

Container Engine

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A **Container Engine** is a piece of software that accepts user requests, including command line options, pulls images, and from the end user's perspective runs the [container](#). There are many container engines, including docker, RKT, CRI-O, and LXD. Also, many cloud providers, Platforms as a Service (PaaS), and Container Platforms have their own built-in container engines which consume Docker or OCI compliant Container Images. Having an industry standard Container Image Format allows interoperability between all of these different platforms.

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