The LXD roadmap What to expect over the next 6 months



Meet the team

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The roadmap

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Virtual machines

USB, PCI and flexible GPU passthrough

Local and remote USB devices, arbitrary PCI devices and mdev/SR-IOV GPUs.

vTPM devices

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Persistent virtual TPM devices (encrypted storage, HSM, attestation, ...).

- Stateful snapshots & stateful stop

VM hibernation and state restoration, first step towards live migration.

- VirtioFS support

Much faster alternative to 9p. Automatically used by guests that support it.

- Hotplug of network devices

Allow adding up to 4 additional network interfaces while the VM is running.

OVS/OVN offloading

Attach an SR-IOV NIC to a specific OVS bridge.



Containers

- vTPM devices

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Persistent virtual TPM devices (HSM, attestation, ...).

- Checkpoint restore

Improve the state of stateful stop, snapshots and live-migration.

CGroup handling improvements

Daily testing for CGroupV1 and CGroupV2, fixes to LXD and LXCFS.



Networking

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Security groups and firewalling

Supported for OVN and managed bridges, allow restricting ingress/egress on a per network/instance basis.

Routed external subnets & project integration

Make addresses external to the network available for consumption by the network and its instances.

Refactoring of low-level network operations

Currently calling "iproute" a lot, replace with native netlink API.



Clustering & projects

- Token based cluster join

Allow pre-adding a cluster member, getting a one-time token back to use during join.

- Improved intra-cluster security

Switch to per-cluster certificate for internal queries, clear trust entry on removal.

Health and warnings API

Record and expose warning messages, cluster-wide clear when fixed, ideal for monitoring.

Project resource usage

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Report how much of the limited resources have been consumed.

Improved cluster image management More robust replication and less racy image refreshes.



Storage



- Interactive `lxd recover` to replace clunky `lxd import` Interactively re-add the pools, then discover and import what's on them.

- Usage reporting on all storage volumes

Currently limited to instances, add new API fields to report usage on all volumes.



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- Project and role restricted client certificates

Allows for a specific certificate to be restricted to an operator role on a subset of projects.

- Auto-generated REST API documentation

Modern version of our dear rest-api.md.

Transition to core20 for the LXD snap

Currently on core18 (Ubuntu 18.04), will get us onto Ubuntu 20.04 as a base.



Low-level (kernel, libraries, ...)

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VFS based filesystem shifting

Instant container creation, easy sharing of data with the host and between containers, ...

Isolated user namespaces

User namespaces with a full 32bit uid/gid range and guaranteed to be isolated from all others.

- Core scheduling

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Spectre/Meltdown mitigation mechanism while getting as much performance as possible.

Per PID namespace max_pid value

Allow containers to reduce their max_pid value.

CGroup + pidfd integration Support for killing all processes in a cgroup.





The rest

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