

# IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation on IBM Containers

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## Overview

Before talking about IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation and IBM Containers, lets talk Bluemix.

**IBM Bluemix** is an implementation of IBM's Open Cloud Architecture. It leverages **Cloud Foundry** to enable developers to rapidly build, deploy, and manage their cloud applications, while tapping a growing ecosystem of available services and runtime frameworks.

Learn more about the Bluemix architecture and Bluemix concepts on the Bluemix website (<https://www.ng.bluemix.net/docs/overview/overview.html>).

## How does it work?

In a nutshell: to run IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation on IBM Containers, several components must interact with one another: the first component is an **image** that contains a **Linux distribution with a WebSphere Liberty installation**, with a **MobileFirst Server instance** deployed to it. The image is then stored inside an **IBM Container**, and the IBM Container is managed by **Bluemix**.

## IBM Containers

IBM Containers are objects that are used to run images in a hosted cloud environment. IBM Containers hold everything that an app needs to run.

The IBM Container infrastructure includes a private registry for your images, so that you can upload, store, and retrieve them. You can make those images available for Bluemix to manage them. A command line interface is then used to manage your containers on Bluemix - More on this in the following tutorials.

Learn more about IBM Containers ([https://www.ng.bluemix.net/docs/containers/container\\_index.html](https://www.ng.bluemix.net/docs/containers/container_index.html)).

To learn more about IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation on IBM Containers, visit the user documentation website.

## Tutorials to follow next

- Create a MobileFirst Server instance on IBM Containers using the MobileFirst Platform Foundation Tile ([using-foundation-tile/](#)).
- **Advanced.** Learn how to create an image ([creating-an-image/](#)) of your MobileFirst Server and upload it to IBM Containers.