

# CONTAINERS: UNDER THE HOOD

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$> finger $(whoami)
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**Login:** vbatts

**Directory:** /home/vbatts

Such mail.

**Plan:**

OHMAN

**Name:** Vincent Batt

**Shell:** /bin/bash





OPENSIFT  
**origin**



# HANDS-ON:

- capabilities
- Syscalls
- Namespaces
- Copy-On-Write (CoW)
- Archives

p.s. Don't forget to fill out the surveys!

SO,  
WHY, CONTAINERS?

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whistling while you work

**BAD IDEA:**

whistling while you eat



# SYSCALLS

- seccomp(2)
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feeding a stray kitten in the park

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**BAD IDEA:**

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**BAD IDEA:**

feeding a stray kitten in the park to a bear

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being served breakfast in bed



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**BAD IDEA:**

**GOOD IDEA:**

being served breakfast in bed

**BAD IDEA:**

being served tennis balls in bed

FS \*MAGIC\*

shared subtree propogation

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ordering a chili dog to go

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ordering a chili dog to go

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ordering a chili dog that makes you go

# TAR ARCHIVES

- format
- tar-split



**GOOD IDEA:**

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Dressing up at Halloween as a pirate

**GOOD IDEA:**

Dressing up at Halloween as a pirate

**BAD IDEA:**

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**BAD IDEA:**

Dressing up at Halloween as a piñata

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THANKS!