

Developing Scalable Apps on Azure

Designed to demonstrate enterprise software development, cloud development and delivery.



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Why Containers?



Portability - Build once, deploy anywhere `#kubernetes`



Time to market – modernization accelerator



Low cost of ownership – run 10X to 100X more workloads than VMs



Security – Reduced attack surface, improved access control



Scalability – starts up in seconds, better resilience



Module Layout – Day 4



What is container technology?

What is AKS?

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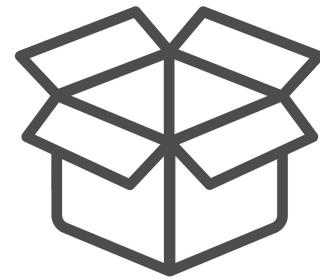
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Traditional Software Development



Build software as a single codebase



Package code into a deployable entity



Deploy and monitor health

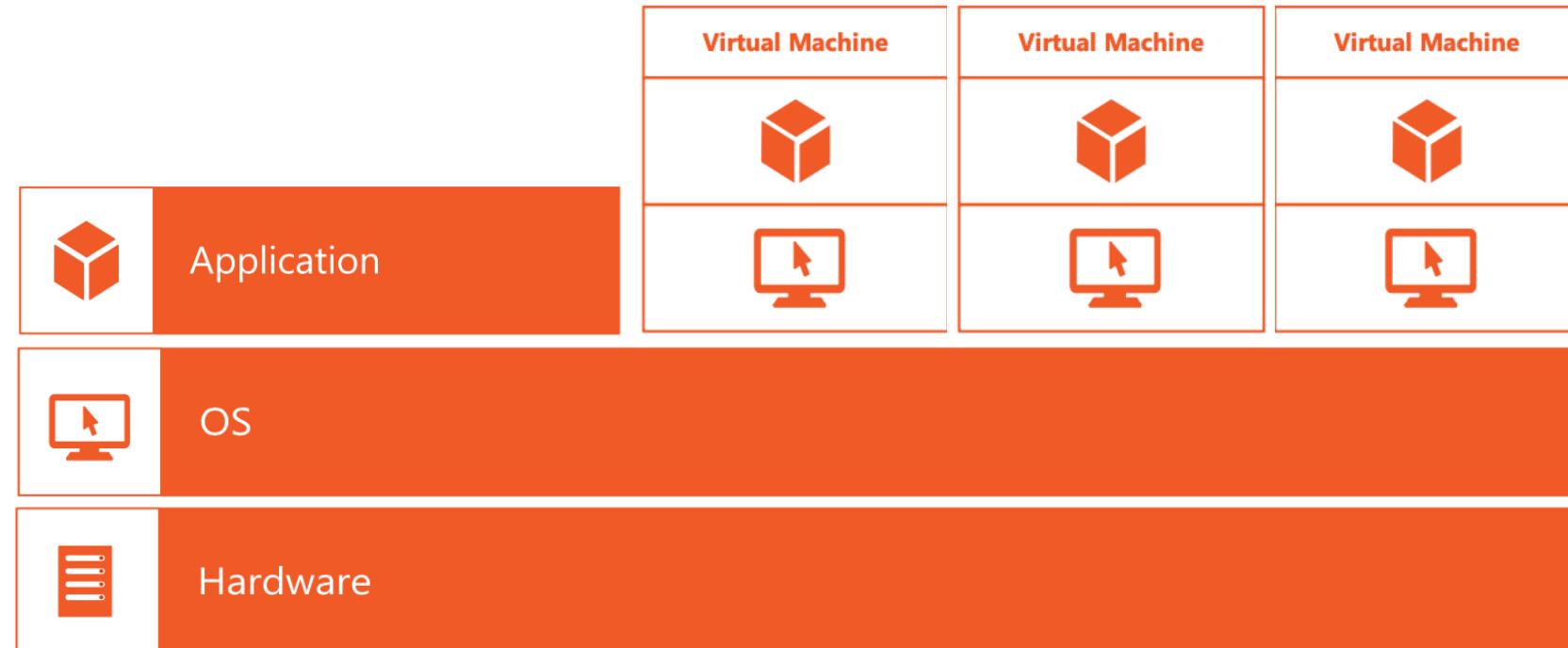


Migrate to healthy servers if hardware fails



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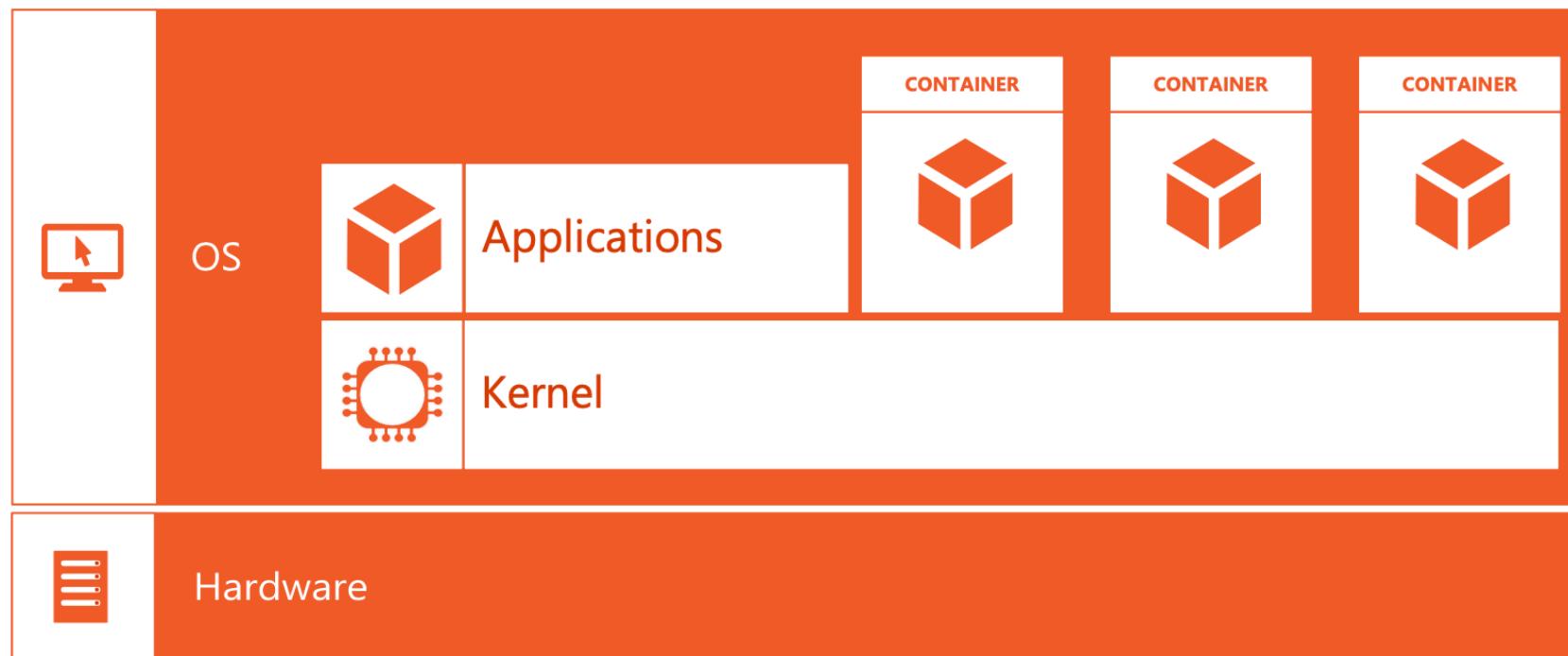
Traditional virtual machines = hardware virtualization





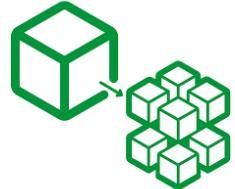
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Containers = Operating system virtualization

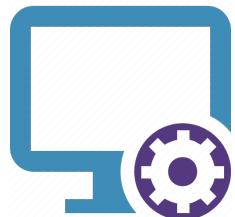




Microservices



Microservices are broken down into smaller, independently running components called microservices



Microservices are de-coupled from each other and therefore they can be developed, deployed, updated and scaled individually



Each microservice exposes its functionality or services via an interface, typically a REST API



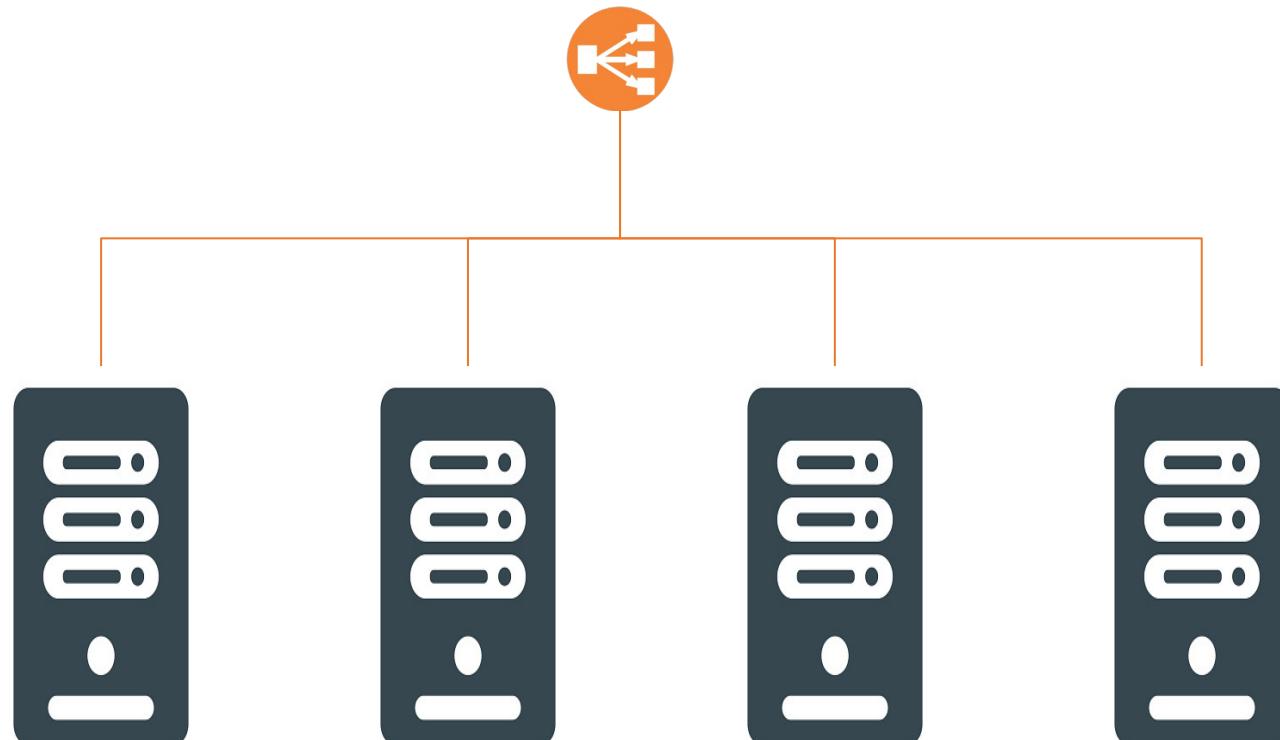


Vertical Scaling





Horizontal Scaling





GET /api/greyscale



GET /api/brightness



GET /api/contrast



Why Containers for Microservices ?



- Unit of deployment
- Simplified testing
- Unit of versioning
- Simplified scaling



Demo : Running your first Container



Running in Containers on a Single Machine



Containers – The Bad Part



**Many components,
many moving parts**

**Difficult to manage inter-
communication**

**Difficult to achieve high
resource utilization**

**Manual management can be
difficult**

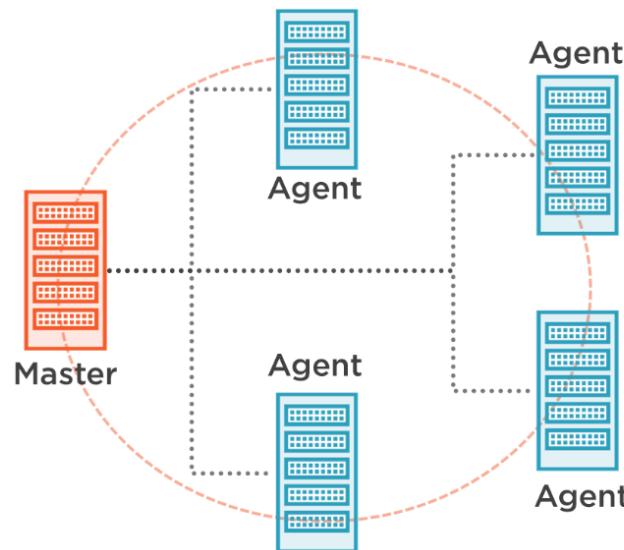
We need automation, which includes automatic scheduling, automatic configuration, supervision and failure handling

We need a ‘Container Orchestrator’

Kubernetes



Production Workloads Run on Clusters



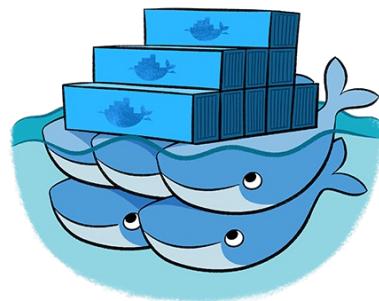
- Scalability
- Fault Tolerance
- Automatic Recovery
- Zero Downtime Deployments
- Resource Management
- Cross Machines
- Container Composition



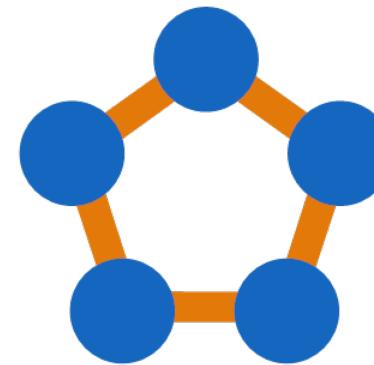
Options for Container Clusters



Apache Mesos



Docker Swarm



Azure Service Fabric



Kubernetes



Kubernetes ...



Enables developers to deploy their applications as often as they want



Enables the ops team by automatically monitoring and rescheduling those apps in the event of a hardware failure



The focus from supervising individual apps to mostly supervising and managing kubernetes and the rest of the infrastructure



Abstracts away the hardware infrastructure and exposes your whole datacenter as a single gigantic computational resource

Microsoft Azure

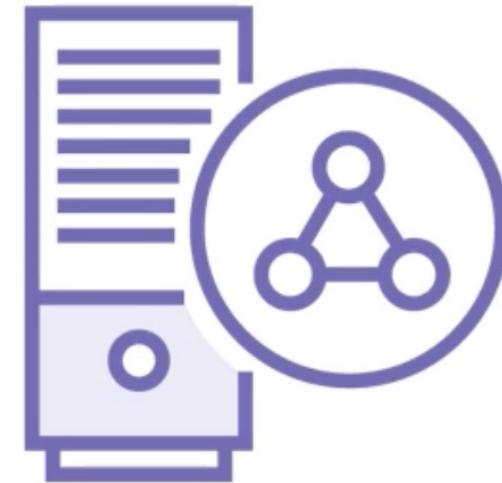
Kubernetes + Azure = Pure Awesomeness



Kubernetes Cluster Node Types



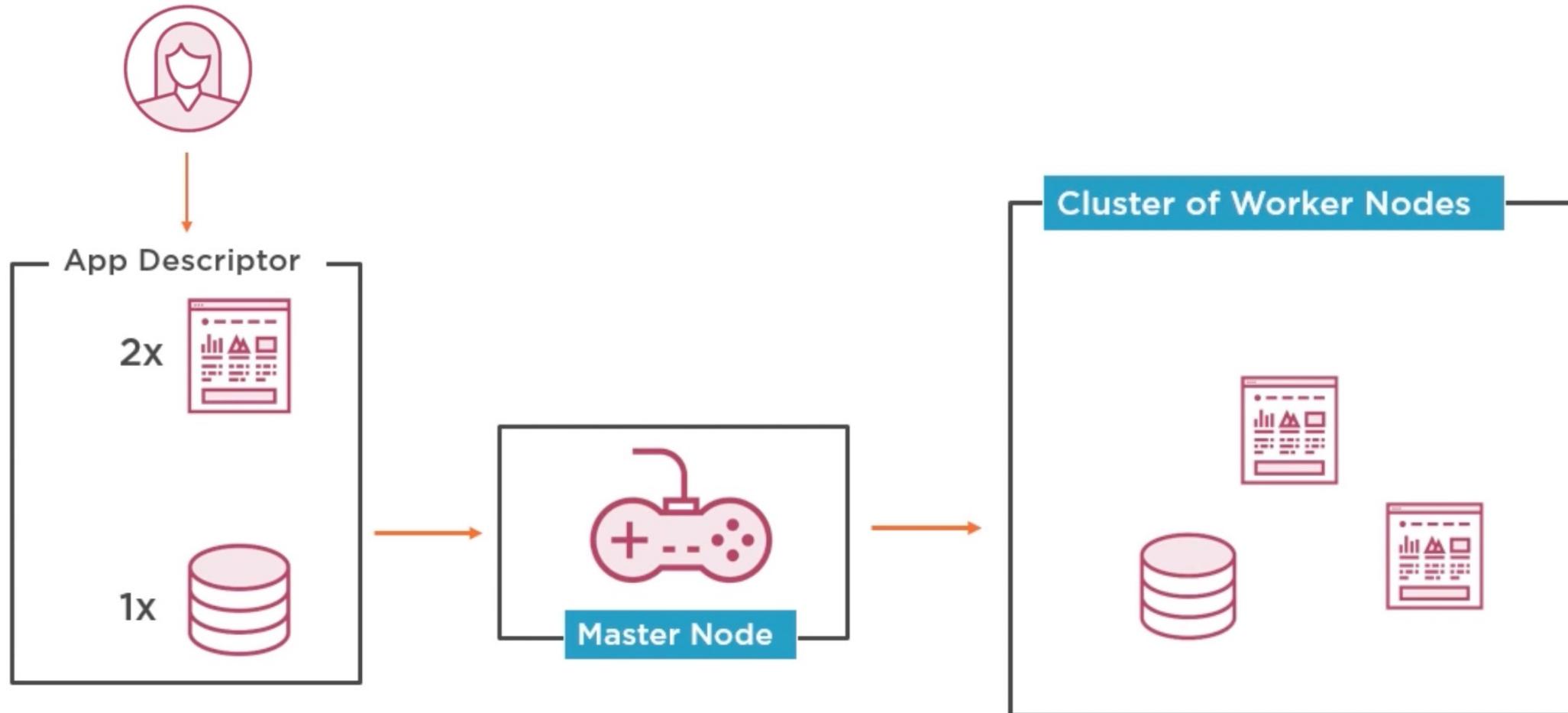
Master Node(s)



Worker Node(s)

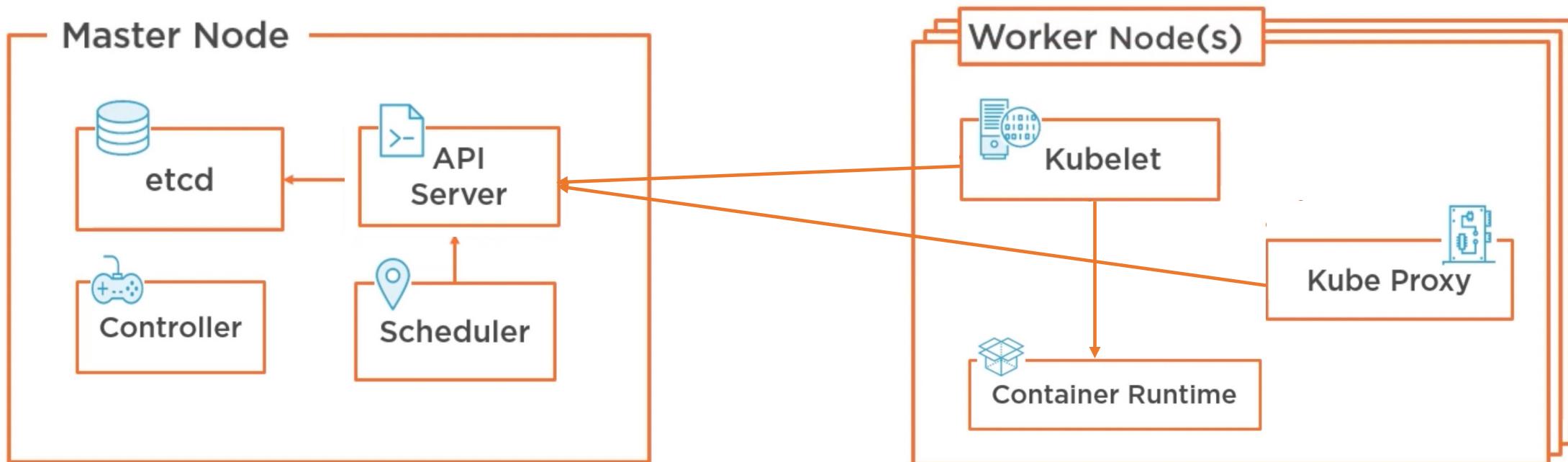


Kubernetes System





Kubernetes Architecture





Running an Application in Kubernetes



Step 1

Package your application into one or more containers

Step 3

Push app descriptor to the Kubernetes API Server

Step 5

Kublet instructs nodes to download container images

Step 2

Push those images to an Image Registry

Step 4

Scheduler schedules containers on available worker nodes

Step 6

Kublet instructs the nodes to run the containers

Excited !!!



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Desired State using YAML

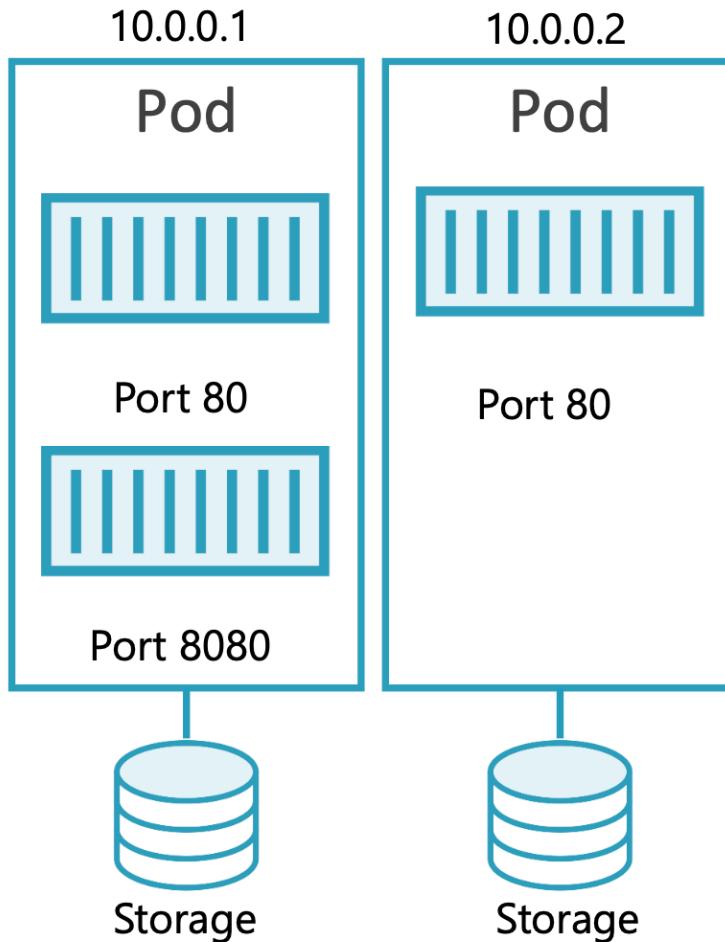
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A POD



Group of 1 or more containers

Shared Storage

Shared Network

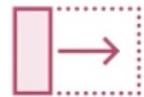
- Same IP-address
- Shared port-range

Well known patterns:

- Sidecar
- Proxy, bridge or adapter



Charasteristics of A POD



All the containers for a Pod will be run on the same Node



Any container running within a Pod will share the Node's network with any other containers in the same Pod



Containers within a Pod can share files through volumes, attached to the containers



A Pod has an explicit life cycle, and will always remain on the Node in which it was started



Namespaces



Pods are collected into namespaces, which are used to group pods

Namespaces can be used to provide quotas and limits around resource usage

If no namespace is specified while interacting with Kubernetes, the command assumes you are working with the 'default' namespace



Networks



All the containers in a Pod share the Node's network



All Nodes in a Kubernetes cluster are expected to be connected to each other and share a private cluster-wide network



Kubernetes runs containers within a Pod within this isolated network



Controlleres



Kubernetes encourages Desired State deployment



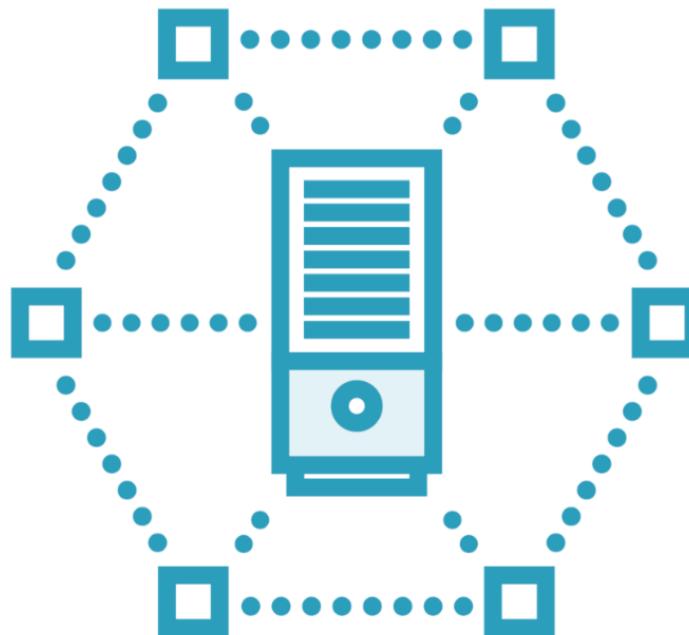
You assert you want one or more resources to be in a certain state and with specific versions



Controllers are where the brains exist for tracking those resources and attempting to run your software as you described



A ReplicaSet and a Deployment



ReplicaSet

- A ReplicaSet's purpose is to maintain a stable set of replica Pods running at any given time
- Self-healing capability of K8s

Deployment

- Provides declarative management for Pods and ReplicaSet
- Deployments own and manage their ReplicaSet
- Primarily responsible for rolling out software updates



Services



Kubernetes resource used to provide an abstraction through to your Pods agnostic of the specific instances that are running



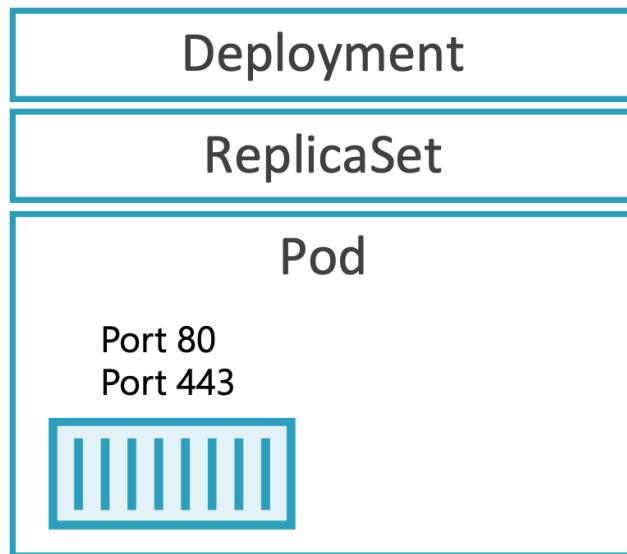
Can contain a Policy



Emulates a software load balancer within Kubernetes



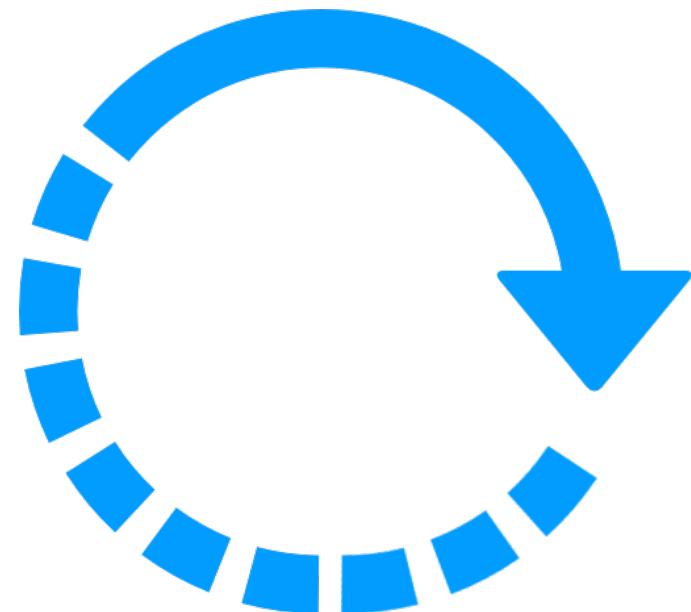
Desired State Defined in Yaml



```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: dep-globoticket-web
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: globoticket-web
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: globoticket-web
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: globoticket-web
          image: globoticket.azurecr.io/globoticket.web:433
          env:
            - name: ASPNETCORE_ENVIRONMENT
              value: Production
            - name: ASPNETCORE_URLS
              value: http://+:80
            - name: ApiConfigs_EventCatalog_Uri
              value: http://svc-globoticket-services-eventcatalog
          ports:
            - containerPort: 80
            - containerPort: 443
          resources:
            limits:
              cpu: "0.15"
          imagePullSecrets:
            - name: pullkey
```



Rolling Updates



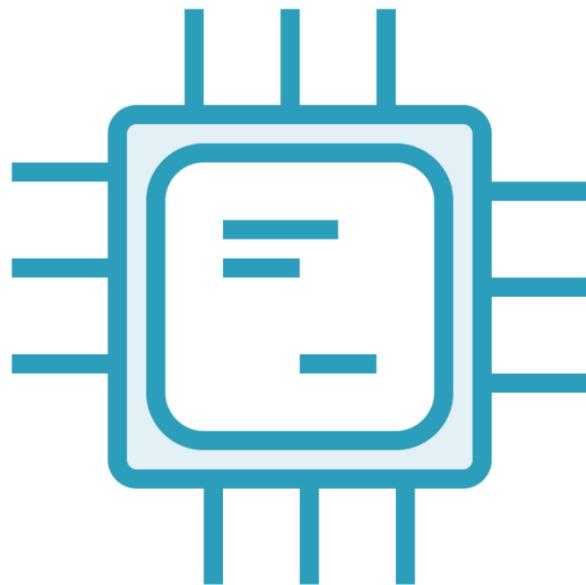
Zero Downtime Deployments

- New replica set is created - New pods are created
- Traffic is re-routed
- Old pods are deleted
- Old Replica set is deleted

Can be rolled back



Resource Management



Requests:

- Minimum required resources

Limits:

- Capped resource usage



How to Communicate between Pods?



Pods are mortal

- E.g., new deployment
- Need an abstract way to expose an application running on a set of pods

Service

- Single IP address and single DNS name
- Load-balance across pods



How to Communicate between Pods?



Important Note:

When building microservices, avoid microservice 2 microservice communication as much as possible.

Breaking up a monolith into multiple services that call each other is an anti pattern! It will result in a distributed monolith and will give you only problems!

A microservice should operate on its own and should not need other services to do its work. If that is the case, you need to revise your design to create better isolated services!



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Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)



Managed Kubernetes cluster running on Microsoft Azure with automated version upgrades and patching



Kubernetes master service provided as a PaaS offering



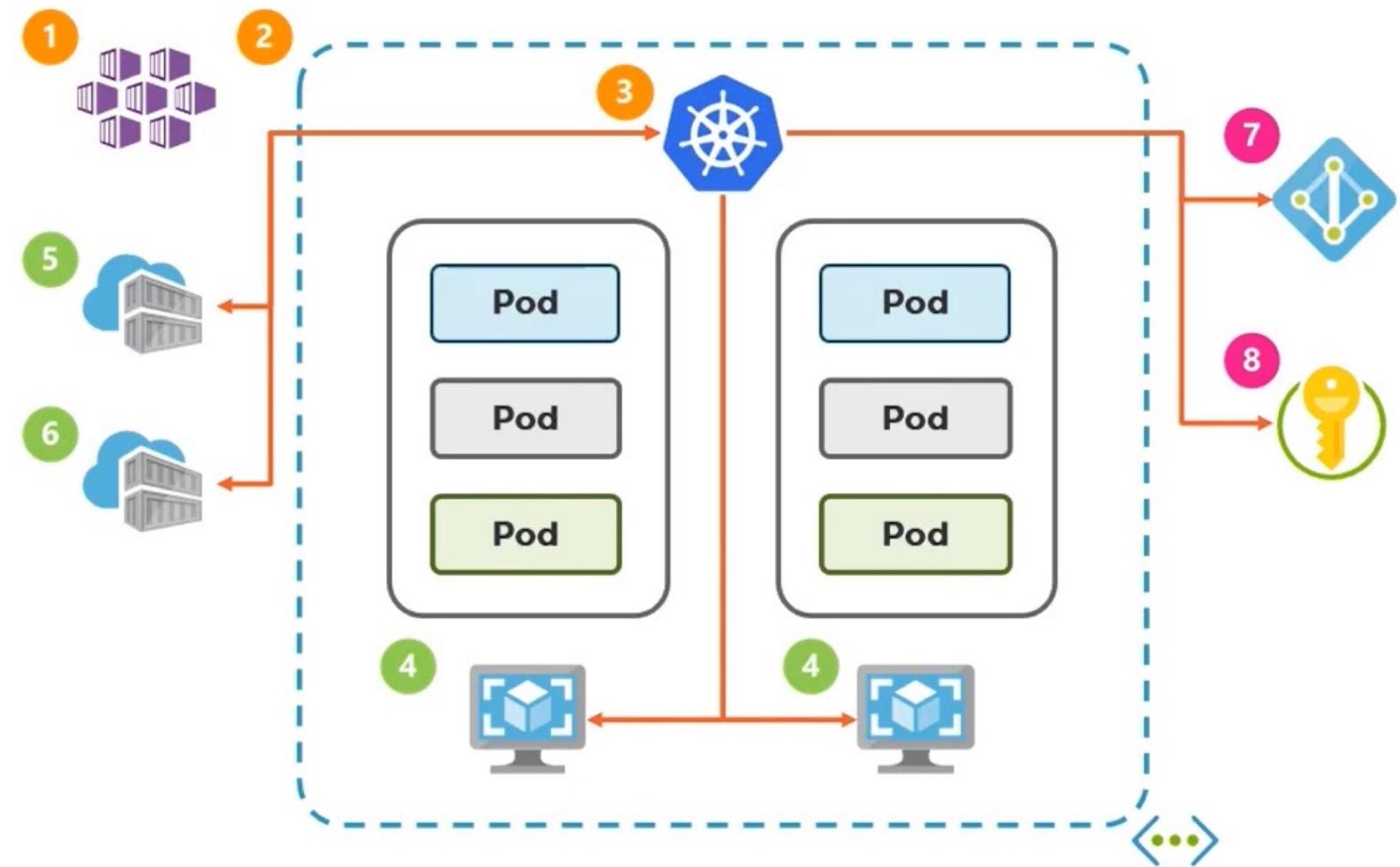
Customer only pays for Kubernetes worker nodes: master is free



Azure Kubernetes Service Infrastructure



1. Azure Kubernetes Services
2. Virtual Network
3. Kubernetes Cluster
4. Azure Virtual Machine
5. Azure Container Registry
6. Docker Hub
7. Azure Active Directory
8. Azure Key Vault

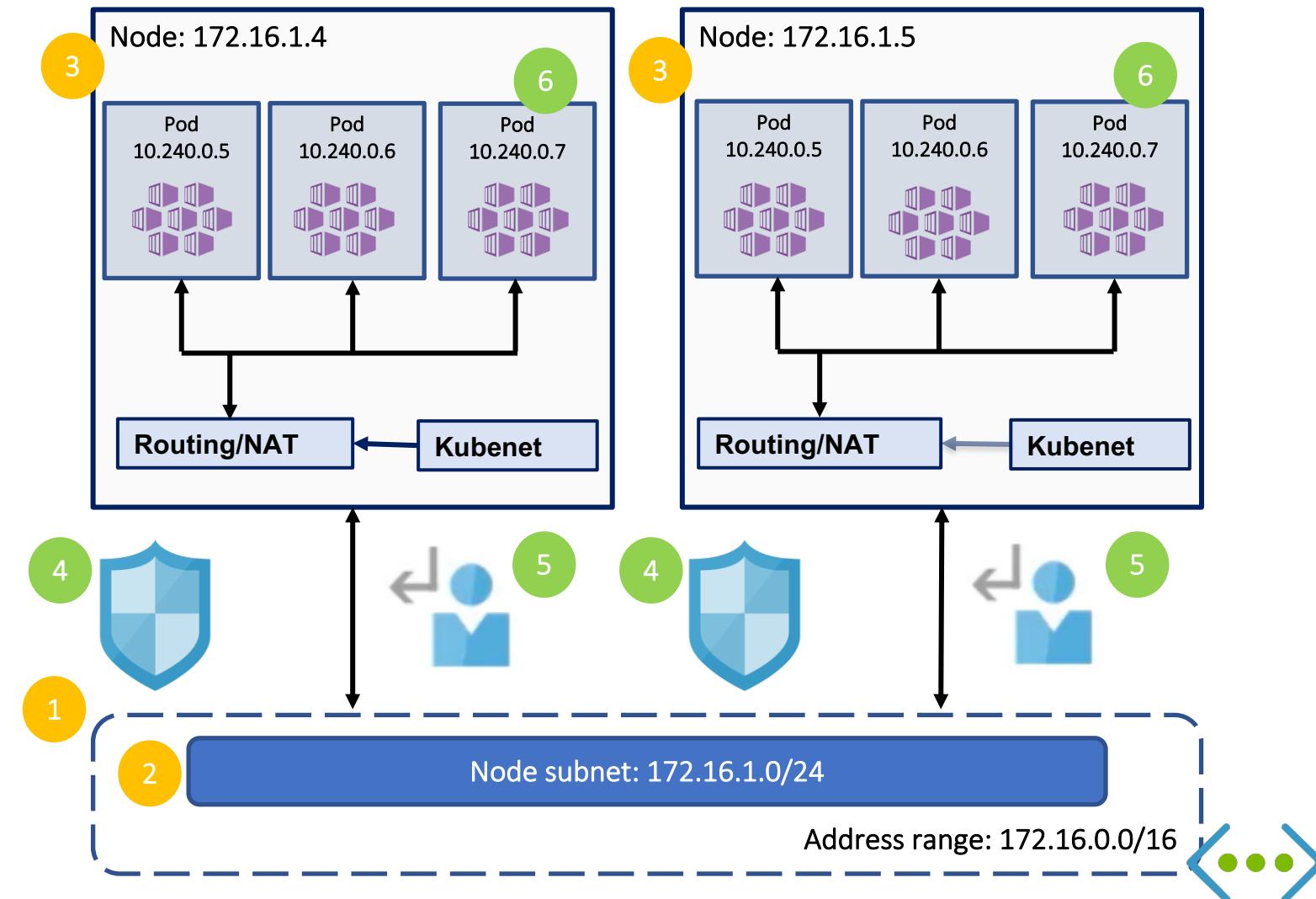




AKS Networking: Kubenet



- 1 Azure Virtual Network
- 2 Virtual Network Subnet
- 3 Cluster Nodes
- 4 Network Security Groups
- 5 User Defined Routes
- 6 Cluster Pods

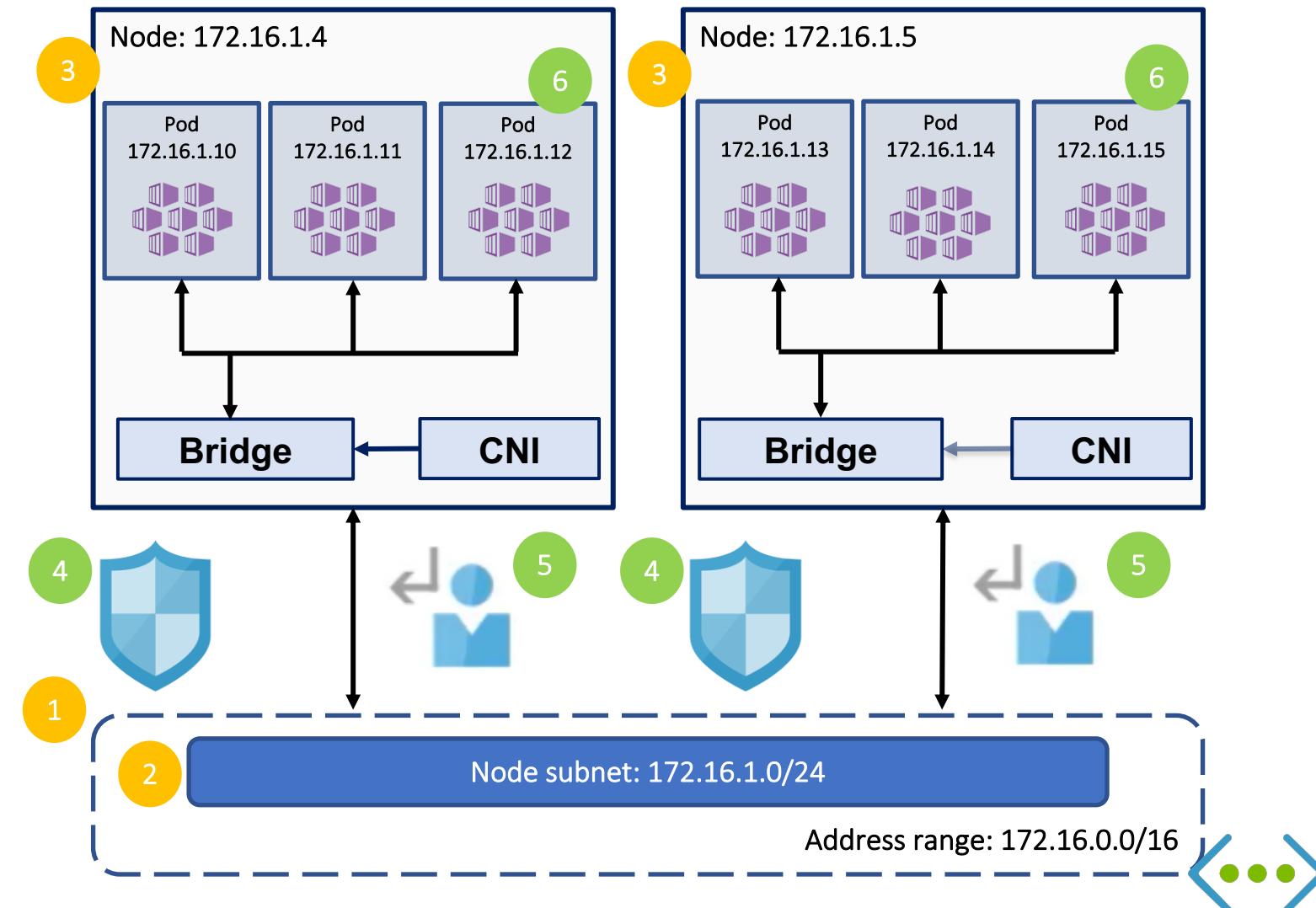




AKS Networking: Container Networking Interface



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Kubenet (Basic) vs Azure CNI (Advanced)



Kubenet

IP addresses are private to the cluster

AKS master manages network resources

Pods are accessed via load balancers

Pod-VM connectivity initiated by pod

Azure CNI

IP addresses are taken from the subnet

Network resources managed independently

Pods can be accessed directly

Pod-VM connectivity initiated by pod or VM



Provision and Configure AKS Cluster using Azure Portal



- Create a new resource group for AKS Cluster
- Select location which supports Azure Kubernetes Service
- Create a Service Principal or generated automatically
- Access AKS Cluster from local system
- Check resources in portal and Command line
- Browse Kubernetes Dashboard



Azure CNI: Planning Considerations



Network must allow outbound connectivity

Only one AKS cluster per subnet

IP addresses are reserved for each cluster node

Up to 250 pods per node
(default is 30 pods)

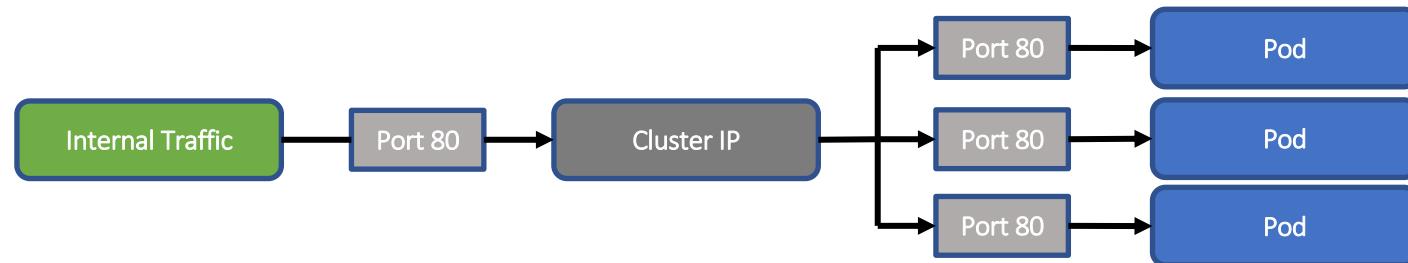
Plan for additional network resources

Service principal requires Network Contributor rights

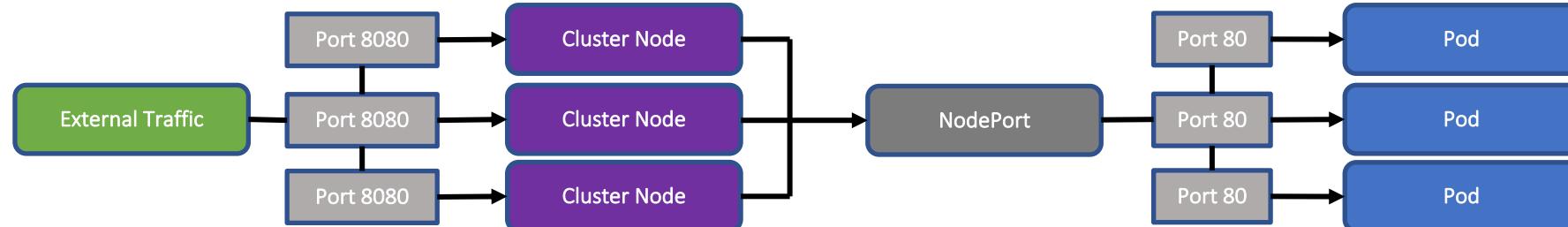


Publishing Kubernetes Services

- ClusterIP: An internal IP within the cluster.



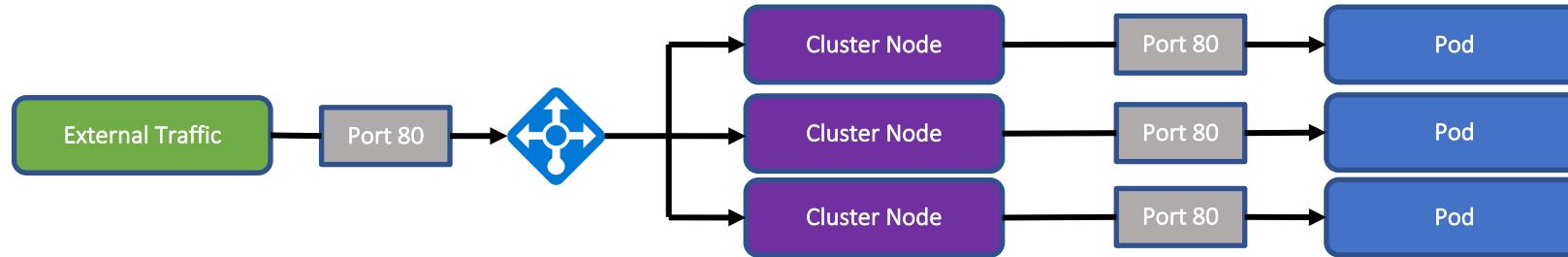
- NodePort: Port mapping from node to application



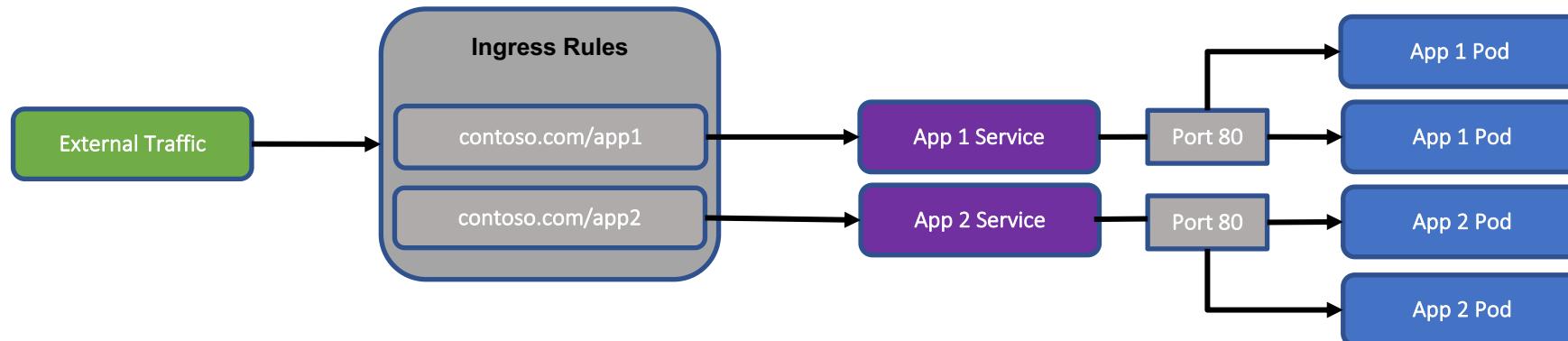


Publishing Kubernetes Services

- LoadBalancer: Exposes NodePort and ClusterIP services to external traffic



- Ingress: Layer 7 controller to distribute application traffic based





Imperative Deployment to AKS



- Retag and Push sample image to Docker Hub
- Deploy to AKS
- Expose the Service
- Scale the deployment manually
- Update the version of the deployment
- Rollback the deployment



AKS Scaling



Manual: Use `az aks scale` to increase or decrease the node count



Virtual Node: Burst out using Azure Container Instances



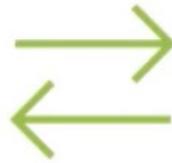
Cluster Autoscaler: Use VMSS to enable automatic scaling



Cluster Autoscaler Functionality



Cluster Autoscaler: scales node count to support new pods



Horizontal pod Autoscaler: Scaled pods to support service requirements



Supports multiple node pools feature



Container Registries



Docker images can be stored locally

Use container registries to share images

Docker Hub hosts public images

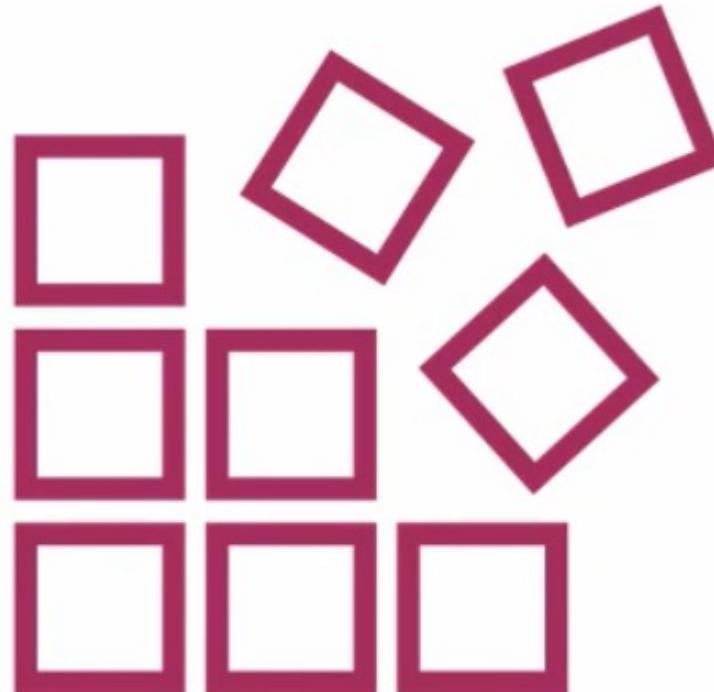
- <https://hub.docker.com/>
- Also supports private image hosting

Azure Container Registry (ACR)

- Store containers in Azure
- Can build images automatically



Container Registry Security

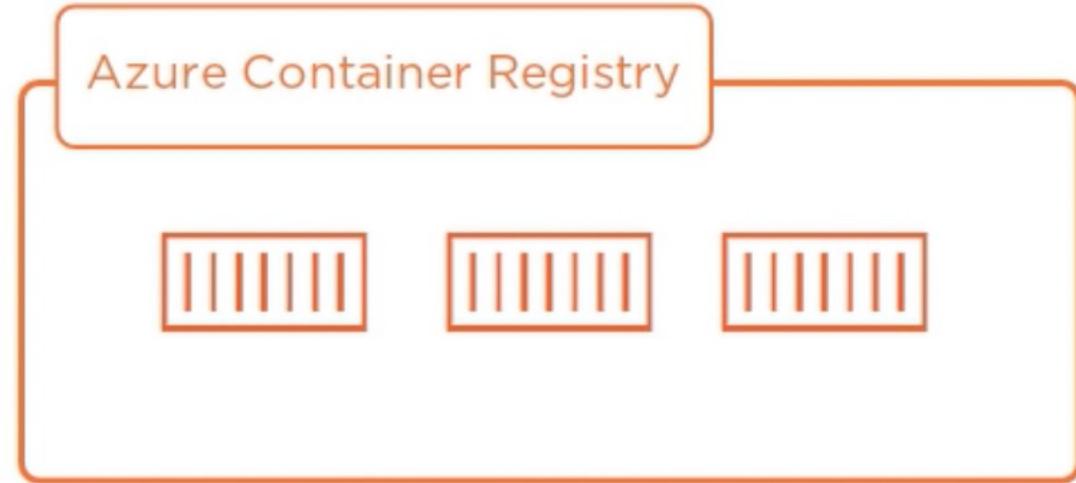


Images not accessible to the public

Can restrict access rights

Only allow trusted images

Automatically update to use latest security updates



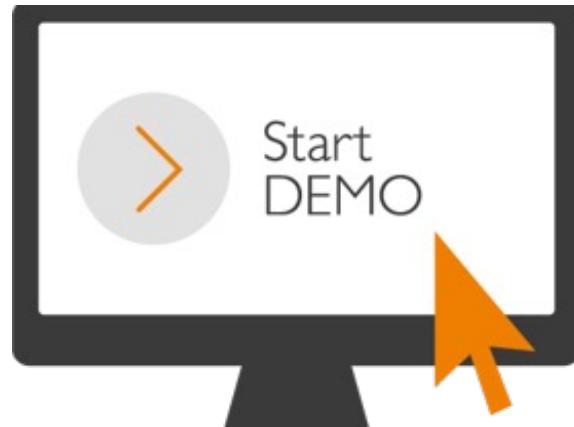
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graph LR; A[Azure Container Registry] --- B[AKS Agent Pool Node(s)]
```

Azure Container Registry

AKS Agent Pool Node(s)



Provision and Configure Azure Container Registry



- Create an Azure Container Registry in Azure Portal
- Create a Docker image using a Dockerfile
- Log in to ACR and push Docker image in it
- Run container using Docker Image in ACR
- Verify container service and image in ACR

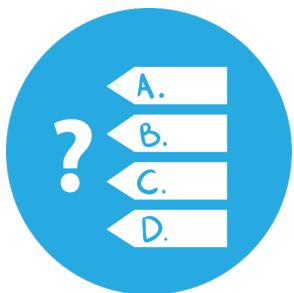


Pre-requisites:

1. Install .NET Core
2. Install Docker
3. Install VS Code with the below extensions:
Docker, Git, Kubernetes, C#
4. Install Helm 3
5. Azure CLI



Quiz



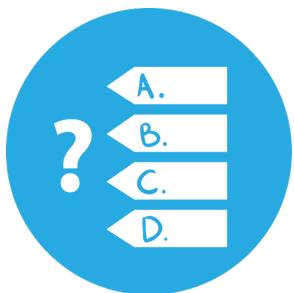
1. Docker Desktop is an app for building and sharing containerized apps and microservices available on which of the following operating systems?
 - a. macOS only
 - b. Linux only
 - c. Windows, macOS, and Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)

2. Which is correct Docker command to rebuild a container image?
 - a. docker rebuild
 - b. docker compile
 - c. docker build

3. Which of the following sentences describe a container image the best?
 - a. A container image is a read-only portable package that contains software and may include an operating system.
 - b. A container image is a set of commands that builds a container.
 - c. A container image is a read-only portable package that contains software.



Quiz



4. A container is launched using the --publish 8080:80 flag. Which of the following options is the most likely network configuration used for the container?
 - a. none
 - b. Bridge
 - c. Host

5. Suppose you work for a company that builds a Massively Multiplayer Online (MMO) game. You decide to move all your services to Azure Kubernetes service. Which of the following components will contribute to your monthly Azure charge?
 - a. The Master node
 - b. Per deployed Pod
 - c. Per node VM

6. Which of the following Kubernetes objects would you use to expose deployments
 - a. pods
 - b. service
 - c. Replica set

THANK YOU

