



Rootless build with BuildKit

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What is BuildKit?

- **Next-generation docker build with focus on performance and security**
 - Accurate dependency analysis
 - Concurrent execution of independent instructions
 - Support injecting secret files...
- **Integrated to Docker since v18.06**
(`export DOCKER_BUILDKIT=1`)
- **Non-Docker standalone BuildKit is also available**
 - Works with Podman and CRI-O as well :P

Rootless mode



- **Rootless mode allows building images as a non-root user**
 - Dockerfile `RUN` instructions are executed as a “fake root” in UserNS (So `apt-get/yum` works!)
- **Produces Docker image / OCI image / raw tarball**
 - Compatible with Rootless Docker / Rootless Podman / ... whatever
- **Even works inside a container**
 - Good for distributed CI/CD on Kubernetes
 - Works with default `securityContext` configuration
(but `seccomp` and `AppArmor` needs to be disabled for nesting containers)

Rootless BuildKit vs kaniko



- <https://github.com/GoogleContainerTools/kaniko>
- **Kaniko runs as the root but “unprivileged”**
 - No need to disable seccomp and AppArmor because kaniko doesn't nest containers on the kaniko container itself
- **Kaniko might be able to mitigate some vuln that Rootless BuildKit cannot mitigate - and vice versa**
 - Rootless BuildKit might be weak against kernel vulns
 - Kaniko might be weak against runc vulns