

Packaging Rails applications for Linux

From bare code to deployed app in 5 minutes

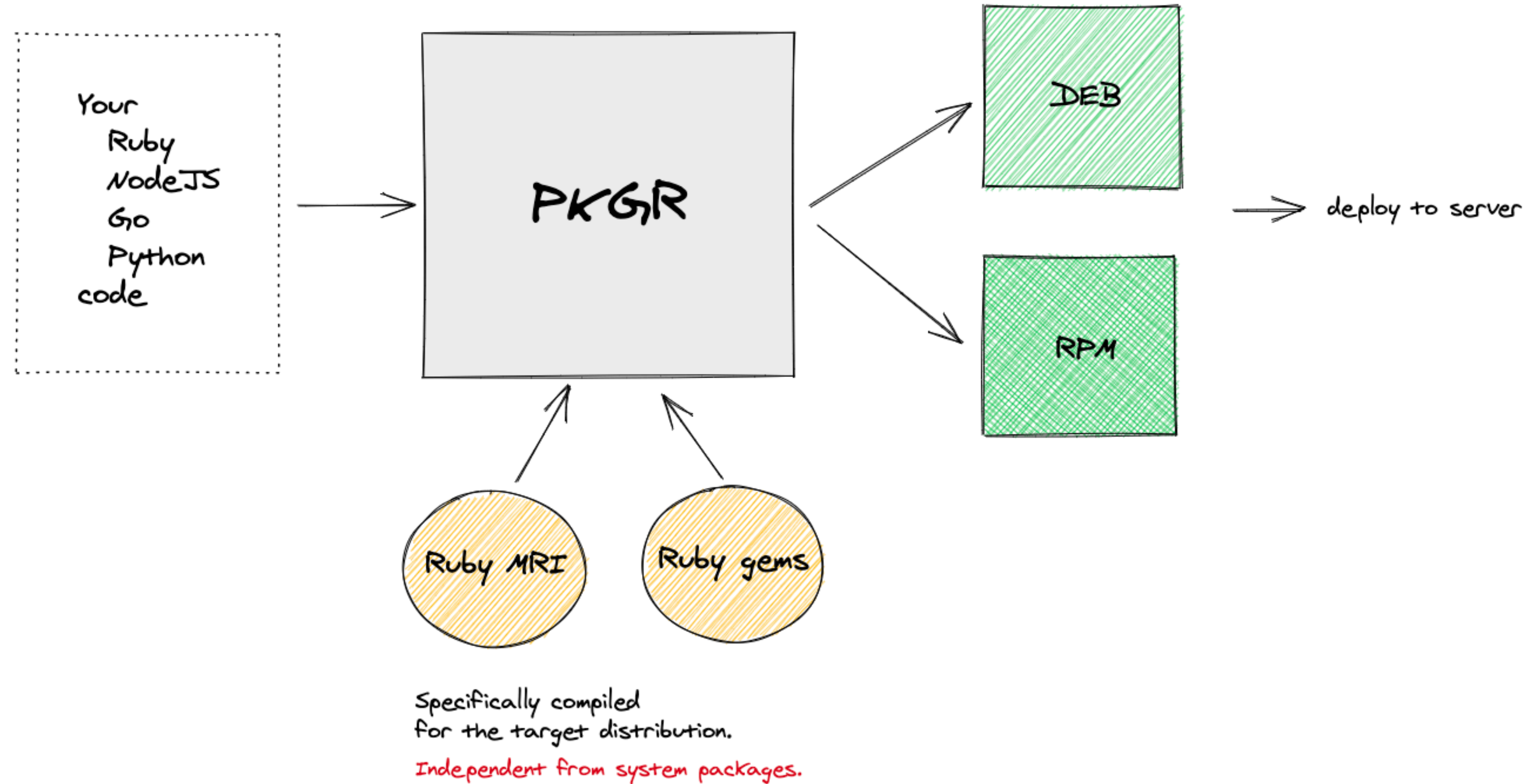
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...why bother?

- Only way to deploy apps for a lot of enterprises.
- Smaller size than shipping docker images.
 - embed only the ruby runtime and gems, leave the rest to the system.
- Good for security.
 - system packages can auto-upgrade without much fuss.
- Most end-users / customers are already familiar with them.
 - `[apt|yum] install my-app` is attractive
- Integrates well with Puppet, Ansible, Chef, etc.

How it works

<https://github.com/crohr/pkgr>



Demo

TravelMap

Search cities closest to you

Latitude

Longitude

Radius

Search

Build

Example app : <https://github.com/crohr/travelmap>

```
$ git clone https://github.com/crohr/travelmap
```

```
$ cd travelmap
```

```
$ docker run --rm -it \
```

```
  -v $(pwd) : /app \
```

```
# mount your app directory
```

```
  -v /tmp/cache : /cache \
```

```
# cache gems to speedup next builds
```

```
  pkgr/ubuntu:20.04 \
```

```
# target distribution
```

```
  --name travelmap \
```

```
# name of your package
```

```
  --version 1.0.0
```

```
# version of your package
```

```
[...]
```

```
$ ls *.deb
```

```
travelmap_1.0.0-20210524133445_amd64.deb
```

Deploy

```
# you might want a server, here is a way to provision a cheap one on Hetzner
$ hcloud server create --image ubuntu-20.04 --name travelmap \
  --type cx11 --ssh-key crohr

# copy your package to the server
$ scp travelmap_1.0.0-20210524132949_amd64.deb root@SERVER_IP:~

# connect to the server
$ ssh root@SERVER_IP

# install package
$ apt install \
  ./travelmap_1.0.0-20210524132949_amd64.deb \
  nginx # note: could also be added as a package dependency
```

Configure and run

```
# set any env variable your app requires
$ travelmap config:set DATABASE_URL=postgres://...

# create, migrate, and seed the database
$ travelmap run rails db:create db:migrate db:seed

# start one web process (default port=6000)
# also setup init script (systemd, sysvunit, upstart)
$ travelmap scale web=1

# expose app to the world
$ echo 'server { listen 80; location / { proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:6000; } }' \
  > /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/default
$ systemctl reload nginx

# it's live!
$ curl http://SERVER_IP
```

And much more

- Automatic log rotation
- Can specify system dependencies to install in addition to the package
- Support for cron tasks
- Support for before/after installation scripts
- Support for shipping CLI tools
- Support for custom user/group

<https://doc.packager.io/documentation/customizing-the-build>

Thanks!

- OpenSource tool available at <https://github.com/crohr/pkgr>
 - supports Debian/Ubuntu/RHEL/CentOS/SLES/AmazonLinux distributions
 - project active since 2014
- Hosted service available at <https://packager.io>
 - automatic build from a GitHub repository
 - supports publishing packages into your own APT/YUM repositories
- Questions ? @crohr | <https://ouestcode.com>