

WHEN PERFORMANCE MATTERS

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Introduction to key technologies I:
Containers and container orchestration systems

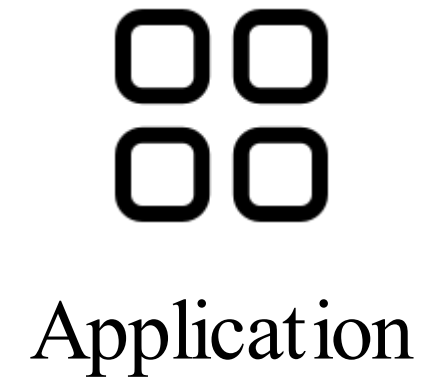
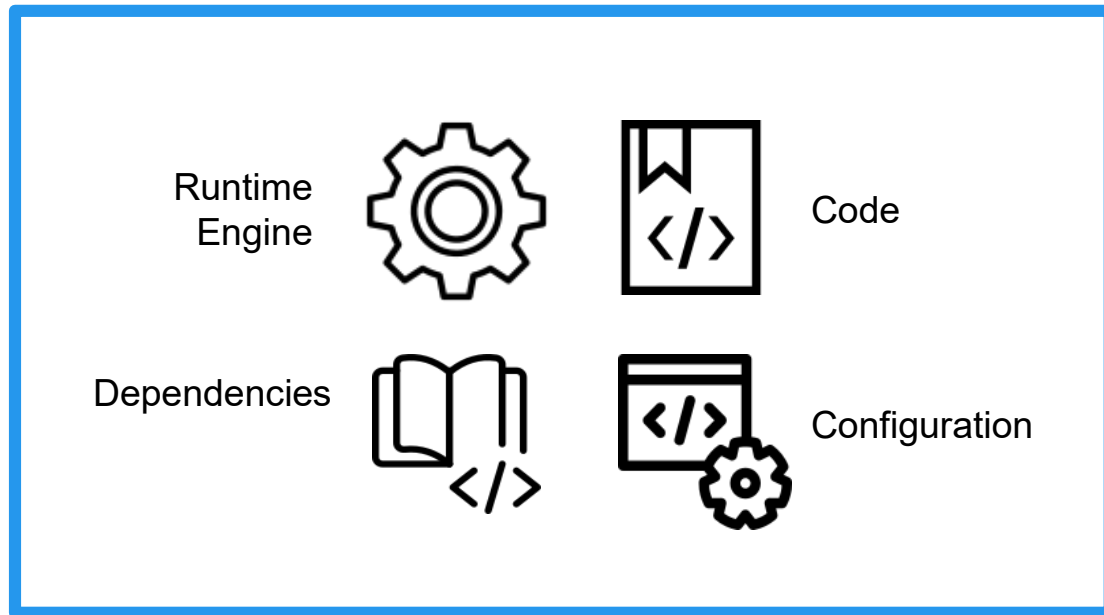
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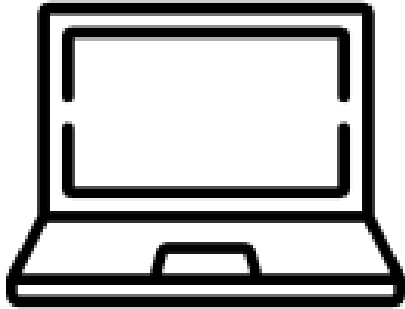
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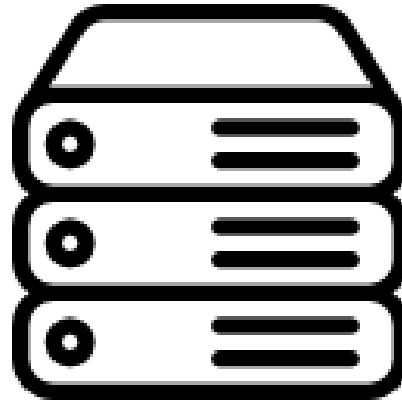
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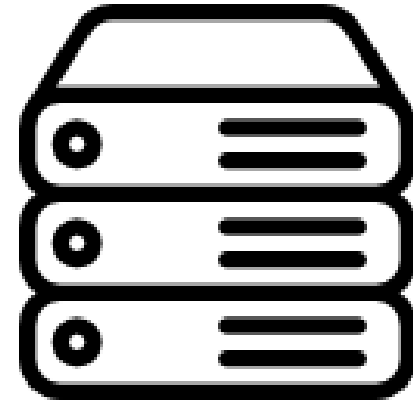
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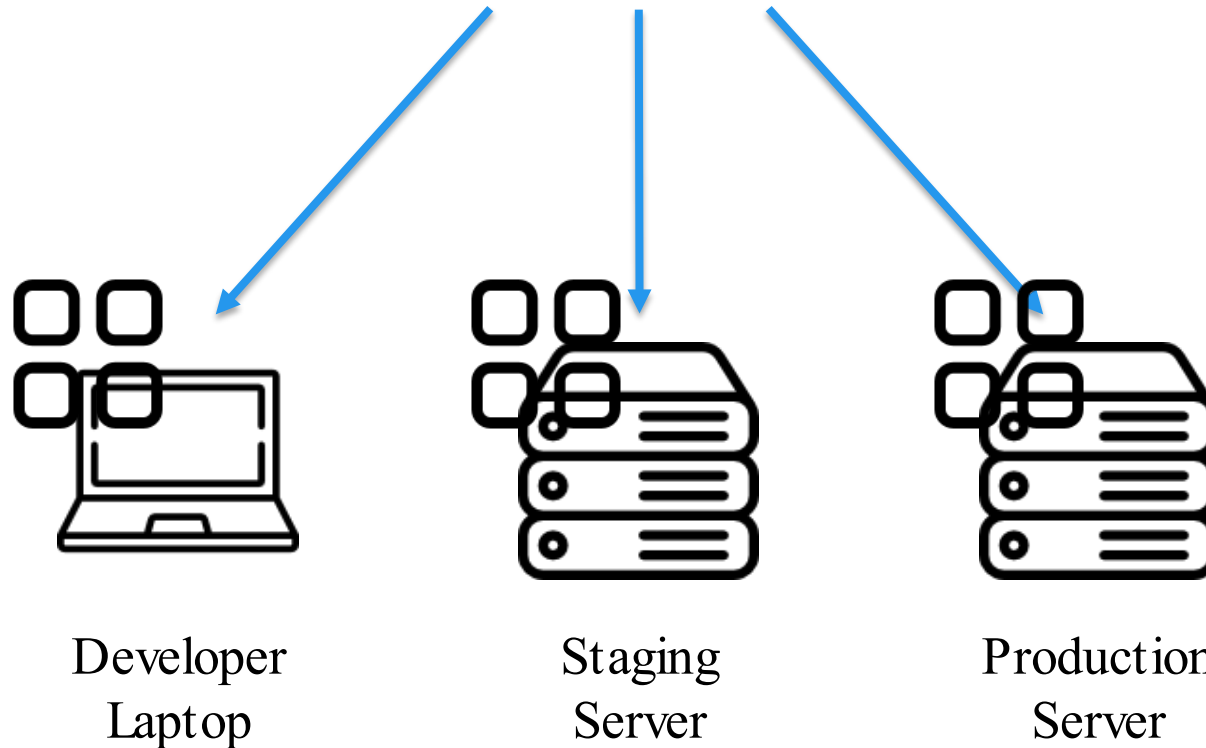
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Production
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SOFTWARE DEPLOYMENT: PROCESS

What if there are different version of the runtime engine?



SOFTWARE DEPLOYMENT: PROBLEMS

Complex environments

Increasing complexity in software dependencies

Inconsistencies

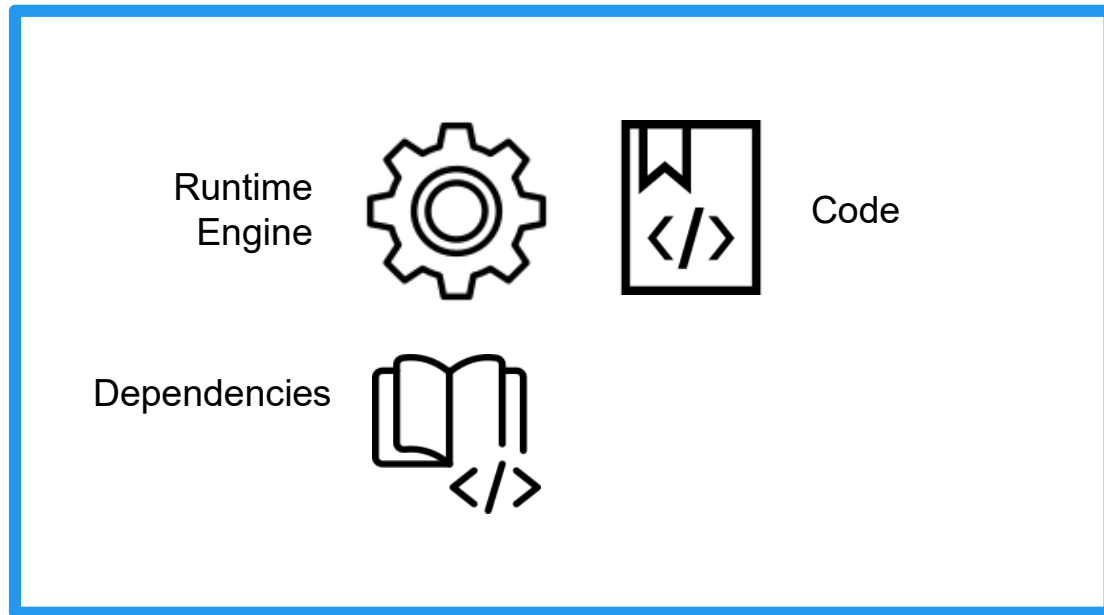
Discrepancies between development and production environments

Scaling issues

Difficulty in scaling application seamlessly

"It worked on my computer" problem

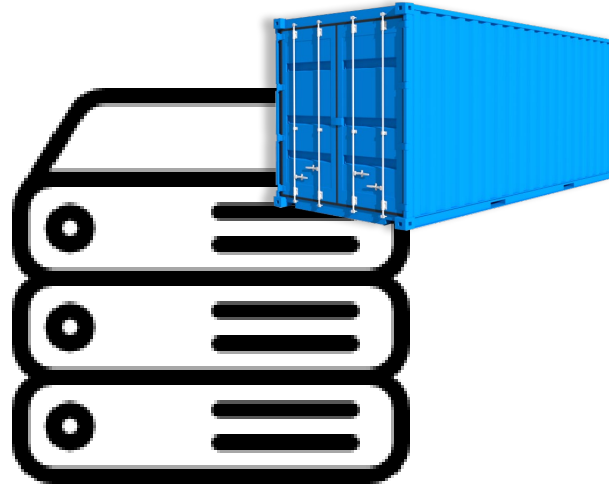
CONTAINERS: A SOLUTION



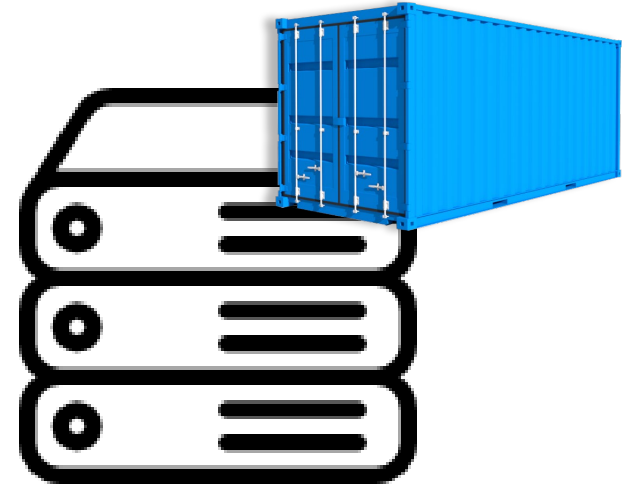
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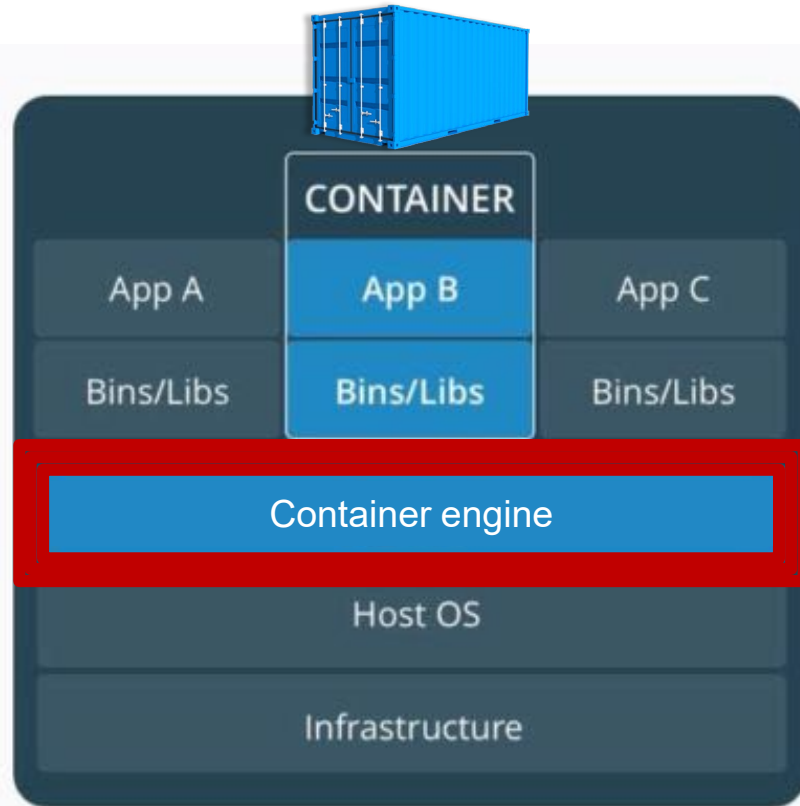


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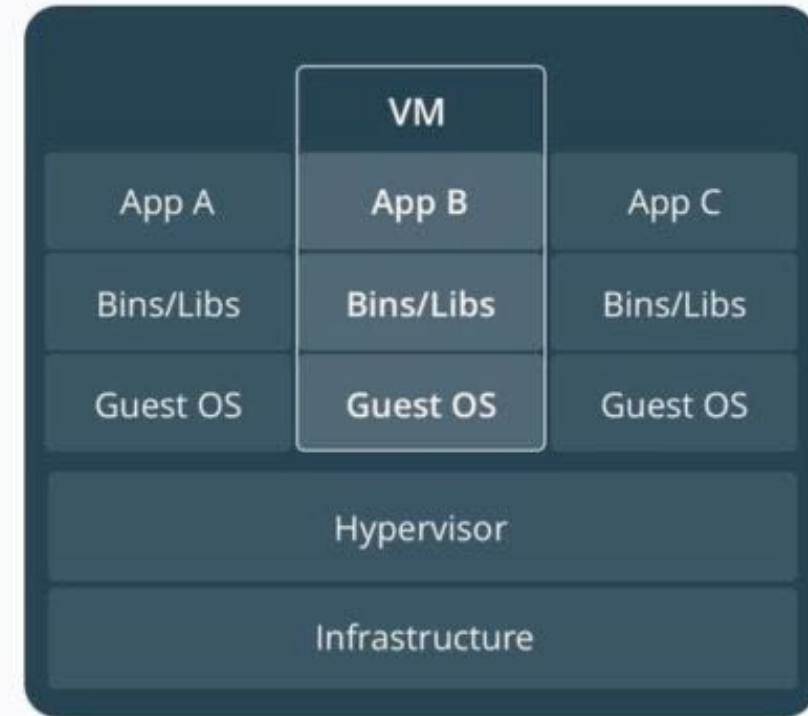


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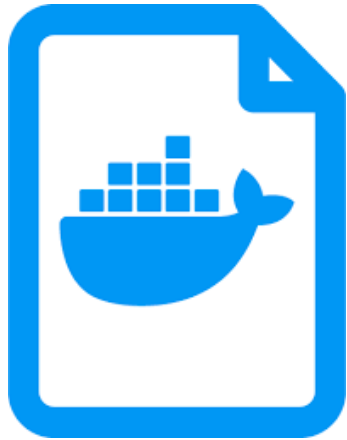
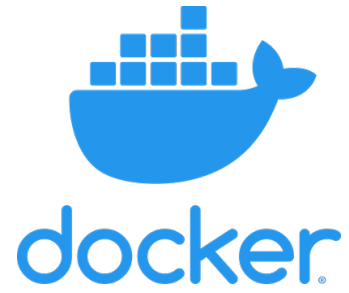
CONTAINERS VS VIRTUAL MACHINES



CONTAINERS



VIRTUAL MACHINES



Dockerfile



build



Docker
Image

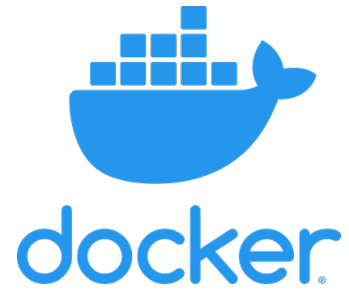


run



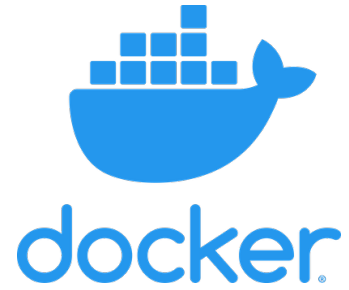
Docker
Container

DOCKER: COMMANDS



- **docker build:** to build an image from a Dockerfile
- **docker run:** to start a new container from an image
- **docker ps:** to list all the running containers
- **docker stop:** to stop a running container
- **docker rm:** to remove a stopped container
- **docker images:** to list all the images on the system
- **docker pull:** to download an image from a registry
- **docker exec:** to execute a command inside a running container
- **docker-compose:** to manage multi-container applications

DOCKER: LIMITATIONS



Needs privileges

Docker daemon needs root privileges (possible security concern)

Enterprise-oriented

Allows for an easy micro-service virtualization, but is not compatible with traditional HPC



SINGULARITY: A (DIFFERENT) ALTERNATIVE



Doesnot needroot privileges

Doesnot usea daemon

Born for scientific applications

Singularity is designed for general scientific use cases

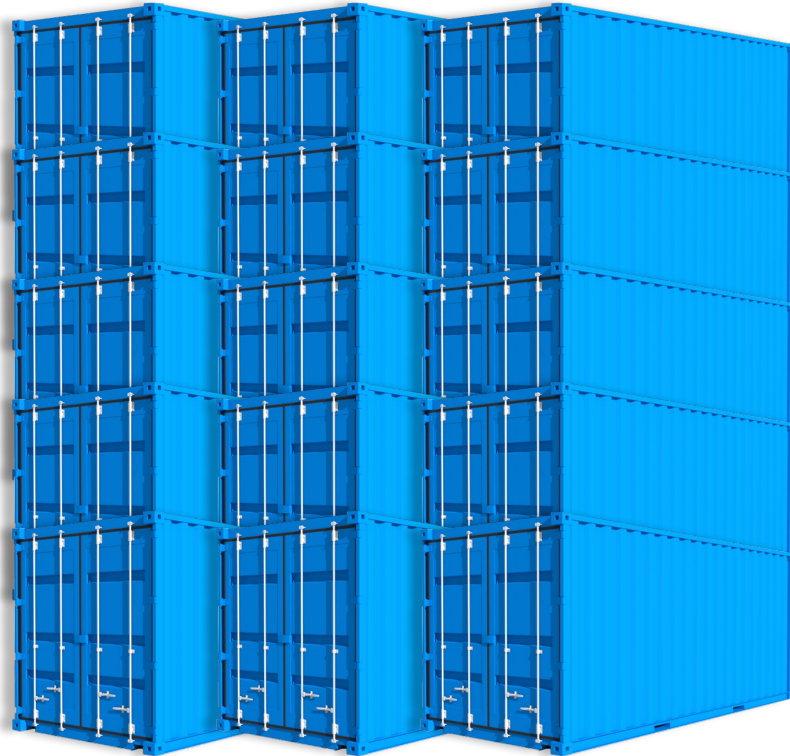
The resource request matches the actual usage

It's easier to match resources requirements

HPC-oriented

Singularity containers offer native support for GPUs, InfiniBand, MPI

MULTIPLE CONTAINERS: A THREAT TO SCALABILITY



Manual work increases

To scale up services, to fix crashing nodes, to run services

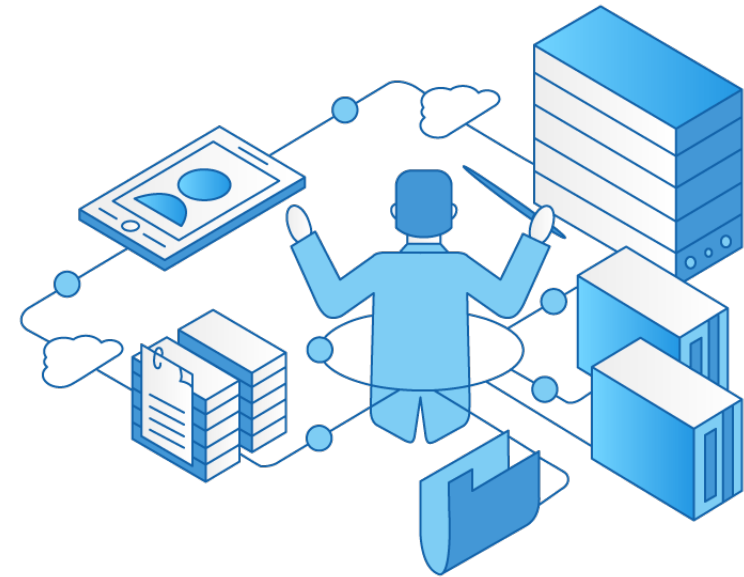
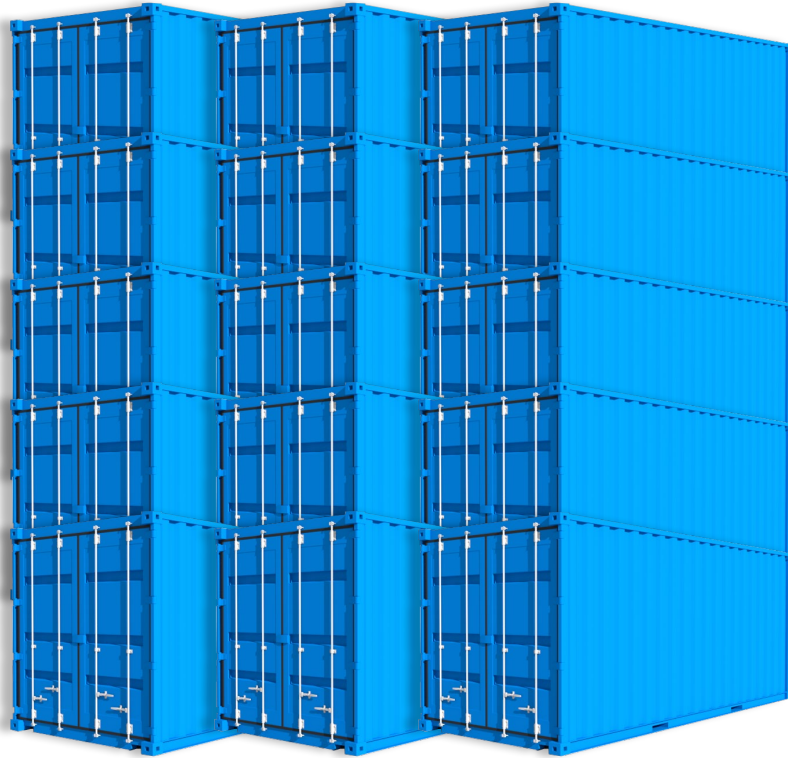
Complexity increases

To run new elements in production, to correctly scale with many containers

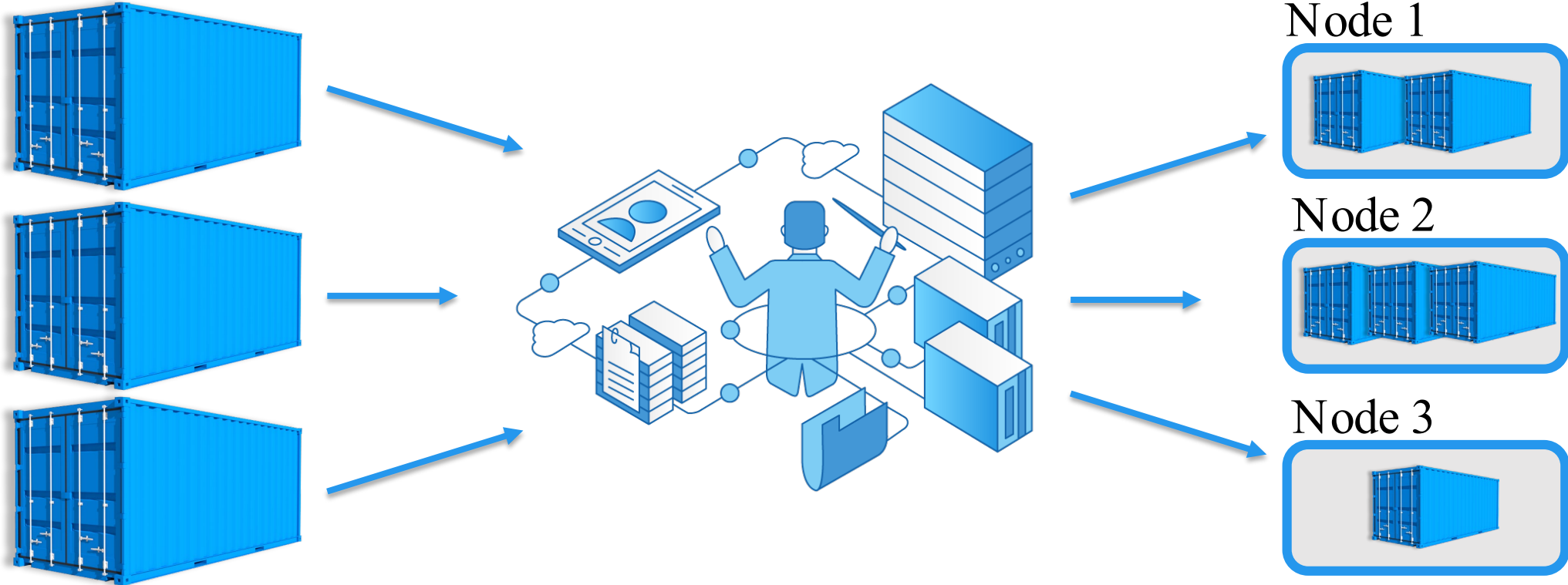
Cost increases

In terms of human cost and public cloud cost

CONTAINER ORCHESTRATION



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Deployment

Optimal resource usage, automatic scalability

Networking

Auto-discovery, accessibility from outside

Management

Load balancing, Fault tolerance, updates/rollbacks

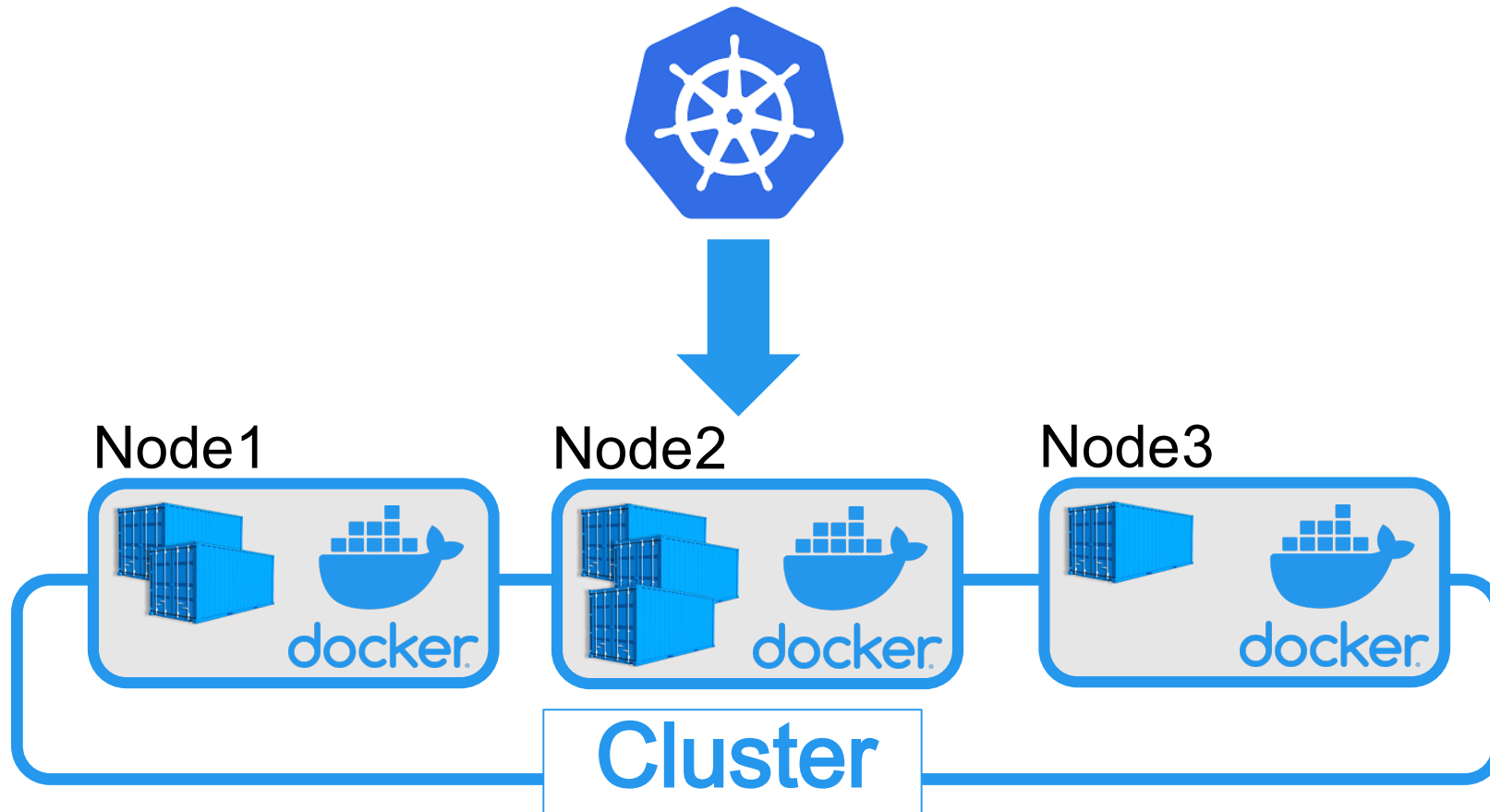


Open source

Launched by Google, now part of the Cloud Native Computing Foundation with a big community
Compatible with all cloud vendors, extensible and portable

Automatic

Automates container deployment, scaling, management and load balancing



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