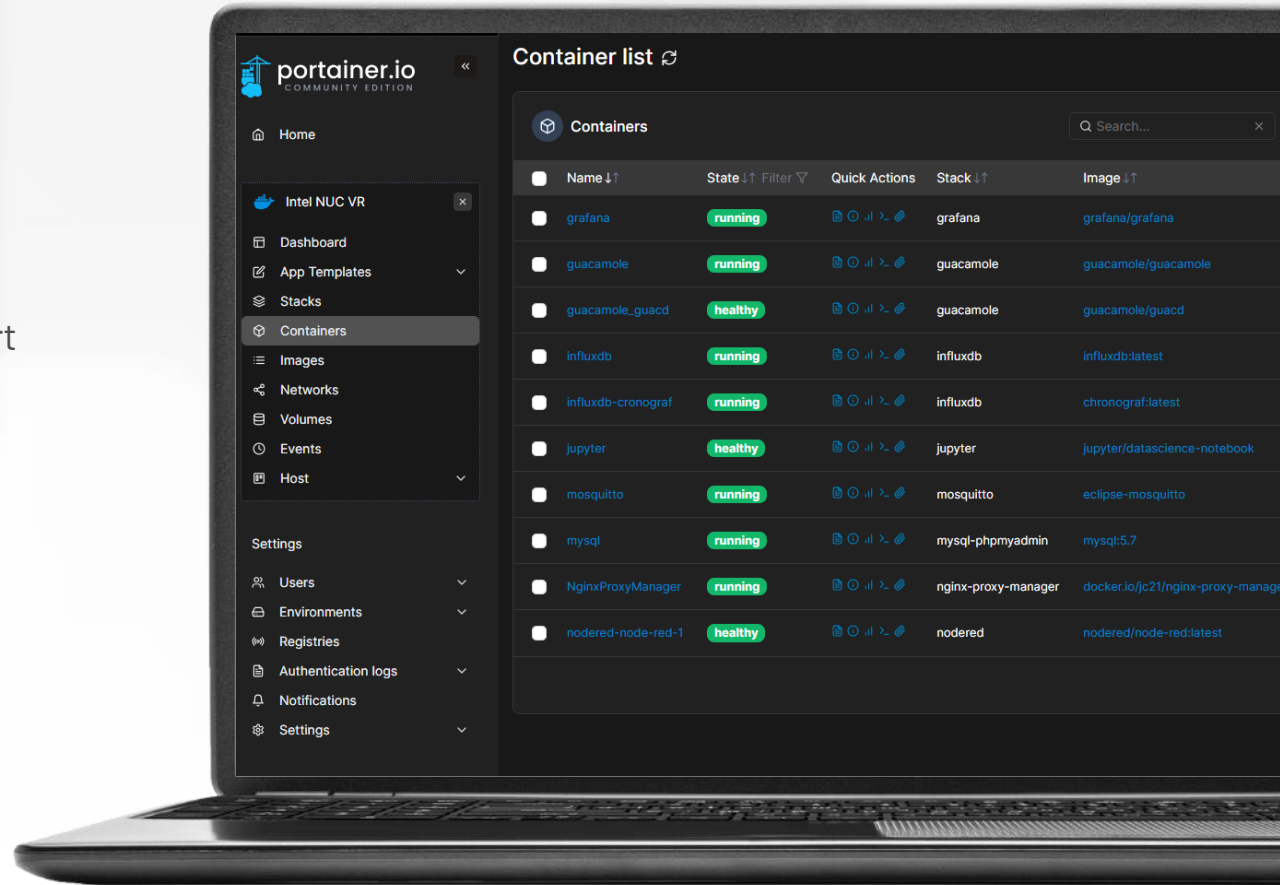
Containers can be easily ported across different systems and host OS

Support for scalability

# Portainer

Portainer is actually a Docker container

- Portainer is not a containerization platform
- Portainer is a GUI for Docker
- Comes in two flavors:
  - Portainer-ce which is free with some minor features limitations
  - Portainer-business which is paid and includes all features and support
- Allows connecting to multiple agents
- Supports both Docker files and Docker compose



# Docker Resources

“Before you start”

Docker: Getting started

- <https://docker-curriculum.com/>
- <https://docs.docker.com/get-started/>

Docker Workshops

- [https://docs.docker.com/get-started/workshop/02\\_our\\_app/](https://docs.docker.com/get-started/workshop/02_our_app/)

Docker Registry

- <https://docs.docker.com/registry/>



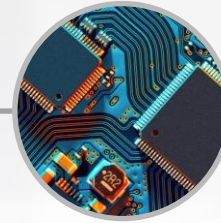
# What is the 1756-CMEE

Basically, it is an OptixPanel™ without the Panel



Backplane mounting

Native communication using the backplane of the 1756 rack. No need for external power.



Motherboard

Same hardware as an OptixPanel Standard. 4GB of RAM, non-removable SD card, ARM64 CPU



I/O

1x USB 3.0 port, 2x Gigabit network interfaces  
no video output, no wireless options

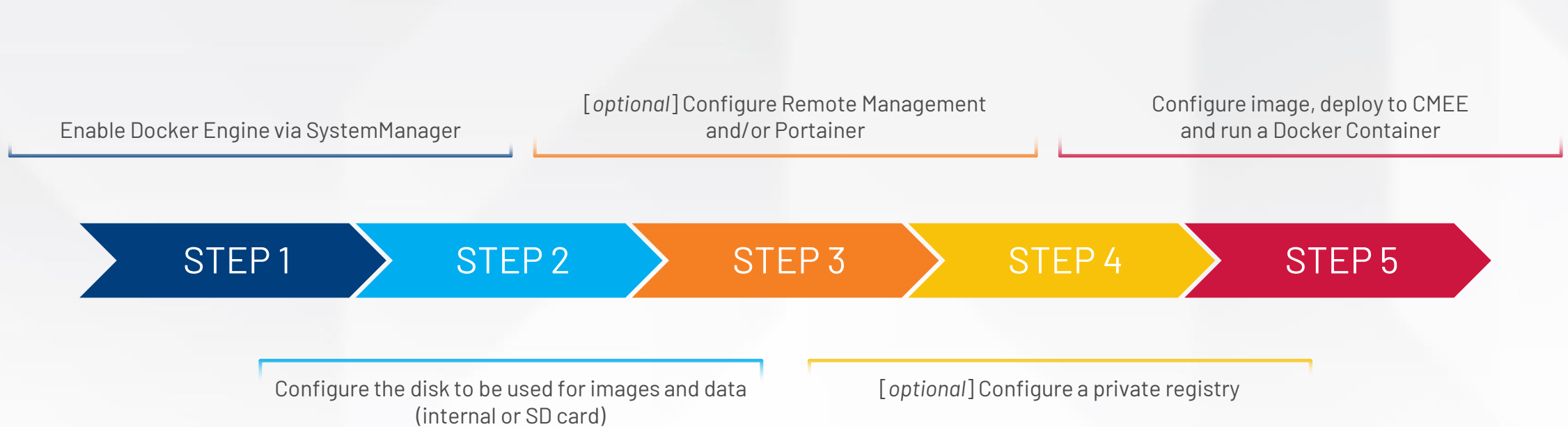


Software

Linux Yocto with RA SystemManager, support for Docker engine.

# Enabling Docker

Docker is not activated by default



# Configure Docker Engine

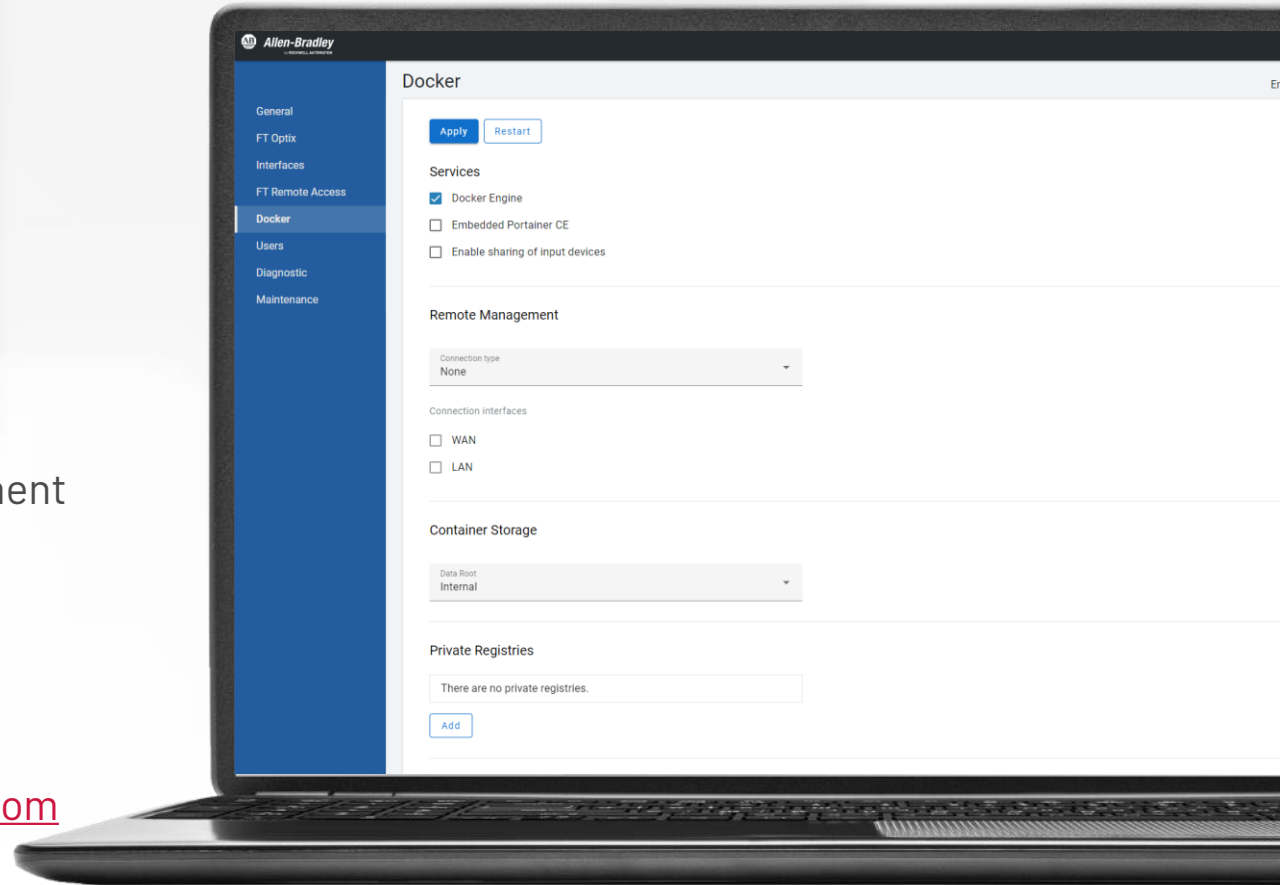


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# Enable Docker [SystemManager]

Tick the option and Apply -> device will **reboot**

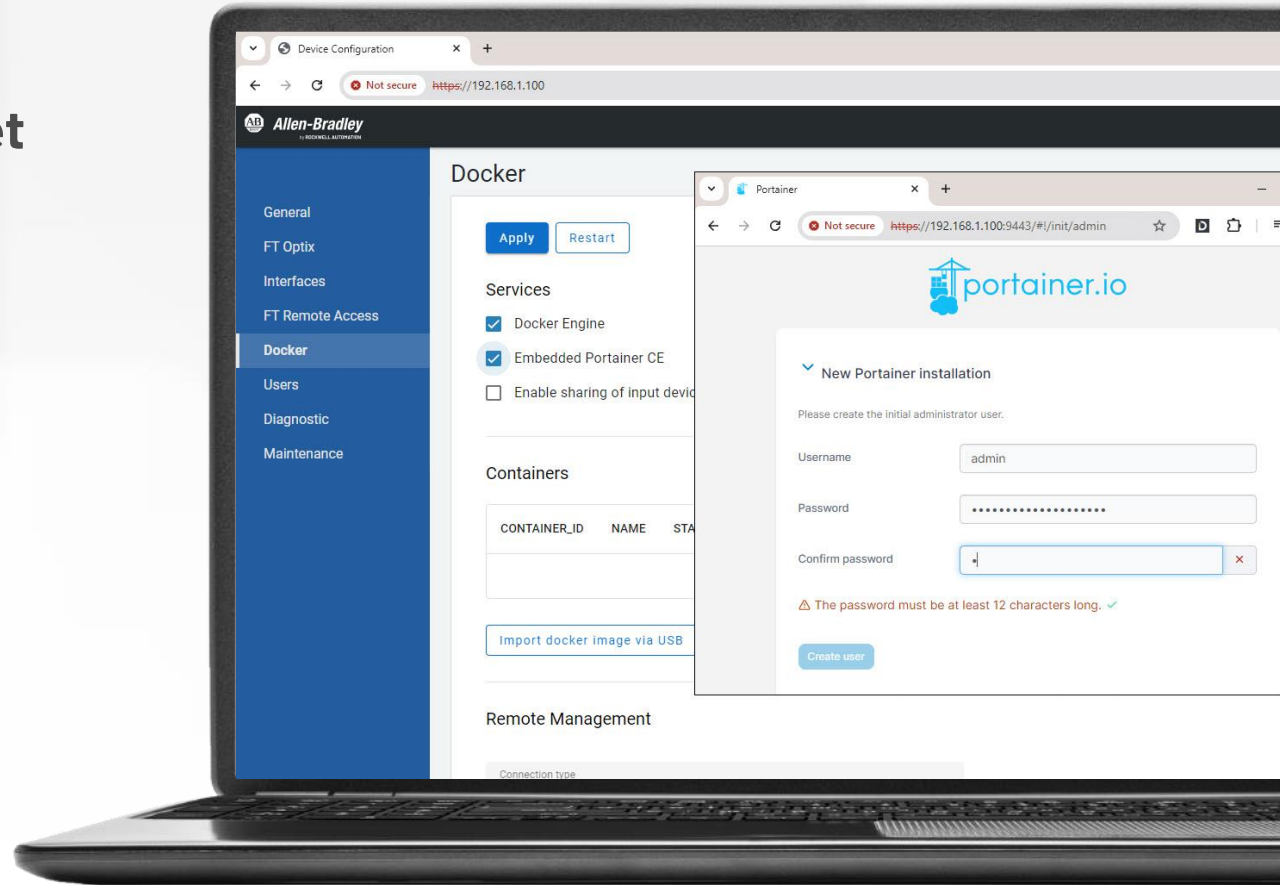
- Access the SystemManager page of the device
- Enable the **Docker Engine**
- [optional] Enable Portainer CE
  - On-device orchestrator with web-based user interface
- [optional] Configure the Remote Management
  - Exposes the Docker API to the network for remote management
- Configure the Container Storage
  - Where to store images and persistent data
- [optional] Configure Private Registries
  - Where to pull images from, if not using <https://hub.docker.com>
- [optional] Configure Proxy
  - If required by the network



# Install Portainer [SystemManager]

[Optional] -> install on-device orchestrator

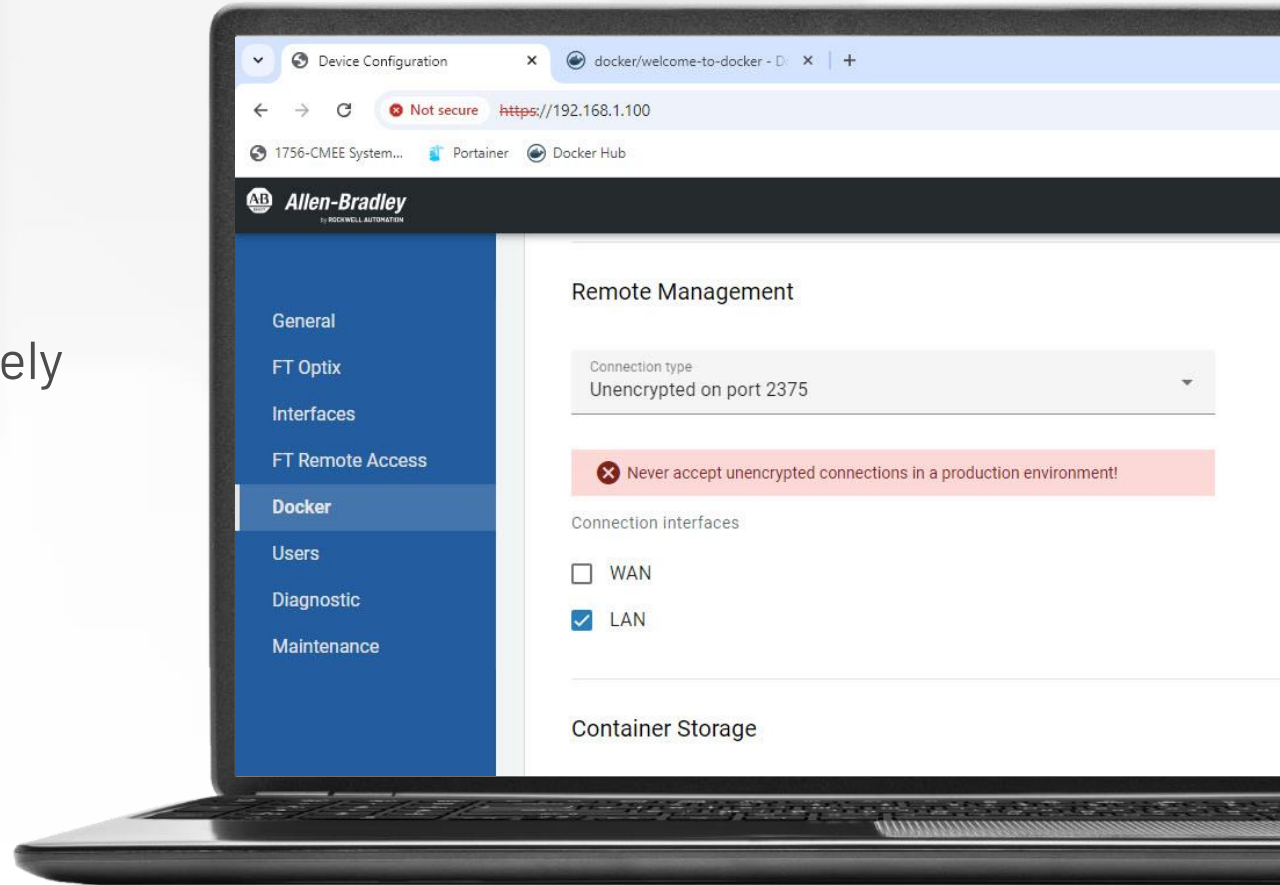
- Access the SystemManager page of the device
- Make sure the module is **connected to the Internet**
  - [typically Port 1 – WAN]
- Enable the **Embedded Portainer CE**
- Restart
- Open Portainer webpage of the module
  - <https://ip-address-of-the-module:9443>
- Configure Admin password
- Portainer becomes visible in the list of containers



# Remote Management [SystemManager]

[Optional] -> Allow management via (e.g.) Docker CLI

- Access the SystemManager page of the device
- Enable Remote Management
  - Select which connection type to be used
  - Select which interfaces can be used to access
- Docker on 1756-CMEE can now be managed remotely (e.g. Docker CLI, or compatible orchestrator)
- Restart





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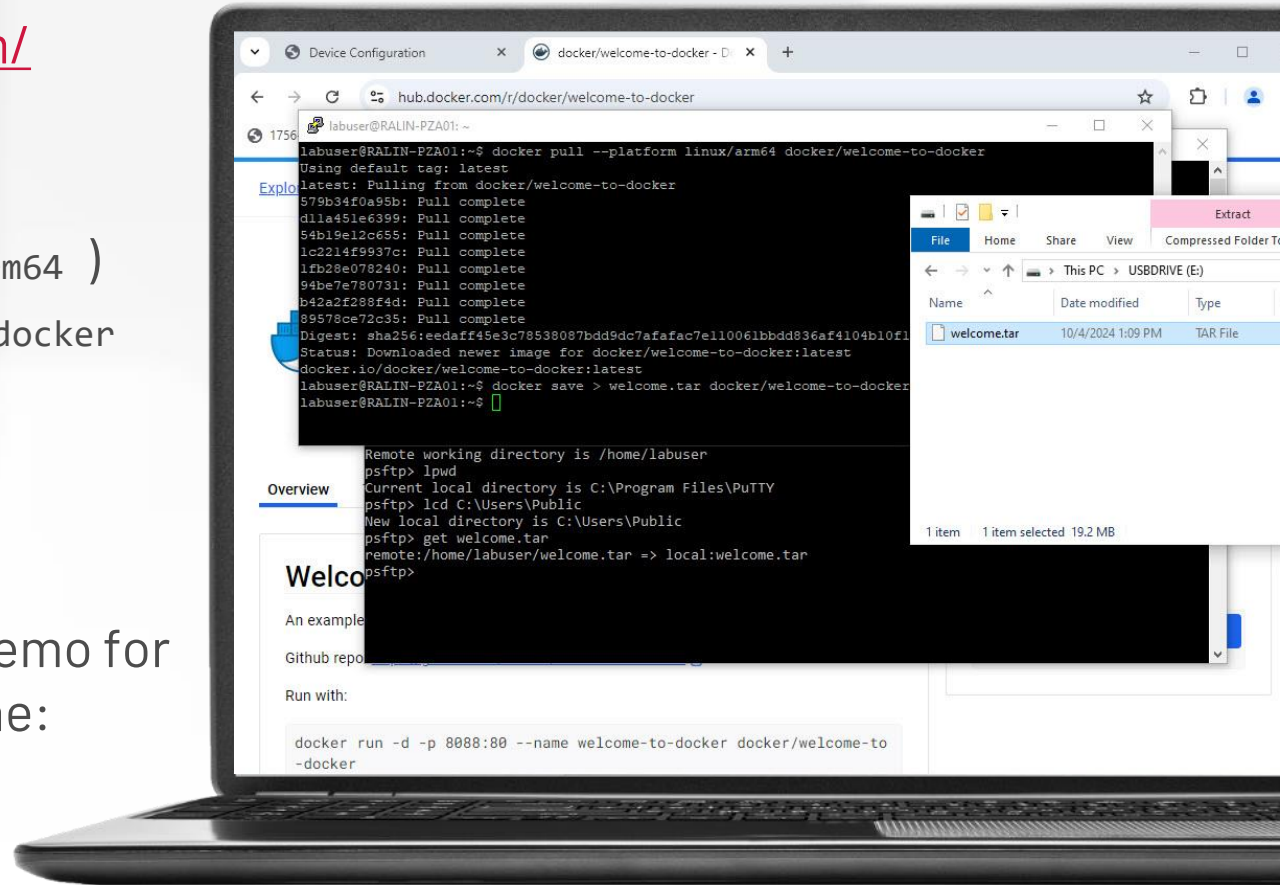
Prepare a Docker **image**  
[**pre-built**]



# Pull image from Docker Hub

Get a pre-built image from registry

- Find the desired image at <https://hub.docker.com/>  
[could be pulled from any configured registry ...]
- Copy the pull command ( and add `--platform linux/arm64` )  
`$ docker pull --platform linux/arm64 docker/welcome-to-docker`
- Export image to tar file  
`$ docker save > welcome.tar docker/welcome-to-docker`
- Tip: PSFTP** (part of PuTTY package) used in this demo for file transfer from Linux server to Windows machine:
  - > `lcd C:\Users\Public`
  - > `get welcome.tar`



# Create a Docker Compose file

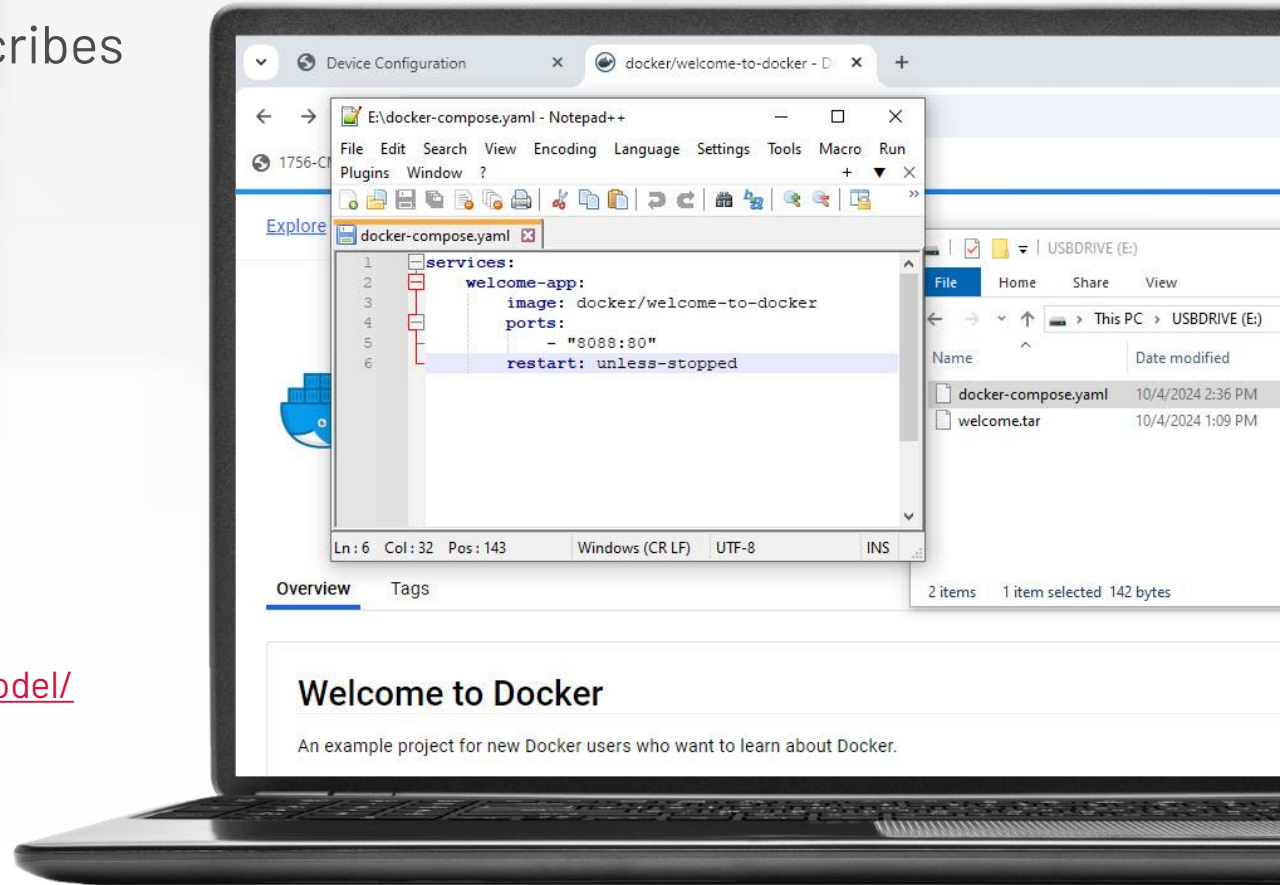
Configure the container

- Create a text file **docker-compose.yaml** that describes the container startup procedure and arguments

```
services:
  welcome-app:
    image: docker/welcome-to-docker
    ports:
      - "8088:80"
    Restart: unless-stopped
```

- References:

- <https://docs.docker.com/compose/intro/compose-application-model/>
- <https://docs.docker.com/reference/compose-file/>



# Manage Containers on 1756-CMEE



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# Manage Containers (on 1756-CMEE)

Three ways to manage Docker, coming with module “out of box”

## Portainer CE

Comes with module  
(click + download)

Local orchestrator  
engine “onboard”

Web-based user  
interface

## System Manager

Easy deployment  
via USB

## Remote [ Docker API ]

Connect a Docker API  
“compliant” tool

Non-secured or  
secured connection

... -> Docker CLI used  
in the demo

# Portainer: Add Container vs Add Stack

Multiple ways to achieve the same result

## Adding new **container** instance

- Each parameter must be configured manually
  - A little longer when configuring networks
  - Create the persistent volume before (if needed)
- Containers (and settings) are not saved in the backup file
  - Persistent volumes are not backed up

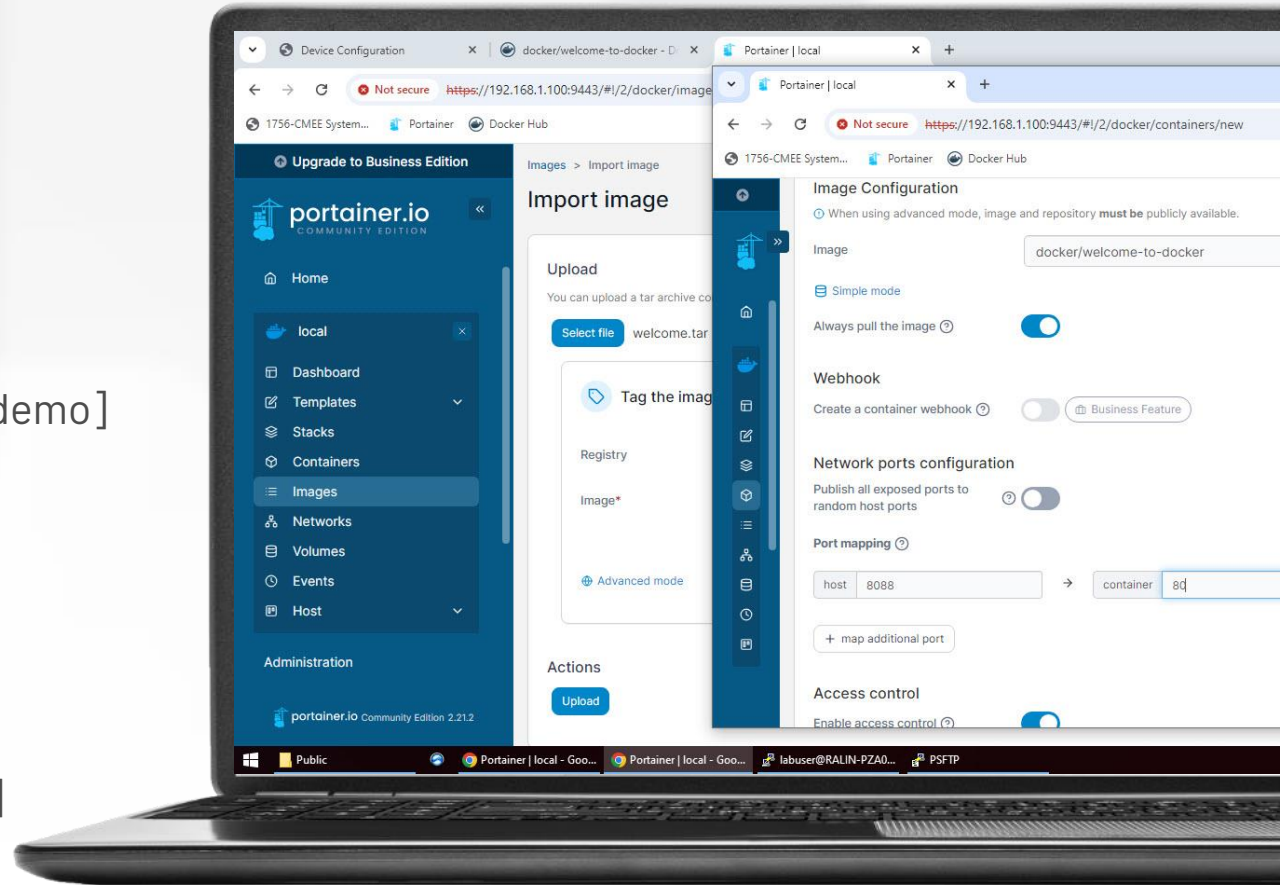
## Adding new container with a «**stack**»

- All parameters are loaded from the stack file
  - Stack file is actually a docker-compose
  - All container settings are loaded in a single shot
- Stacks are saved in the backup file
  - Easier to restore normal functioning
  - Persistent volumes are not backed up

# Manage with Portainer CE

## Option 1a: Add Container

- Access Portainer web interface  
<https://ip-address-of-the-module:9443>
- Import image
  - Local -> Images -> Import
    - > select previously created image file [**welcome.tar** in this demo]
- Create Container
  - Local -> Containers -> Add Container
  - Switch to **Advanced mode**
  - Type image name [docker/welcome-to-docker in this demo]
  - Configure Port mapping [ex.: host **8088** / container **80**, TCP]

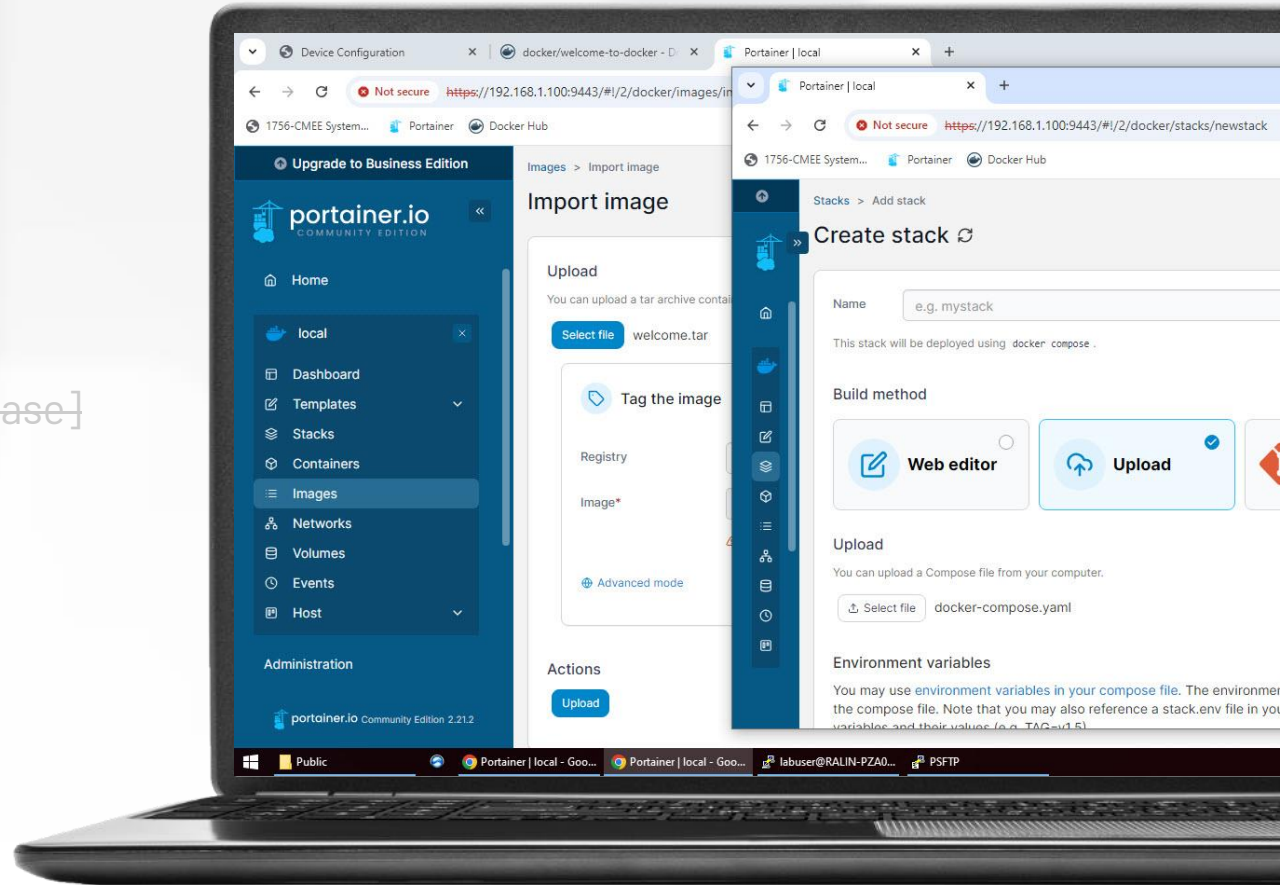




# Manage with Portainer CE

## Option 1b: Add Stack

- Access Portainer web interface  
<https://ip-address-of-the-module:9443>
- ~~Import image~~ [already imported in previous step]
  - ~~Local → Images → Import~~  
→ select previously created image file [**welcome.tar** in our case]
- Create Stack
  - Local → Stacks → Add Stack → Upload  
→ select previously created **docker-compose.yaml** file
- Portainer allows much more [build, compose, ...]

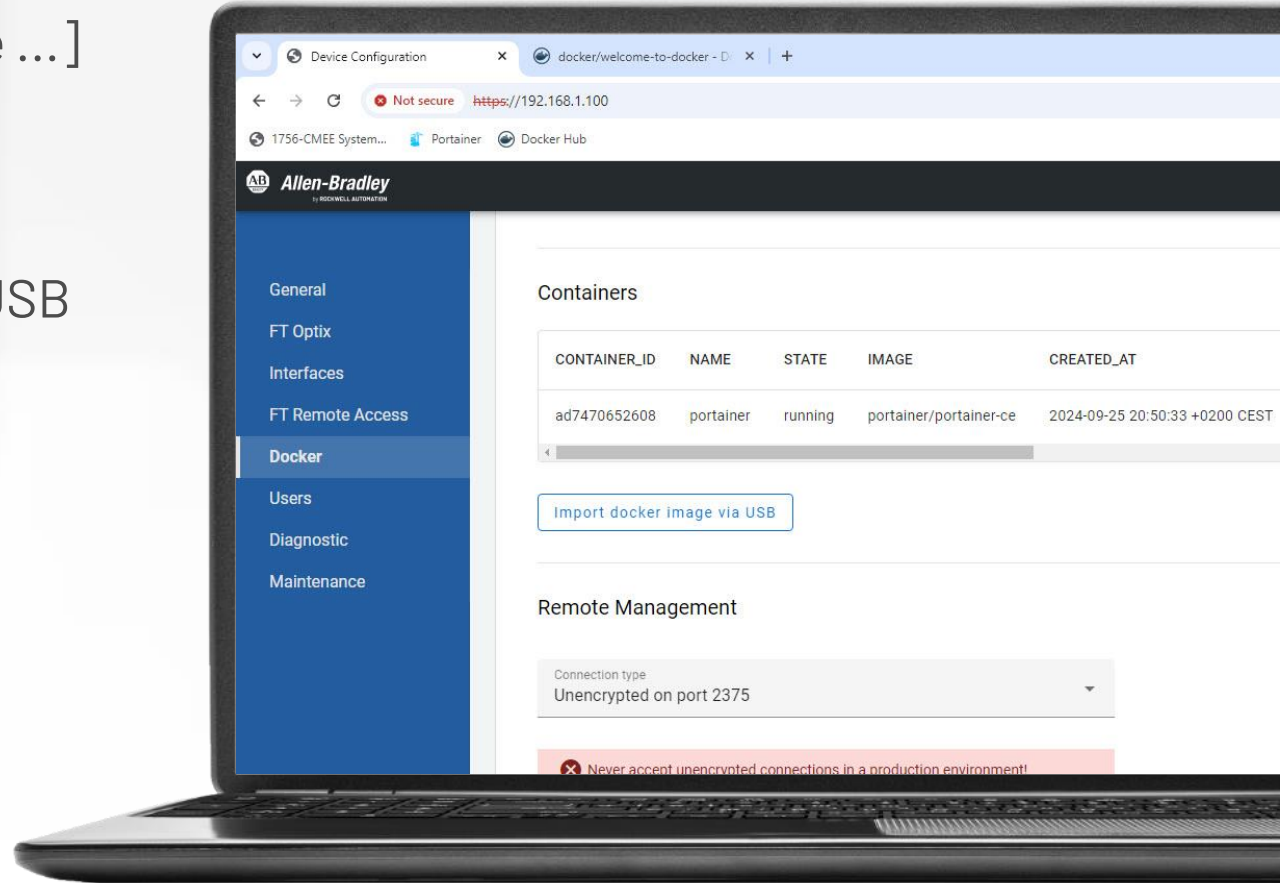




# "Manage" with SystemManager

Option 2: Easy way to deploy a container [but nothing else]

- **Import image only** [no stop, start, update, remove ...]
- Prepare a USB partitioned FAT32, exFAT or ext4
- Copy **<image>.tar** and **docker-compose.yaml** to USB
- Plug USB to 1756-CMEE
- Access the SystemManager page of the device
- Import docker image via USB



# Manage Remotely -> example with Docker CLI

Option **3**: Endless options with CLI for different platforms

- Once the image is configured and built, it makes sense to switch the CLI to 1756-CMEE
- Connect to Docker daemon on 1756-CMEE:
  - `export DOCKER_HOST=192.168.1.100:2375` [Linux]
  - `set DOCKER_HOST=192.168.1.100:2375` [Windows Command shell]
  - `$env:DOCKER_HOST="192.168.1.100:2375"` [Windows PowerShell]
- Transfer image to 1756-CMEE:  
`$ docker load --input ./welcome.tar`
- Create a container based on the image and start it:  
`$ docker run -dp 8088:80 --restart unless-stopped --name welcome docker/welcome-to-docker`
- Disconnect from 1756-CMEE:
  - `unset DOCKER_HOST` [Linux]
  - `set DOCKER_HOST=` [Windows Command shell]
  - `Remove-Item env:DOCKER_HOST` [Windows PowerShell]

# Useful commands for Docker CLI

Some basic commands

- **docker help**
- `docker ps` (lists running containers)
- `docker ps -a` (lists all existing containers)
- `docker images` (lists existing images)
- `docker load --input <filename>` (loads image from TAR)
- `docker stop <container>`
- `docker rm <container>` (removes container)
- `docker rmi <image>` (removes image)
- `docker update` (change properties of an existing container)

Prepare a Docker **image**  
[containerize a **custom** app]



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# Containerize an application [slide 1 of 2]

Create a custom container

- Prepare a Linux machine (see [additional slide](#))
- Follow [https://docs.docker.com/get-started/workshop/02\\_our\\_app/](https://docs.docker.com/get-started/workshop/02_our_app/), with some [changes](#) to make it work on 1756-CMEE:
  - **DockerFile** contents:

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1
FROM --platform=linux/arm64 node:alpine
WORKDIR /app
COPY . .
RUN yarn install --production
CMD ["node", "src/index.js"]
EXPOSE 3000
```
  - Build command:

```
$ docker build --platform linux/arm64 -t getting-started.
```
- **Leave** web guide with last paragraph before [Start an app container](#)

# Containerize an application [slide 2 of 2]

Create a custom container

- Export and save the image:  

```
$ docker save > getting-started.tar getting-started
```
- Connect to Docker daemon on 1756-CMEE (see one of [previous slides](#))  

```
export DOCKER_HOST=192.168.1.100:2375
```
- Transfer image to 1756-CMEE:  

```
$ docker load --input ./getting-started.tar
```
- Create a container based on the image and start it :  

```
$ docker run -dp 3000:3000 --restart unless-stopped --name my-name-gs getting-started
```
- [ Test the application by accessing <https://192.168.1.100:3000> ]



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# Docker “tools” [ Docker Engine/Desktop ]



# Docker Engine

## Command Line Interface

- Linux
  - use package manager for specific distribution (typically something like `apt install docker`)
  - <https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/> [detailed guide in the following (hidden) slide]
- Windows
  - manually unzip client and server executables
  - <https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/binaries/#install-server-and-client-binaries-on-windows>
  - **if** getting 1607 error durickg dockerd service start / **failed to load vmcompute.dll** in Event Viewer, look at <https://poweruser.blog/docker-on-windows-10-without-hyper-v-a529897ed1cc> -> basically enable **Containers**
  - does **not allow build of Linux images** -> but still can be used to manage Docker on Embedded Edge Compute via CLI
    - [ load, stop, start, update, remove, ... ]

# Docker Desktop

Graphical user interface, plus samples, plus command line interface

- Needs license for business use
  - [ **RA Internal** ]:  
<https://rockwellautomation.sharepoint.com/sites/BusinessAssetManagement/SitePages/Software-License-Pricing-Estimate1.aspx>
- <https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/>

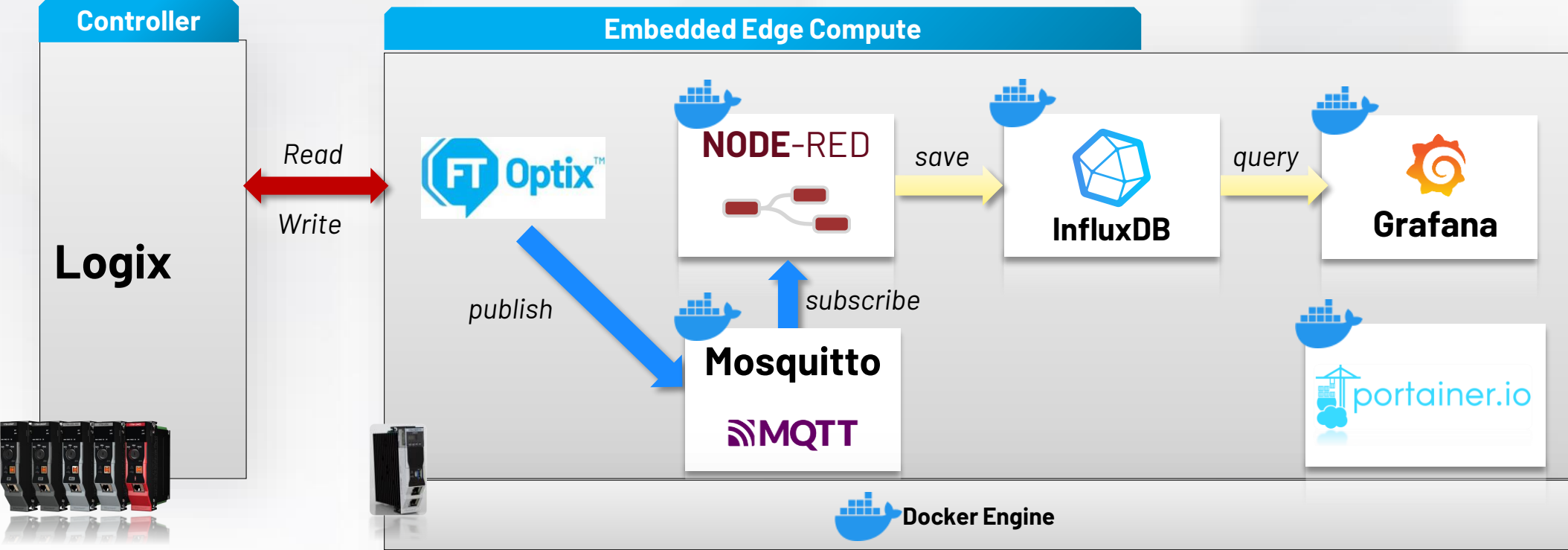
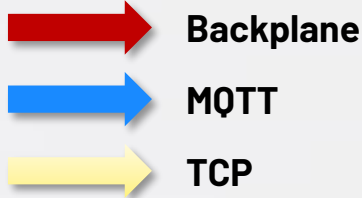


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Use cases

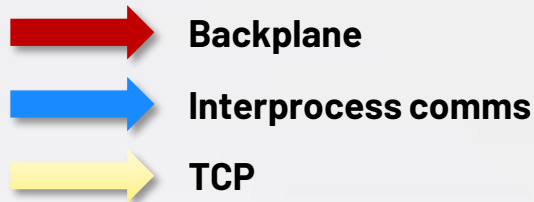
# Data logging and runtime trending

Node-RED

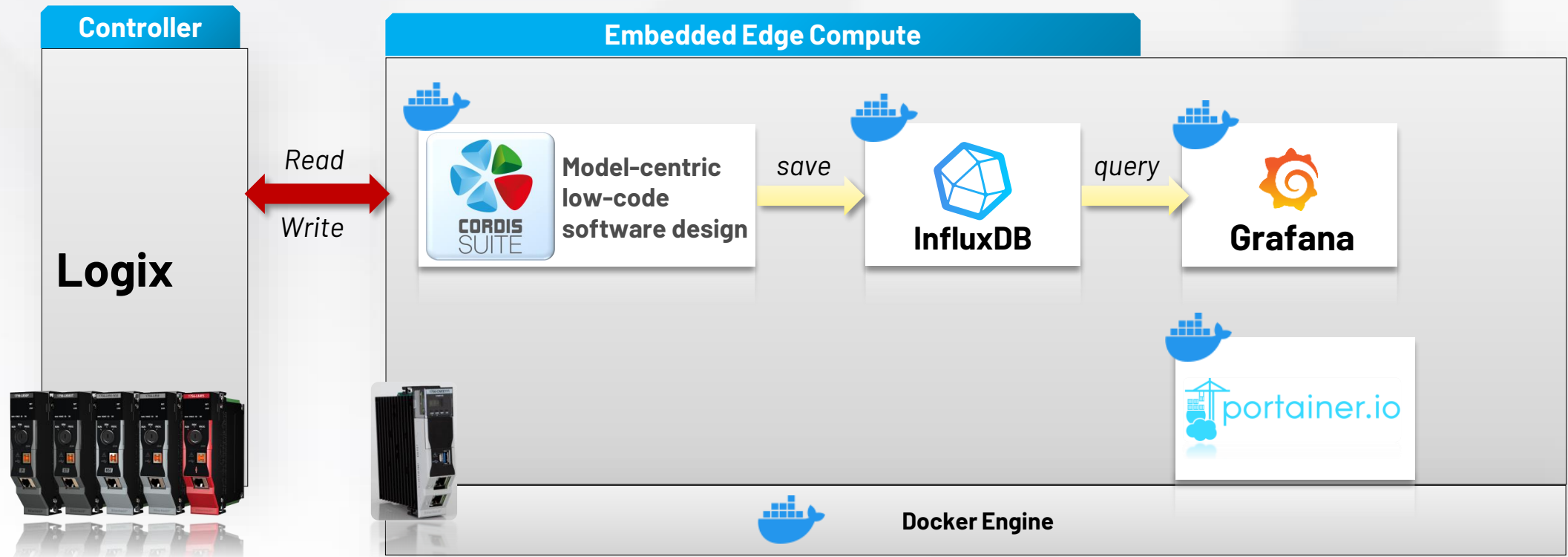


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# Low-Code Software Design & Datalogging



Use case:  
Real-time monitoring for iterative development process



# Questions?



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