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# From Zero to IOx Hero

Taming the Edge Compute

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- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Events Mobile App
- 2 Click “Join the Discussion”
- 3 Install Webex Teams or go directly to the team space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the team space



# Poll

- Who already knows Cisco IOx ?
- Who knows Docker?
- Who consider itself as a developer?
- Who consider itself as a network engineer?
- Who consider itself as both a developer and network engineer?

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- Introduction to IOx
- Supported Platforms
- Development and Packaging
- Demo
- Deploying and Monitoring
- Conclusions and Next Steps

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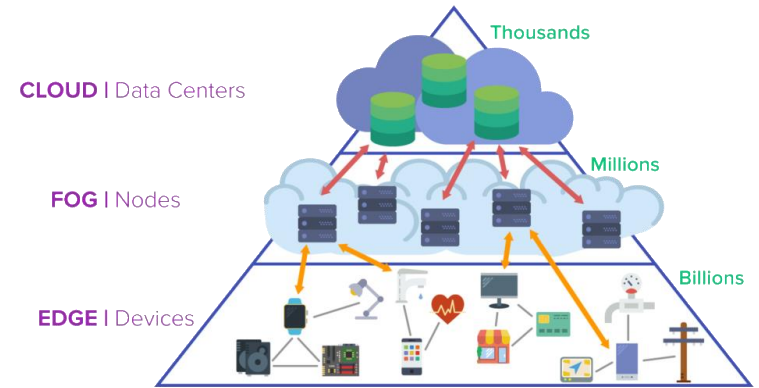
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# What is Cisco IOx

- **IO**S and Linux**x** = IOx
- Cisco IOx is an application **hosting** environment
- Hosts **Virtual Machines** as well as **Containers**
- Supports **docker** tooling for development
- Provisions **services** like GPS & Secure Storage, for applications
- **Local Manager** for application monitoring and resource usage

# Why Cisco IOx

- Run distributed compute at the edge
- Leverage secure connectivity of Cisco IOS software
- Manageable with on-premises or cloud-based interface
- Runs on wide variety of IoT platforms
- Builds on existing developer tools and trainings on DevNet

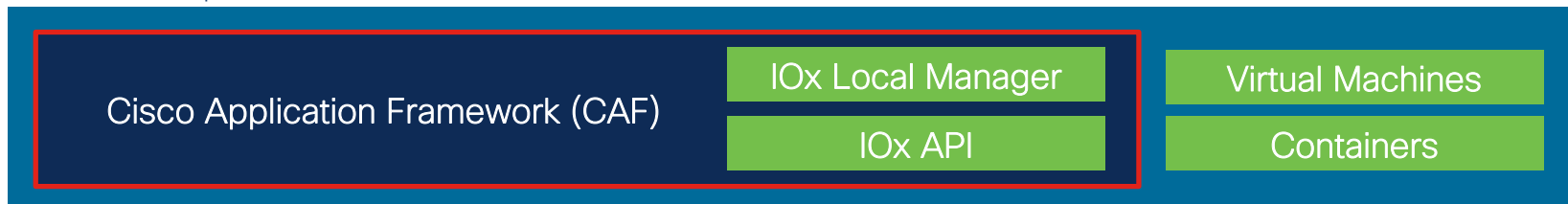




# IOx Platform Architecture



Platform Independent



Host OS - Platform Dependent

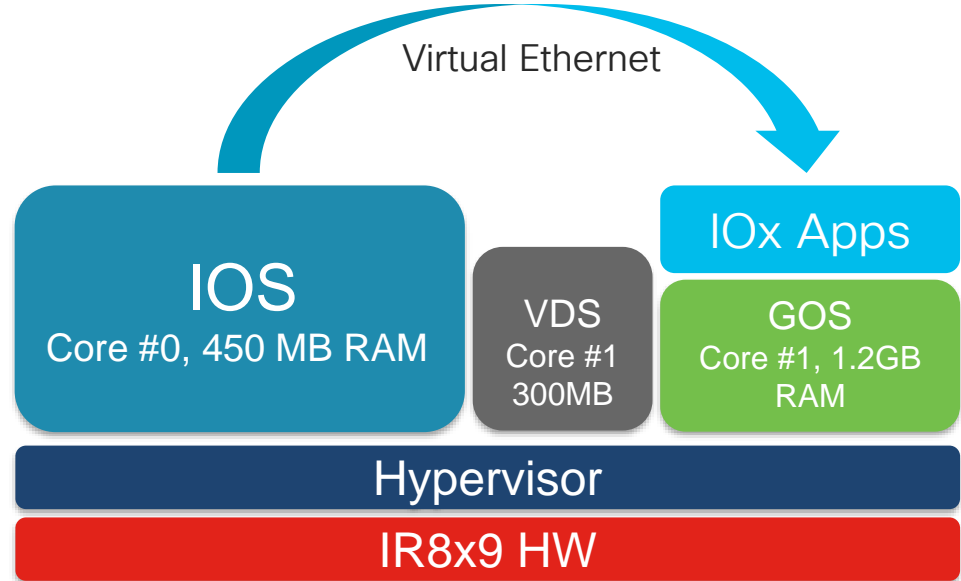


Hardware



# Example: IOx on IR8x9

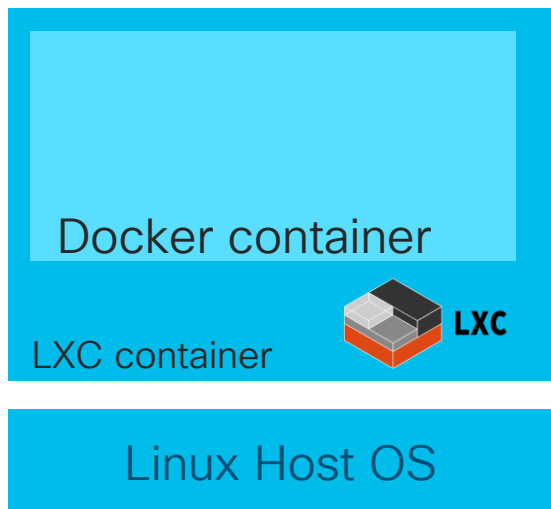
- IR8x9 HW runs hypervisor
- Guest OS (GOS) is Linux Yocto
- Virtual Device Server (VDS) – handles device's sharing, eg. Console, USB,... not seen from users
- IOS and Guest OS communicate only through an internal virtual Ethernet connection: full isolation otherwise



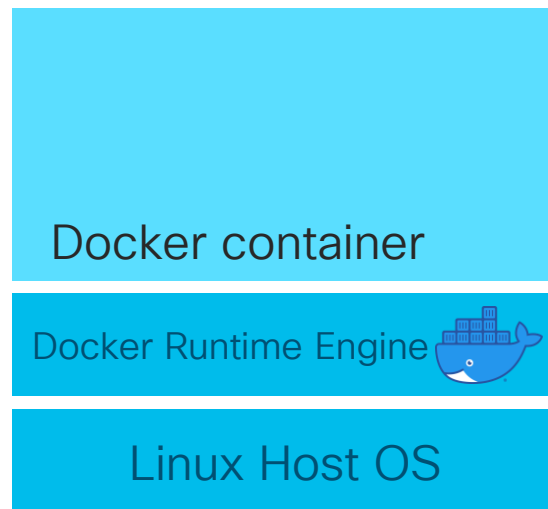
# Docker Compatible or Docker Native?



***Docker Compatible*** platforms run Docker in an LXC container, or do support native Docker engine.



***Docker Native*** platforms run Docker engine natively. They run Docker images as Docker Containers. They may not.



# IOx Hardware Platforms Summary



	IC3000	IR809 / IR829	IR1101	IE3400	IE4000
<b>CPU</b>	Intel Atom C2508 4-Core Rangeley, 1.2 GHz	Intel Atom C2308 2-Core Rangeley, 1.2GHz	Marvell Armada 4-Core A72 @ 600MHz	Zynq UltraScale+ 4-Core A53, 1.2GHz	AppliedMicro APM86392 PowerPC4 465 600Mhz
<b>CPU Arch</b>	x86_64	x86_64	aarch64	aarch64	ppc
<b>CPU Units</b>	10260	732	1000	1000	1035
<b>OS</b>	specific firmware	Cisco IOS	Cisco IOS-XE	Cisco IOS-XE	Cisco IOS
<b>RAM Usable</b>	8GB DDR3 1333Mhz	767MB DDR3 1333Mhz	862 MB DDR4 ECC	4GB DDR4	512MB
<b>Application Storage</b>	96GB SSD disk	512MB - 1.8GB Optional SSD disk	450 MB or 65GB with SSD	4GB eMMC partition shared with IOS-XE	256MB flash
<b>LXC Containers</b>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Docker Compatible</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Docker Native</b>	Yes	No	Q2CY20 (17.2)	Q2CY20 (17.2)	No
<b>Virtual Machines</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No
<b>Use Cases</b>	Faster compute Paired with non-IOx Capable gear	RaMA with LTE 829: In vehicle, wifi	Modular LTE Serial ports	Manufacturing Road infra	Legacy

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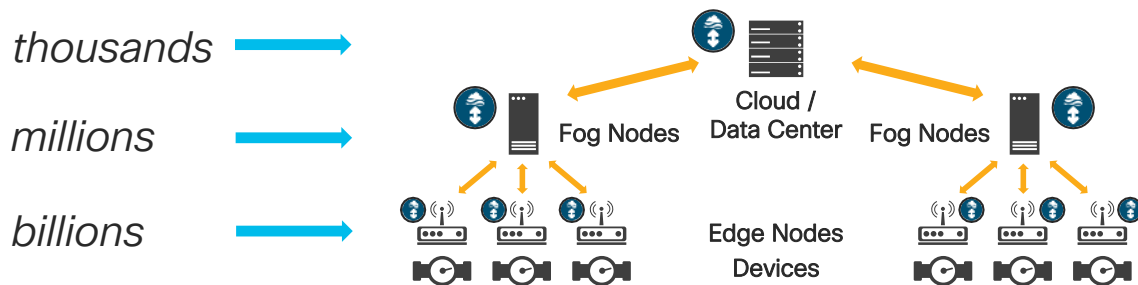
	Catalyst 9000	ASR1000	ISR4000	CGR1000 Compute Module
CPU	Intel	Intel	Intel	AMD GX-410VC. 4-Core @ 800Mhz
CPU Arch	x86_64	x86_64	x86_64	x86_64
CPU Units	7400	73000	13000	7318
OS	Cisco IOS-XE	Cisco IOS-XE	Cisco IOS-XE	Cisco IOS
RAM Usable	4GB+	4GB+	4GB+	4GB
Application Storage	120-960GB SSD disk	40-400GB SSD	20-200GB SSD	50 - 100GB SSD
LXC Containers	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Docker Compatible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Docker Native	Yes (16.12+)	No	No	no
Virtual Machines	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Use Cases	Core Network Telemetry	Edge network telemetry	Edge network telemetry	Adds IOx to existing Connected Grid Routers (CGR)

DevNet IOx Platform Matrix: <https://developer.cisco.com/docs/iox/#!/platform-support-matrix/platform-support-matrix>

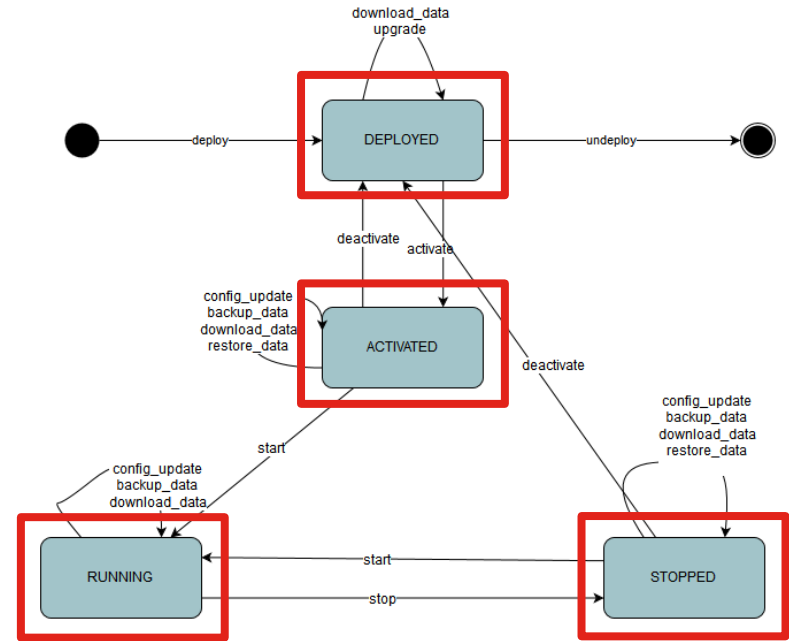
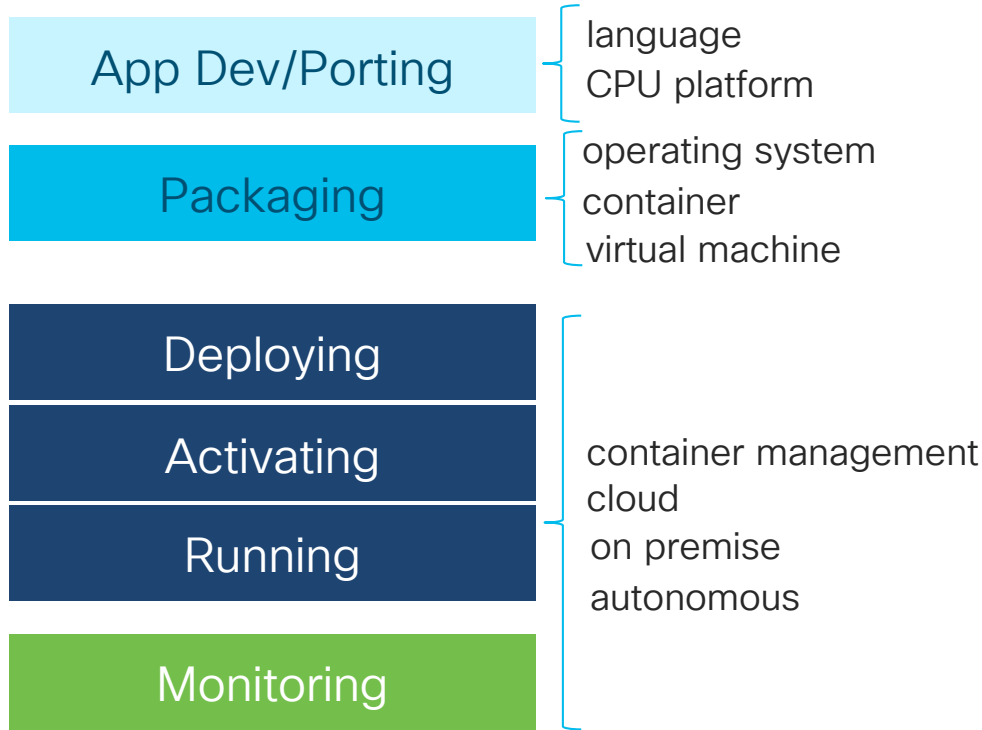
DevNet IOx feature support matrix: <https://developer.cisco.com/docs/iox/#!/feature-compatibility-matrix>

# The Edge

- Edge deals with large volume of real-time data
- Runs at data source, on premise
- Small and ephemeral data storage
- Saves bandwidth, makes faster decisions, act locally



# The birth (and death) of an IOx application



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# IOx focus Platforms (for IIoT)



IR1101

Modular IOS-XE Cellular router

arm64



IR8x9

IOS Cellular router

x64



IC3000

Compute Appliance

x64

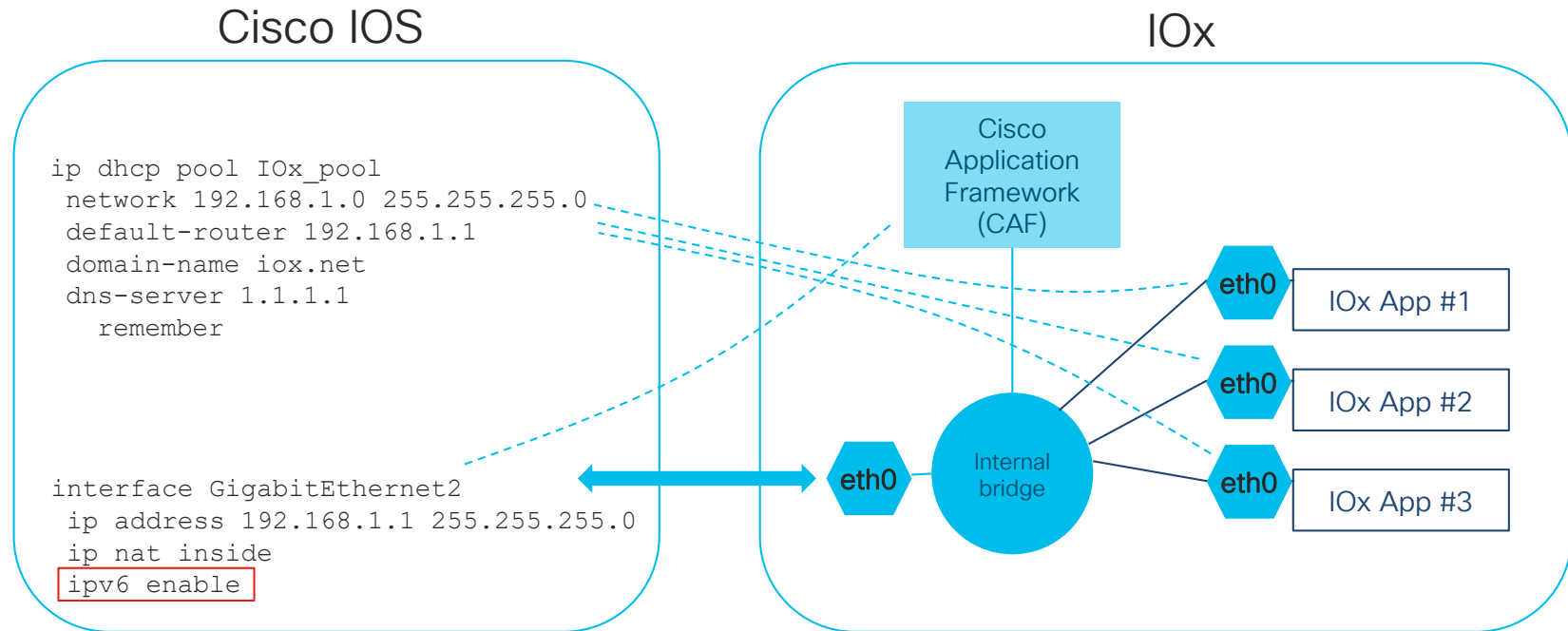


IE3400

IOS-XE based Industrial Ethernet Switch

arm64

# Networking with IOx (Example: IR809, Bridging)

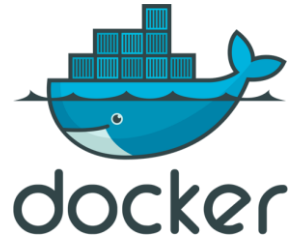


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# IOx Applications Language Support

- Can be written in **Any Language**
- Containers packaged with **libraries, interpreters, etc...**
- IOx supports different CPU architectures:
  - PowerPC, ARM, Intel x86
- Compiled Languages (C, C++, Go,...):
  - **Cross compiling might be required**
- Interpreted languages (Python, Perl,...):
  - Are platform independent



# Cisco Toolkit for IOx

## Cisco provides:

- IOx client tools
- DevNet Support Community
- DevNet Practice Sandbox
- Software to deploy and manage IOx apps
- Application templates in multiple languages <sup>[1]</sup>
- Interoperability Verification Testing (IVT) Certification

## Developer provides:

- Language, compilers, IDE
- Non IOx Container Toolchain (Docker)
- Container OS (such as Alpine Linux, or Busybox)



# Packaging

# IOx Application types (Overview)

## Container apps

Contains:

- application code
- libraries
- native binaries
- entire root file system

No Operating System

Docker tooling

## VM packaged apps

Same as container app, plus a complete OS

.vmdk format (found in .ova)

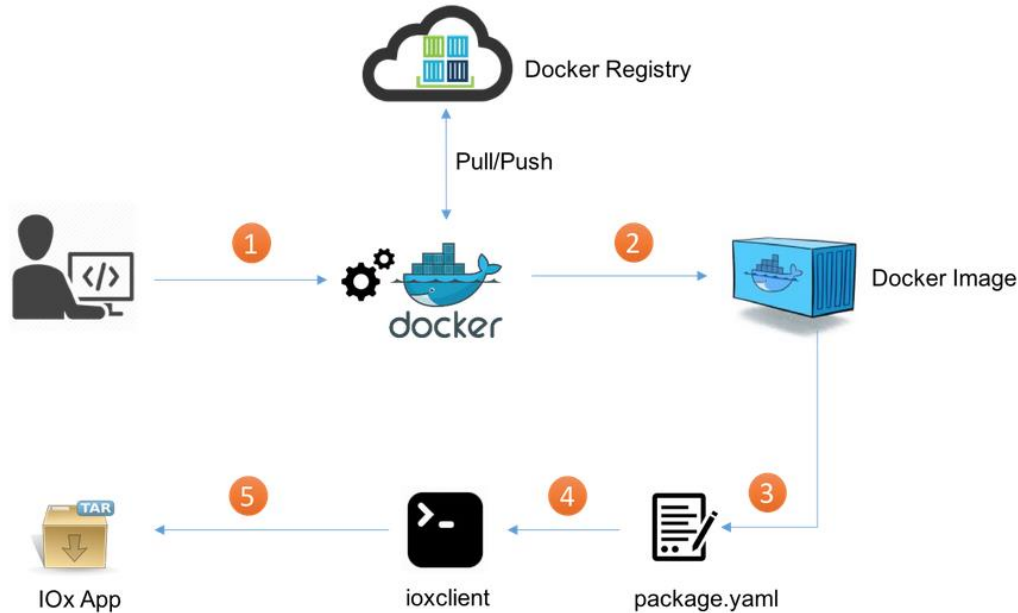
# Docker Style and Container Applications



# Docker style applications

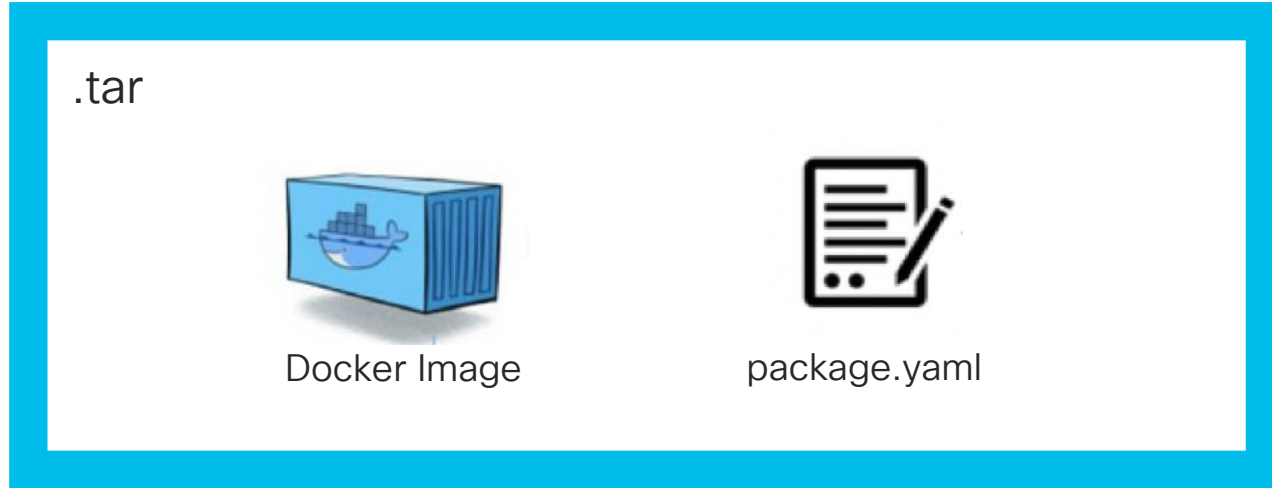
- Uses existing ecosystem and skills base
- Leverages expertise in DC containerized applications
- Pull prebuilt binaries from a software repository vs. compile from source code for the entire file system.
- End result: Dramatic time savings over an IOx SDK build

# Using the Docker tool chain to generate IOx applications



- 1 Use docker tools and images
- 2 Generate required docker image
- 3 Write suitable package descriptor file
- 4 Use ioxclient wrapper command and point it to generated docker image and package.yaml
- 5 Generates IOx compatible app

# Docker Application Anatomy for IOx



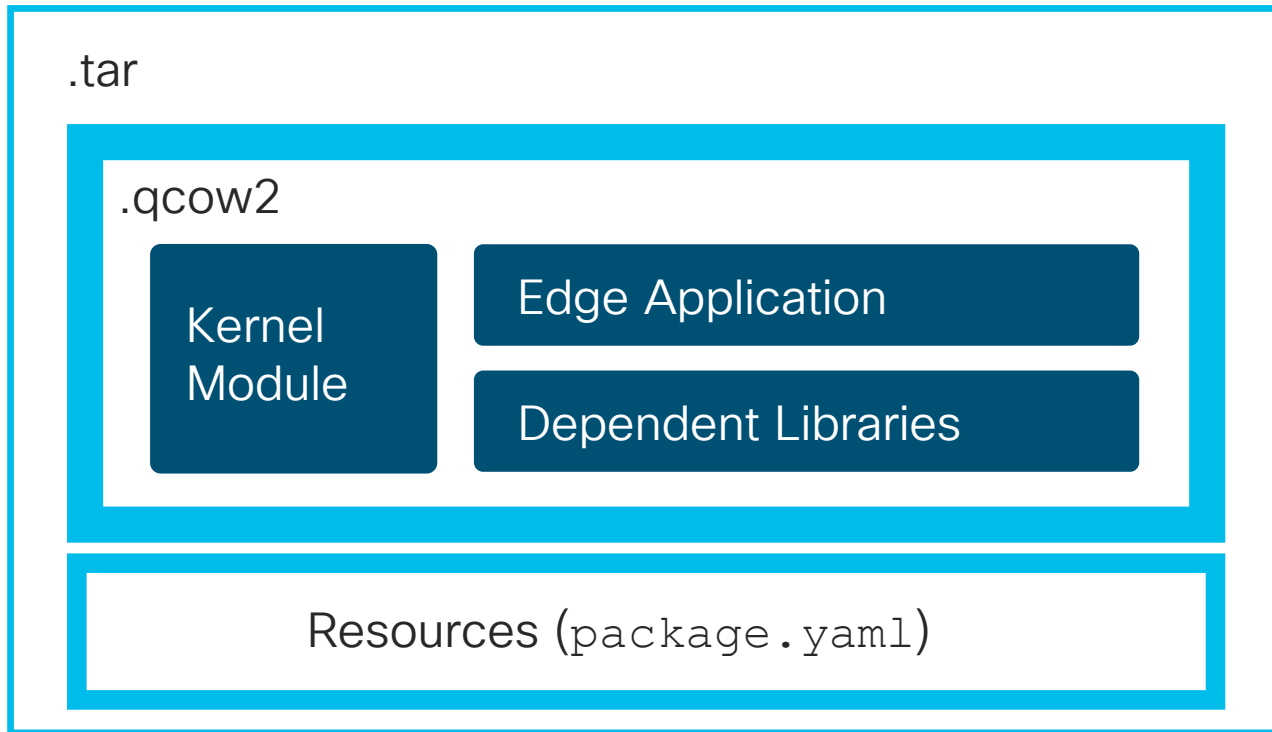
- Cross compilation for different platforms is still needed

# VM Packaged Applications

# VM Packaged applications

- Self contained & Independent
- Bigger in size
- Limited visibility into the VM
- Management and packaging at scale is not easy
- VMs run on hypervisor Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) using Quick Emulator (QEMU)
- Only supported on IC3000 and CGR compute module

# VM Packaged Applications - Anatomy



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# What are we going to do now?

- Create a package with a web server
- Package it to run on IOx
- Deploy the package
- Validate if it is running



# Prerequisites not Covered

- Docker installed:  
<https://www.docker.com/get-started>
- `ioxclient` installed:  
<https://developer.cisco.com/docs/iox/#!iox-resource-downloads>
- Can be done on Windows, Linux, MacOS

# Create a simple file structure

- Create a directory to hold the files
- Then create the base files themselves:

`Dockerfile`

`main.py`

`package.yaml`

# Package Anatomy

IOx application package is a tarball containing the following files:

File	Description
package.yaml	Application Descriptor
package.mf	Manifest file containing the checksum of the other files at this level. Automatically generated by ioxclient
artifacts.tar.gz	Compressed envelope containing a tar ball of docker image

# Define the Dockerfile

```
FROM python:3-alpine
```

tells Docker to build a container image based on the publicly-available Alpine Linux 3.9 image

```
RUN apk add --update \  
    python3  
RUN pip3 install bottle
```

RUN instruction installs Python3, then uses the pip3 tool to install the bottle web framework.

```
EXPOSE 8000
```

EXPOSE instruction configures the created container to listen on port 8000.

```
COPY main.py /main.py
```

COPY instruction copies the main.py file to the root of the container filesystem.

```
CMD python3 /main.py
```

CMD instruction executes the main.py file using the Python 3 interpreter. This instruction is necessary only when running the container locally for testing.

# Create your code (main.py)

- Uses the “bottle” framework to create a web server
- Binds the root URL to a message
- Listens to connections on port 8000

```
from bottle import route, run

@route('/')
def hello():
    return '<b>Hello Cisco Live</b>!'

run(host='0.0.0.0', port=8000)
```

# package.yaml

```
descriptor-schema-version: "2.2"
info:
  name: iox_docker_python_ll
  description: "IOx Docker HelloWorld"
  version: "1.0"
  author-link: http://www.cisco.com
  author-name: "Cisco Systems"
app:
  cpuarch: "x86_64"
  type: docker
  resources:
    profile: c1.small
    network:
      -
        interface-name: eth0
        ports:
          tcp:
            - 8000
  startup:
    rootfs: rootfs.tar
    target: ["/usr/local/bin/python3", "main.py"]
```

- Contains the configuration information needed to package and run the IOx application
- YAML is a markup language that in IOx uses to store configuration information about the application package.

# Build the Docker image

- Build docker image

```
docker build -t etychon/iox-test .
```

- Check build success

```
docker images
```

```
[etychon@localhost iox-bigtest]$ sudo docker images
```

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
etychon/iox-test	latest	1560d18719cb	3 minutes ago	61.4MB
alpine	3.5	f80194ae2e0c	2 months ago	4MB

# Create a package IOx will accept

- Package the IOx Application with the ioxclient tool:

```
ioxclient docker package etychon/iox-test:latest .
```

- Verify the package has been created:

```
[etychon@localhost iox-bigtest]$ ls -al ./package.tar  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 20382208 Apr 18 09:05 ./package.tar
```



# Verify IOx runs on Gateway

- IOx config varies per platform, check Cisco DevNet for details
- Check if IOx running with:  
show iox host list details

```
IR800#show iox host list detail

IOX Server is running. Process ID: 326
Count of hosts registered: 1

Host registered:
=====
    IOX Server Address: FE80::200:CFF:FE84:F7A9; Port: 22222

    Link Local Address of Host: FE80::1FF:FE90:8B05
    IPV4 Address of Host: 192.168.1.8
    IPV6 Address of Host: fe80::1ff:fe90:8b05
    Client Version: 0.4
    Session ID: 3
    OS Nodename: IR800-G0S-1
    Host Hardware Vendor: Cisco Systems, Inc.
    Host Hardware Version: 1.0
    Host Card Type: not implemented
    Host OS Version: 1.7.3.1
    OS status: RUNNING

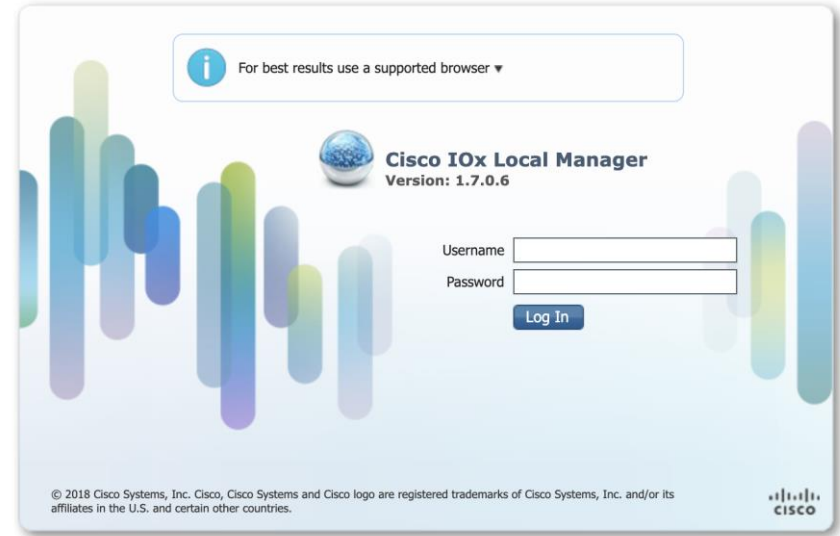
    Interface Hardware Vendor: None
    Interface Hardware Version: None
    Interface Card Type: None

Services:
=====
    Service Name: Secure Storage Service
    Service Status: RUNNING
    Session ID: 4

    Service Name: Host Device Management Service
    Service Status: DISABLED
    Session ID: 0
```

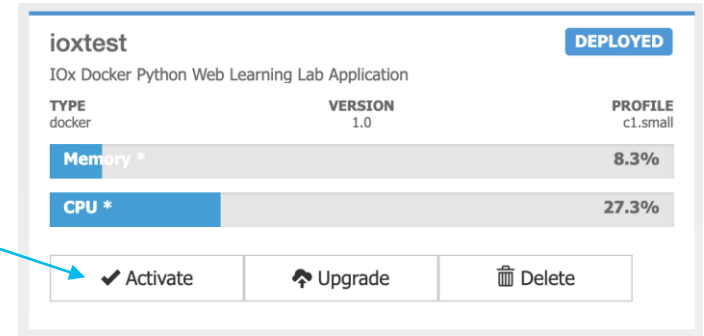
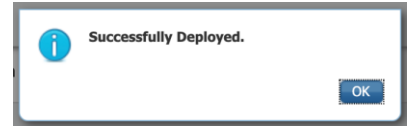
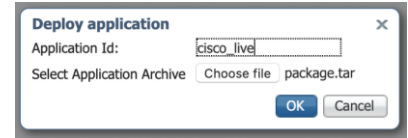
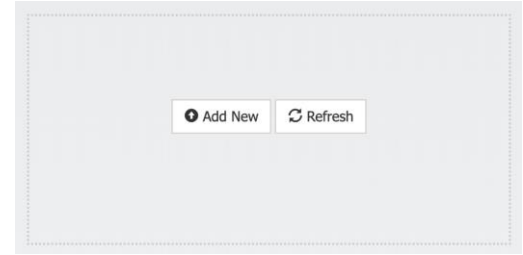
# Log on to Local Manager to upload package

- Log-in to IOx Local Manager:  
<https://10.0.0.1:8443/admin>
- Default credentials: cisco/cisco



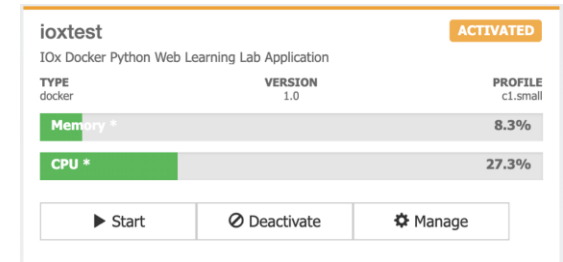
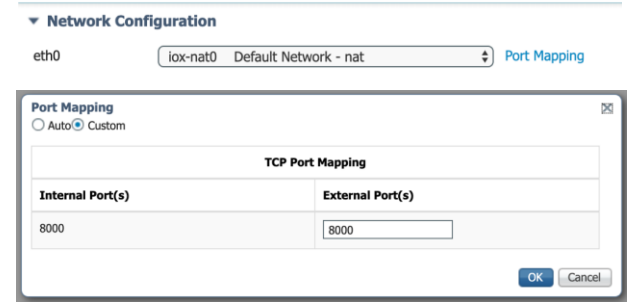
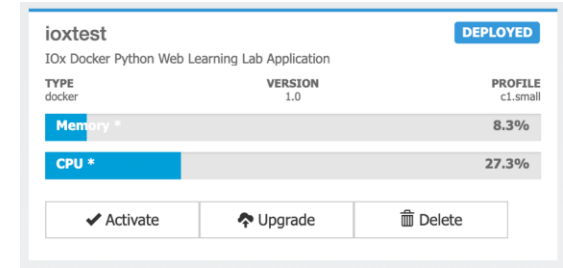
# IOx Application Deployment

- Select "Add New" in "Applications" tab
- Choose the "package.tar" built previously
- Wait a couple of minutes
- Application deployed
- Deployed but still needs to be activated!



# IOx Application Activation

- Click “Activate”
- Because we want TCP/8000 to be mapped, select “iox-nat0” as Network Configuration
- Configure “Port Mapping” to custom 8000 internal and external
- Select “Ok”, then “Activate”



# IOx Application Running

- When the container is “Activated”, click “Start”
- Container is now running.

**ioctest** ACTIVATED  
IOx Docker Python Web Learning Lab Application

TYPE	VERSION	PROFILE
docker	1.0	c1.small

Memory \*

8.3%

CPU \*

27.3%

▶ Start ⊘ Deactivate ⚙ Manage



**ioctest** RUNNING  
IOx Docker Python Web Learning Lab Application

TYPE	VERSION	PROFILE
docker	1.0	c1.small

Memory \*

8.3%

CPU \*

27.3%

■ Stop ⚙ Manage

# Verify!

- Point browser to <http://10.0.0.1:8000/>
- Note: this is the router's external NAT interface, because we have configured a NAT static mapping.



**Hello Cisco Live!**

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# Deploying and Monitoring with Field Network Director (FND)



# Field Network Director – Overview

- Network Management platform specifically for industrial routers (IR), industrial switches (IE), industrial compute (IC), and gateways (LoRA IXM)
- Automatically provision field area routers and tunnel routers with CLI configuration (for tunnels, mesh interface, etc) (“ZTD”)
- Give operators visibility into network status, events, issues, metrics
- Update firmware / IOS on endpoints
- *Installs and maintains IOx applications on edge devices*

# Field Network Director (Upload)

**Field Network Director (Upload)**

The screenshot displays the Cisco Field Network Director (FND) interface, specifically the APPS management section. The top navigation bar includes links for DASHBOARD, DEVICES, OPERATIONS, CONFIG, ADMIN, and APPS (highlighted with a red box). The left sidebar shows 'APP MANAGEMENT' with a list of apps: 'SampleNodeApp (1)' and 'lperfNode (1)'. The main content area displays details for 'SampleNodeApp', including its type (DOCKER), latest version (1.0), and last update time. Two buttons, 'Install' and 'Uninstall' (highlighted with a red box), are visible. Below this, three summary cards show: 'Installation Successful on 1 Devices' with an 'Edit Configuration' button; 'Actions Failed on 0 Devices' with a 'Retry Now' button; and 'Upgrade Required on 0 Devices' with an 'Upgrade' button.

# FND – Monitoring Status

Device Details - IC3000-2C2F-K9+FOC2242V13B

IC3000-2C2F-K9+FOC2242V13B

## Host Information

Version:	1.8.0.1
Contact Person:	
IP Address:	172.28.15.53
Port:	8443
Profile:	<a href="#">Default Profile</a>

[^ Hide Advanced](#)

DEVICE DETAILS

LAYERS

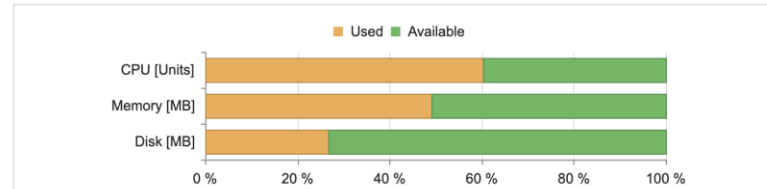
CARTRIDGES

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

<input type="checkbox"/>	LAYER ID	SIZE (KB)	USAGE
<input type="checkbox"/>	aeacf9e1660954a3a998d8a066eb...	20,800	IN USE
<input type="checkbox"/>	2c675ee9ed53425e31a13e3390bf...	4,921	IN USE
<input type="checkbox"/>	997475239542ab112351dde9ee68...	3	IN USE

[1](#) 1 - 3 of 3 items

## Resource Usage



## Troubleshooting

Collect Debug Logs:

[Download Tech Support Logs](#)

[Device Diagnostics](#)

[View Device Logs](#)

[Refresh Device](#)

Device Health, Logs and usage displayed by FND

# FND – Monitoring Status

 App Name: iox\_docker\_python\_web

### App Details



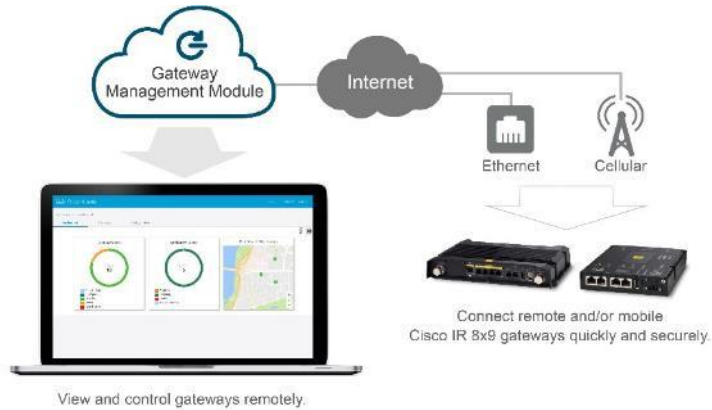
Status:	RUNNING
Health:	HEALTHY
Type:	DOCKER
Installed on:	6 June 2019
Last Upgrade:	6 June 2019
Version:	1.0

Resource Profile:	<a href="#">c1.small</a>
Network Interface:	eth0 
IP:	<a href="#">192.168.10.2</a> <a href="#">Ports</a>
mac:	52:54:99:99:00:00
Network Mode:	NAT


# Deploying and Monitoring with Kinetic Gateway Management Module (GMM)



# Gateway Management Module (GMM) Overview

- Cloud-only platform to manage IR gateways
- Configure, view and control gateways remotely
- Deploy, operate and debug IOx applications from the Cloud





# GMM – Application Upload


 Kinetic


Feedback Help  


DemoKits ▾ / Applications


 Dashboard


 Gateway

 EFM Site

 Applications



 Data

 Admin

 Tools

+ Add Application

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Version	Instances
<input type="checkbox"/>	13Cabs EFM App v2.22	Available	2.22	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	eff	Available	1.1.04	9
<input type="checkbox"/>	efm_1.6.1_ir8x9	Available	1.6.1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	efm_DemoKit	Available	1.2	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	EFM Demokit v1.2.2	Available	1.2.2	7
<input type="checkbox"/>	efm_ir8x9	Available	RLS-EFM-1.5.0	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	IOxCore	Available	1.5.0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	IOxGPS	Available	1.5.1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	IOxMotion	Available	1.5.0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serial Application on Edge	Available	1.0	0

 Install  Delete

# GMM – Application Installation

## Install Application

efm\_1.6.1\_ir8x9

Resources Needed

CPU732Units

RAM767MB

Select Profile:

custom

CPU732UnitsRAM767MB

Select Gateways:

Barcelona Co-Innovation Ctr x

Type to search

All Gateways

Name	CPU(Units)	RAM(MB)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barcelona Co-Innovation Ctr	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> chuck - 809	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> CiscoGSX-Demokit	N/A	N/A

Device Label:

HOST\_DEV2



# GMM – Monitoring

Application Detail on Instance



EFM Demokit v1....

Version: 1.2.2  
Storage: 732  
RAM: 767

FGL215195AX

EFM Demokit v1.2.2

Select Profile:  
custom

IP :  
10.8.182.195

Interface Name :  
eth0

Device ID:  
/dev/ttyS4

Device Type:  
serial

CPU732UnitsRAM767MB

Port :  
udp: 4001-4010 tcp: 8080 8484 5001-5010

Network Name :  
IOx-bridge0

Device Label:  
HOST\_DEV3

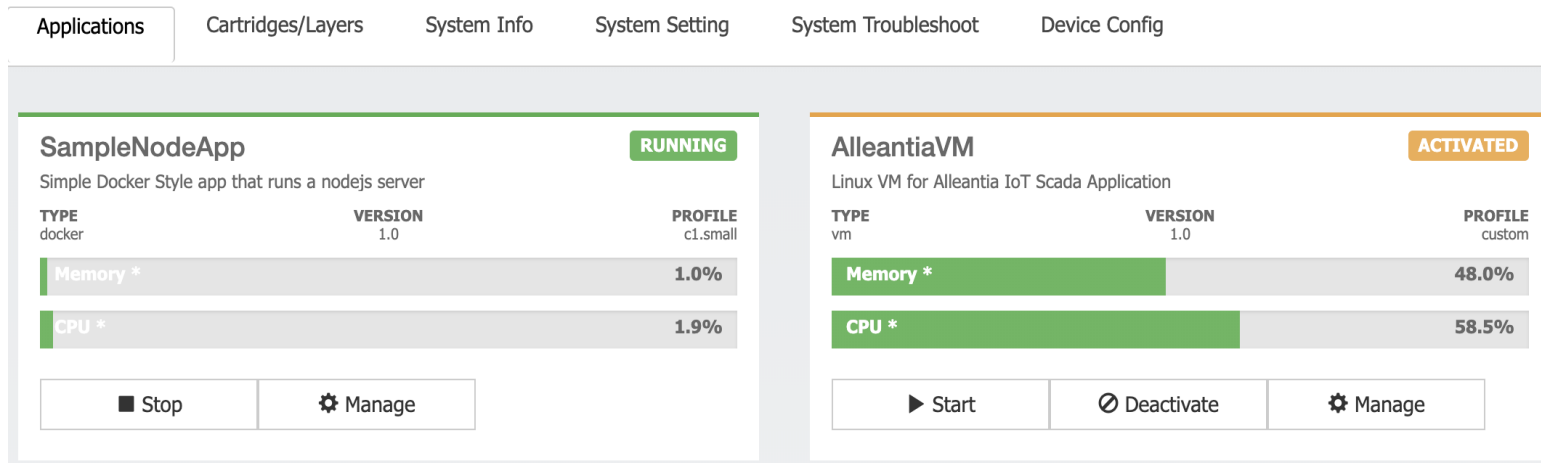
Application Specific Parameters

CPU - RAM Usage

Application Logs

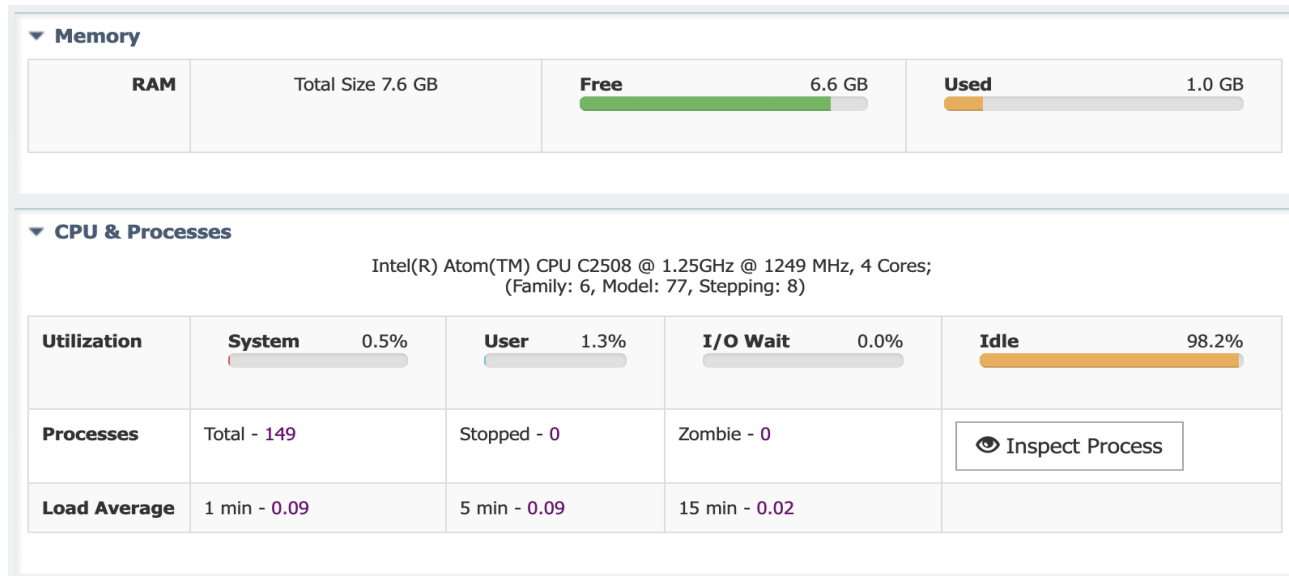
# Monitoring with Local Manager

# Local Manager – Monitoring Status



Application Status displayed by Local Manager

# Local Manager – Monitoring Status



Memory & CPU usage displayed by Local Manager

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# What you've learned

- IOx is an application execution environment
- IOx runs alongside IOS on selected Cisco platforms
- How to build your own application and container
- How to deploy and monitor container

You are now an IOx Hero!



# Next Steps on IoT Technologies

- DEVNET-1712: Docker+VM+LXC = IOx?
- DEVNET-2529: IOx 2.0 - Docker all the way
- DEVNET-2560: Managing IOx app deployment & connectivity for IR829/IC3000 using Cisco Field Network Director
- DEVNET-1560: ML Applications in IoT/Edge applications
- DEVNET-1559: CICD Pipelines for Cisco's IoT Edge compute platforms
- BRKIOT-2225: IoT gateway scalable deployment with Cisco Kinetic Gateway Management Module (GMM)
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