

OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM

TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

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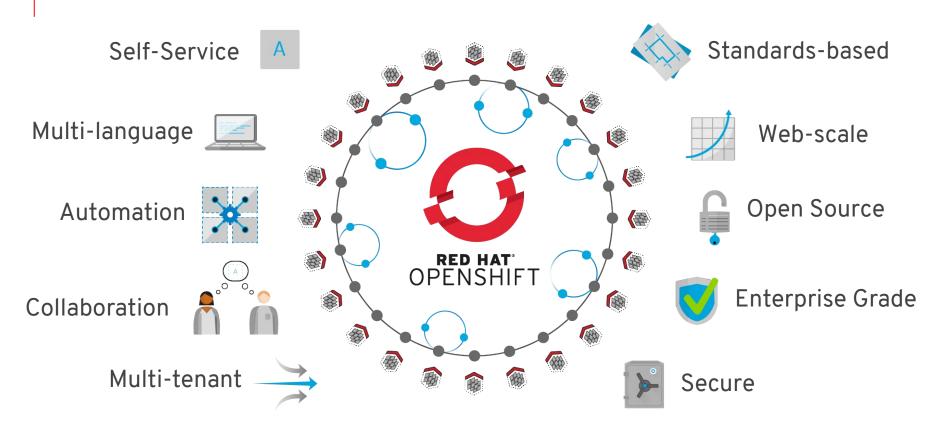
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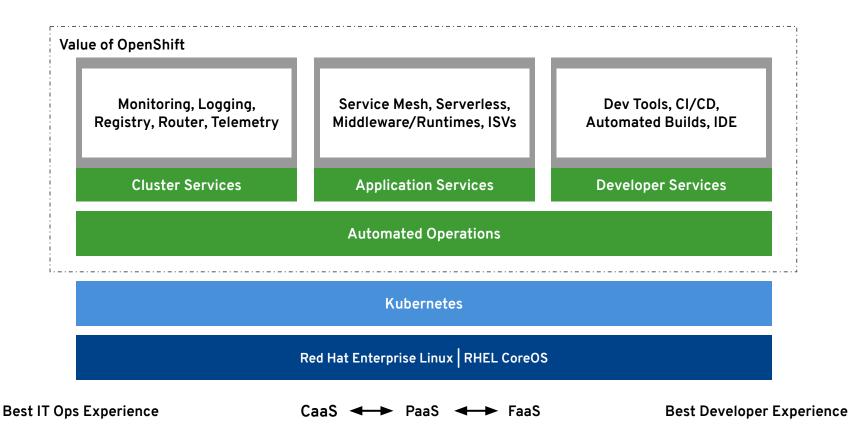


Functional overview



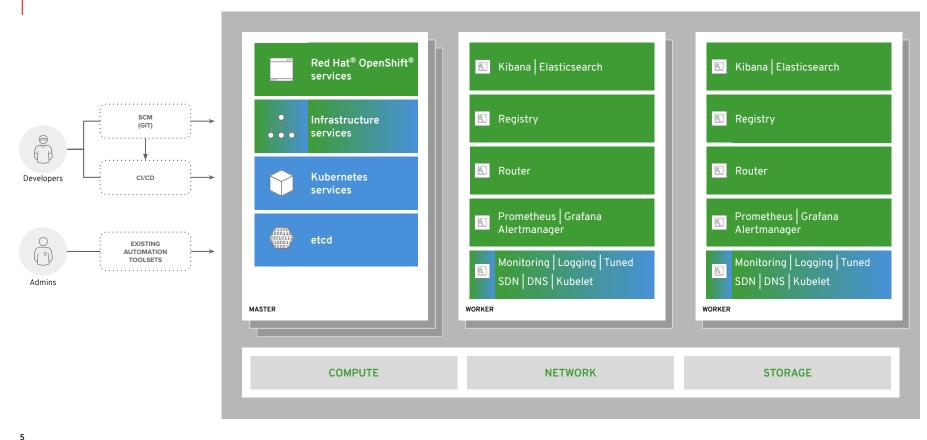






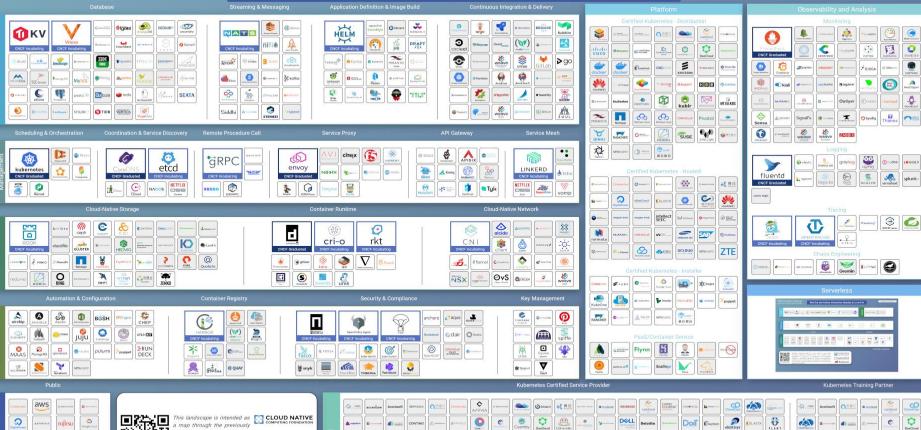


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Overwhelmed? Please see the CNCF Trail Map. That and the interactive landscape are at l.cncf.io















OpenShift and Kubernetes core concepts



a container is the smallest compute unit



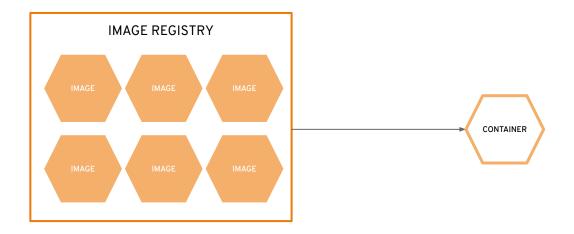


containers are created from container images



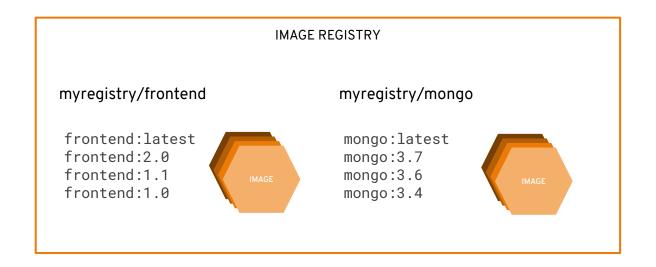


container images are stored in an image registry



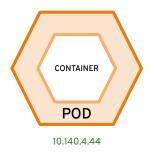


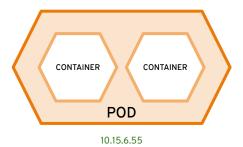
an image repository contains all versions of an image in the image registry





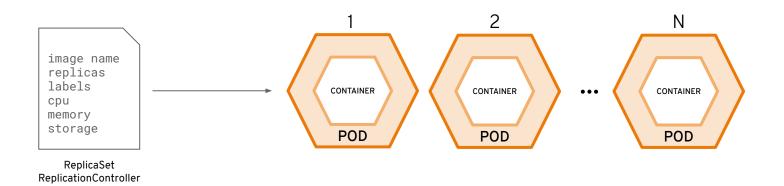
containers are wrapped in pods which are units of deployment and management





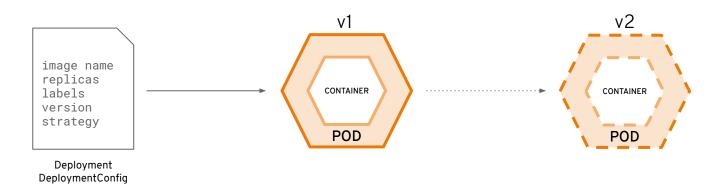


ReplicationControllers & ReplicaSets ensure a specified number of pods are running at any given time



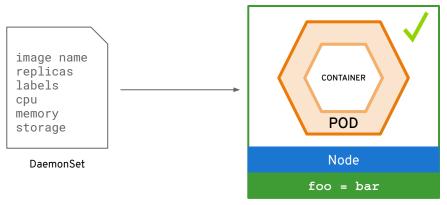


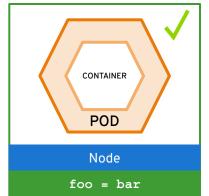
Deployments and DeploymentConfigurations define how to roll out new versions of Pods

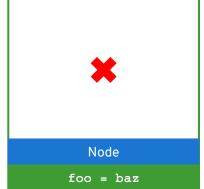




a daemonset ensures that all (or some) nodes run a copy of a pod

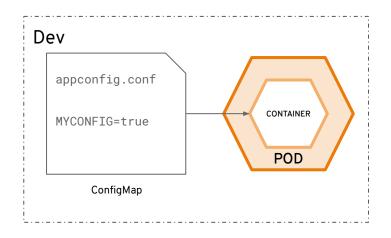


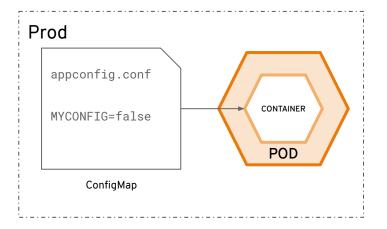






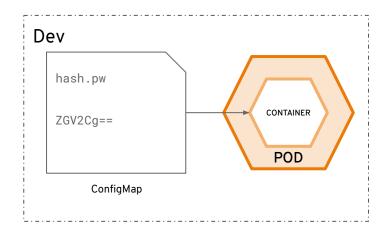
configmaps allow you to decouple configuration artifacts from image content

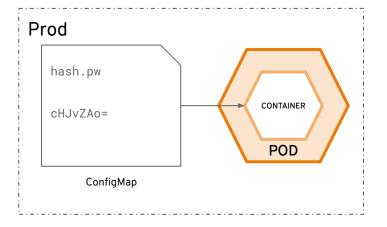






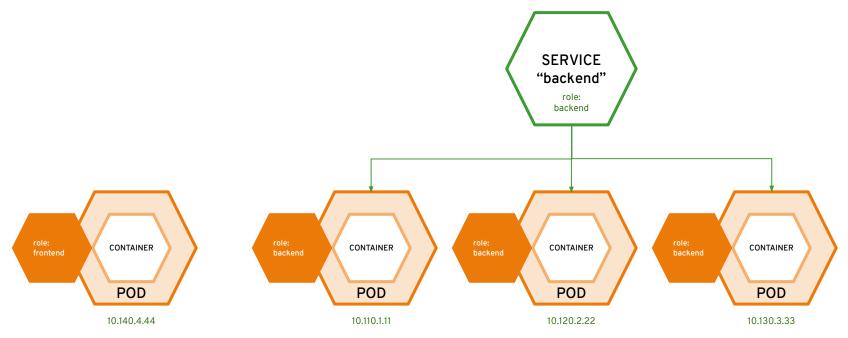
secrets provide a mechanism to hold sensitive information such as passwords





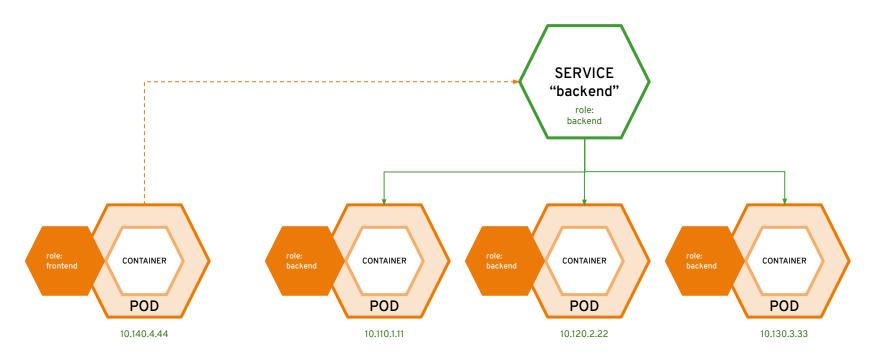


services provide internal load-balancing and service discovery across pods



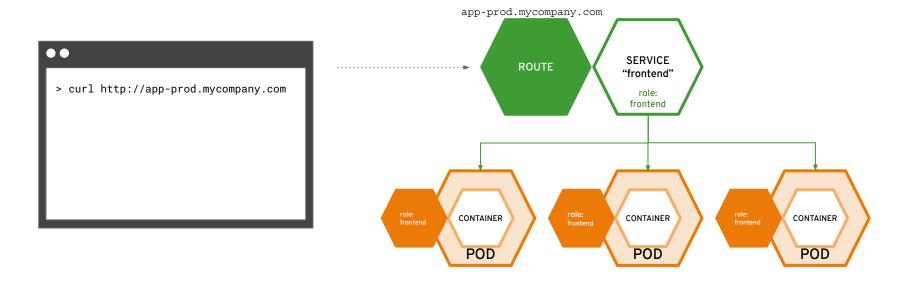


apps can talk to each other via services



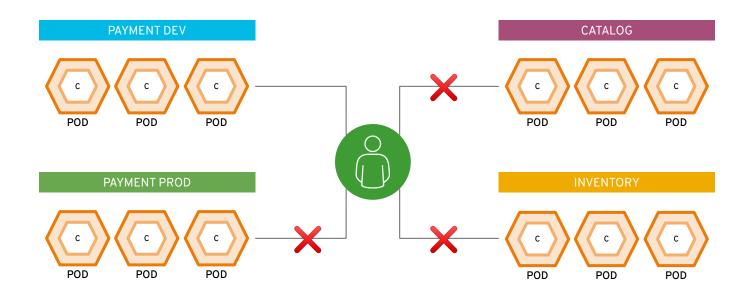


routes make services accessible to clients outside the environment via real-world urls





projects isolate apps across environments, teams, groups and departments







OpenShift 4 Architecture



your choice of infrastructure

COMPUTE NETWORK STORAGE



workers run workloads



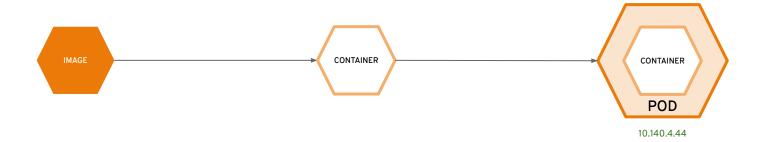


masters are the control plane





everything runs in pods



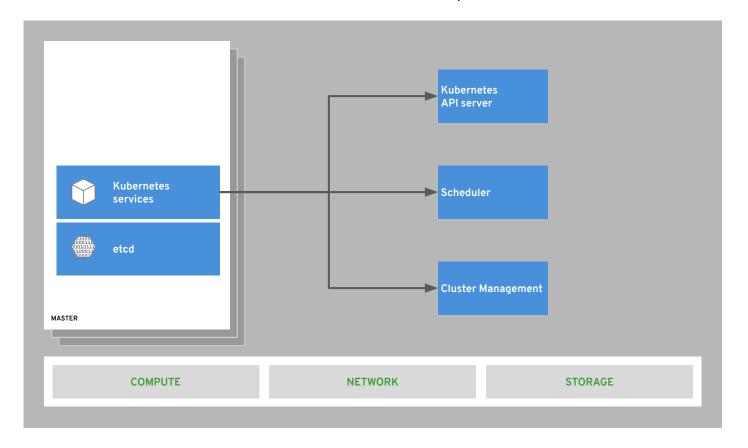


state of everything



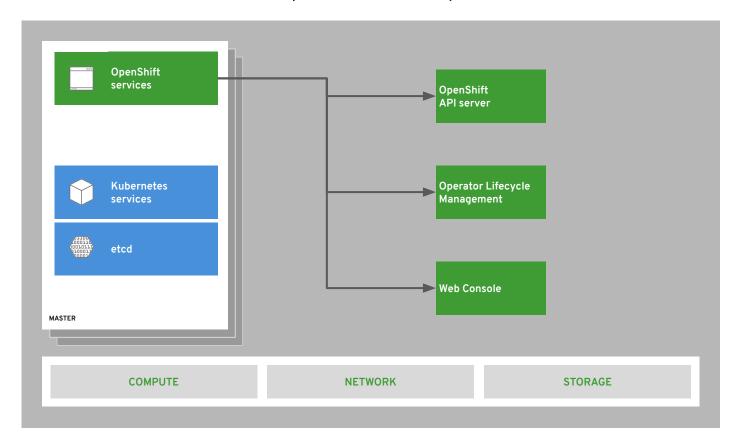


core kubernetes components



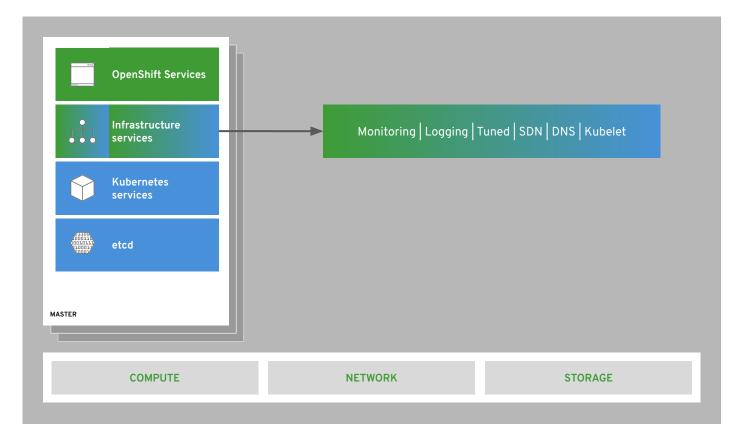


core OpenShift components





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run on all hosts



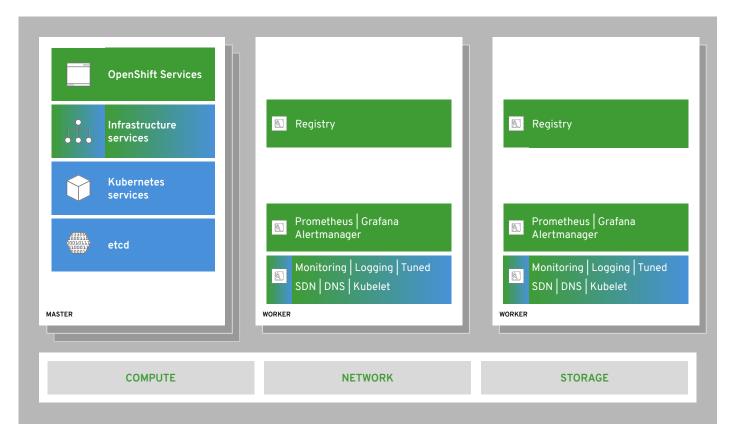


integrated image registry



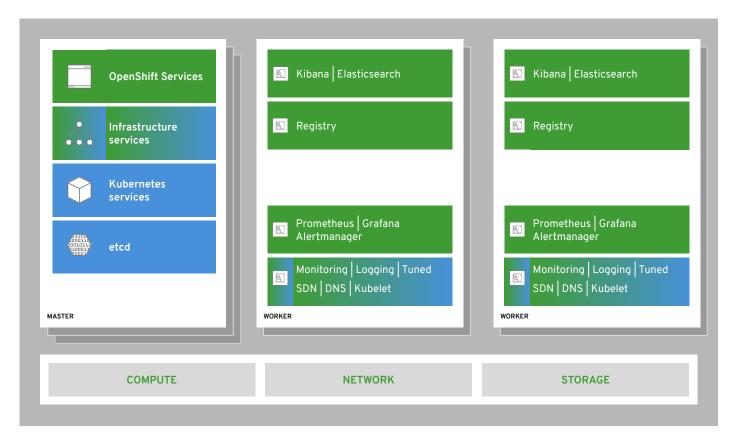


cluster monitoring



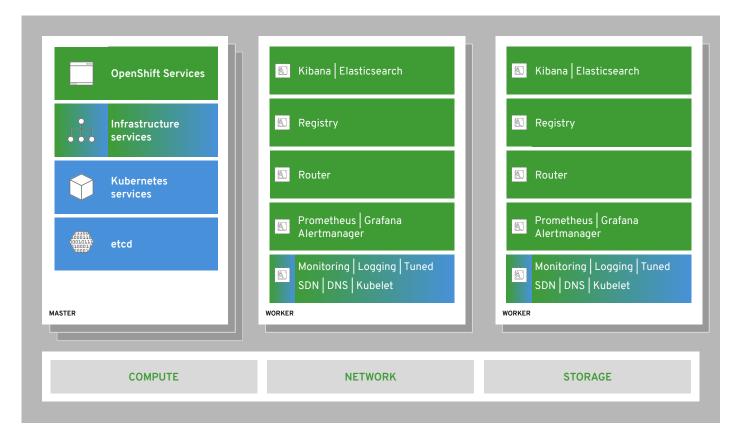


log aggregation



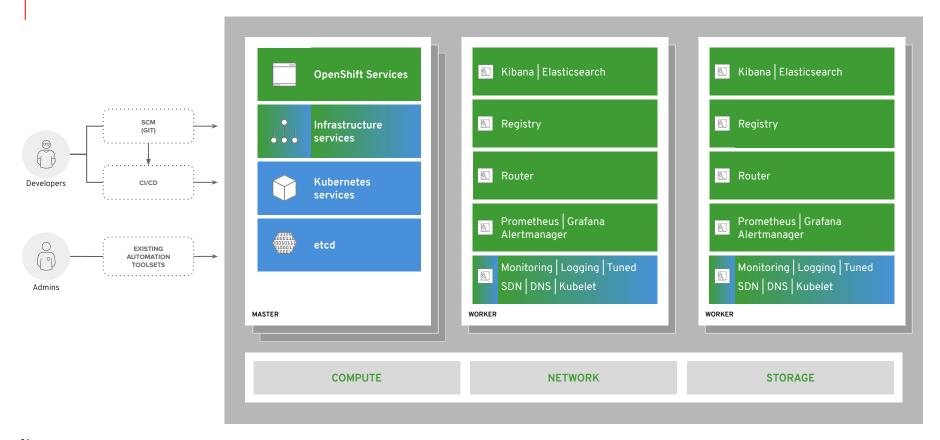


integrated routing

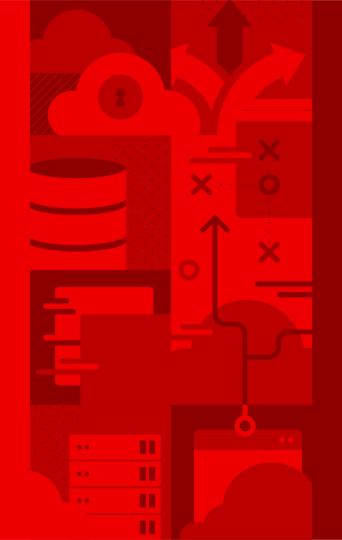




dev and ops via web, cli, API, and IDE







OpenShift lifecycle, installation & upgrades



OpenShift 4 Installation

Two new paradigms for deploying clusters



Installation Paradigms

OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM

Full Stack Automated

Simplified opinionated "Best Practices" for cluster provisioning

Fully automated installation and updates including host container OS.

Red Hat
Enterprise Linux
CoreOS

Pre-existing Infrastructure

Customer managed resources & infrastructure provisioning

Plug into existing DNS and security boundaries



Red Hat
Enterprise
Linux

HOSTED OPENSHIFT

Azure Red Hat OpenShift

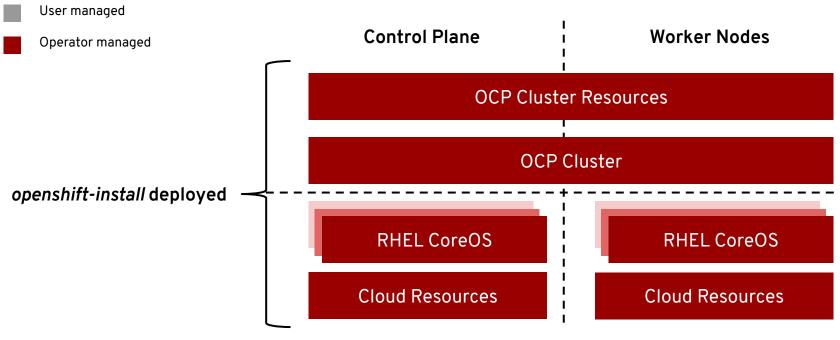
Deploy directly from the Azure console. Jointly managed by Red Hat and Microsoft Azure engineers.

OpenShift Dedicated

Get a powerful cluster, fully Managed by Red Hat engineers and support.

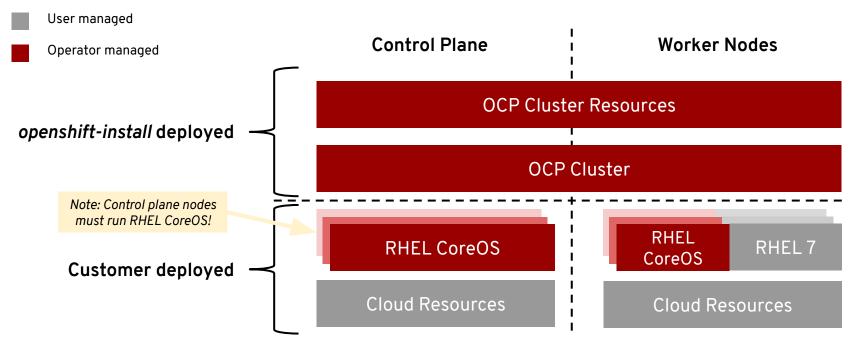


Full-stack Automated Installation





Pre-existing Infrastructure Installation





Comparison of Paradigms

	Full Stack Automation	Pre-existing Infrastructure
Build Network	Installer	User
Setup Load Balancers	Installer	User
Configure DNS	Installer	User
Hardware/VM Provisioning	Installer	User
OS Installation	Installer	User
Generate Ignition Configs	Installer	Installer
OS Support	Installer: RHEL CoreOS	User: RHEL CoreOS + RHEL 7
Node Provisioning / Autoscaling	Yes	Only for providers with OpenShift Machine API support

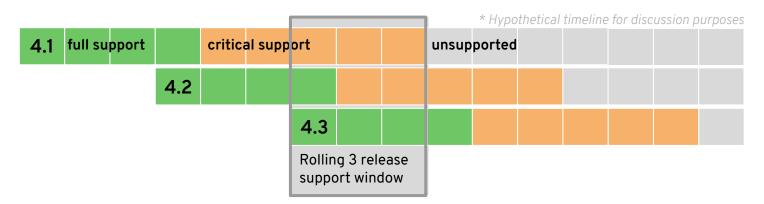


OpenShift 4 Lifecycle

Supported paths for upgrades and migrations



Support Timelines



New model

Release based, not date based. Rolling three release window for support.

The overall 4 series will be supported for at least three years

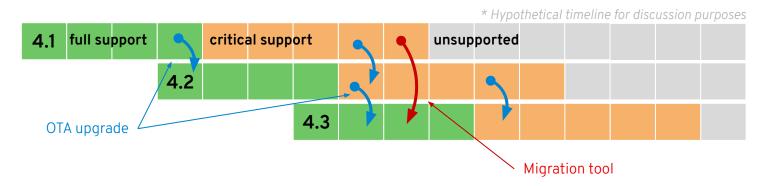
- Minimum two years full support (likely more)
- One year maintenance past the end of full support

EUS release planned

Supported for 14 months of critical bug and critical security fixes instead of the normal 5 months. If you stay on the EUS for its entire life, you must use the application migration tooling to move to a new cluster



Upgrades vs. Migrations



OTA Upgrades

Works between two minor releases in a serial manner.

Happy path = migrate through each version

On a regular cadence, migrate to the next supported version.

Optional path = migration tooling

If you fall more than two releases behind, you must use the application migration tooling to move to a new cluster.

Current minor release

Full support for all bugs and security issues 1 month full support overlap with next release to aid migrations

Previous minor release

Fixes for critical bugs and security issues for 5 months





Operations and infrastructure deep dive



Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS

The OpenShift operating system



Red Hat Enterprise Linux

	RED HAT' ENTERPRISE LINUX'	RED HAT' ENTERPRISE LINUX CoreOS
	General Purpose OS	Immutable container host
BENEFITS	 10+ year enterprise life cycle Industry standard security High performance on any infrastructure Customizable and compatible with wide ecosystem of partner solutions 	 Self-managing, over-the-air updates Immutable and tightly integrated with OpenShift Host isolation is enforced via Containers Optimized performance on popular infrastructure
WHEN TO USE	When customization and integration with additional solutions is required	When cloud-native, hands-free operations are a top priority

Immutable Operating System

Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS is versioned with OpenShift

CoreOS is tested and shipped in conjunction with the platform. Red Hat runs thousands of tests against these configurations.

Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS is managed by the cluster

The Operating system is operated as part of the cluster, with the config for components managed by Machine Config Operator:

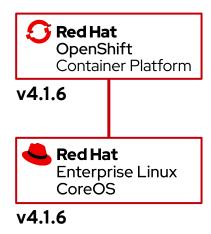
- CRI-O config
- Kubelet config
- Authorized registries
- SSH config

RHEL CoreOS admins are responsible for:

Nothing. $\stackrel{\longleftarrow}{\longleftarrow}$











A lightweight, OCI-compliant container runtime

Minimal and Secure
Architecture

Optimized for Kubernetes Runs any
OCI-compliant image
(including docker)



CRI-O Support in OpenShift

CRI-O tracks and versions identical to Kubernetes, simplifying support permutations





podman



A docker-compatible CLI for containers

- Remote management API via Varlink
- Image/container tagging
- Advanced namespace isolation



buildah



Secure & flexible OCI container builds

- Integrated into OCP build pods
- Performance improvements for knative enablement
- Image signing improvements



OpenShift 4 installation

Installer and
user-provisioned
infrastructure, bootstrap,
and more



OpenShift Bootstrap Process: Self-Managed Kubernetes

How to boot a self-managed cluster:

- OpenShift 4 is unique in that management extends all the way down to the operating system
- Every machine boots with a configuration that references resources hosted in the cluster it joins, enabling cluster to manage itself
- Downside is that every machine looking to join the cluster is waiting on the cluster to be created
- Dependency loop is broken using a bootstrap machine, which acts as a temporary control plane whose sole purpose is bringing up the permanent control plane nodes
- Permanent control plane nodes get booted and join the cluster leveraging the control plane on the bootstrap machine
- Once the pivot to the permanent control plane takes place, the remaining worker nodes can be booted and join the cluster

Bootstrapping process step by step:

- 1. Bootstrap machine boots and starts hosting the remote resources required for master machines to boot.
- 2. Master machines fetch the remote resources from the bootstrap machine and finish booting.
- 3. Master machines use the bootstrap node to form an etcd cluster.
- 4. Bootstrap node starts a temporary Kubernetes control plane using the newly-created etcd cluster.
- 5. Temporary control plane schedules the production control plane to the master machines.
- 6. Temporary control plane shuts down, yielding to the production control plane.
- 7. Bootstrap node injects OpenShift-specific components into the newly formed control plane.
- 8. Installer then tears down the bootstrap node or if user-provisioned, this needs to be performed by the administrator.



How everything deployed comes under management

Masters (Special)

- Terraform provisions initial masters*
- Machine API adopts existing masters post-provision
- Each master is a standalone Machine object
- Termination protection (avoid self-destruction)

Workers

- Each Machine Pool corresponds to MachineSet
- Optionally autoscale (min,max) and health check (replace if not ready > X minutes)

Multi-AZ

- MachineSets scoped to single AZ
- Installer stripes N machine sets across AZs by default
- Post-install best effort balance via cluster autoscaler



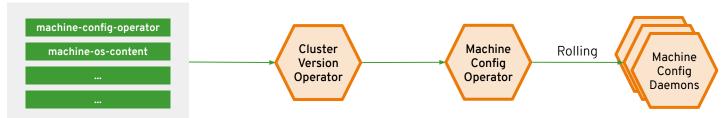
OpenShift 4 Cluster Management

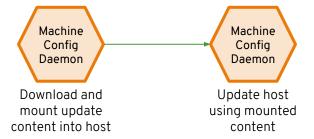
Powered by Operators,
OpenShift 4 automates
many cluster
management activities



Over-the-air updates

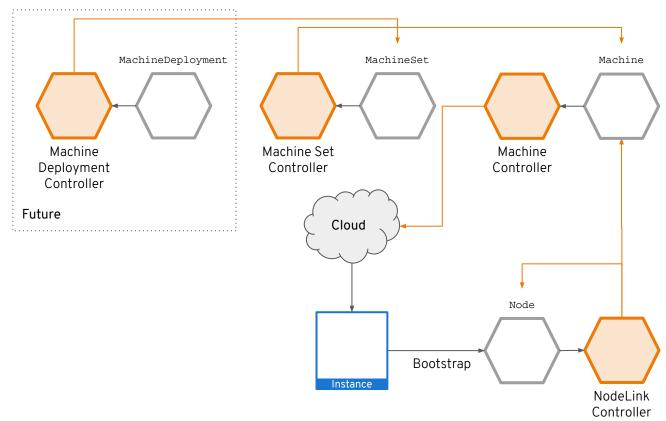
Release Payload Info







Cloud API





OpenShift Security

Features, mechanisms
and processes for
container and platform
isolation





CONTROL

Application Security

Container Content

CI/CD Pipeline

Container Registry

Deployment Policies



DEFEND

Infrastructure

Container Platform

Container Host Multi-tenancy

Network Isolation

Storage

Audit & Logging

API Management



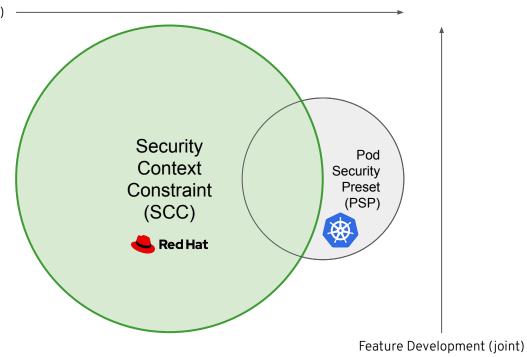
EXTEND

Security Ecosystem



Extended Depth of Protection

Feature Transfer (upstream)





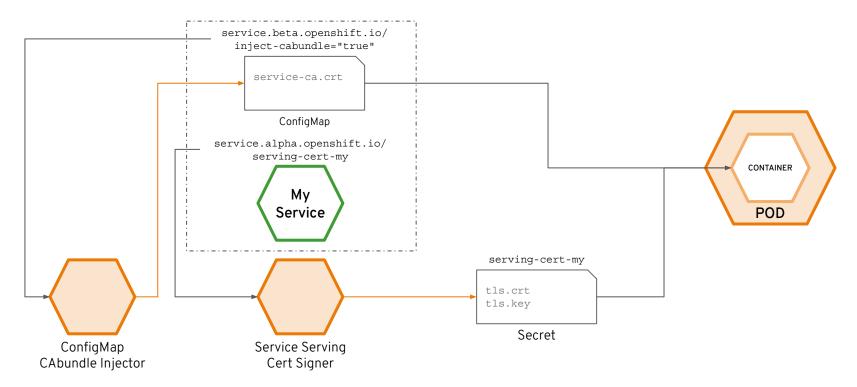
Certificates and Certificate Management

- OpenShift provides its own internal CA
- Certificates are used to provide secure connections to
 - master (APIs) and nodes
 - Ingress controller and registry
 - etcd
- Certificate rotation is automated
- Optionally configure external endpoints to use custom certificates



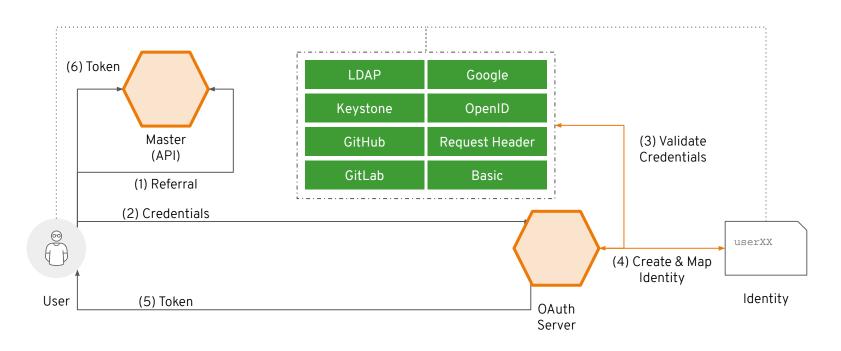


Service Certificates





Identity and Access Management





Fine-Grained RBAC

- Project scope & cluster scope available
- Matches request attributes (verb,object,etc)
- If no roles match, request is denied (deny by default)
- Operator- and user-level roles are defined by default
- Custom roles are supported

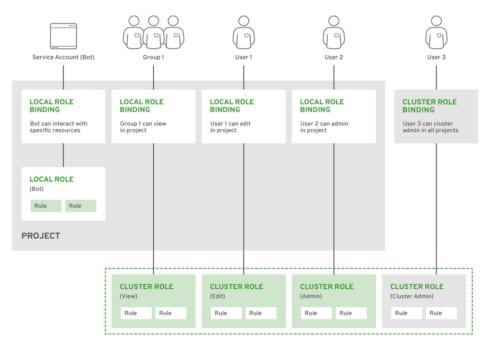


Figure 12 - Authorization Relationships



OpenShift Monitoring

An integrated cluster monitoring and alerting stack



OpenShift Cluster Monitoring





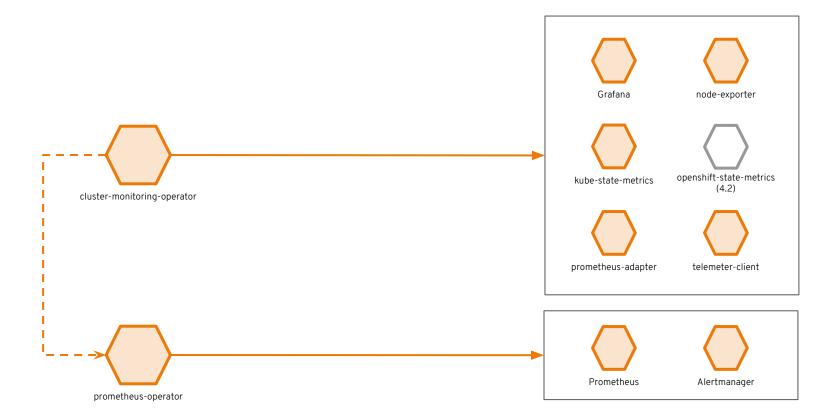


Alerting/notification via Prometheus' Alertmanager, an open-source tool that handles alerts send by Prometheus.

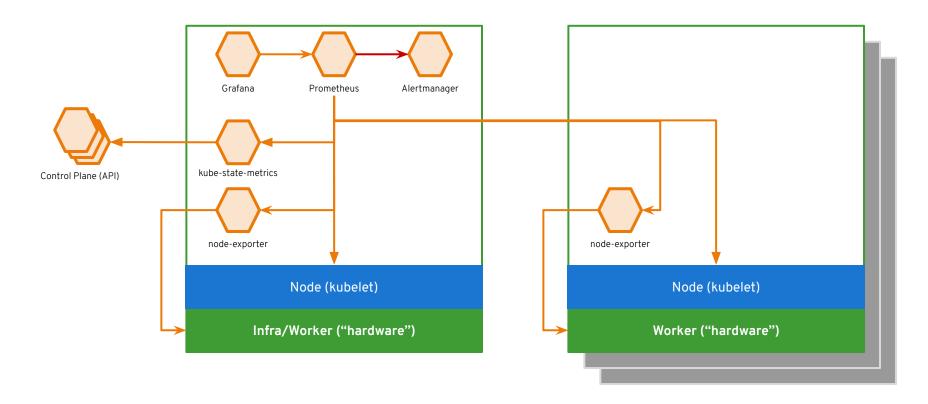


Metrics visualization via Grafana, the leading metrics visualization technology.











OpenShift Logging

An integrated solution for exploring and corroborating application logs



Observability via log exploration and corroboration with EFK

Components

- Elasticsearch: a search and analytics engine to store logs
- Fluentd: gathers logs and sends to Elasticsearch.
- Kibana: A web UI for Elasticsearch.

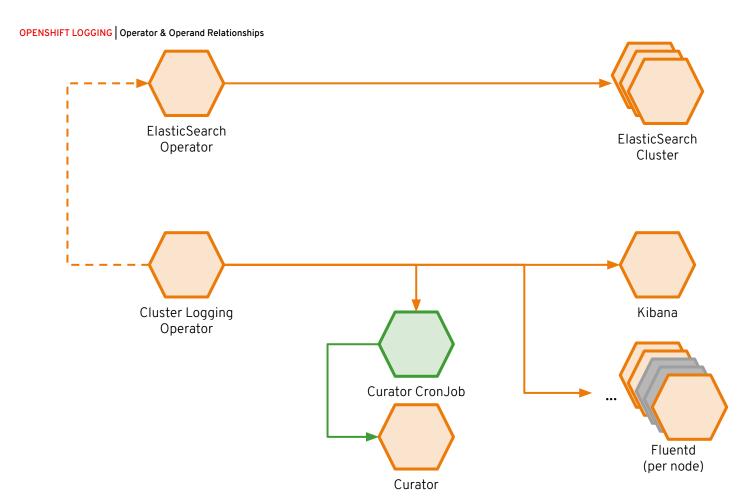
Access control

- Cluster administrators can view all logs
- Users can only view logs for their projects

Ability to forward logs elsewhere

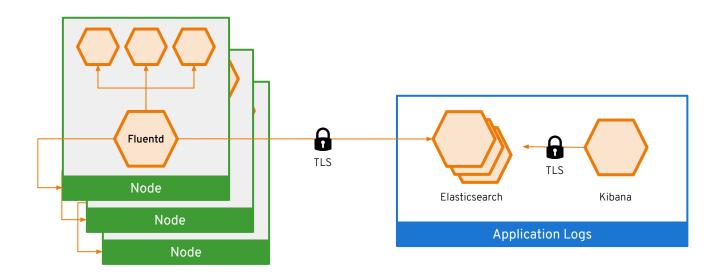
External elasticsearch, Splunk, etc





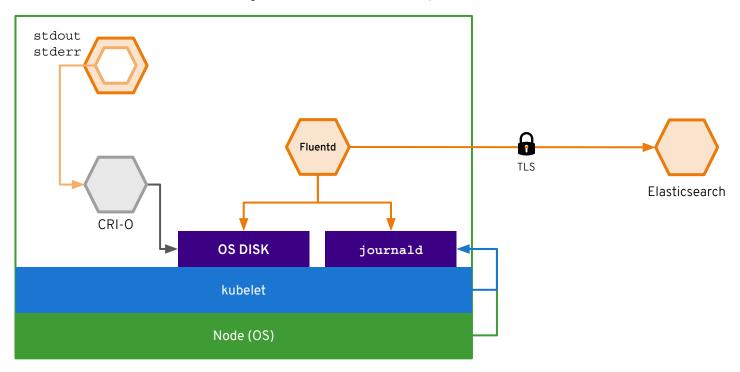


Log data flow in OpenShift





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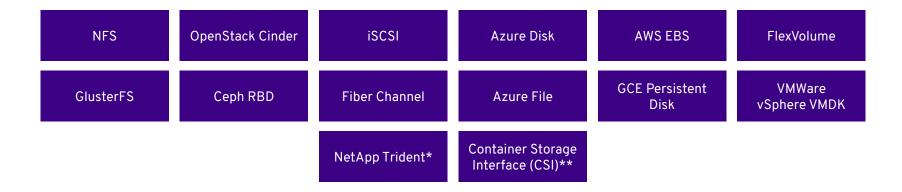


Persistent Storage

Connecting real-world storage to your containers to enable stateful applications

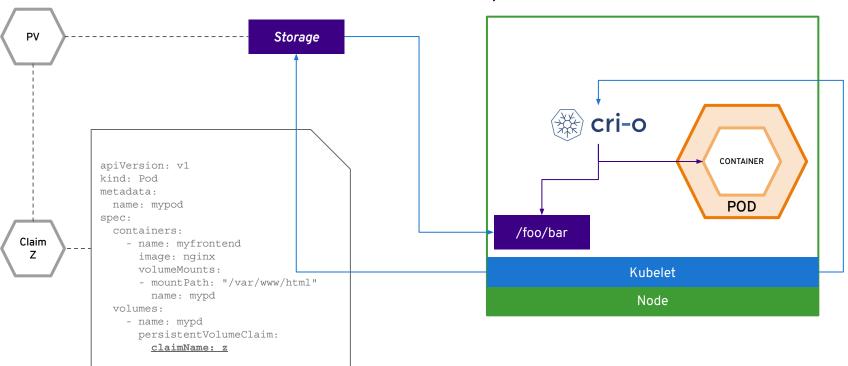


A broad spectrum of static and dynamic storage endpoints



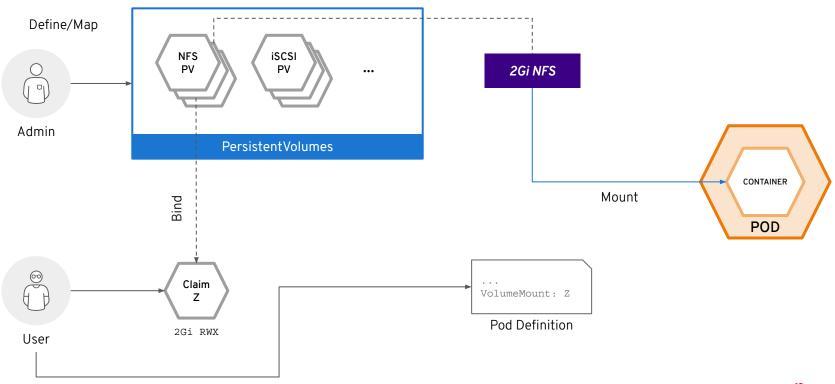


PV Consumption



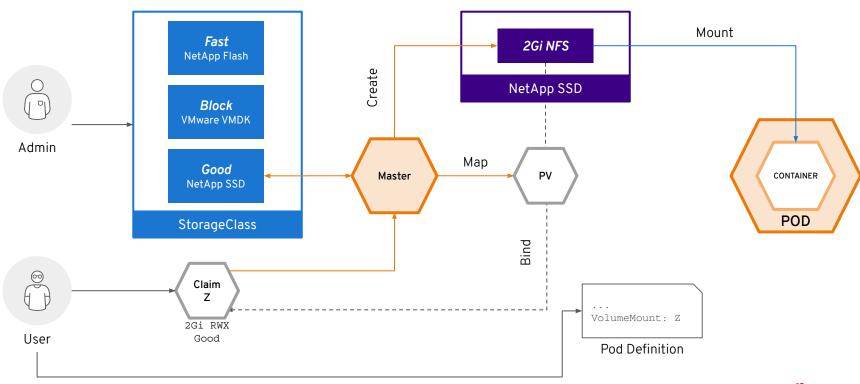


Static Storage Provisioning





Dynamic Storage Provisioning





Build and Deploy Container Images

Tools and automation that makes developers productive quickly





DEPLOY YOUR SOURCE CODE



DEPLOY YOUR APP BINARY



DEPLOY YOUR CONTAINER IMAGE



