

# How To Run Splunk As A Docker Image?

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# Who we are?



- Marc Chéné
- Denis Gladkikh



# Agenda

- What is Docker?
- Why run Splunk in Docker?
- Demo Scenarios
  1. Setup Splunk Cluster in Docker
  2. Scaling Up Splunk in Docker
  3. Cluster Upgrade: 6.4.1 to 6.4.2
- Guidance & Best Practices

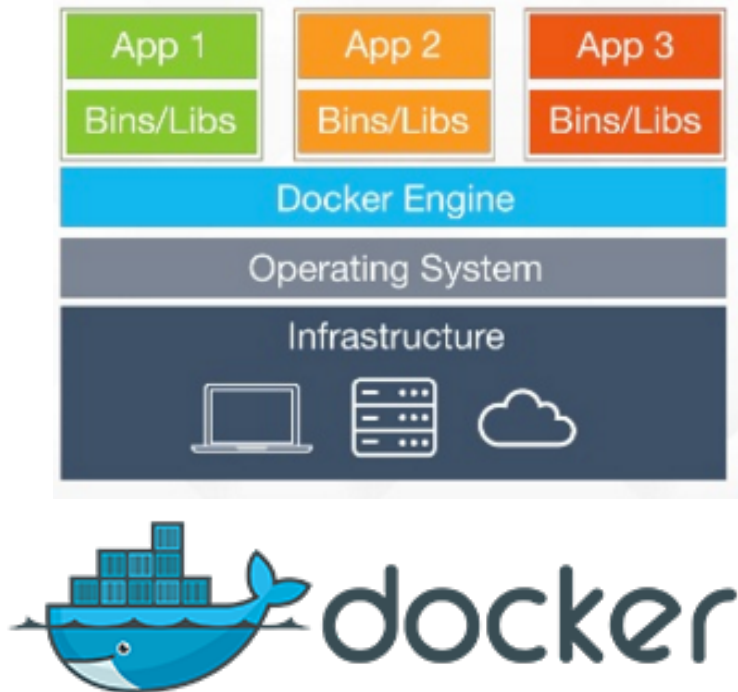
# What is Docker?

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First, a bit about containers..

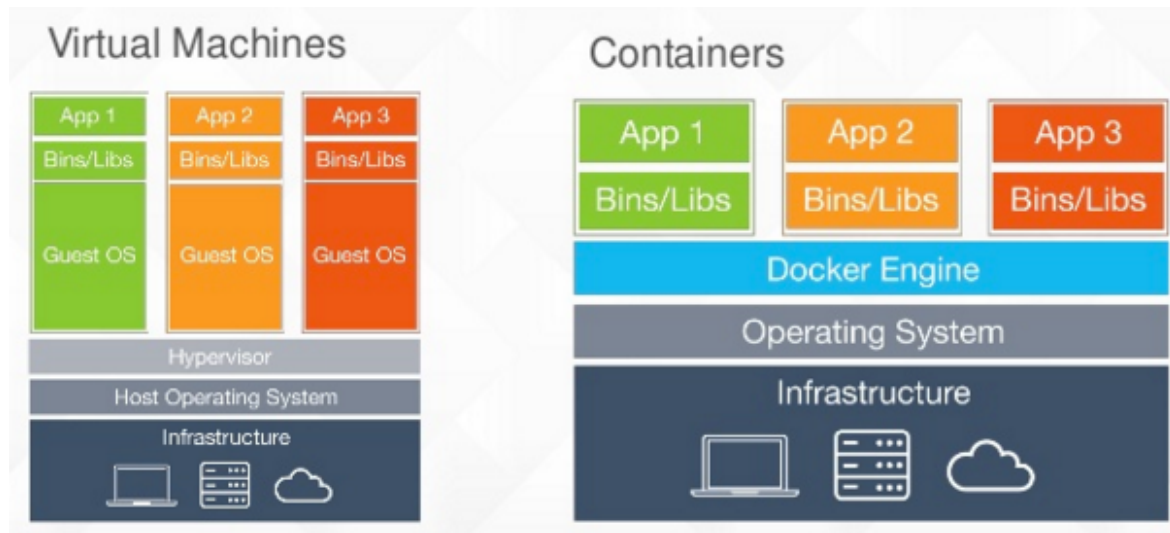
# Docker, in one Slide



- Build - Ship - Run your applications
  - “Infrastructure as code”
  - Enables microservices architectures
  - Portable – Enables Cloud Migration
- Open Source and Community Minded
  - Docker Engine is Open Source
  - Thousands of apps can be “pulled” in Dockerhub
  - Your developers LOVE Docker

# Docker – It's not Virtualization

- VMs – focus on OS
- Docker – focus on applications
- Docker – lightweight and FAST
- NOT mutually exclusive with VMs

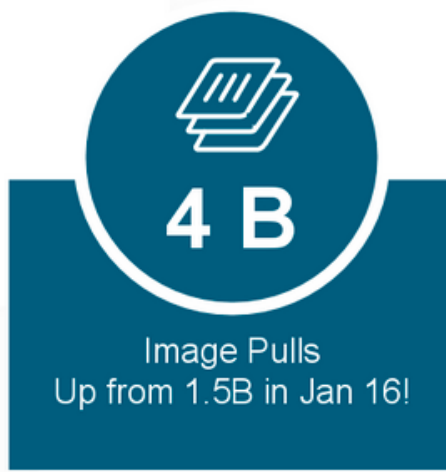




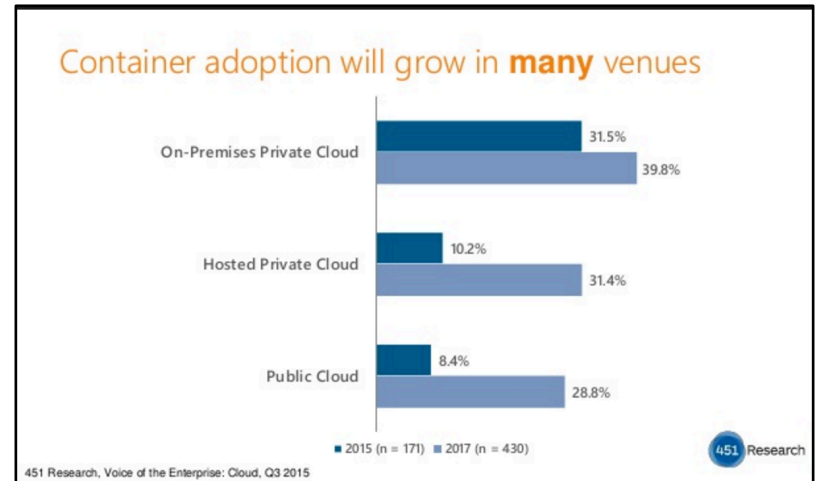
# Docker – it's a big deal



Open Source driven ecosystem

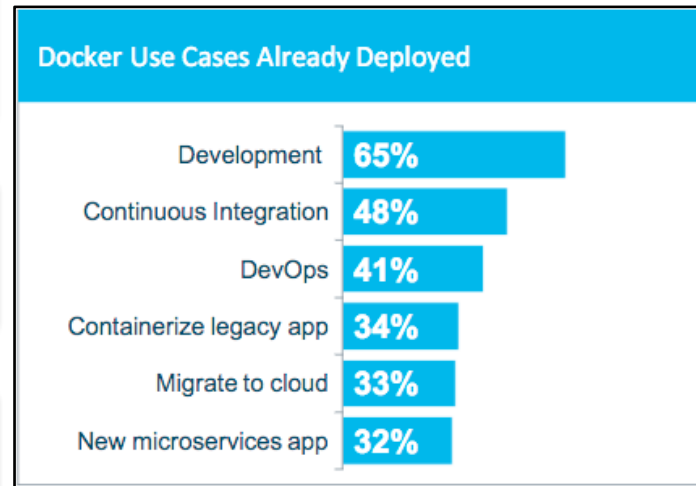
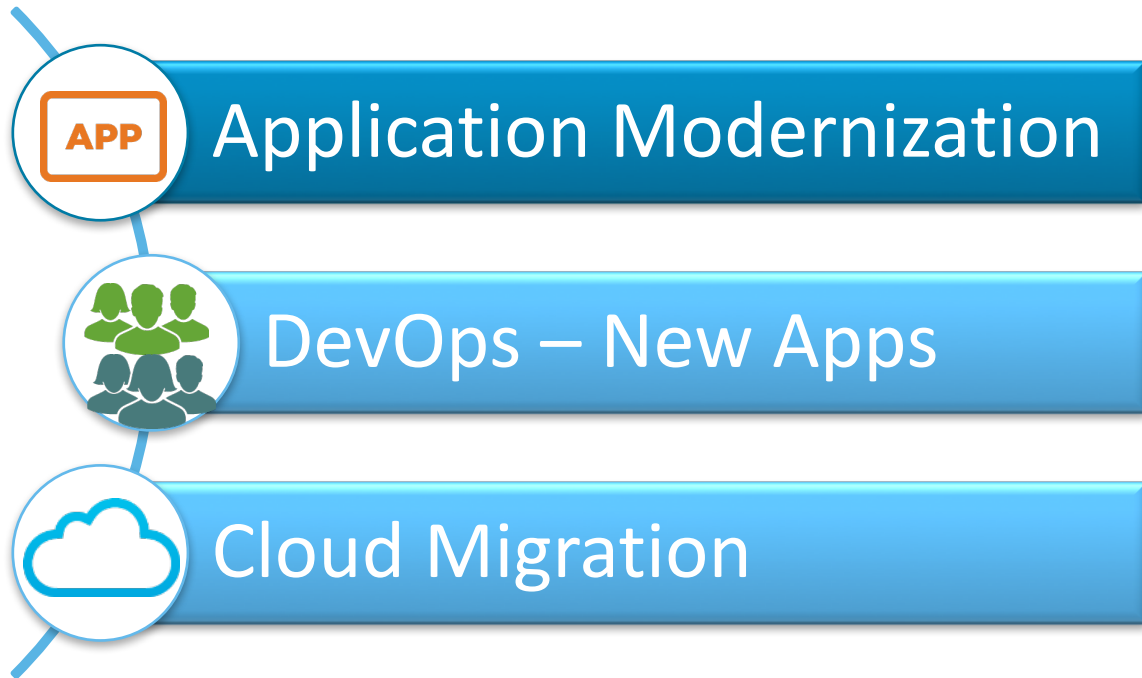


Massive increase in adoption...



...But the growth is just getting started

# 3 Primary Container Use Cases



# Why run Splunk in Docker?

- Goals & Benefits
- Splunk Reference Architecture
- Target Docker Environment

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# Goals & Benefits

- Reduce Management Costs
- Time to Value
- High Available
- Reduce time to Upgrade
- Simplified Rollback
- Standard Configurations
- Easier to Support

# Splunk Reference Architecture in Docker

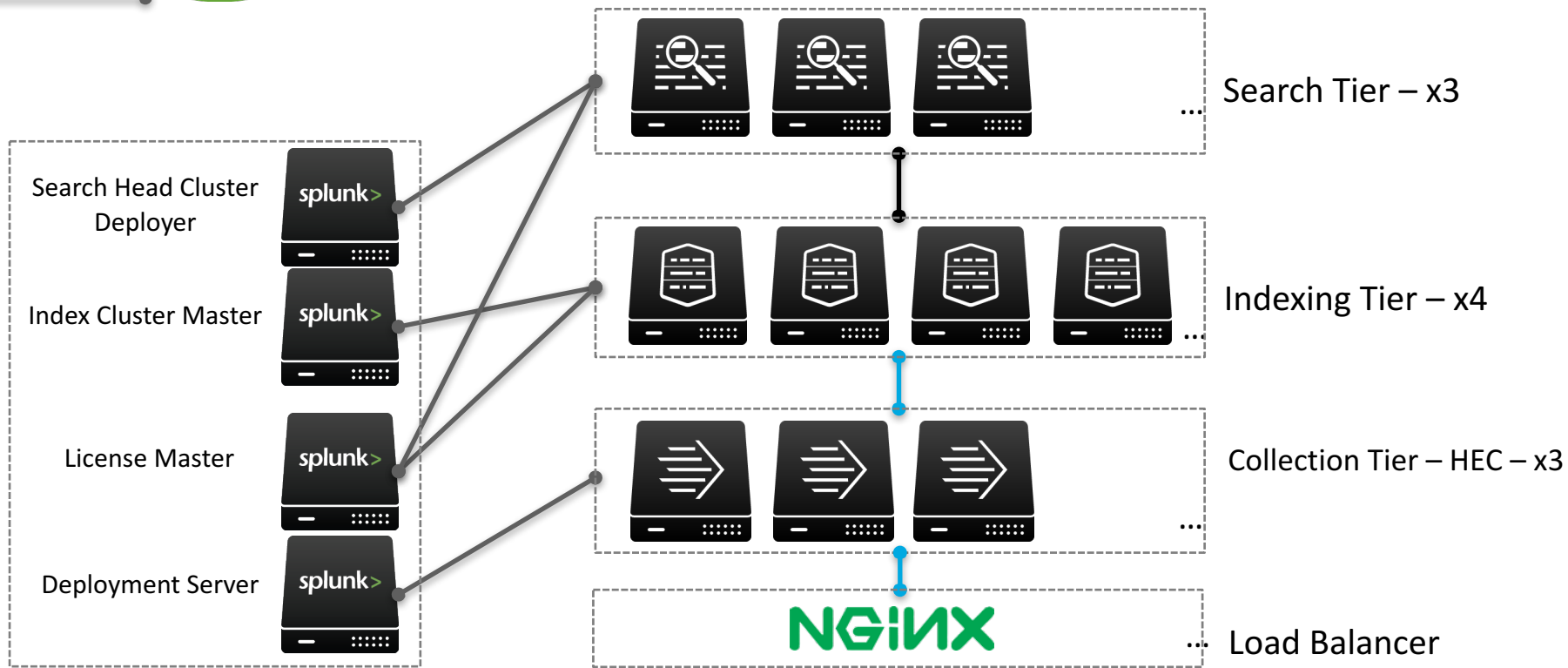
Search

Data

Control



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# Target Environment Architecture

- Docker v1.12
- Docker for AWS
  - <https://beta.docker.com/docs/aws/#upgrading-docker-and-changing-instance-sizes>
- Docker SWARM

# Splunk Sizing Guidelines in AWS

- Storage
  - EBS
    - High Available
    - Reliable
    - Grow up to 16TB
  - EBS General Purpose (SSD): consistent performance
  - EBS Provisioned IOPS (SSD): consistent performance up to 4K IOPS
  - \* EBS volumes can be deployed in a RAID architecture
- Compute Requirements per Splunk Components
  - 4 vCPUs
  - 8 GB RAM

# Splunk Enterprise deployment on AWS

## Workload = Searching + Indexing



### Storage

- Ephemeral or EBS
- Data Retention Dependent



### Compute

- Best Available



### Archiving

- S3

## Best Practices for Sizing

[Splunk on AWS Tech Brief](#)

[Splunk Cloudformation Templates](#)

[Splunk Admin Docs](#)

## Search Heads (8+ users)

c4.4xlarge 16 vCPU, 30 GB RAM

c4.8xlarge 36 vCPU, 60 GB RAM

## Indexers (50-250GB/day/indexer)

c4.4xlarge 16 vCPU, 30 GB RAM

d2.4xlarge 16 vCPU, 122 GB RAM

c4.8xlarge 36 vCPU, 60 GB RAM



## CloudFormation Templates

**Consistent**, repeatable deployments for Splunk

**Abstract away** details of configuring distributed Splunk

**Extensible** and **customizable** to fit any need



[Cloudformation Templates On GitHub](#)



# What is docker for AWS?

- Announced at dockercon16
- Autoscaling groups
- CloudFormation Updates

# Delivering Splunk as a Container Image

- Splunk container images
  - Splunk Enterprise 6.4.1
  - Splunk Universal Forwarder 6.4.1
- Includes configuration and Docker Add-On for container monitoring out-of-the-box
- Certified image
- Coming soon to the Docker Store (<http://store.docker.com>)



```
docker run splunk/enterprise:6.4.1-monitor
docker run splunk/universalforwarder:6.4.1-monitor
```

# Demo Apps

- Splunk for AWS
- Splunk Docker App
  - UF for logs
  - cAdvisor for metrics

# Demo Time!

## - Setup Splunk Cluster in Docker in AWS

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# Splunk Scale Up

- Goal
  - Scale up the Search Heads by 3 → Total: 5
  - Scale up the Indexers by 4 → Total: 8
  - Scale up the Collection layer by 2 → Total: 4

Search

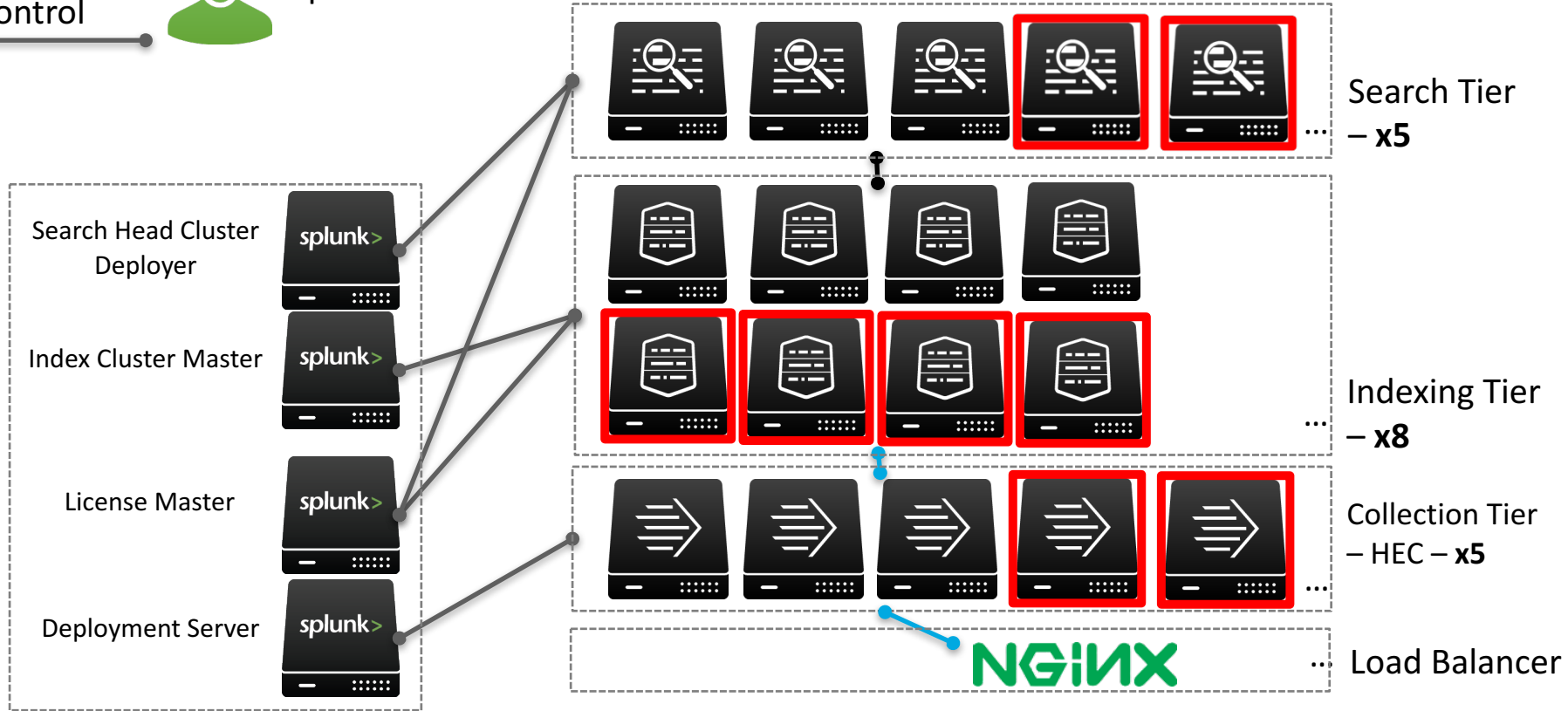
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# Splunk in Docker – Scale Up



# Demo Time!

## - Scale Up Splunk Cluster

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# Splunk Upgrade

- Order of Upgrade
  - Search Head
  - License Manager
  - Cluster Master
  - Indexers
- Recommendations
  - Backup your configurations
  - Backup your data
- Goal
  - Upgrade 6.4.1 to 6.4.2



# Demo Time!

## - Upgrade Splunk Cluster

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# Guidance and Best Practices

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# Guidance and Best Practices

- Understand the sizing factors
  - How much data (raw sizes)? Daily, Peak, Retained (archive size), Future
  - How much searching? Use Cases, # of people, Apps
  - Jobs: Summarization, alerting, reporting
- Standard Operation Procedures
- Data volume
- Search volume

# What are the Pitfalls of docker?

- TBD

# What Now?

Related breakout sessions and activities...

- Architecting Splunk for High Availability and Disaster Recovery, Session ID: 74762
- Observations and Recommendations on Splunk Performance, Session ID: 74765
- Monitoring and Troubleshooting Docker across Cloud and On-Prem Environments, Session ID: IT88095
- Splunking AWS for End-to-end Visibility, Session ID: 87942
  - Track: Splunk Platform for Operational Intelligence

# Call to Action...

# 1. Come visit us at our booth

```
docker run splunk/visitourbooth
```

```
visitourbooth_1 | Booth IT Markets
```

# 2. Try out our docker images in Docker Store

```
docker run splunk/enterprise:6.4.1-monitor
```

```
docker run splunk/universalforwarder:6.4.1-monitor
```

# 3. Demos will all be available on GitHub under Splunk!

```
git clone https://github.com/splunk/docker-gettingstarted-conf2016-sf88089.git
```

# 4. Visit our site to learn more about containers

```
curl http://www.splunk.com/containers
```

# Resources

## Splunk Education

- Architecting and Deploying Splunk 6.4 – Virtual

## Splunk Docs

- Upgrade Guide, <http://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/Splunk/6.4.2/installation/Upgradeto6.4onUNIX>
- Capacity Planning Manual, <http://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/Splunk/6.4.1/Capacity/Referencehardware>
- DEPLOYING SPLUNK® ENTERPRISE ON AMAZON WEB SERVICES, <http://www.splunk.com/pdfs/technical-briefs/deploying-splunk-enterprise-on-amazon-web-services-technical-brief.pdf>

## Docker

- Docker for AWS, <https://beta.docker.com/docs/>
- Docker Store, <http://store.docker.com>

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