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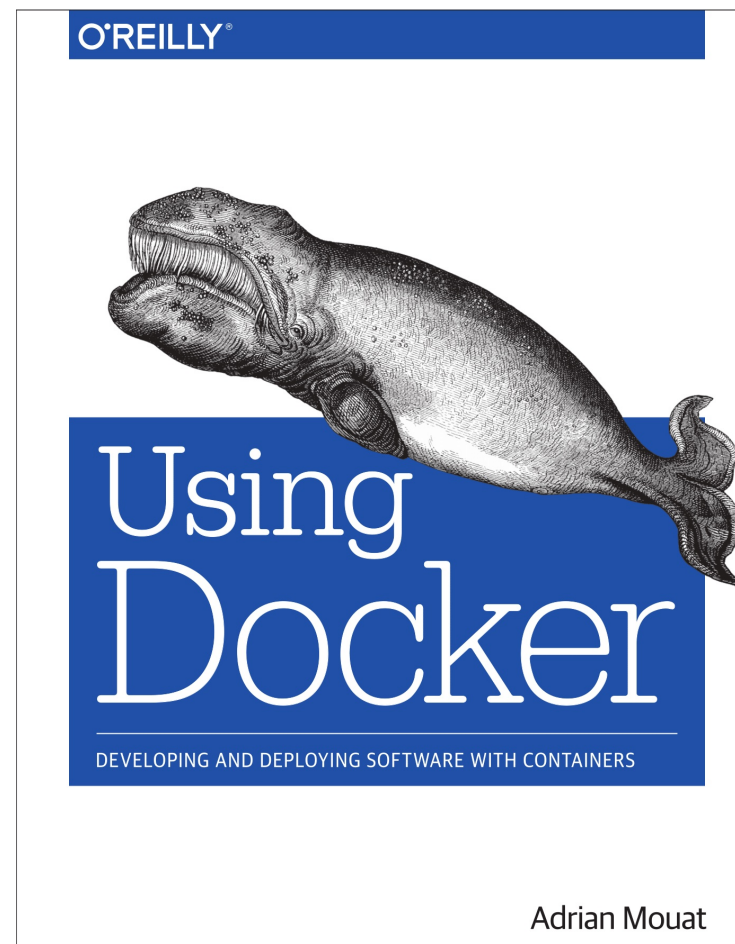
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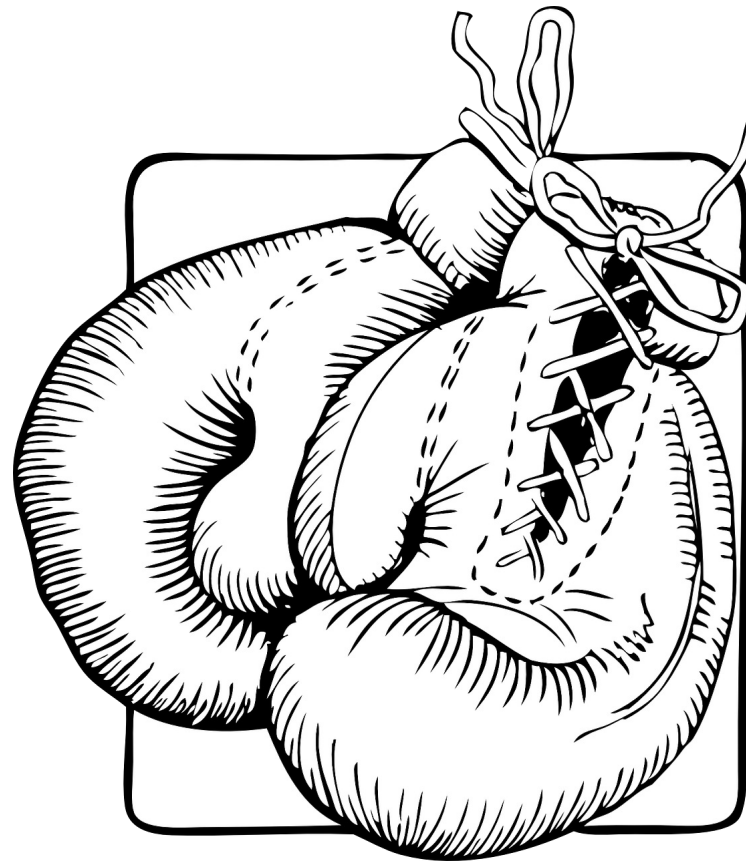


# OVERVIEW

- 5 Round Security Boxing Match
- Container Security Tips & Techniques

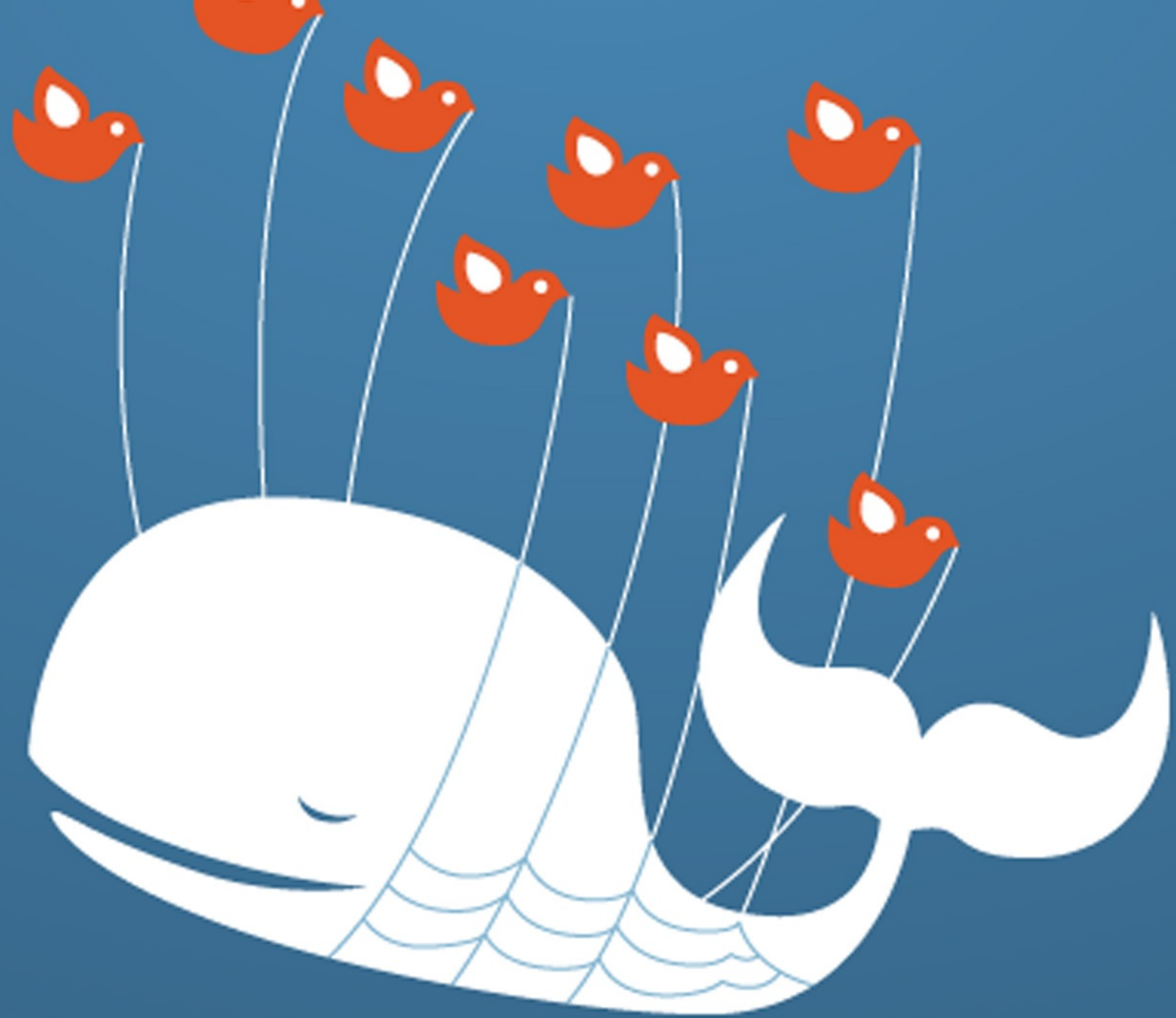


# CONTAINERS VS VMS!



# WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR!







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Lose'

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## Hacking

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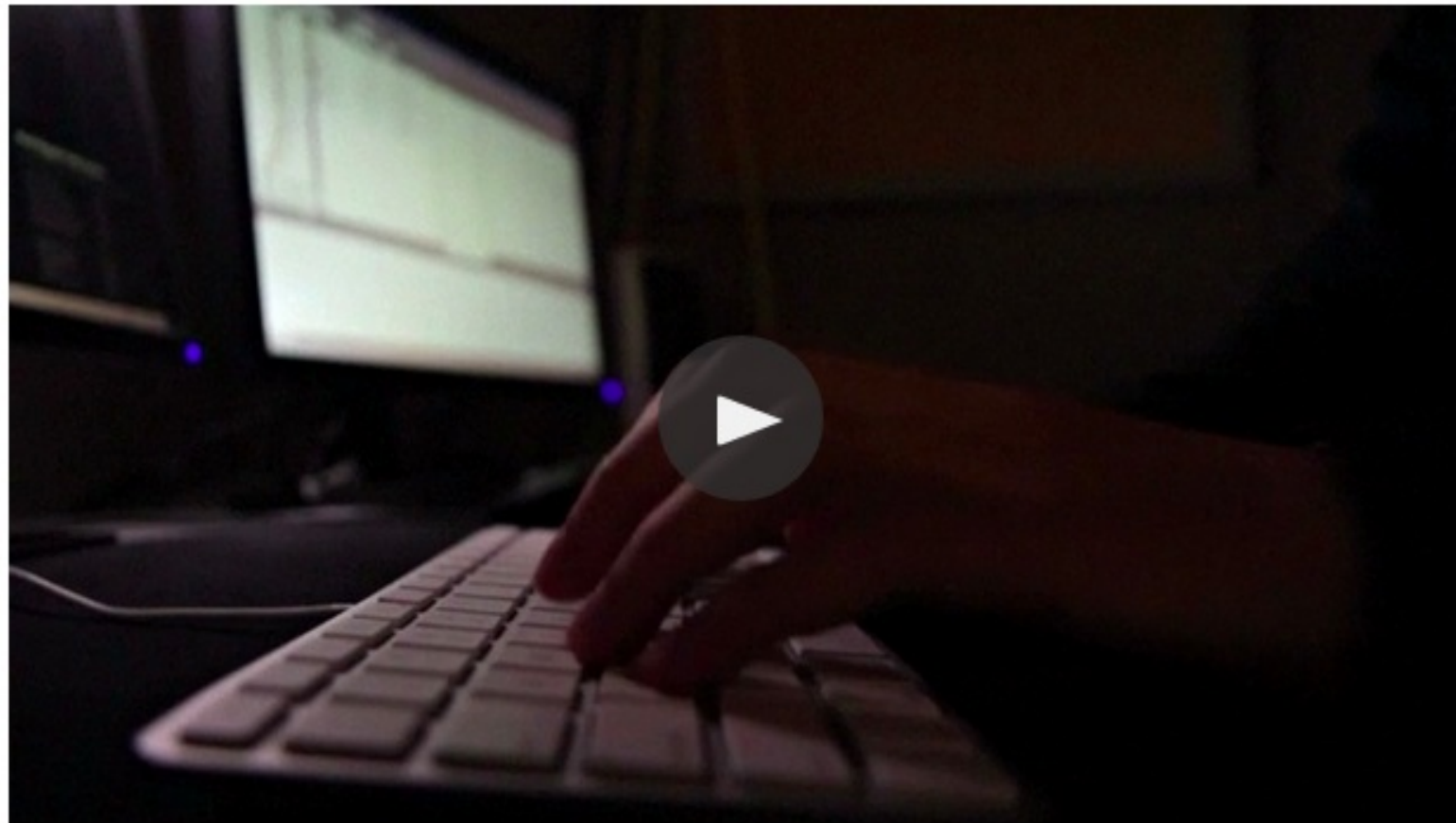
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# THE CONTENDERS!



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**CONTAINERS ARE THE UNKNOWN UPSTART**

**DING DING!**



**ROUND 1**

**ISOLATION GUARANTEES**

- VMs have hypervisor layer

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- Containers share kernel



VM	Container
10	9

**ROUND 2**

**ATTACK SURFACE**

- Much more going on in a VM
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# **ROUND 3**

# **CONTROLS**

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- More controls with containers
  - Set filesystem to read-only
  - Kernel capabilities
  - Seccomp coming!

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# **ROUND 4**

# **AUDITING**

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- Docker diff
  - Easily verify any differences from base
  - Tell if hacked



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# **ROUND 5**

## **TRACK RECORD**

- VMs have a proven history

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- Containers don't

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**CALL IT A DRAW?**

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- Beware of the rematch
- Lots of work to speed up VMs
- Lots of work to secure containers

# USE CONTAINERS AND VMS

- Use VMs to segregate groups of containers
- Use containers to add another layer of security
  - (plus all the nice stuff containers give you)

# CONTAINER SECURITY

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- Defence-In-Depth
  - Multiple layers of security
- Least Privilege
  - Only access data and resources essential to function
  - "Need to Know"
  - "Least Privilege Microservices" by Nathan McCauley and Diogo Mónica

**TIPS**

# USERS ARE NOT NAMESPACE

- Root in container is root on host

# SET A USER

- Create a user in your Dockerfile
- Change to the user via USER or su/sudo/gosu

```
RUN groupadd -r user && useradd -r -g user user  
USER user
```



# SET CONTAINER FS TO READ-ONLY

```
$ docker run --read-only debian touch x  
touch: cannot touch 'x': Read-only file system
```

# SET VOLUMES TO READ-ONLY

```
$ docker run -v $(pwd)/secrets:/secrets:ro \  
    debian touch /secrets/x  
touch: cannot touch '/secrets/x': Read-only file system
```

# DROP CAPABILITIES

```
$ docker run --cap-drop SETUID --cap-drop SETGID myimage  
$ docker run --cap-drop ALL --cap-add ...
```

# SET CPUSHARES

```
$ docker run -d myimage  
$ docker run -d -c 512 myimage  
$ docker run -d -c 512 myimage
```

# SET MEMORY LIMITS

```
$ docker run -m 512m myimage
```

# DEFANG SETUID/SETGID BINARIES

- Applications probably don't need them
- So don't run them in production

# TO FIND THEM

```
$ docker run debian \
  find / -perm +6000 -type f -exec ls -ld {} \; 2> /dev/null
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 10248 Apr 15 00:02 /usr/lib/pt_chown
-rwxr-sr-x 1 root shadow 62272 Nov 20 2014 /usr/bin/chage
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 75376 Nov 20 2014 /usr/bin/gpasswd
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 53616 Nov 20 2014 /usr/bin/chfn
...
```

# TO DEFANG THEM

```
FROM debian:wheezy  
RUN find / -perm +6000 -type f -exec chmod a-s {} \; \  
    || true
```



# RESULT

```
$ docker build -t defanged-debian .  
...  
Successfully built 526744cf1bc1  
$ docker run --rm defanged-debian \  
  find / -perm +6000 -type f -exec ls -ld {} \; \  
  2> /dev/null | wc -l  
0  
$
```

# TURN OFF INTER-CONTAINER COMMUNICATION

```
$ docker daemon --icc=false
```

**NOW CONTAINERS CAN'T ATTACK EACH  
OTHER**

**PEACE :)**

**BUT A BIT USELESS**

# ALLOW LINKED CONTAINERS TO COMMUNICATE

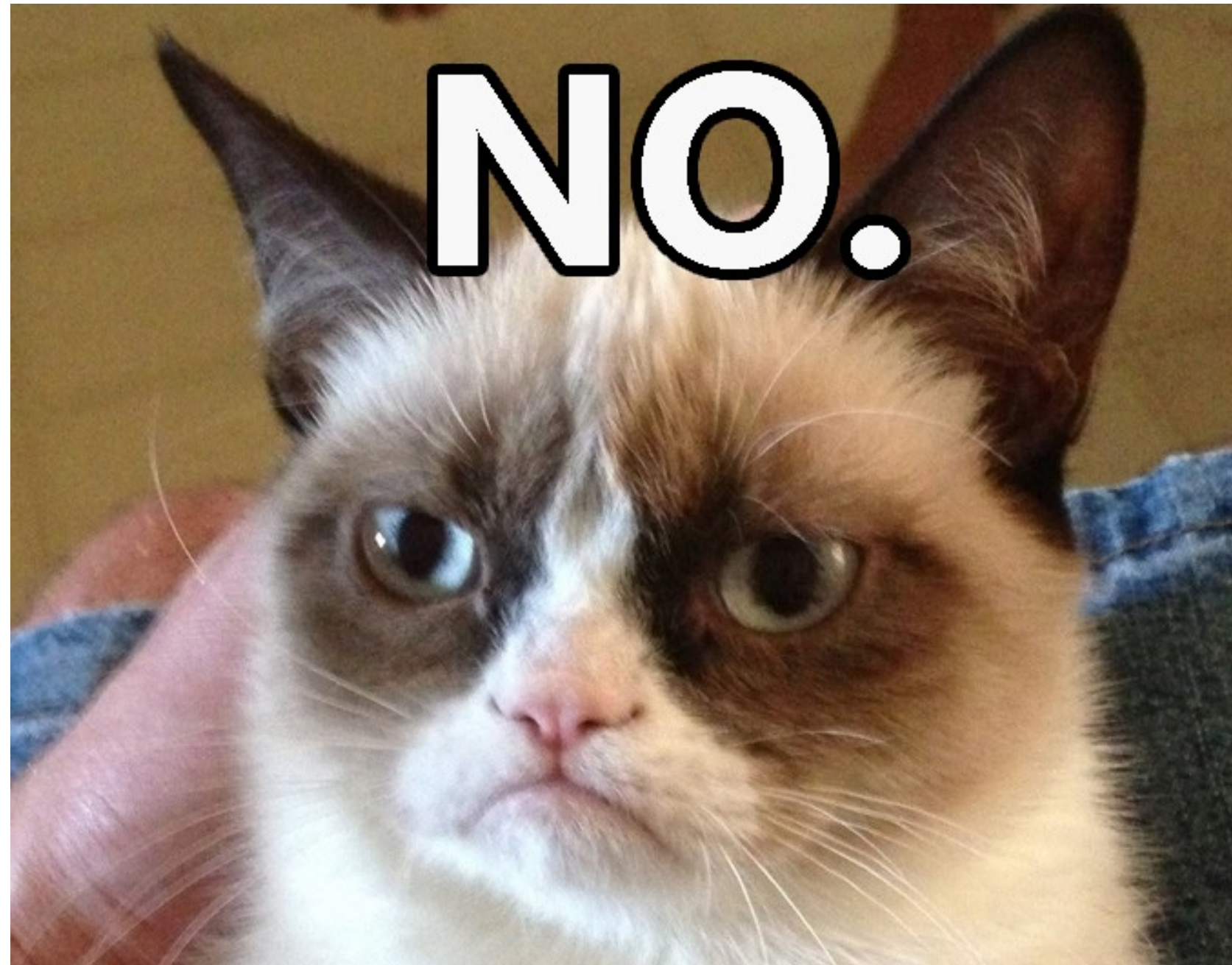
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$ docker daemon --icc=false --iptables
```

# SHARING SECRETS

**BAKE IT INTO THE IMAGE**



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- Get included in reports

# MOUNTED VOLUMES OR DATA VOLUME CONTAINERS

```
$ docker run -v /secretdir/keyfile:/keyfile:ro myimage  
$ docker run --volumes-from my-secret-container myimage
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- Works, but icky
- Files can get checked in by accident



# SECURED KEY-VALUE STORE

- vault
  - <https://hashicorp.com/blog/vault.html>
- keywhiz
  - <https://github.com/square/keywhiz/>
- Can control leases, store encrypted
- Still requires some sort of authentication

# CONCLUSION

- Containers add security
- Use with VMs if concerned
- Think Defence-In-Depth
  - Multiple layers of security
- Least privilege
  - Need to know



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*Thank you!*



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