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Status Quo and Future Directions

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Agenda

Why containers

- Challenges in container networking
- Data plane
- Control plane
- Summary



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Why containers

- Easy-to-deploy
- Lightweight
 - Deployment time
 - □ Footprint (image & memory & CPU)

- Benefits
 - Service agility
 - Performance



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Challenges in Container networking



HAProxy^[1]: 5% user and 95% system



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[1] <u>http://www.haproxy.org/</u>

[2] <u>https://www.usenix.org/sites/default/files/conference/protected-files/nsdi14_slides_jeong.pdf</u>

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Data plane: DPDK as user space networking



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Performance data: https://dpdksummit.com/Archive/pdf/2016USA/Day02-Session02-Steve%20Liang-DPDKUSASummit2016.pdf

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Bridge legacy containers with vSwitch (1)



Performance?

- One more data copy
- Packet mmap?
- Thread model
 - Tx in application context instead of vhost kthread context



Socket > App BSD socket syscall Layer 4 Layer 3 Layer 2 tap vhost kernel

Container

Bridge legacy containers with vSwitch (2)

- Dimidiate throughput for 1x more data crossing PCIe bus
- Pressure on embedded switch



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Bridge legacy containers with vSwitch (3)

- ▶ 1 VM : *n* containers
- Virtio-net device(s) hot-plugged per Container
- VT-x de-privileged host allows radical optimization
- Containers in the same trust zone reside in one VM
- Protect DMA attack from compromised DPDK application through vIOMMU



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Data plane: Challenges and opportunities

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Rapid lifecycle

- ▶ No PCI full scan if there is a whitelist param
- Memory lazy allocation
- Scalability
 - ► 4K pages support
 - Core sharing interrupt mode for vhost-user
 - Device hotadd/hotplug
 - More fine-grained device pass-through
- Stable and performant user space TCP stack

Control plane: status quo



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[1] https://github.com/Intel-Corp/multus-cni

Control plane: Scheduling

- ▶ Intel[®] Resource Director Technology (RDT)
 - Linux kernel 4.10 introduces L3 CAT, etc
 - Linux kernel 4.12 is on-track to support MBA
- CPU pinning, NUMA aware, huge pages
 - Enhance kubelet service?
- Enhanced Platform Awareness (EPA) feature framework in k8s through Node Discovery pod^[1]

[1] https://github.com/Intel-Corp/node-feature-discovery



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Summary



- ▶ DPDK as the user space container networking data plane is ready and still in evolution.
- Control plane of user space container networking is WIP.
- Bridging legacy containers with user space vSwitch is WIP.

You are very welcomed to share ideas and contribute code!

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