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Using **Docker Containers** with a Common
Graphics User Interface to **Address the**
Reproducibility of Research

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Motivation

The cancer test, Jocelyn Kaiser

Science **26 Jun 2015**: Vol. 348,
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Repeat failures

6 of 53

Cancer papers that
Amgen could
reproduce

14 of 67

Biomedical papers
that Bayer completely
reproduced

55%

MD Anderson
researchers who
could not reproduce
a published study

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver: Scientific Studies (HBO) Published on May 8, 2016



Challenges

Computational Biology:

- Involve complicated pipelines with many tools, multiple OS'es
- Software versioning
- Dependency and configuration constraints



Our Solution

We distribute the
entire computing
environment
—not just the codes.



Virtual Machines

[OSes running inside OS]

- Bundle everything as a single machine

Docker Containers

Similar to VM, but with additional advantages:

- Smaller, easy to distribute
- Straightforward pipelines
- Easier to deploy
- Open source
- Build on top of other containers





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Proof of concept: **Gene Network Inference**

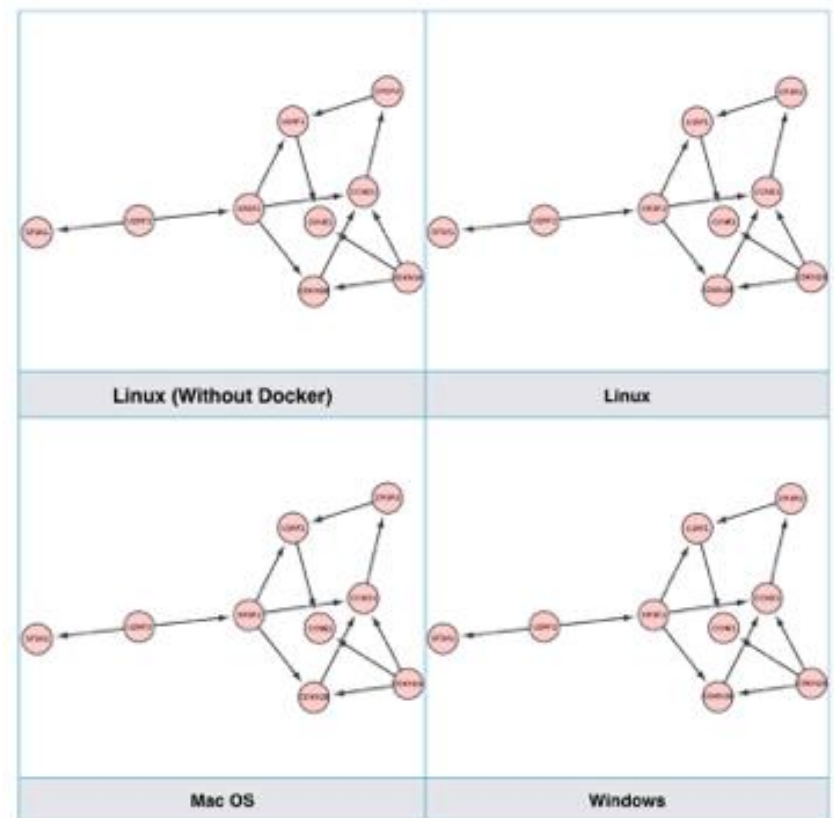
Maciej Fronczuk | UWTacoma

Source Code for Biology and Medicine
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Chad Young | UWSeattle

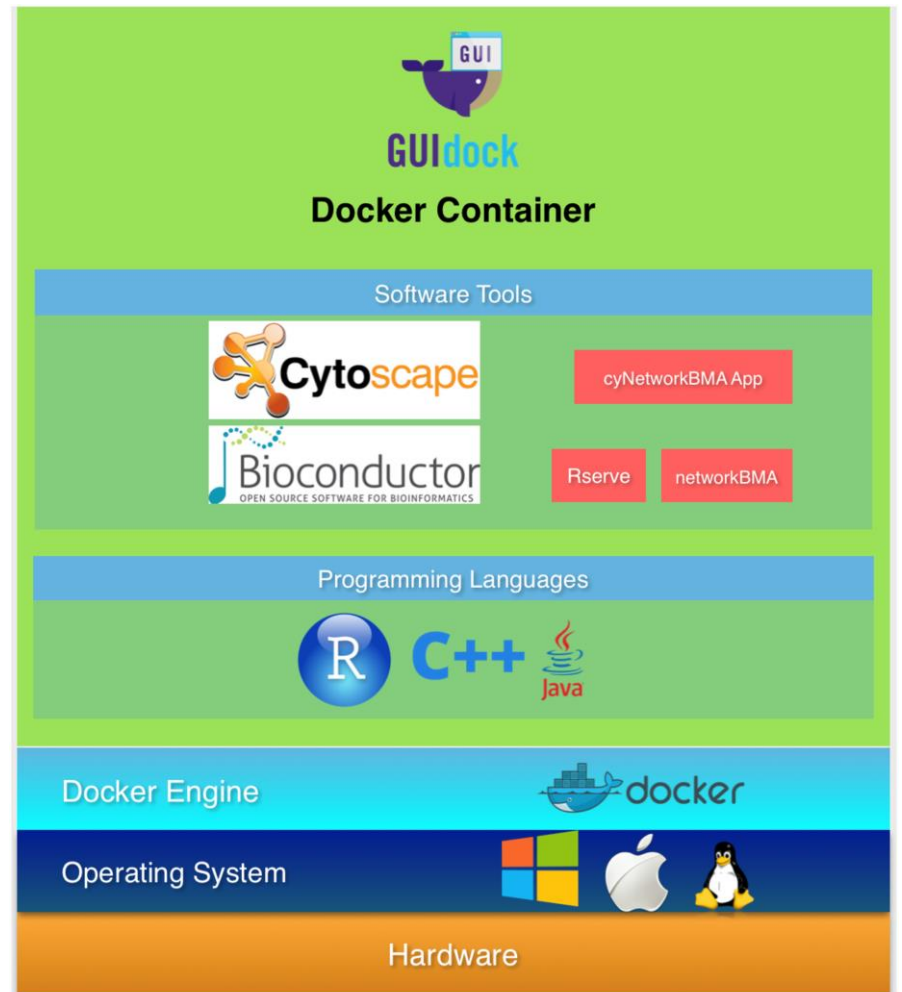
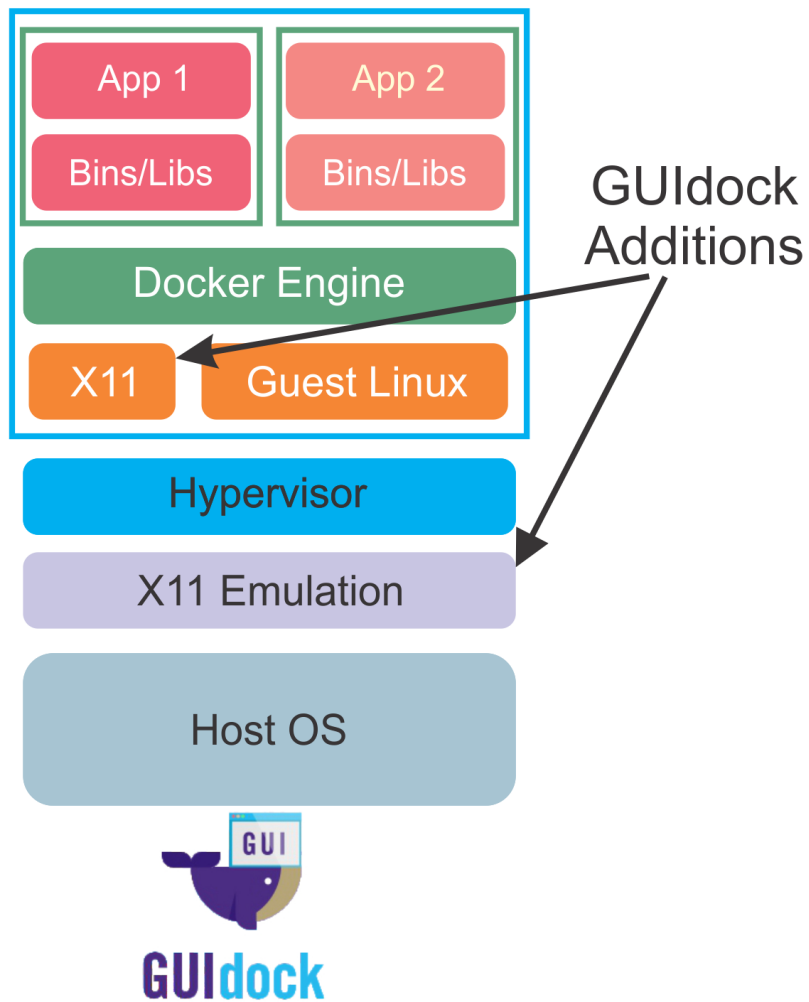
Fast Bayesian inference for gene regulatory networks using ScanBMA.
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Further Works

Varun Mittal | UWT

noVNC:

- Works better in the cloud
- More robust graphic and for more complex pipelines



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Further Works

Trevor Meiss |
UWT

DToxS: Reproducibility of
RNAseq analyses
(in collaboration with Mount
Sinai, NYC)

DNA Alignment and
differentially expressed
genes identification



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BioDepot

<http://tacoma.uw.edu/bioinformatics>

Repository of containerized
bioinformatics pipelines



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