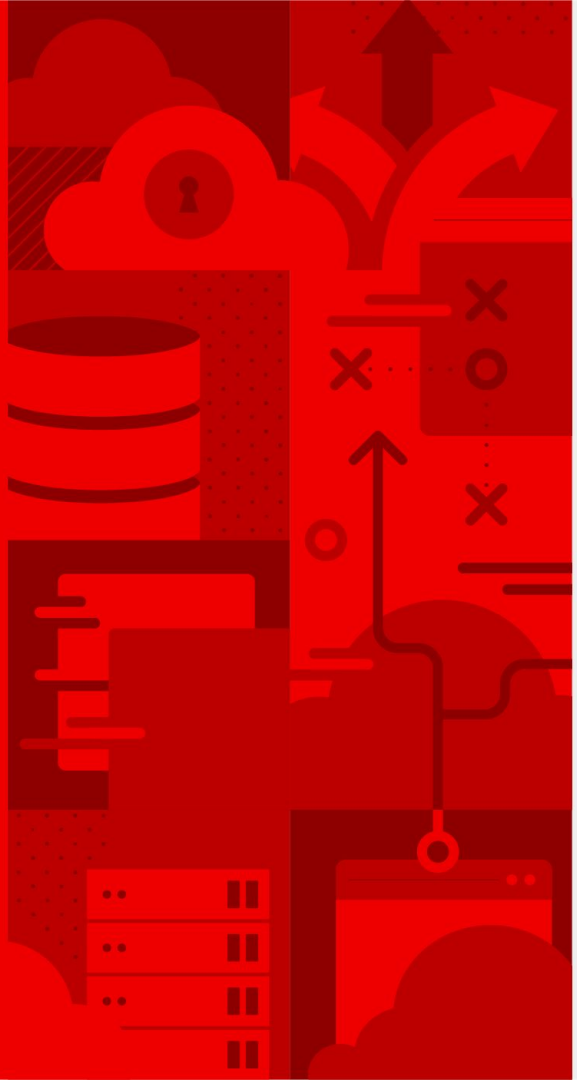

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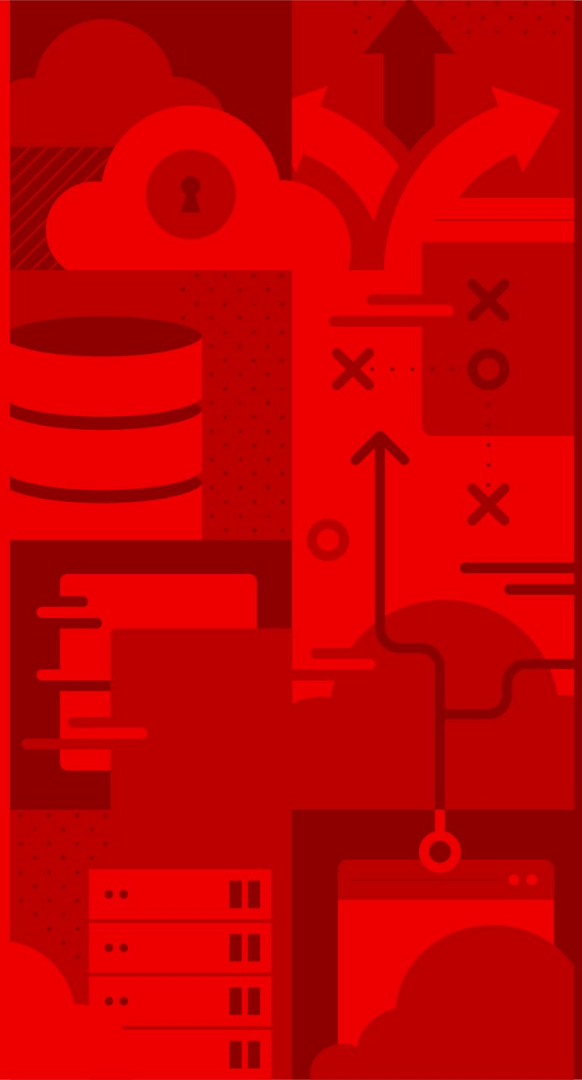

Functional overview

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Self-Service

Multi-language

Automation

Collaboration

Multi-tenant

Standards-based

Web-scale

Open Source

Enterprise Grade

Secure

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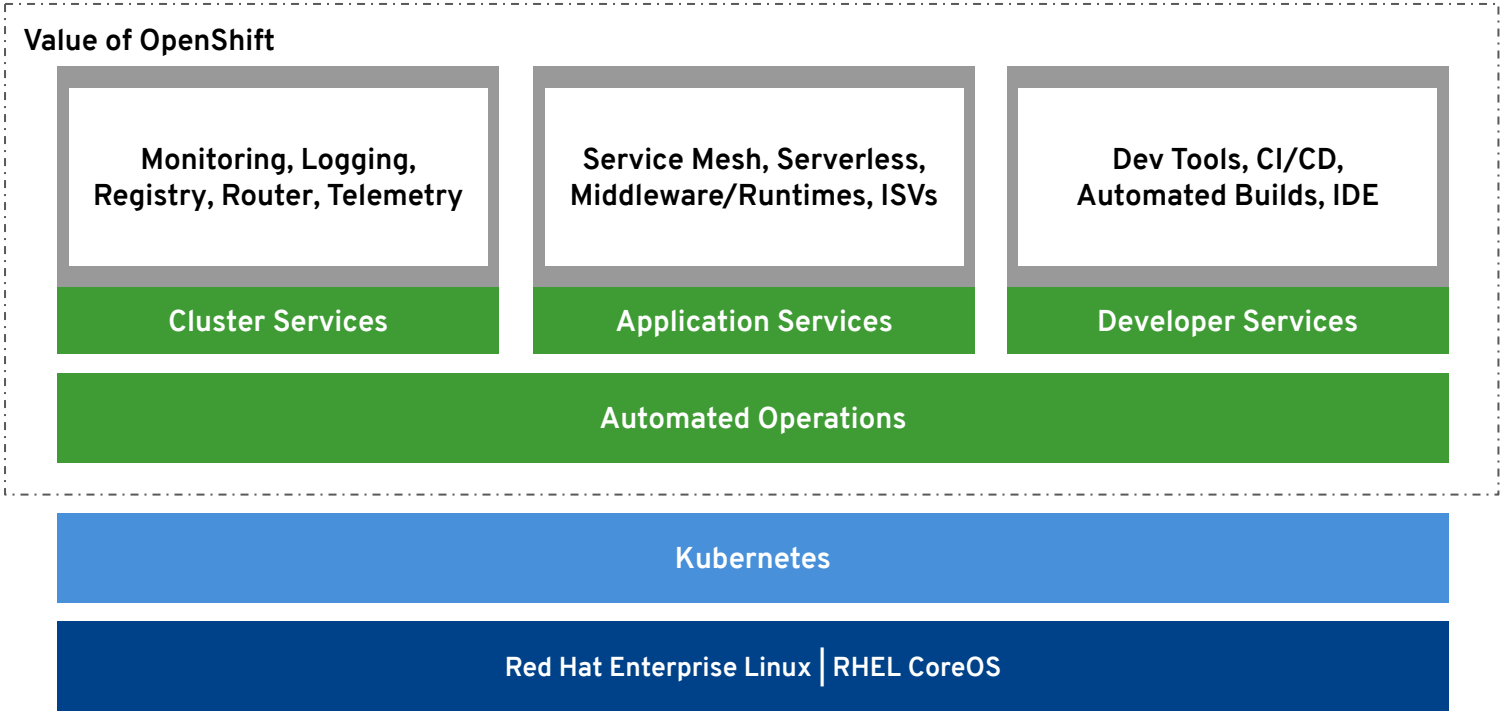

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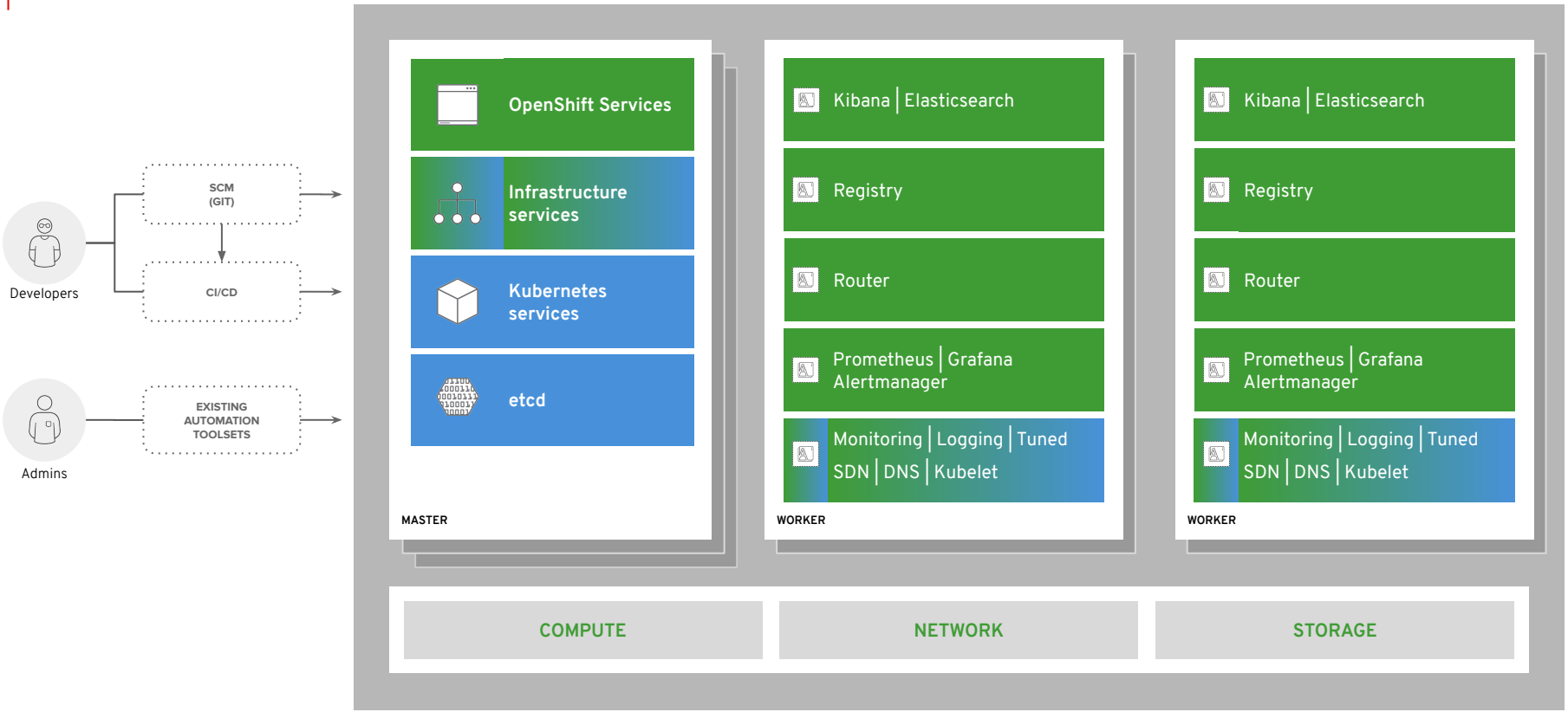
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CNCF Cloud Native Landscape

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

Greyed logos are not open source

App Definition and Development

Database

Streaming & Messaging

Application Definition & Image Build

Continuous Integration & Delivery

Orchestration & Management

Scheduling & Orchestration

Coordination & Service Discovery

Remote Procedure Call

Service Proxy

API Gateway

Service Mesh

Runtime

Cloud-Native Storage

Container Runtime

Cloud-Native Network

Provisioning

Automation & Configuration

Container Registry

Security & Compliance

Key Management

Platform

Certified Kubernetes - Distribution

Certified Kubernetes - Hosted

Certified Kubernetes - Installer

PaaS/Container Service

Observability and Analysis

Monitoring

Logging

Tracing

Chaos Engineering

Serverless

Cloud

Public

Special

Kubernetes Certified Service Provider

Kubernetes Training Partner

This landscape is intended as a map through the previously uncharted terrain of cloud native technologies. There are many routes to deploying a cloud native application, with CNCF Projects representing a particularly well-traveled path

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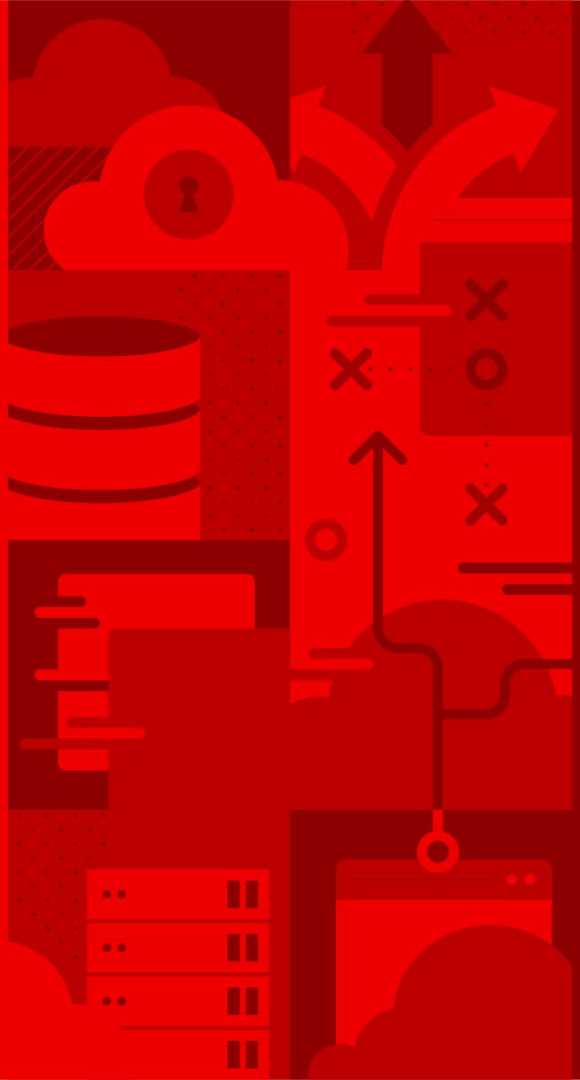

OpenShift and Kubernetes core concepts

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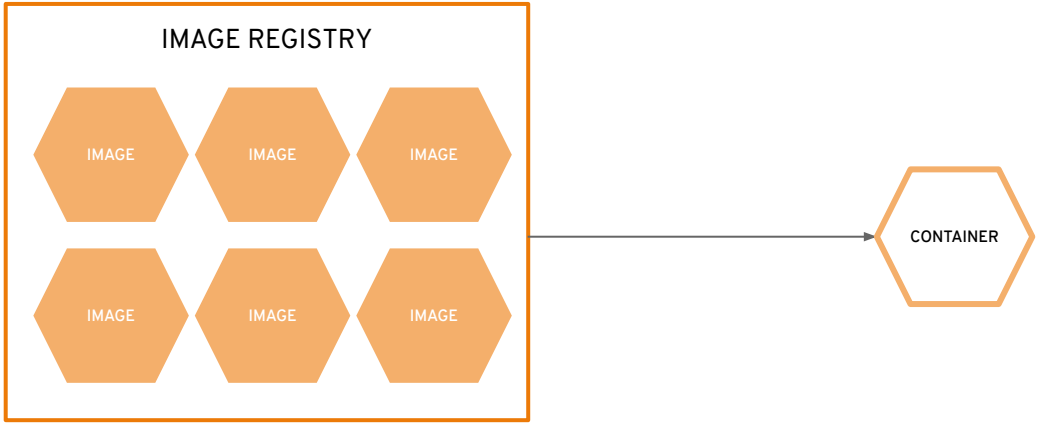
a container is the smallest compute unit

containers are created from container images

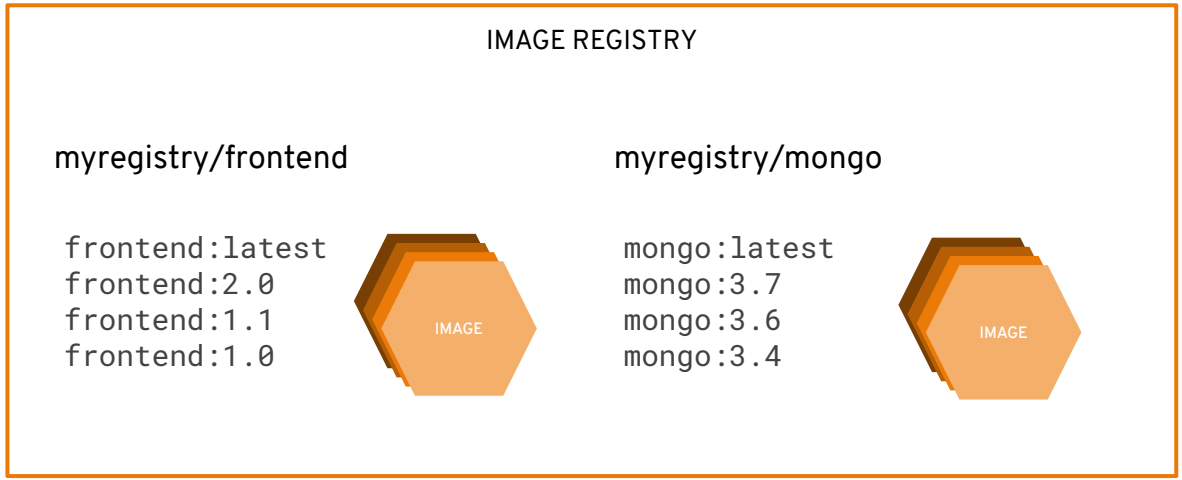
BINARY

RUNTIME

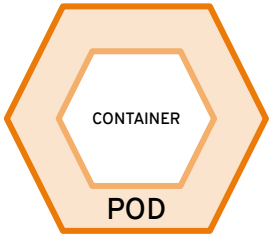
container images are stored in an image registry



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



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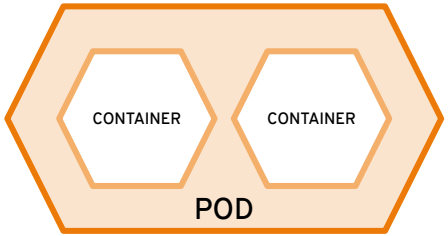

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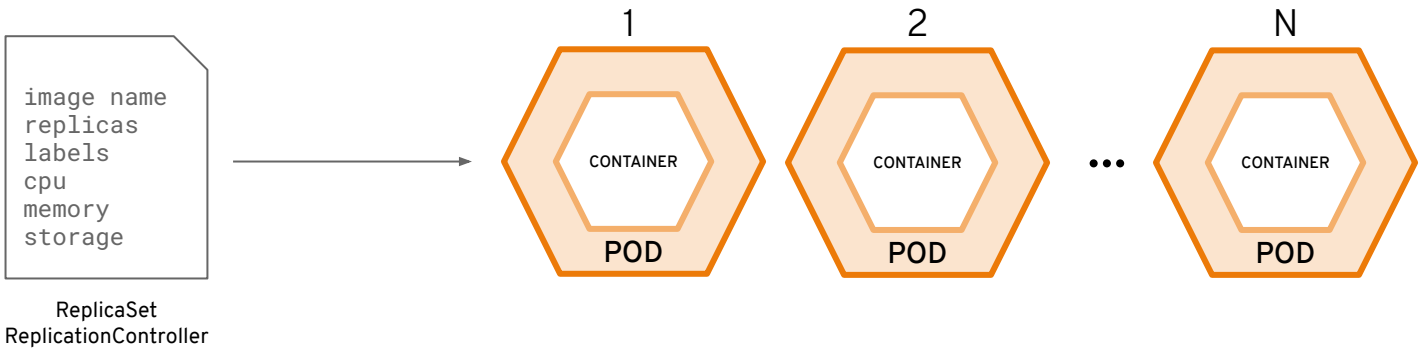
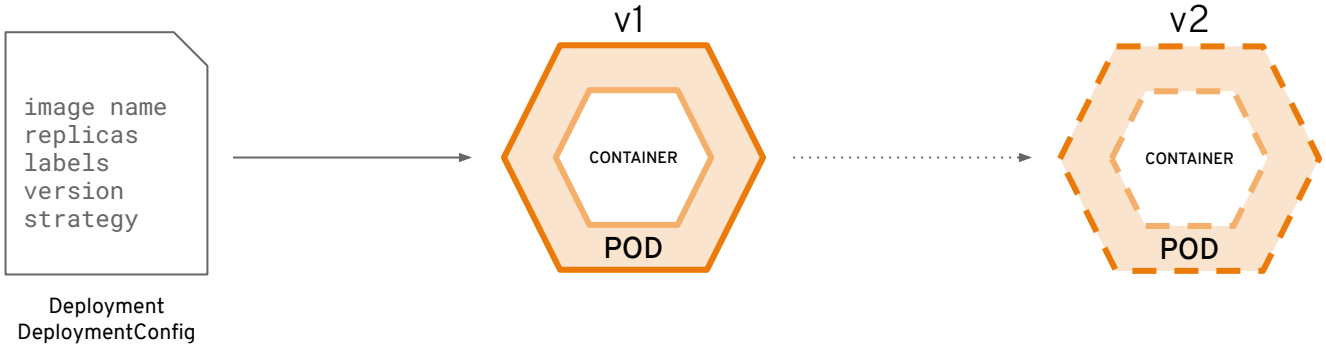
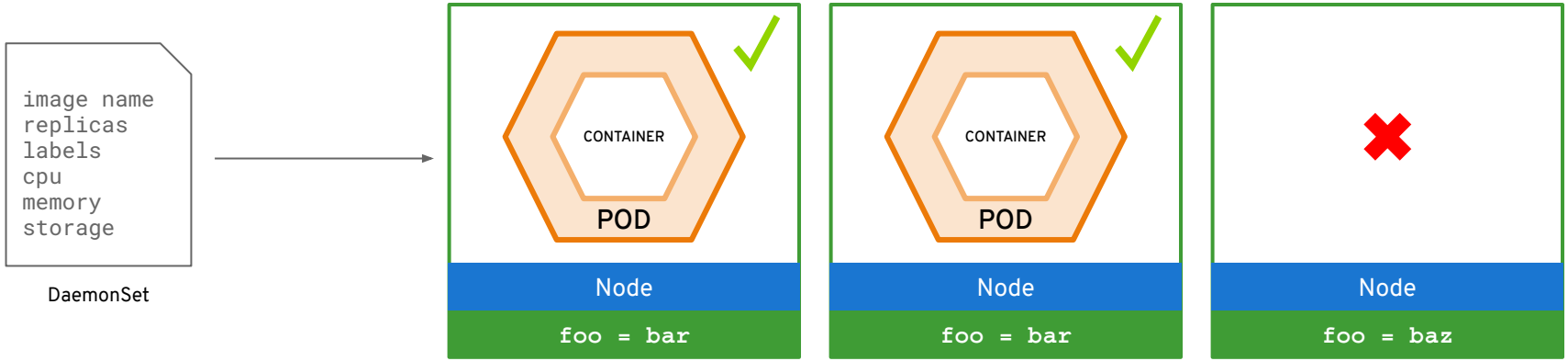
`ReplicationControllers` & `ReplicaSets` ensure a specified number of pods are running at any given time



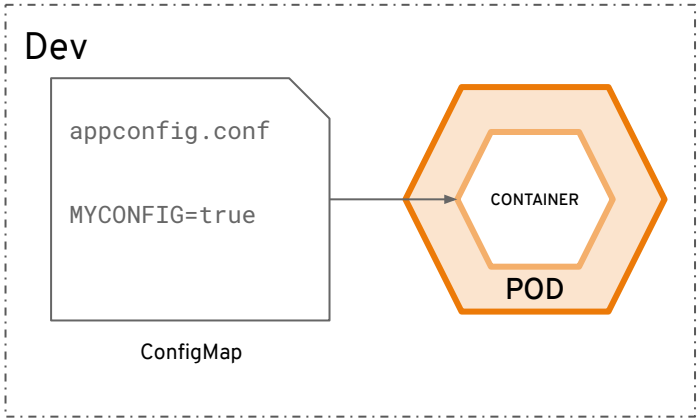
`Deployments` and `DeploymentConfigurations` define how to roll out new versions of Pods

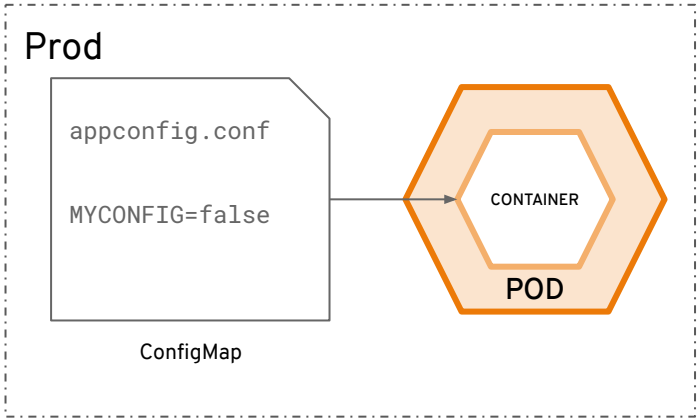


a daemonset ensures that all (or some) nodes run a copy of a pod

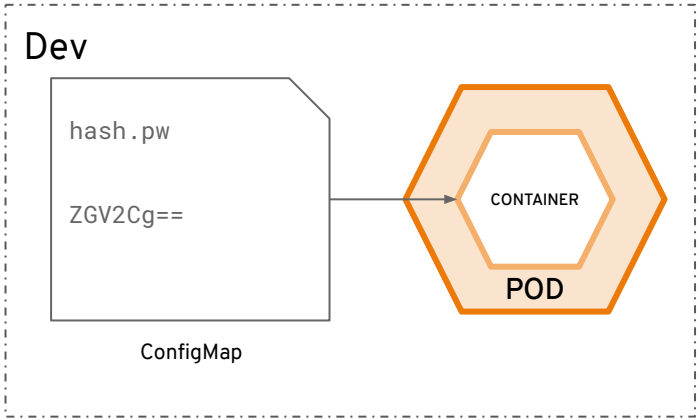


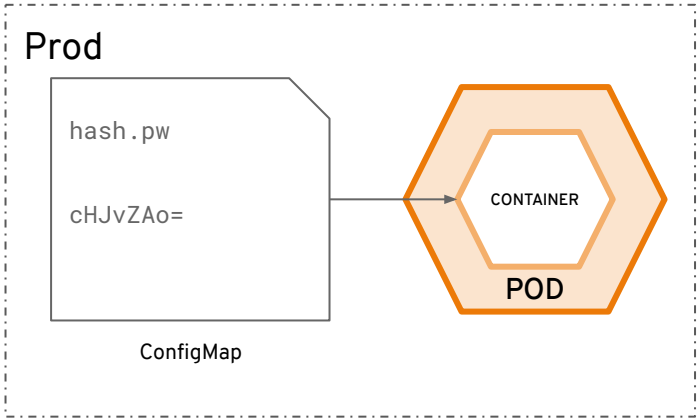
`configmaps` allow you to decouple configuration artifacts from image content





`secrets` provide a mechanism to hold sensitive information such as passwords





The etcd datastore can be encrypted for additional security
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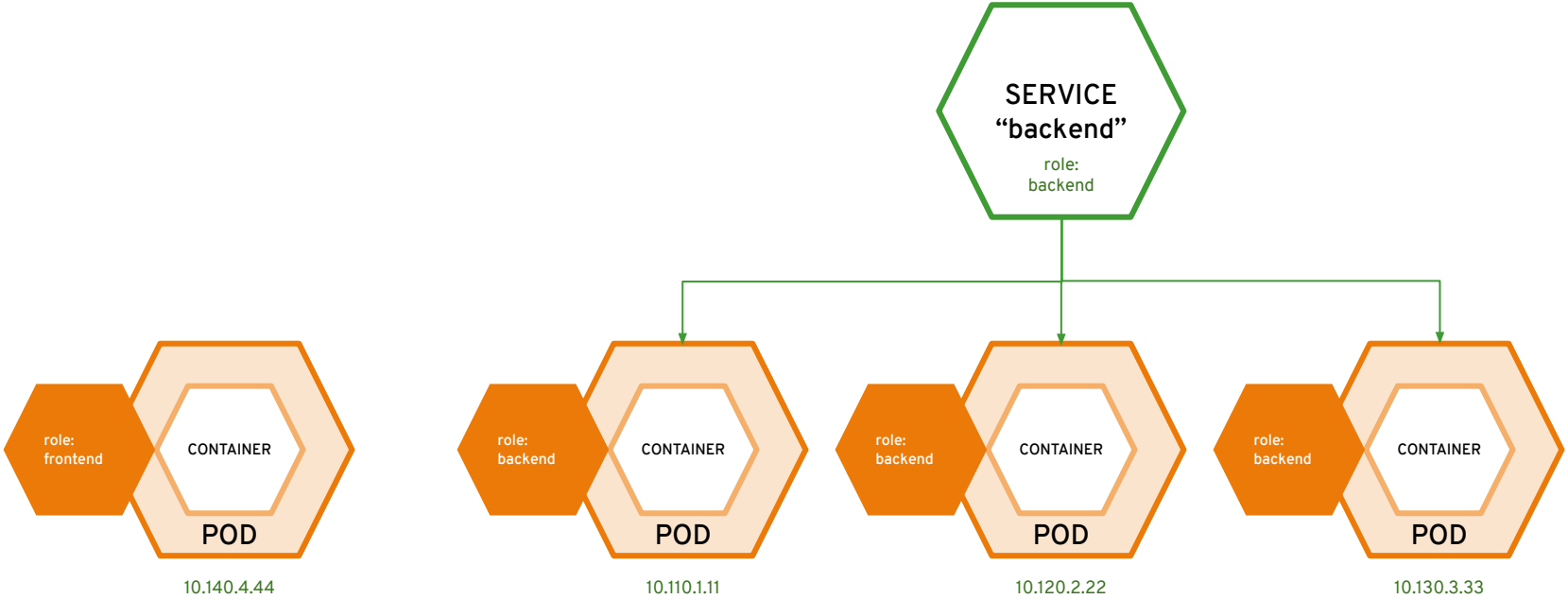
services provide internal load-balancing and service discovery across pods



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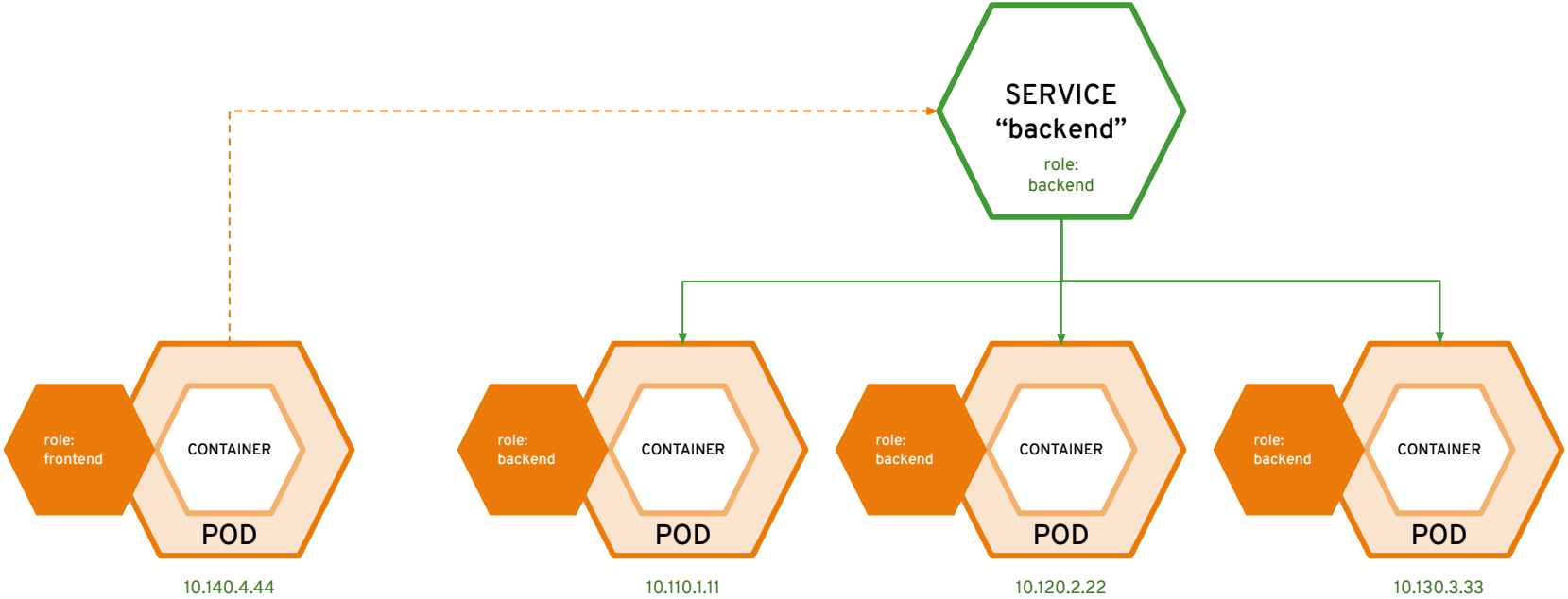
apps can talk to each other via services



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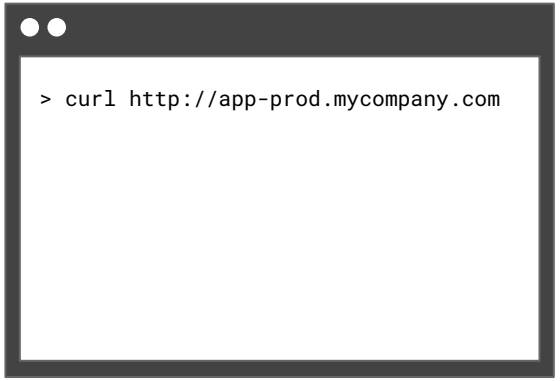
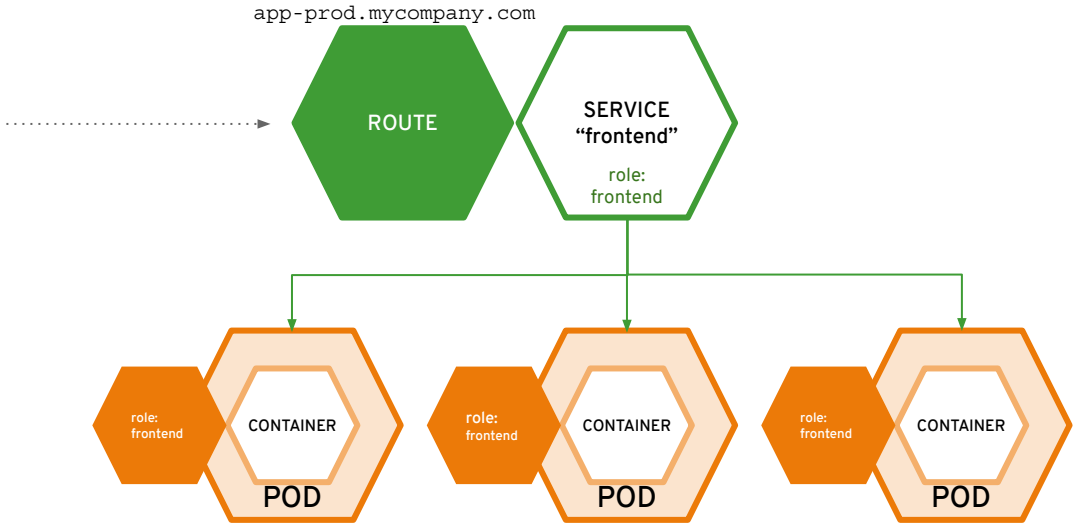
`routes` make services accessible to clients outside the environment via real-world urls





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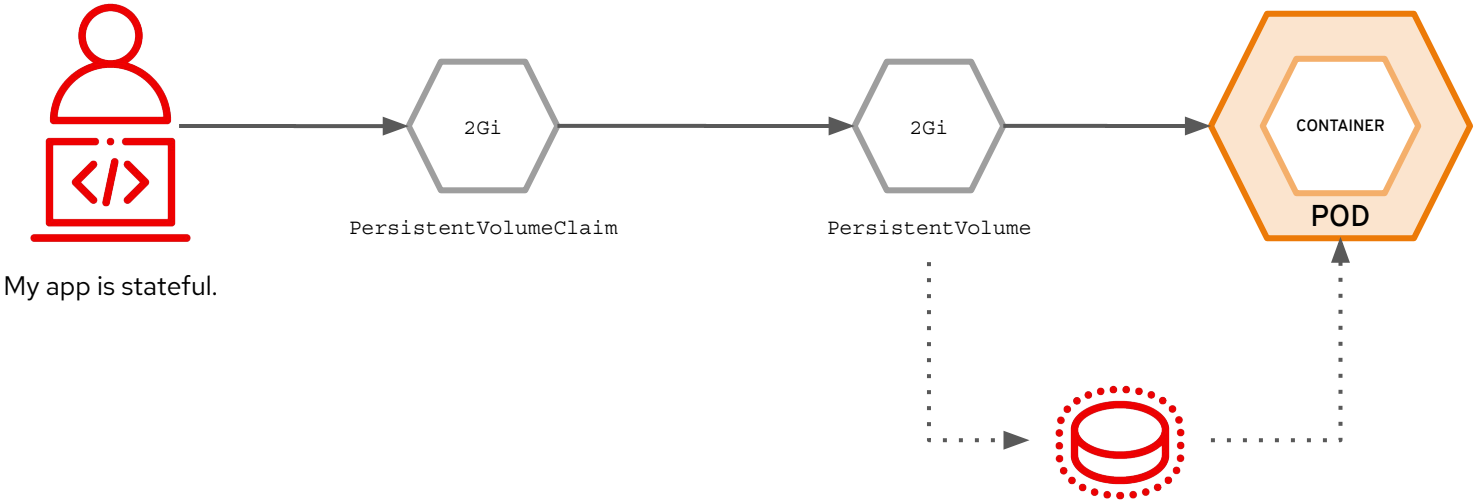

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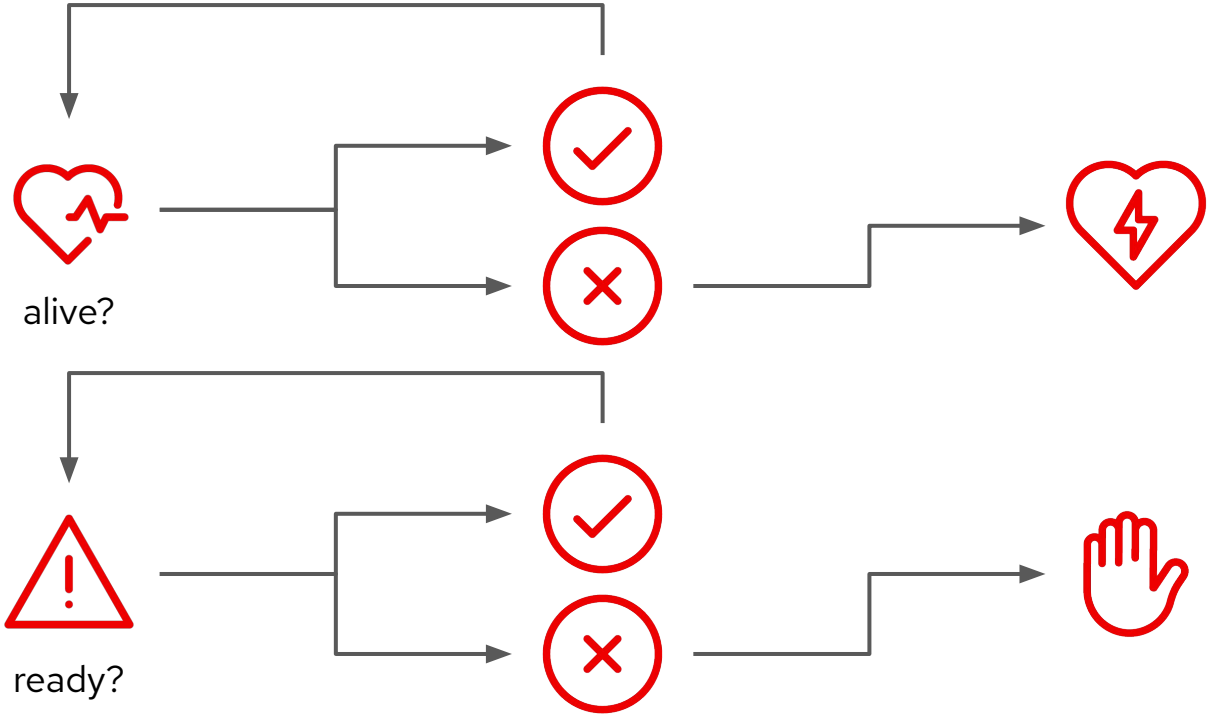
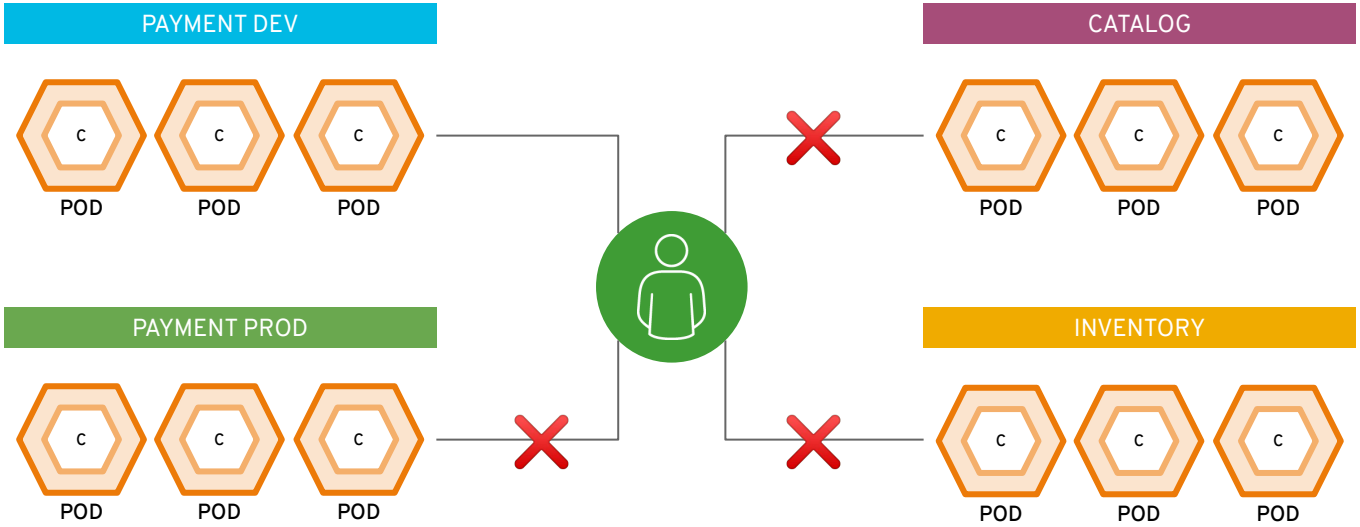
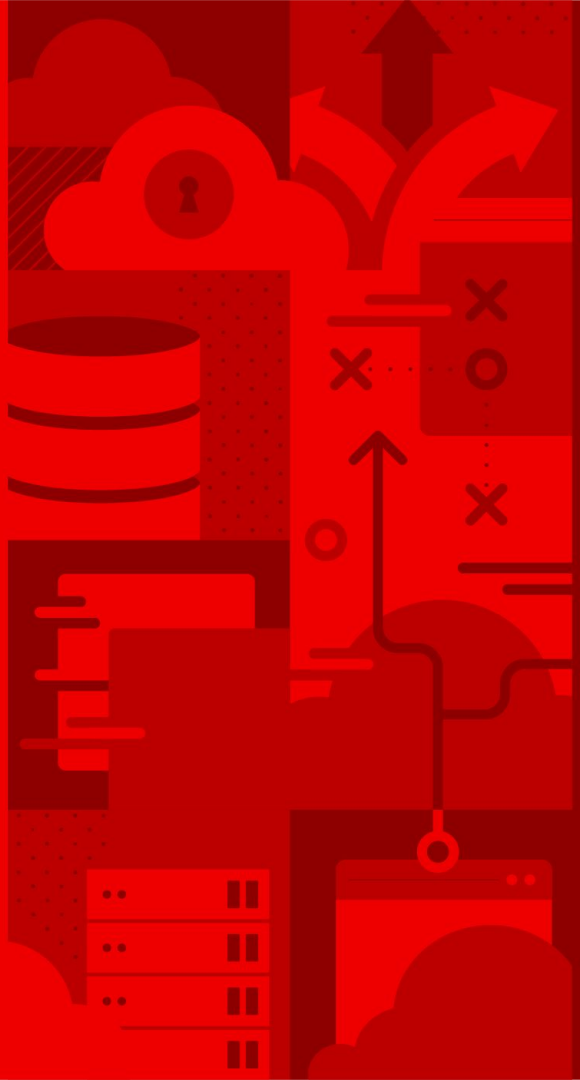


projects isolate apps across environments, teams, groups and departments





OpenShift 4 Architecture

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your choice of infrastructure

COMPUTE	NETWORK	STORAGE

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workers run workloads

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masters are the control plane

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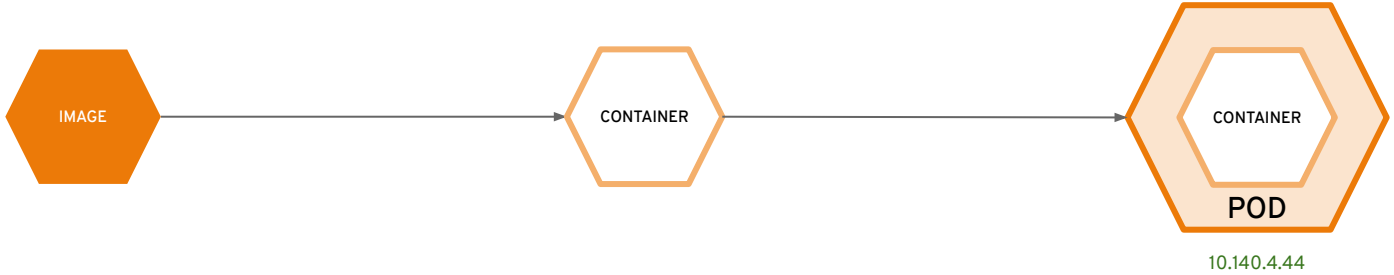
everything runs in pods



state of everything

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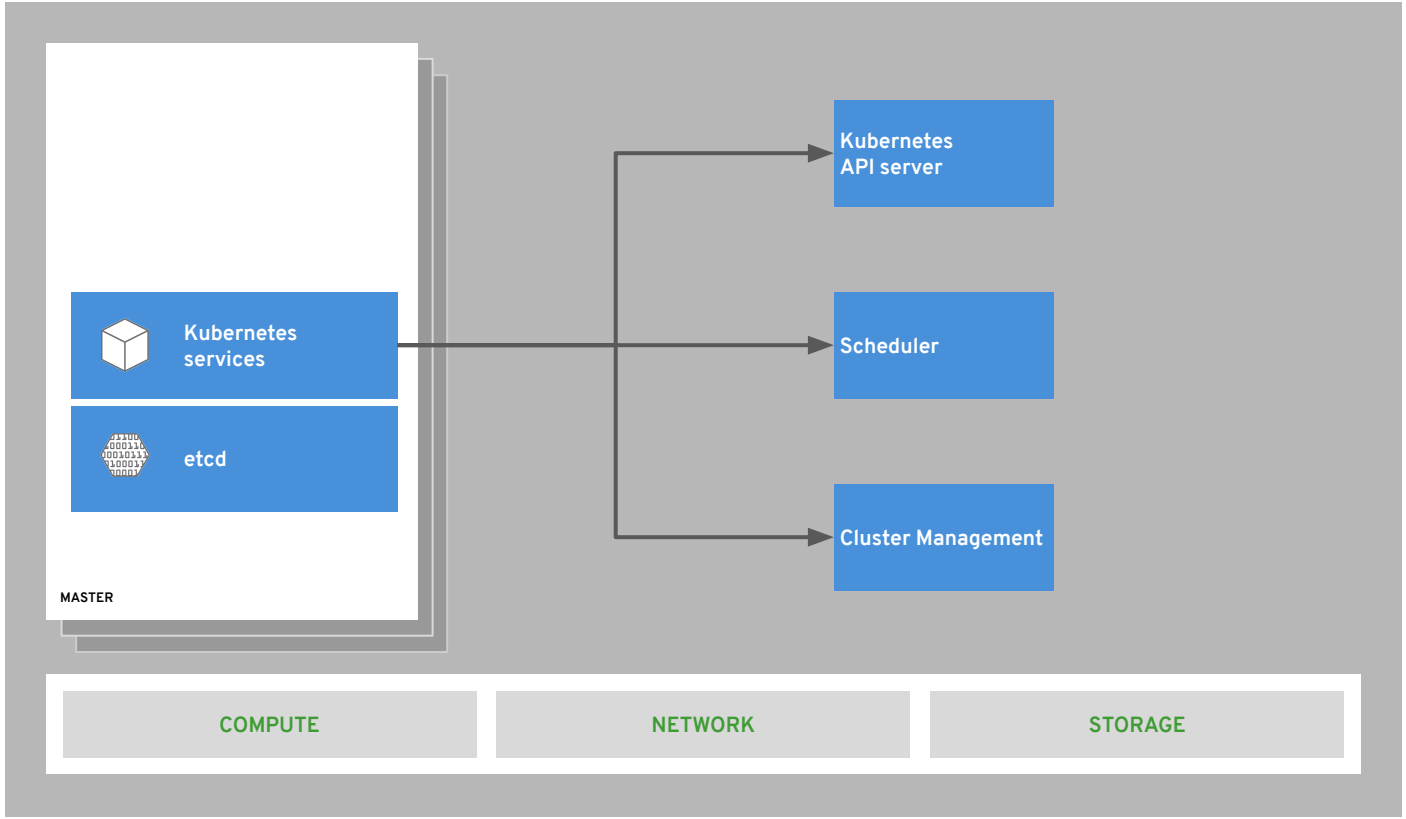
core kubernetes components



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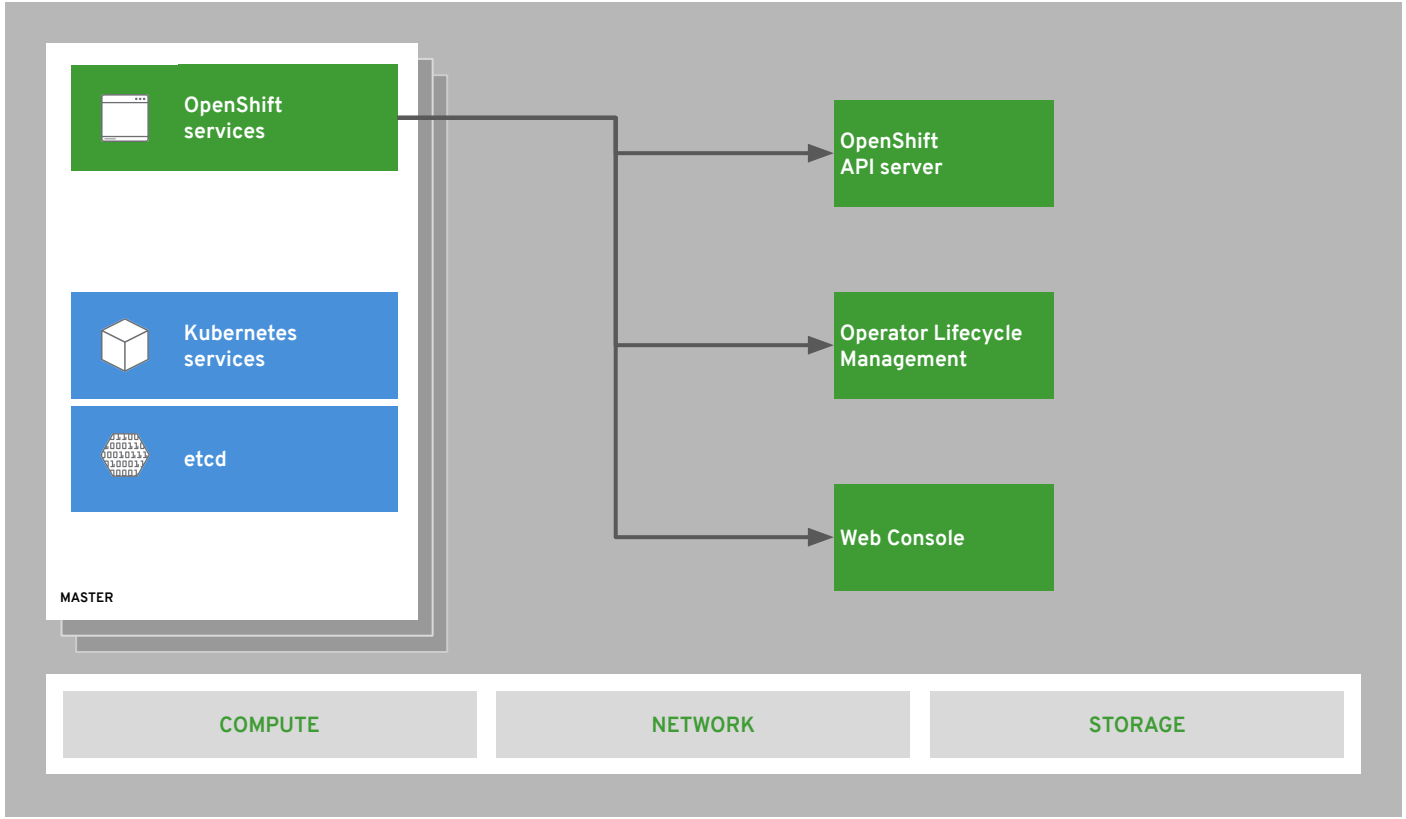

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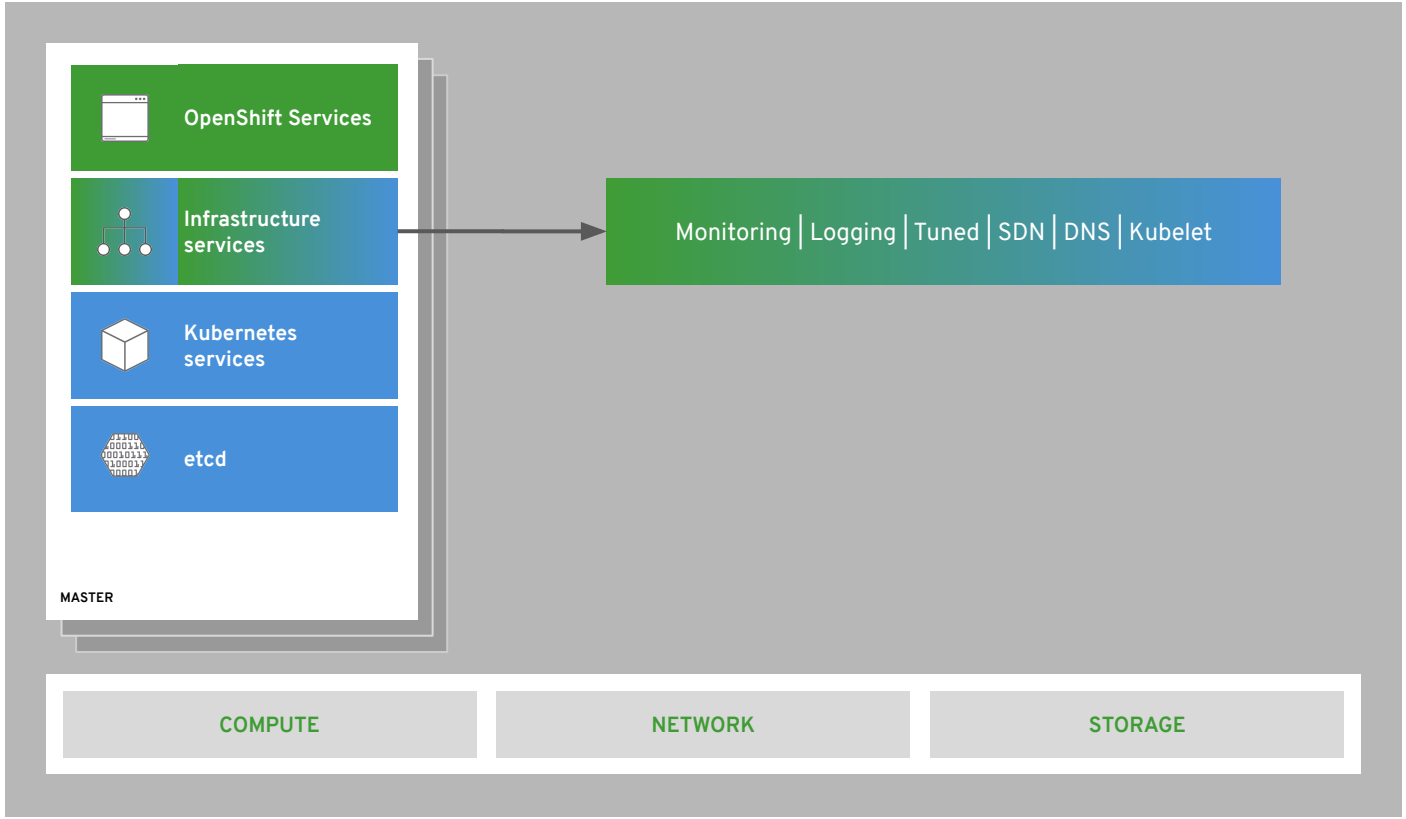

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run on all hosts

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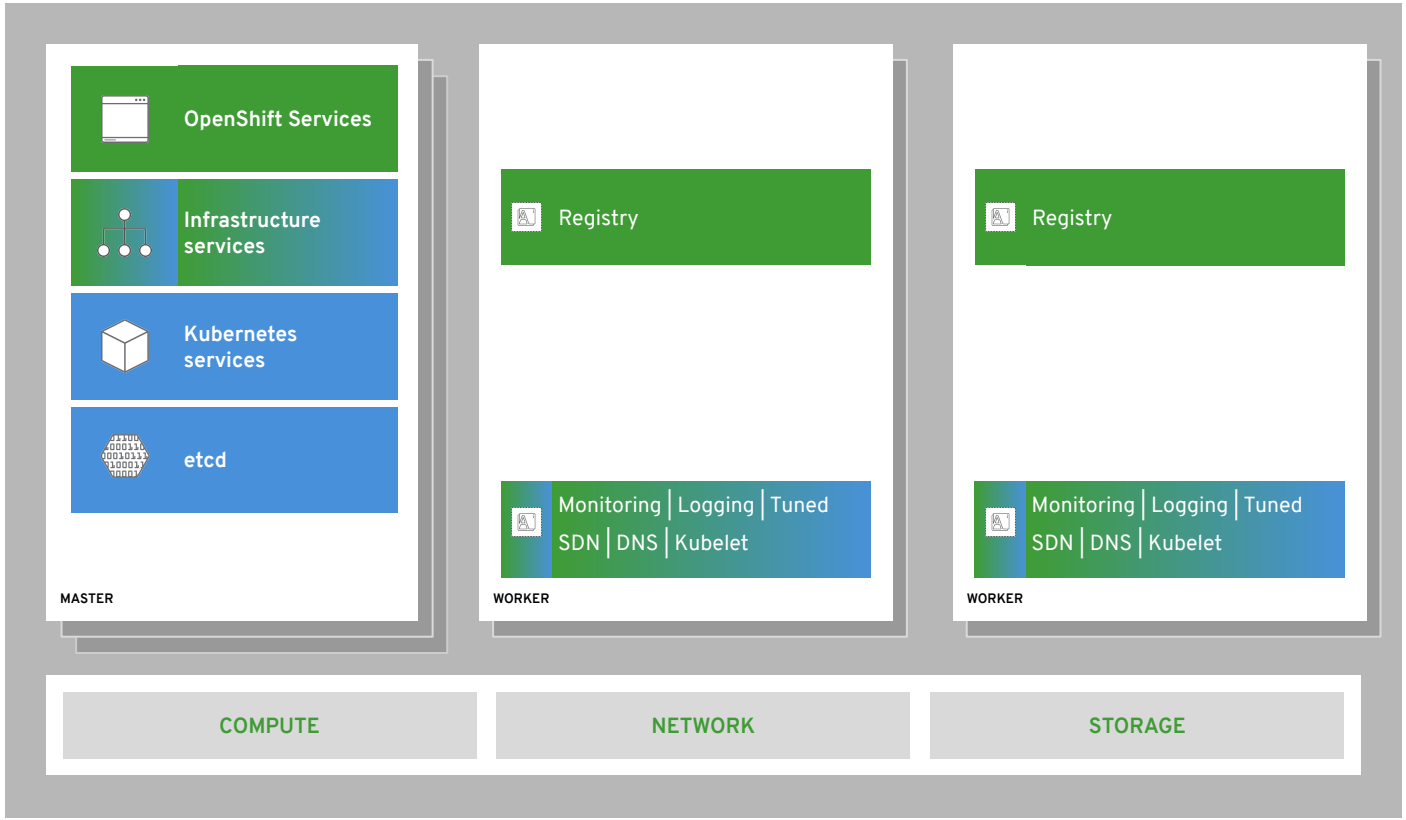
integrated image registry



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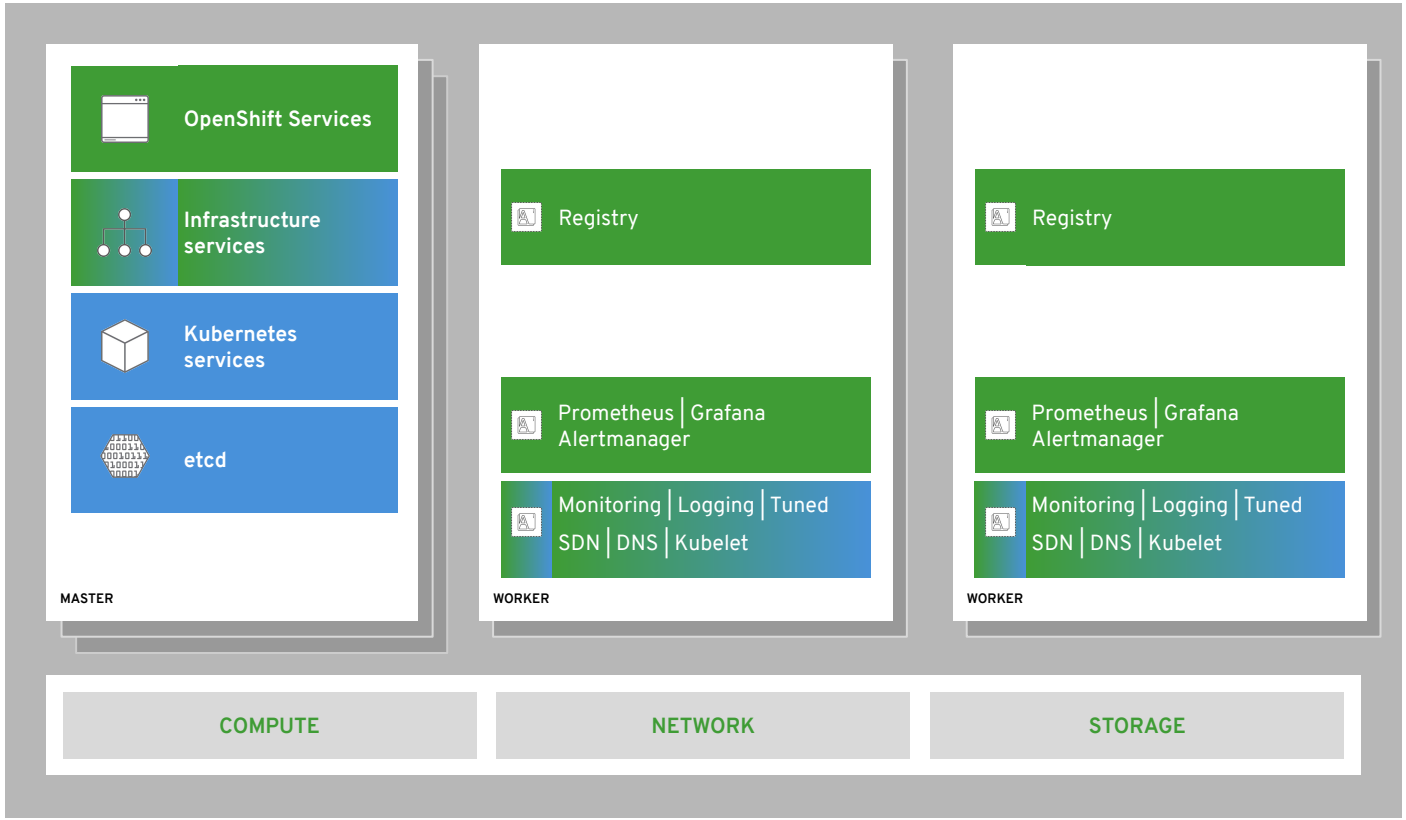
cluster monitoring



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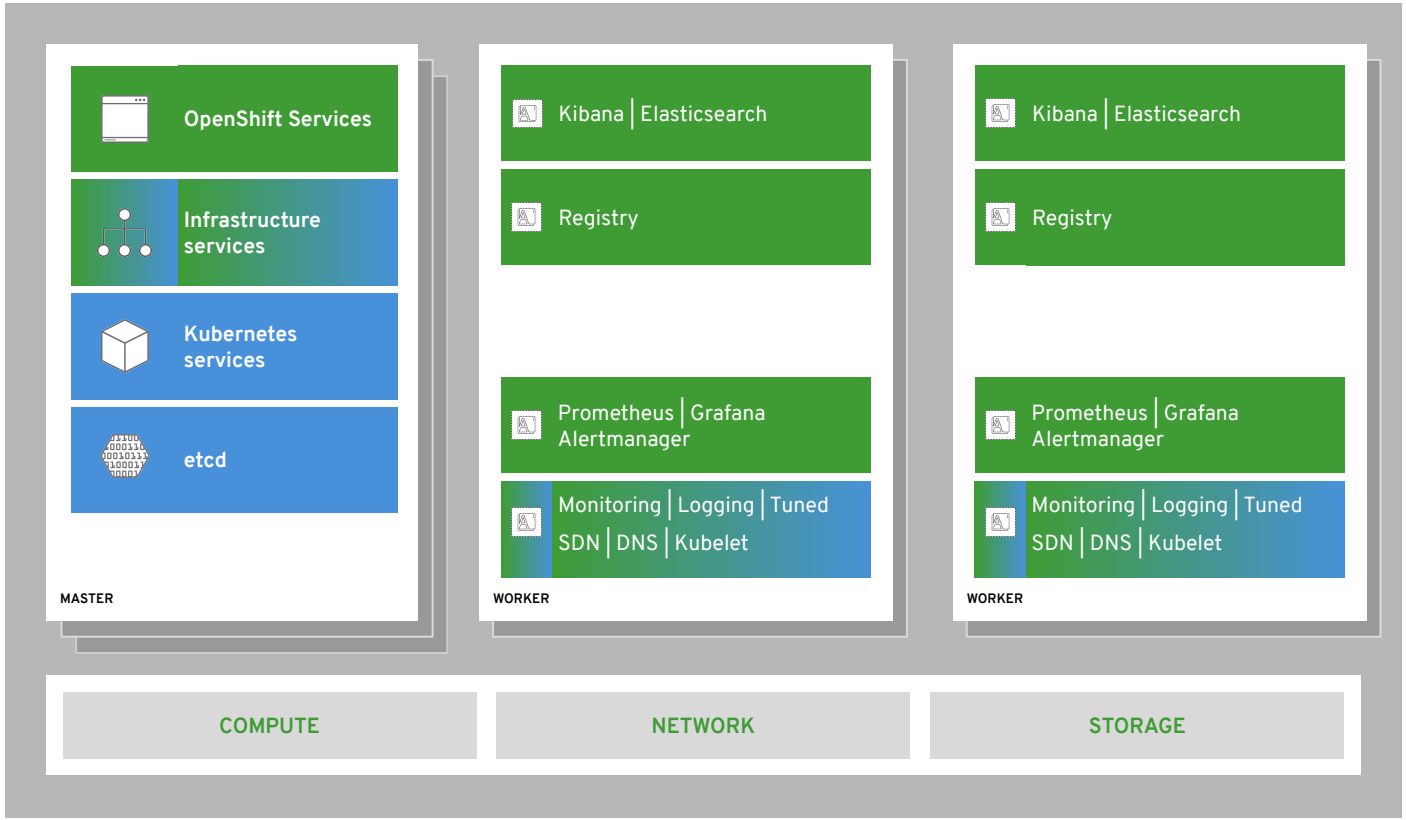

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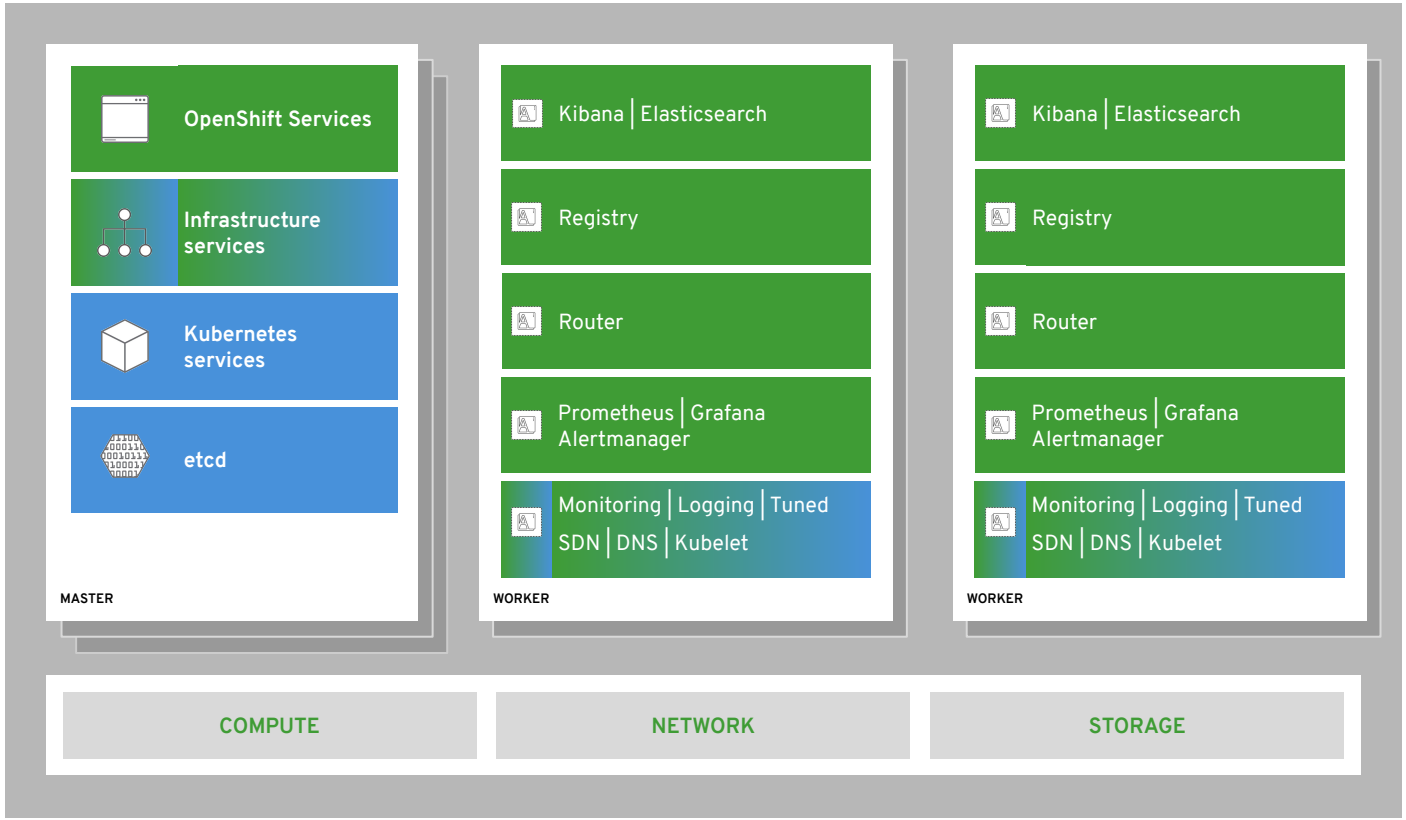
integrated routing



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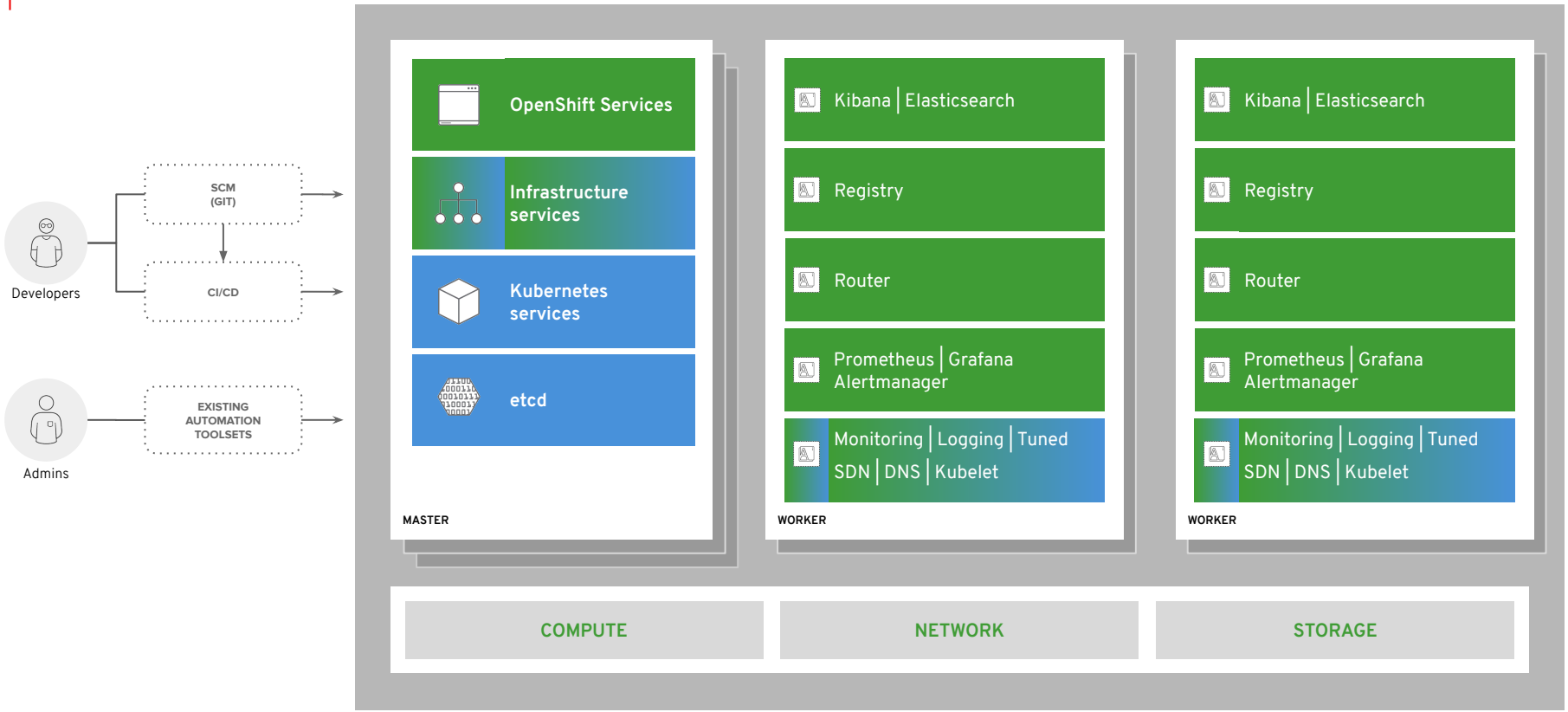
dev and ops via web, cli, API, and IDE



Networking

A pluggable model for network interface controls in kubernetes

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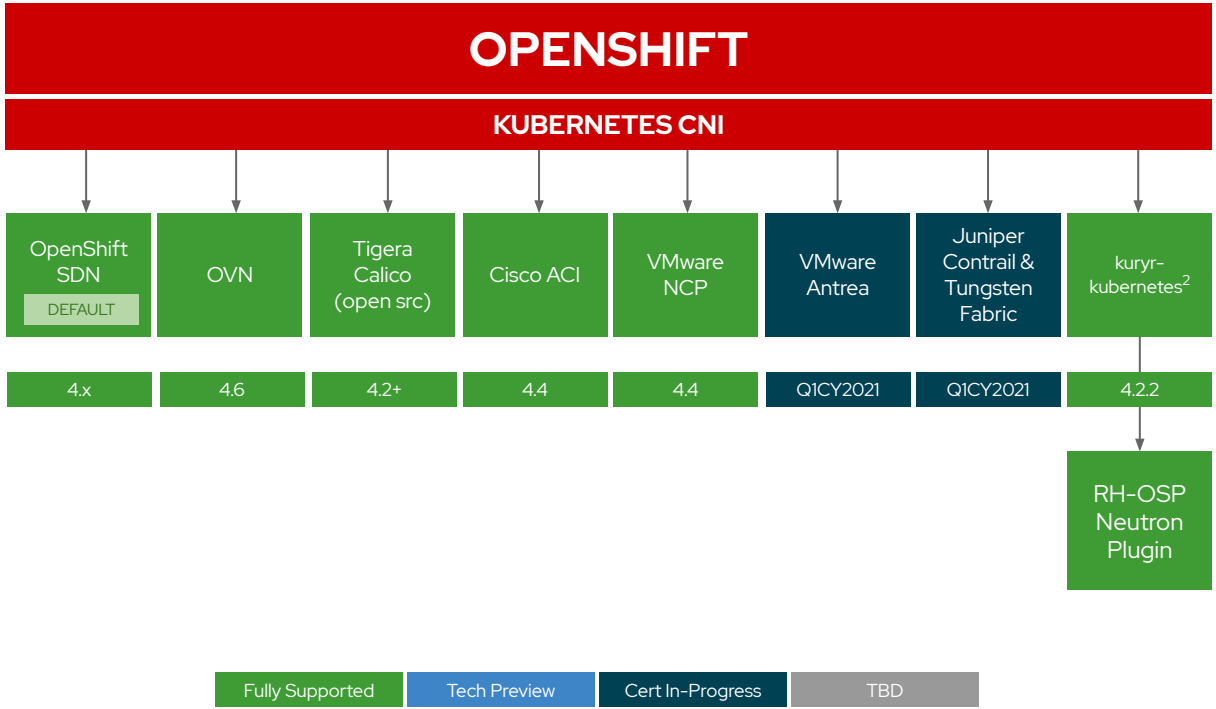
OpenShift Networking Plug-ins

3rd-party Kubernetes CNI plug-in certification primarily consists of:

1. Formalizing the partnership
2. Certifying the container(s)
3. Certifying the Operator
4. Successfully passing the same Kubernetes networking conformance tests that OpenShift uses to validate its own SDN



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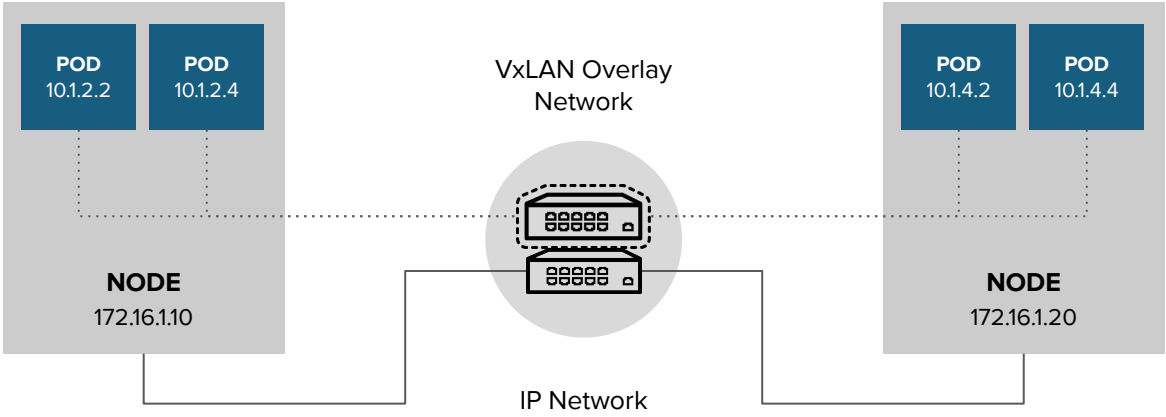
OpenShift SDN

An Open vSwitch-based Software Defined Network for kubernetes

Red Hat

OpenShift SDN high-level architecture



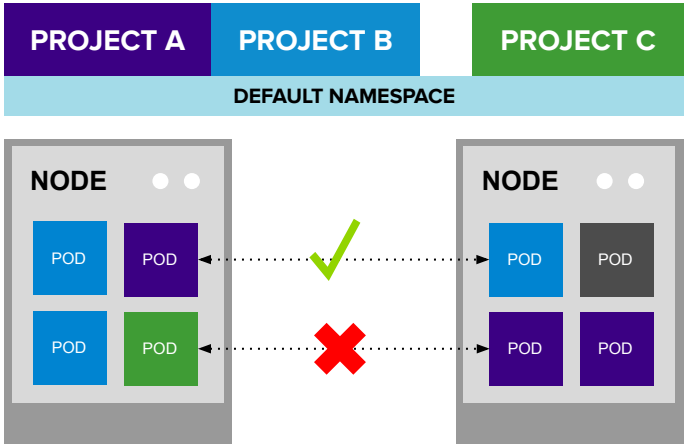
OpenShift SDN “flavors”

OPEN NETWORK (Default)

- All pods can communicate with each other across projects

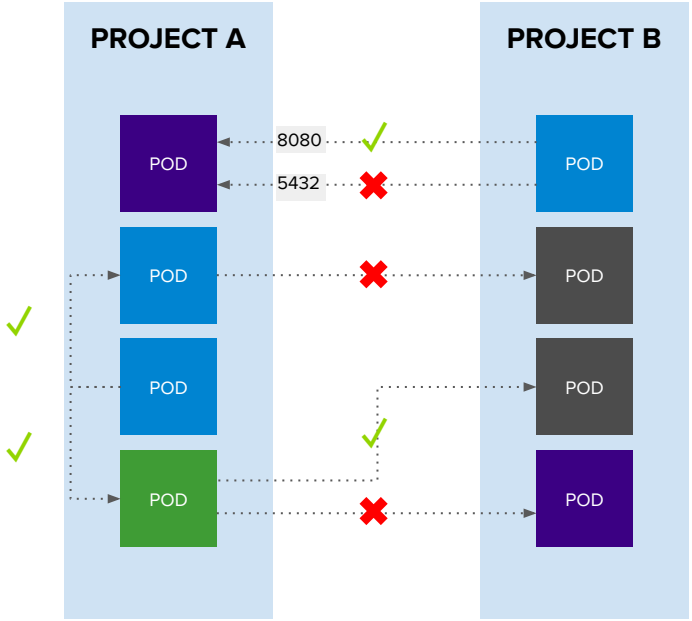
MULTI-TENANT NETWORK

- Project-level network isolation
- Multicast support
- Egress network policies



Multi-Tenant Network

NetworkPolicy



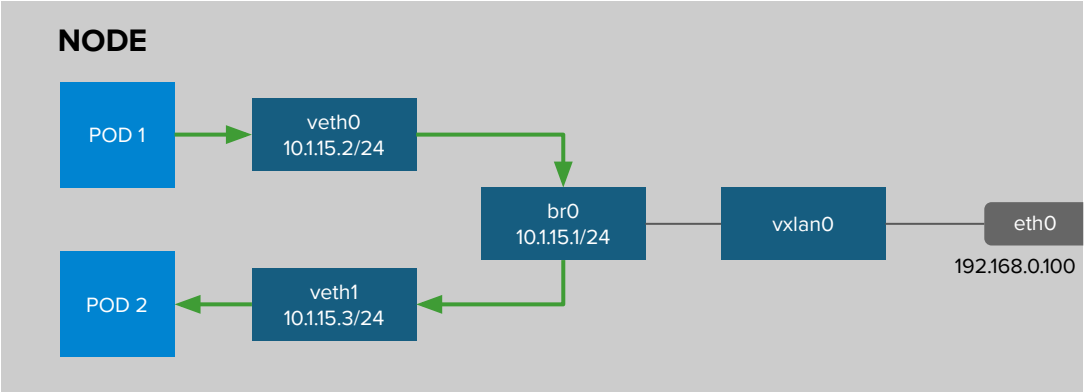
Example Policies

- Allow all traffic inside the project
- Allow traffic from green to gray
- Allow traffic to purple on 8080

```
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: allow-to-purple-on-8080
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      color: purple
  ingress:
  - ports:
    - protocol: tcp
      port: 8080
```

OpenShift SDN packet flows

container-container on same host

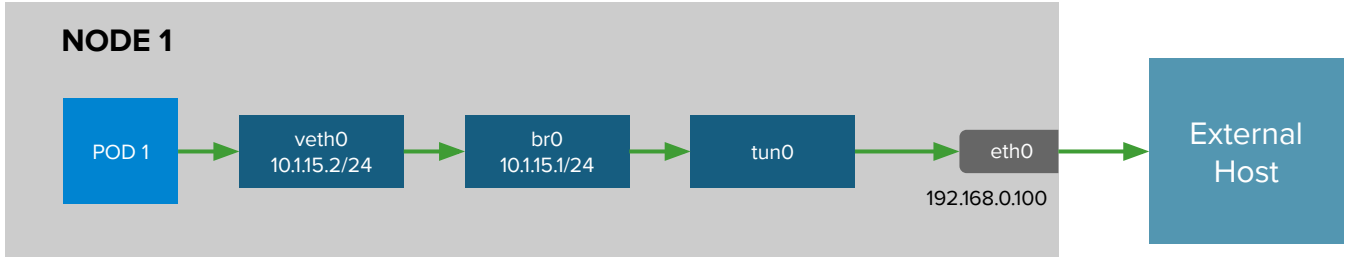


OpenShift SDN packet flows

container-container across hosts

OpenShift SDN packet flows

container leaving the host



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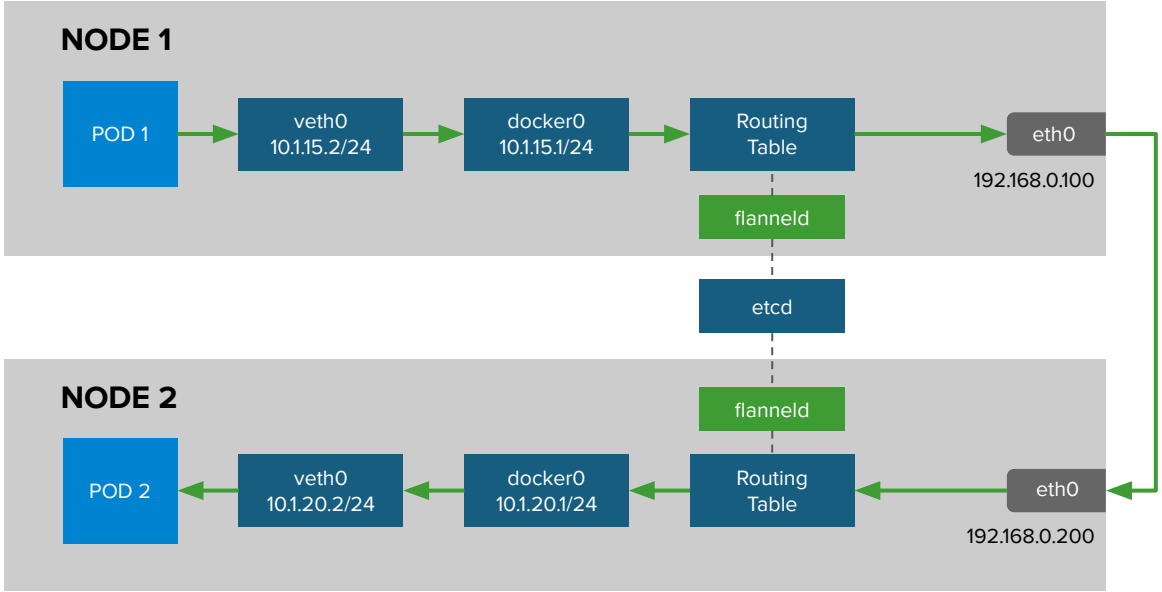

Flannel is minimally verified and is supported only and exactly as deployed in the OpenShift on OpenStack reference architecture https://access.redhat.com/articles/2743631

routes and ingress

How traffic enters the cluster

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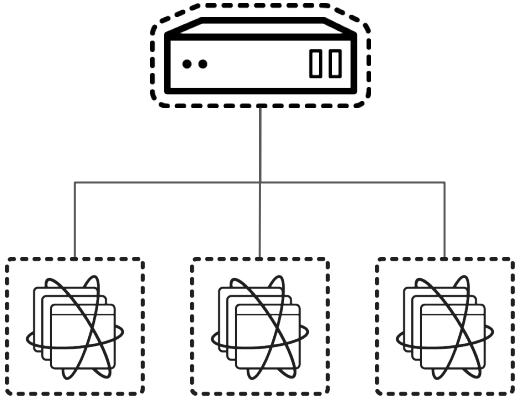
Routing and Load Balancing

- Pluggable routing architecture
  - HAProxy Router
  - F5 Router
- Multiple-routers with traffic sharding
- Router supported protocols
  - HTTP/HTTPS
  - WebSockets
  - TLS with SNI
- Non-standard ports via cloud load-balancers, external IP, and NodePort

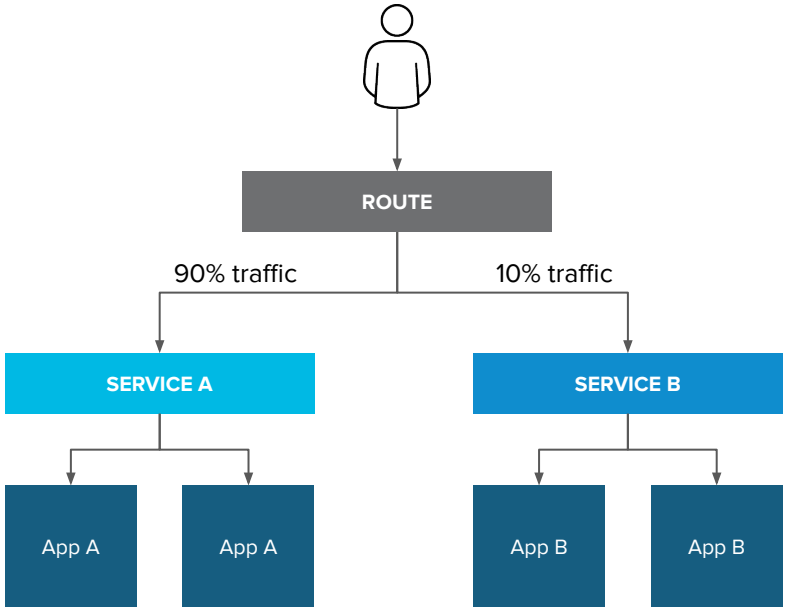


Routes vs Ingress

Feature	Ingress	Route
Standard Kubernetes object	X	
External access to services	X	X
Persistent (sticky) sessions	X	X
Load-balancing strategies (e.g. round robin)	X	X
Rate-limit and throttling	X	X
IP whitelisting	X	X
TLS edge termination	X	X
TLS re-encryption	X	X
TLS passthrough	X	X
Multiple weighted backends (split traffic)		X
Generated pattern-based hostnames		X
Wildcard domains		X

Router-based deployment methodologies

Split Traffic Between Multiple Services For A/B Testing, Blue/Green and Canary Deployments



Alternative methods for ingress

Different ways that traffic can enter the cluster without the router

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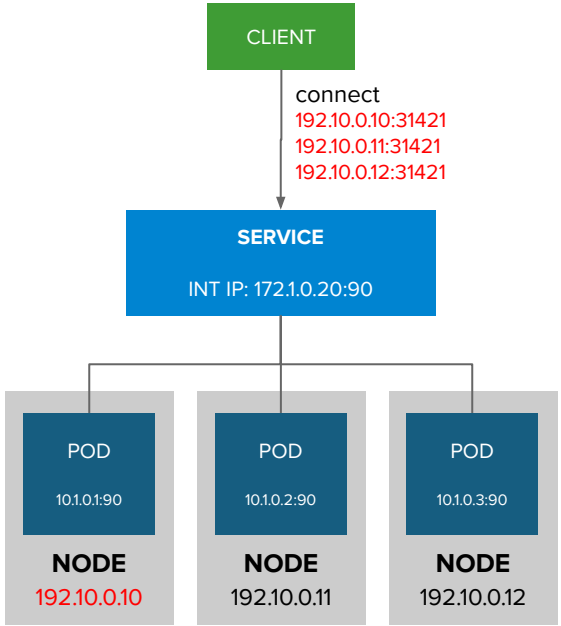
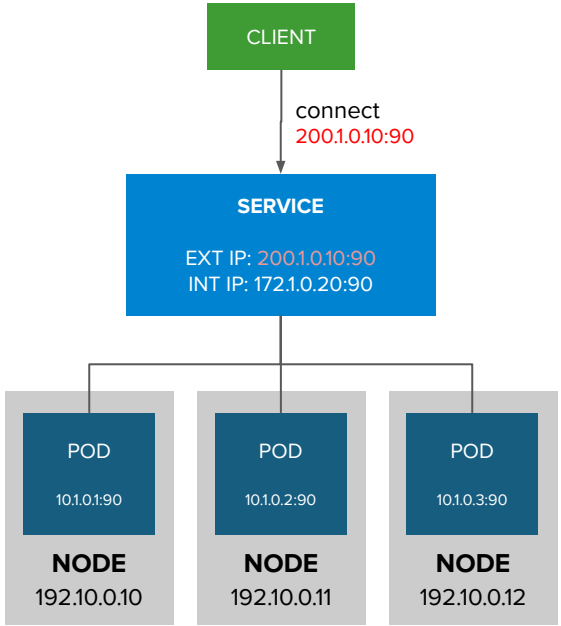
Entering the cluster on a random port with service nodeports

- NodePort binds a service to a unique port on all the nodes
- Traffic received on any node redirects to a node with the running service
- Ports in 30K-60K range which usually differs from the service
- Firewall rules must allow traffic to all nodes on the specific port



External traffic to a service on any port with external IP

- Access a service with an external IP on any TCP/UDP port, such as
  - Databases
  - Message Brokers
- Automatic IP allocation from a predefined pool using Ingress IP Self-Service
- IP failover pods provide high availability for the IP pool (fully supported in 4.8)



Cluster DNS

An automated system for providing hostname resolution within kubernetes

Red Hat

CoreDNS

- Built-in internal DNS to reach services by a (fully qualified) hostname
- Split DNS is used with CoreDNS
  - CoreDNS answers DNS queries for internal/cluster services
  - Other defined “upstream” name servers serve the rest of the queries

Multus

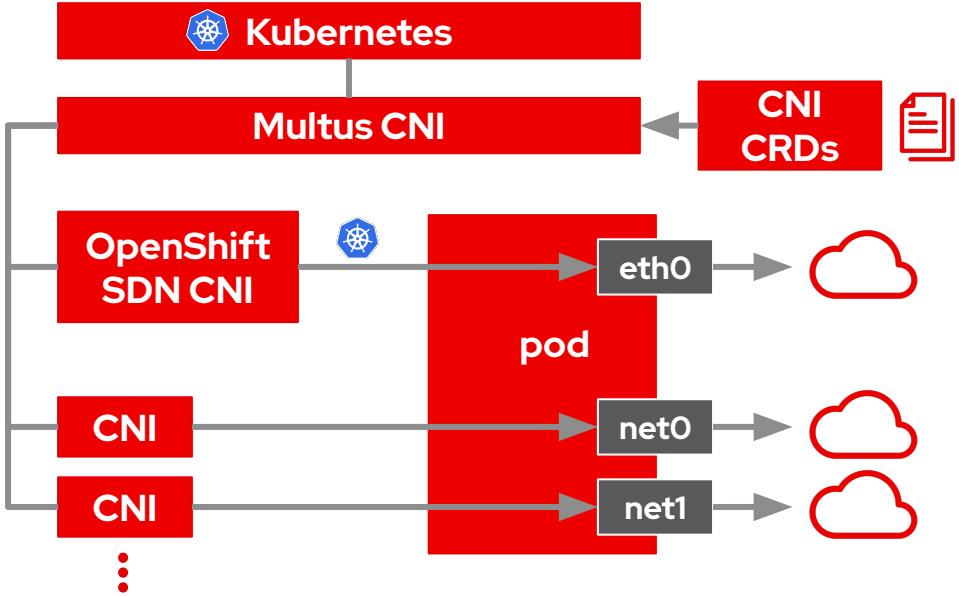
A CNI plugin that provides multiple network interfaces for pods

Red Hat

Multinetwork with Multus

The Multus CNI “meta plugin” for Kubernetes enables one to create multiple network interfaces per pod, and assign a CNI plugin to each interface created.

Additional networks and capability



Additional OpenShift-Supported Secondary CNI Plug-Ins

OpenShift 4.x Tested Integrations: Network Components and Plugins

- host device
- IPAM(dhcp)
- MACVLAN
- IPVLAN
- Bridge with VLAN
- Static IPAM
- DHCP IPAM
- Route Override
- whereabouts
- SR-IOV
- ...

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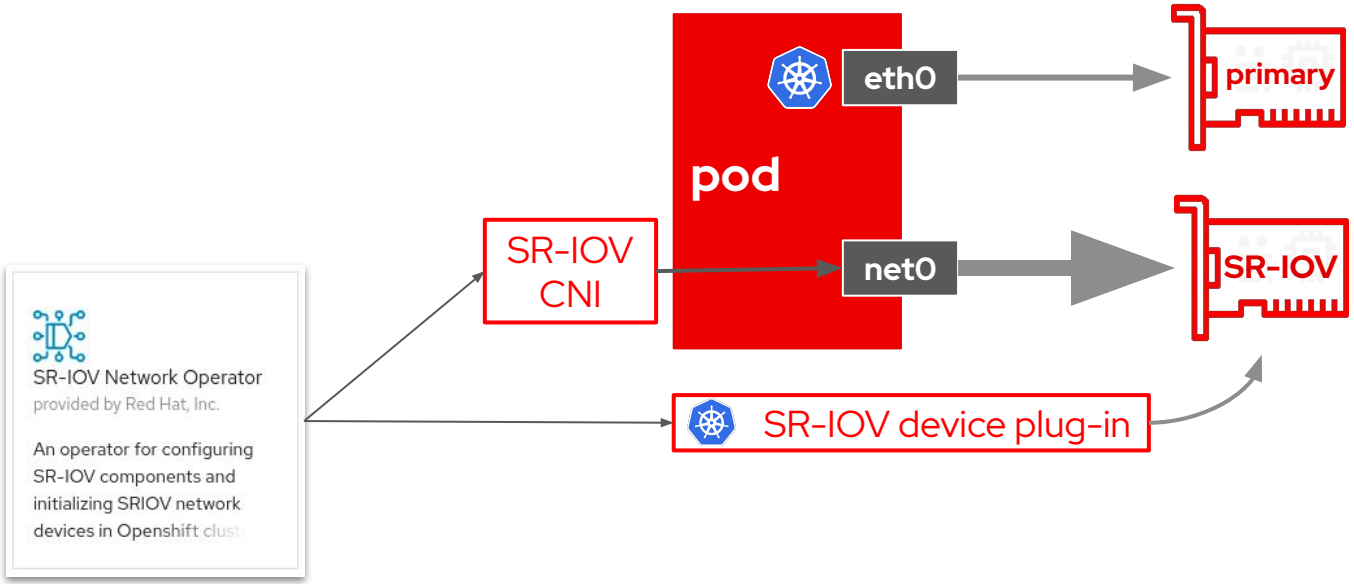

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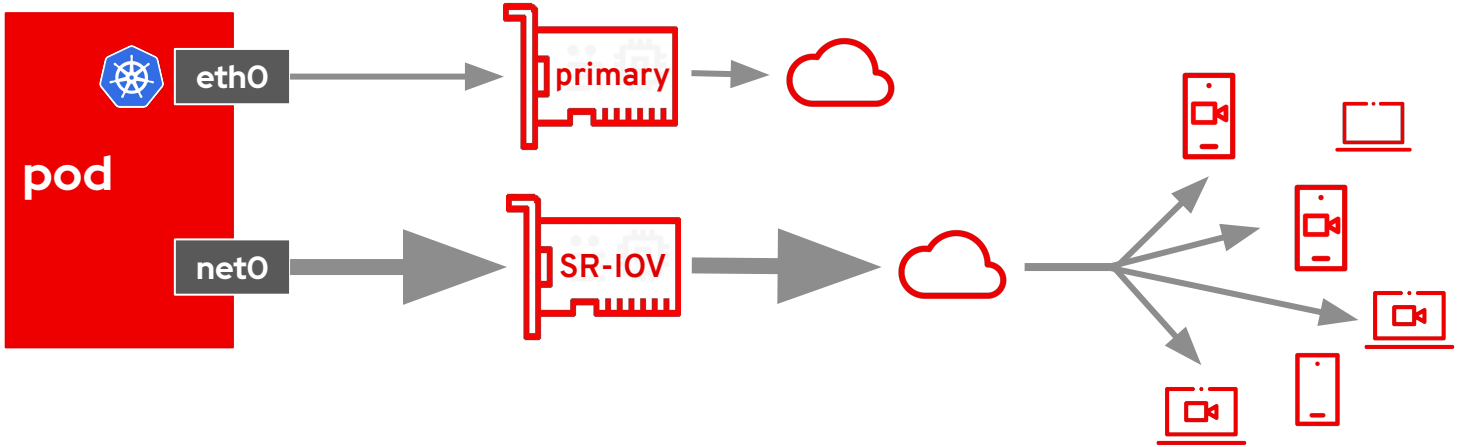

OpenShift Monitoring

An integrated cluster monitoring and alerting stack

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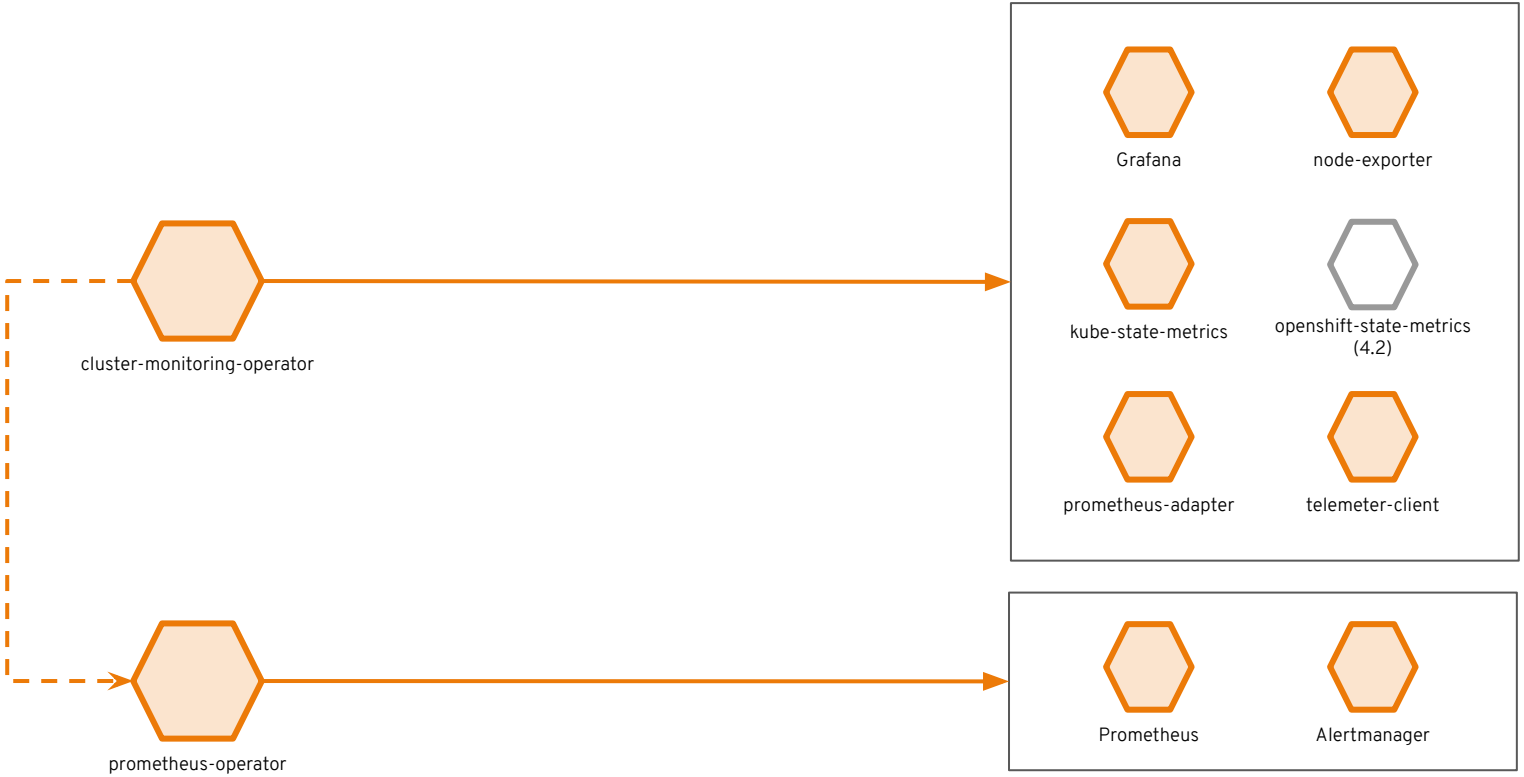
OpenShift Cluster Monitoring

Metrics collection and storage via Prometheus, an open-source monitoring system time series database.

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

Metrics visualization via Grafana, the leading metrics visualization technology.


Grafana
node-exporter
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Prometheus
Alertmanager

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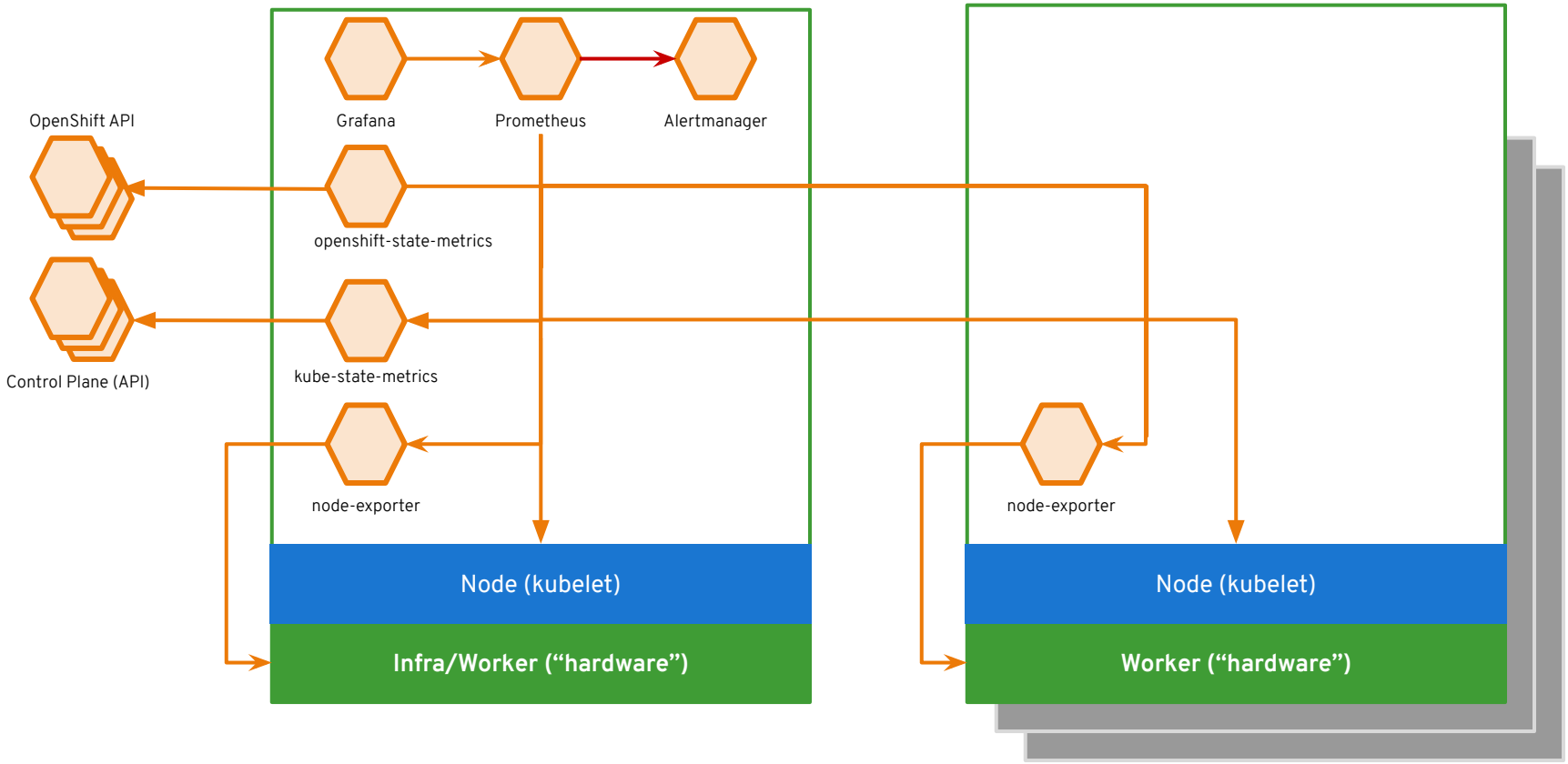
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Alertmanager
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Node (kubelet)
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Infra/Worker ("hardware")
Worker ("hardware")

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OpenShift Logging

An integrated solution for exploring and corroborating application logs

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Observability via log exploration and corroboration with EFK

Components

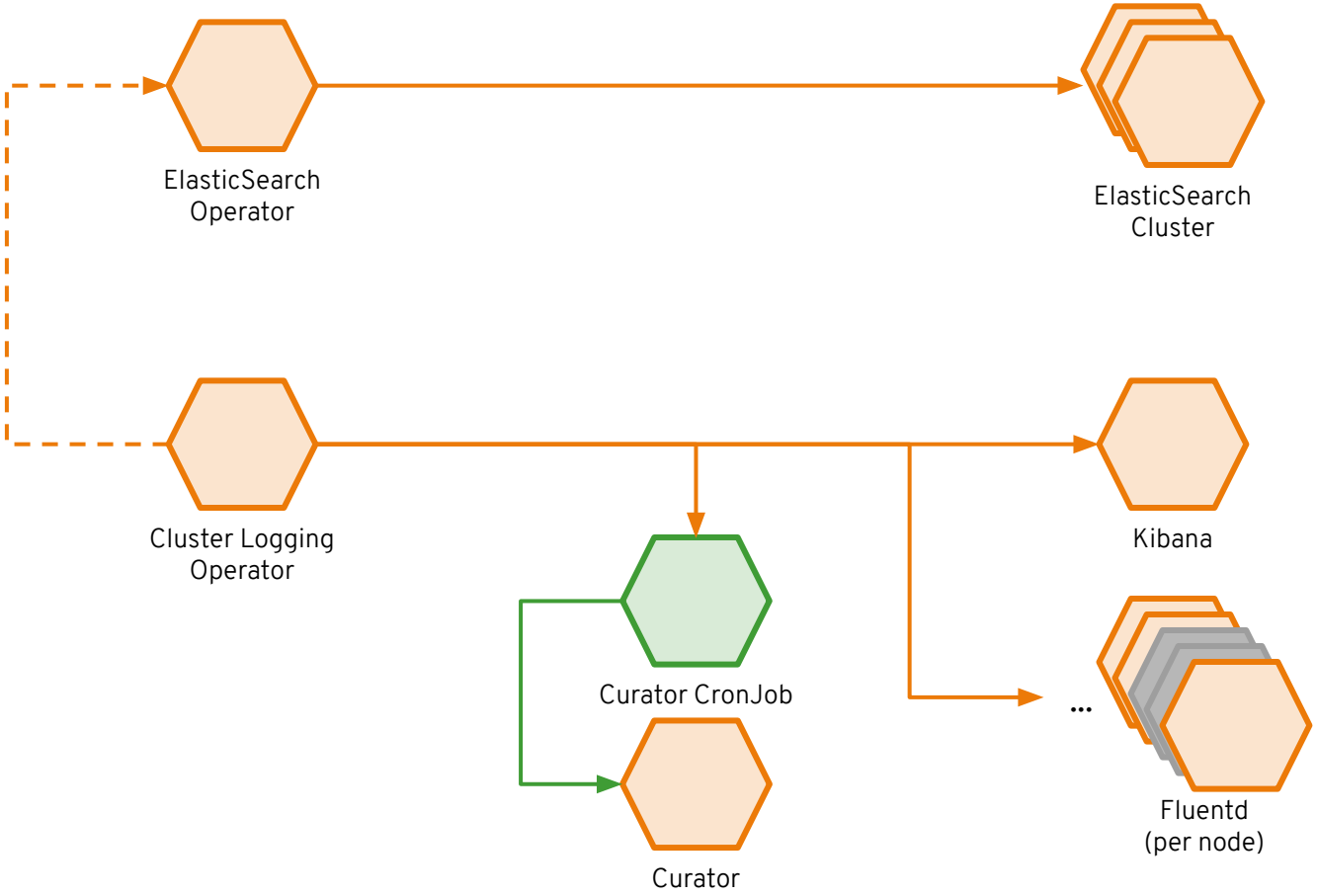
- **Elasticsearch:** a search and analytics engine to store logs
- **Fluentd:** gathers logs and sends to Elasticsearch.
- **Kibana:** A web UI for Elasticsearch.

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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Fluentd (per node)

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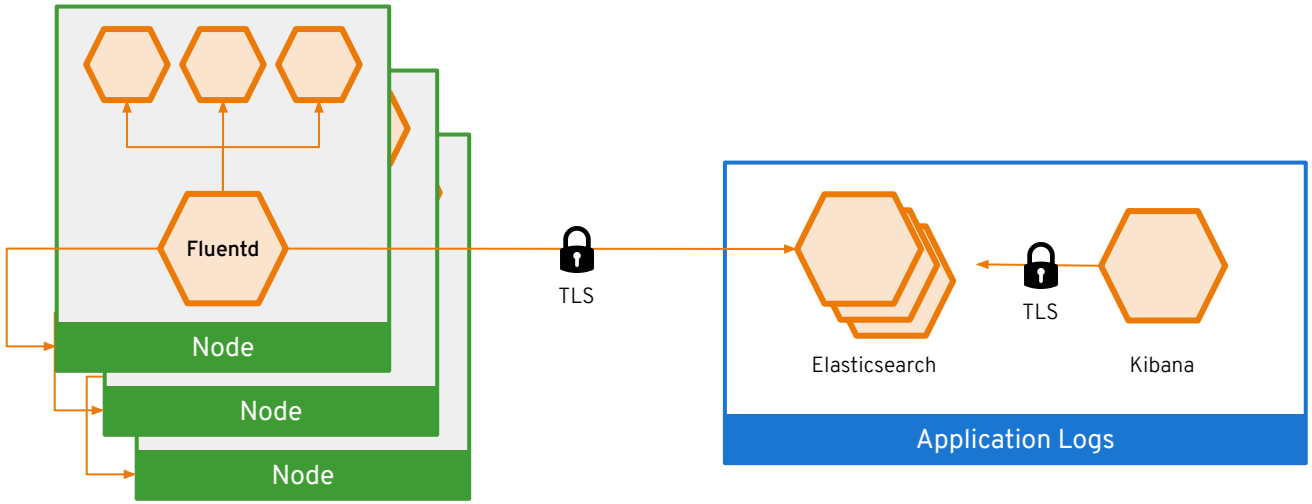
Log data flow in OpenShift



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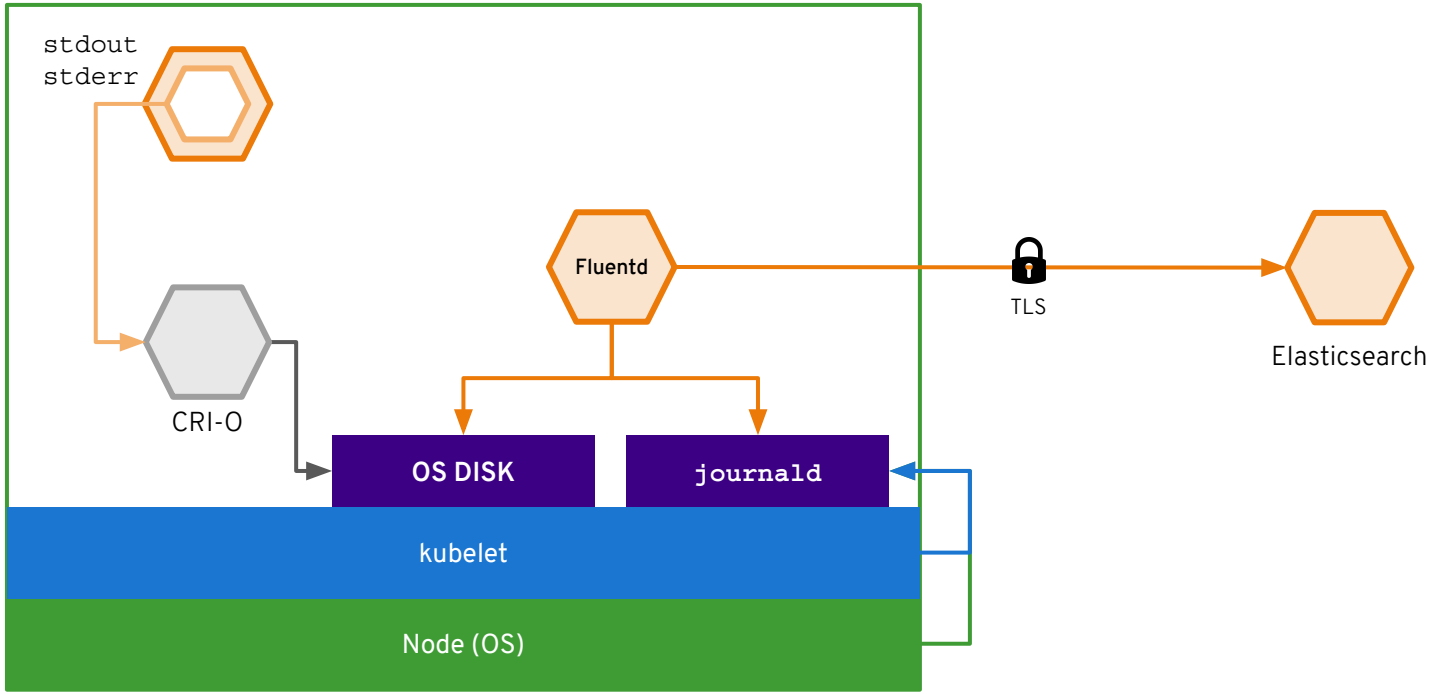
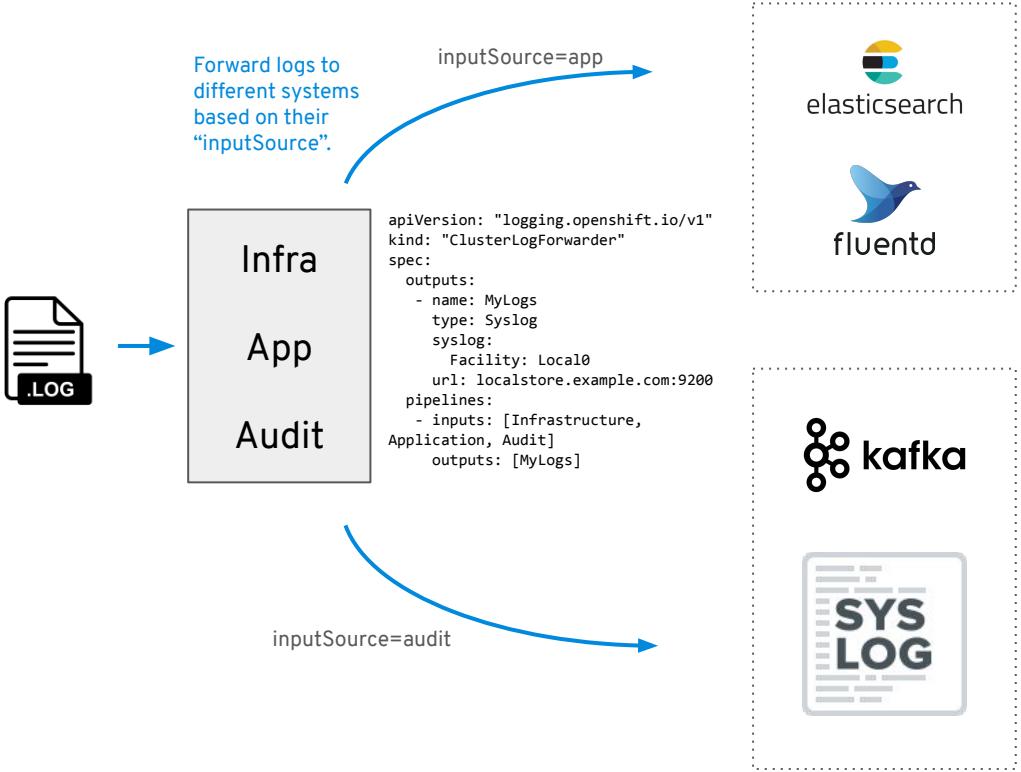


New log forwarding API (since 4.6)

Abstract Fluentd configuration by introducing new log forwarding API to improve support and experience for customers.

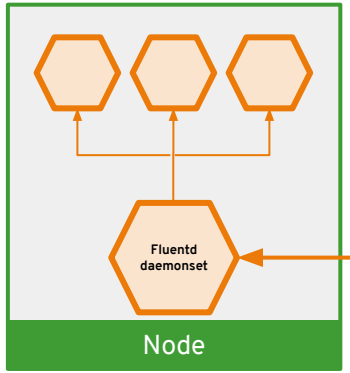
- Introducing a new, cluster-wide *ClusterLogForwarder* CRD (API) that replaces needs to configure log forwarding via Fluentd ConfigMap.
- The API helps to reduce probability to misconfigure Fluentd and helps bringing in more stability into the Logging stack.
- Features include: Audit log collection and forwarding, Kafka support, namespace- and source-based routing, tagging, as well as improvements to the existing log forwarding features (e.g. syslog RFC5424 support).

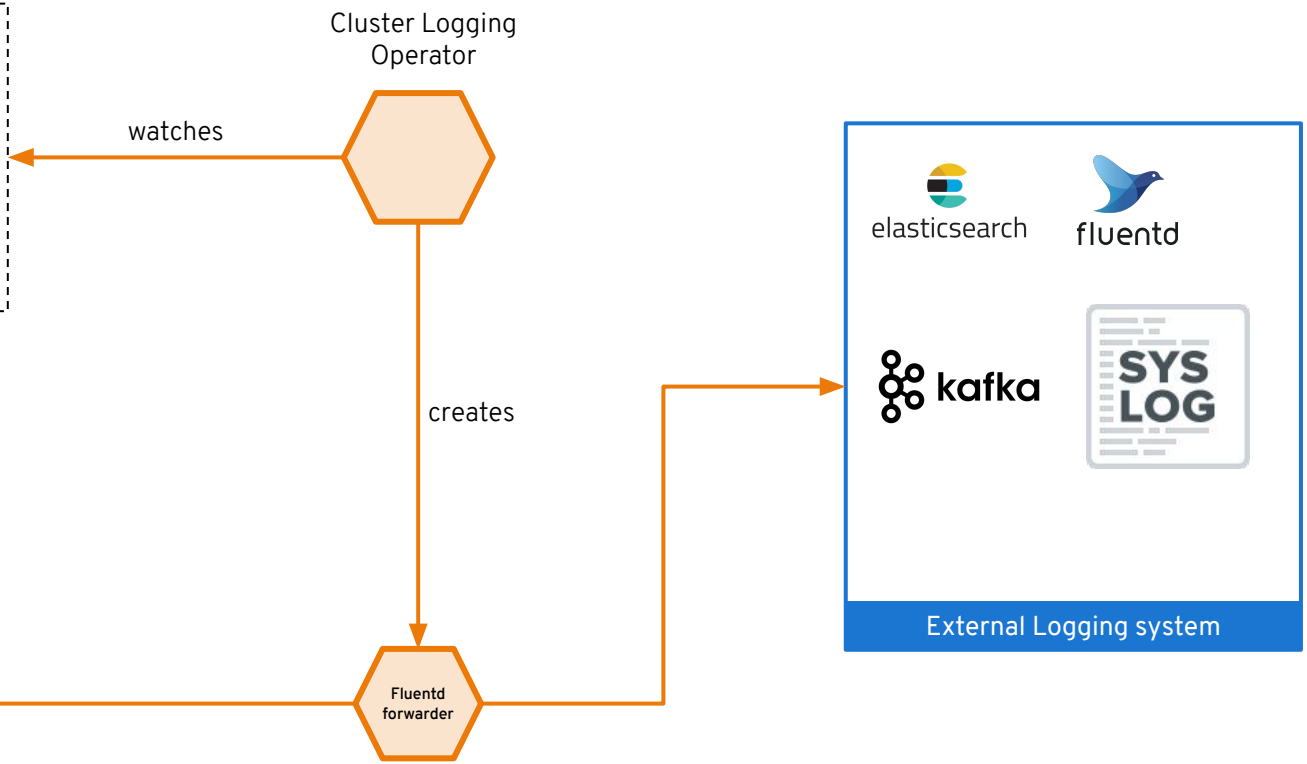


Secure Log Forwarding to 3rd party

```
apiVersion: "logging.openshift.io/v1"
kind: "ClusterLogForwarder"
spec:
  outputs:
   - name: MyLogs
     type: Syslog
     syslog:
       Facility: Local0
     url: localstore.example.com:9200
  pipelines:
   - inputs: [Infrastructure,
Application, Audit]
     outputs: [MyLogs]
```

"ClusterLogForwarder"
Custom Resource





Persistent Storage

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

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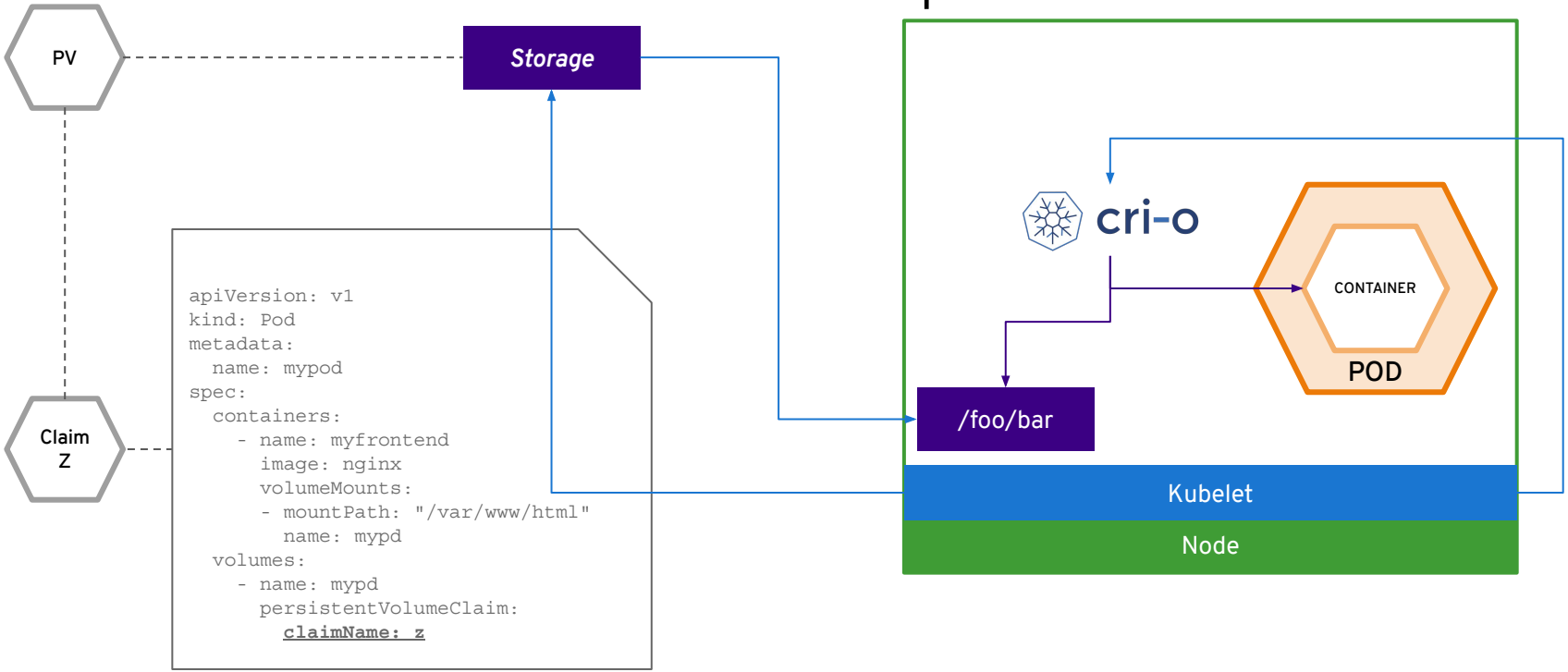
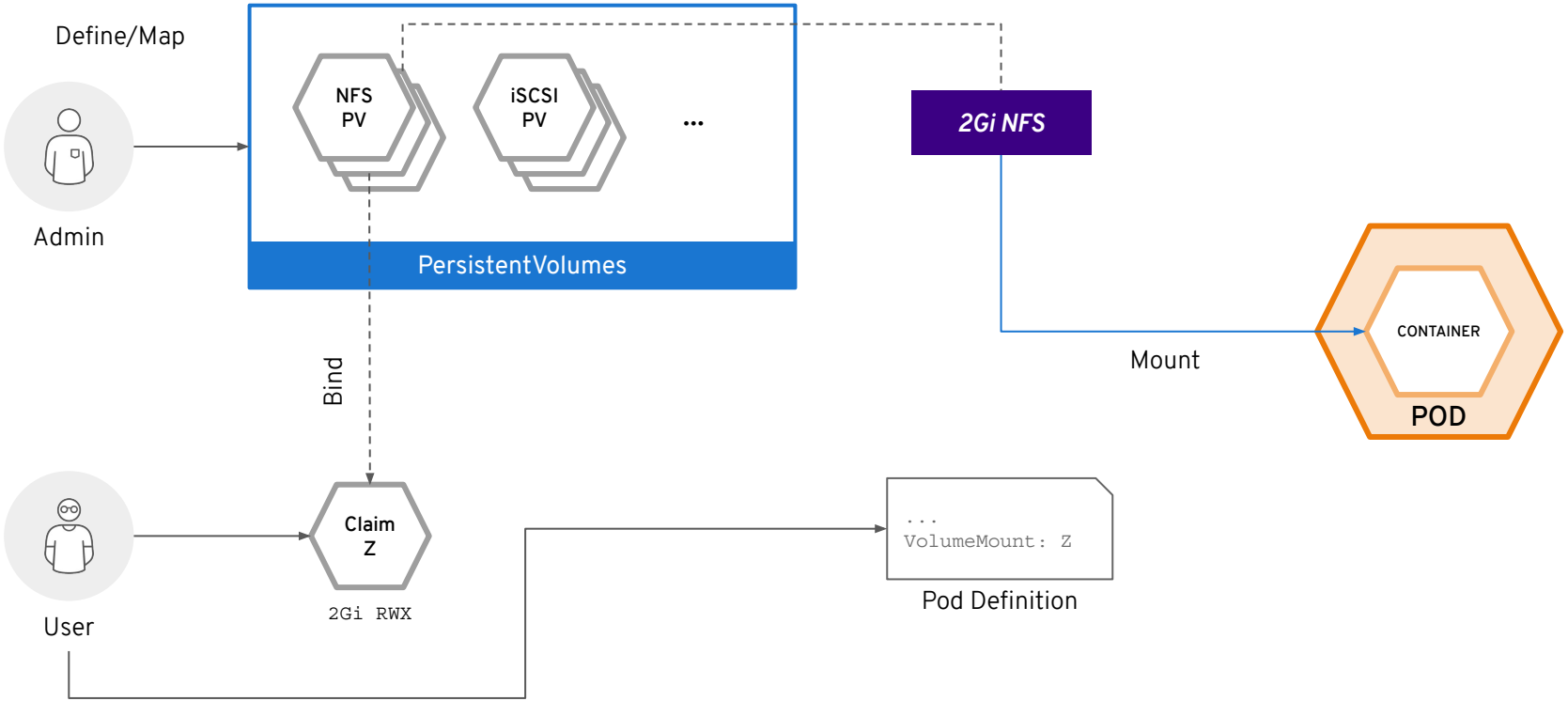
A broad spectrum of static and dynamic storage endpoints

NFS	OpenStack Cinder	iSCSI	Azure Disk	AWS EBS	FlexVolume
Raw Block	Local Volumes	Fiber Channel	Azure File	GCE Persistent Disk	VMware vSphere VMDK
		Container Storage Interface (CSI)			

PV Consumption



Static Storage Provisioning



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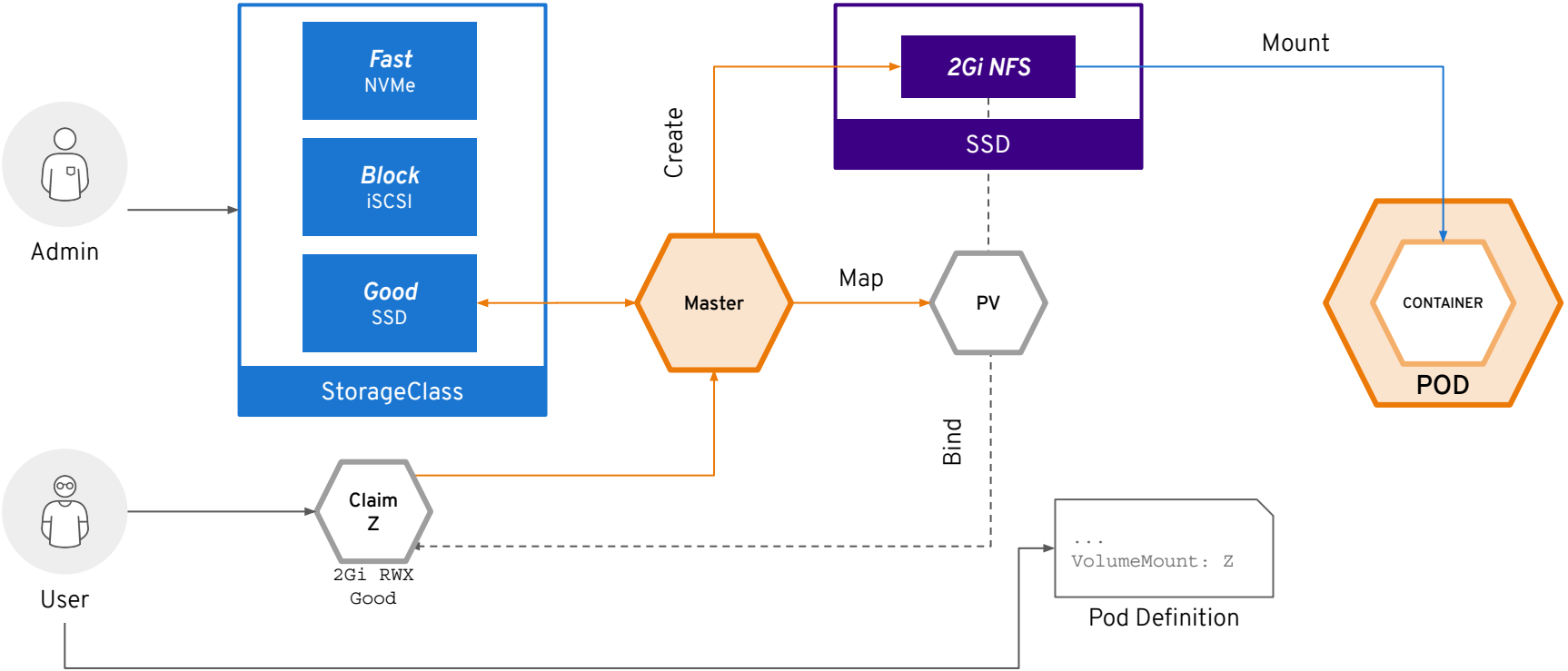
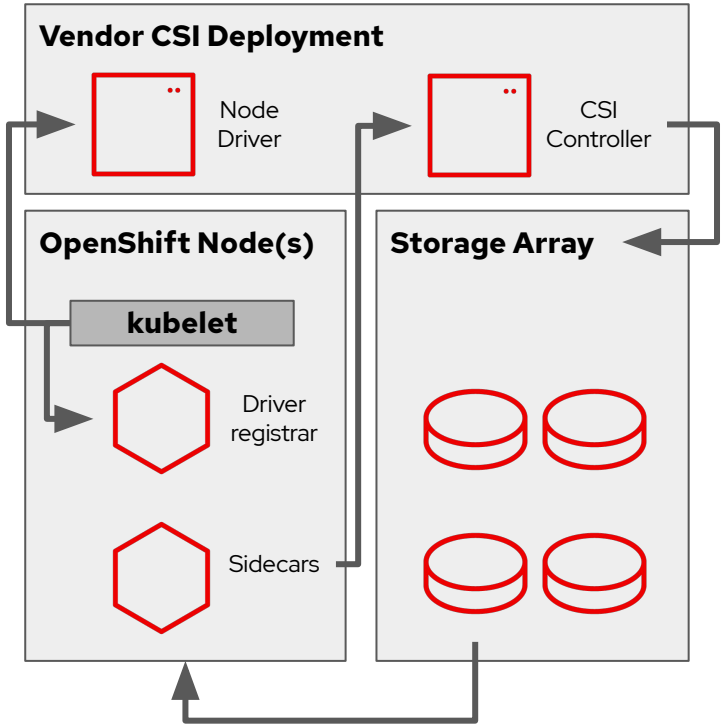


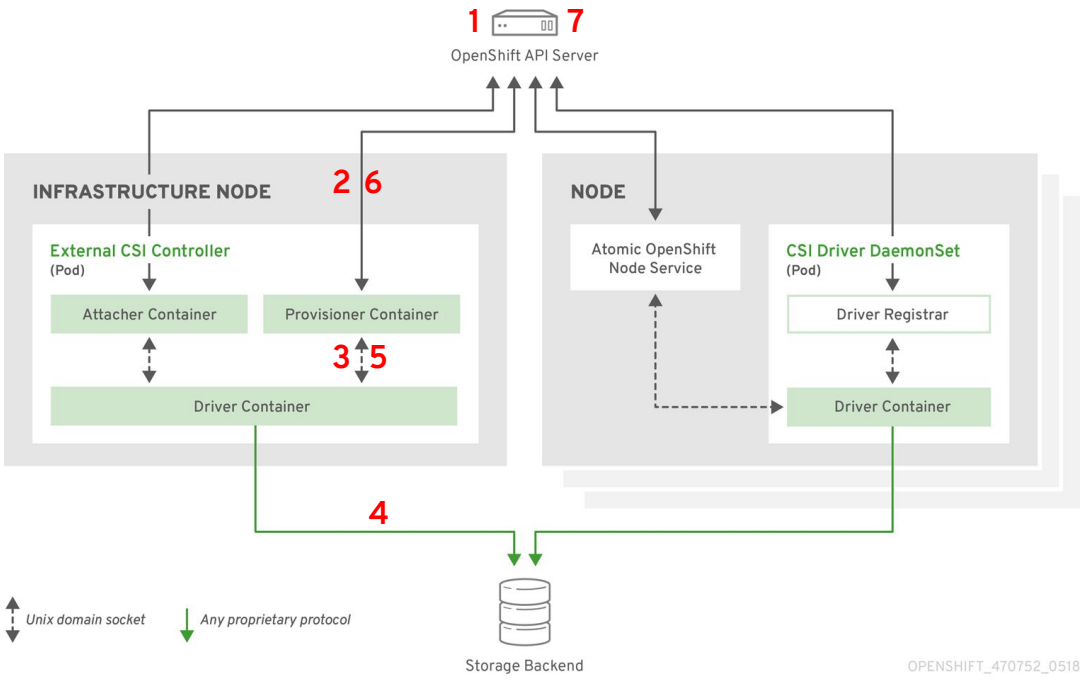
CSI Driver Paradigm

- CSI drivers and logic are provided by storage vendors
  - Each implementation may be different based on the vendor
- Controller logic is deployed to the OpenShift cluster as an Operator, deployment, or even a standalone Pod(s)
  - Responsible for interfacing with storage device to create and manage volumes, snapshots, clones, etc.
  - Respond to events (create, delete PVC) for assigned StorageClass(es)
  - Sidecars assist with hooks for additional functionality - snapshots, resizing, etc.
- Each node hosts, via a DaemonSet, one or more CSI node plugin Pods for the driver
  - Kubelet requests the node plugin to mount/unmount volumes, format block devices if needed, etc.



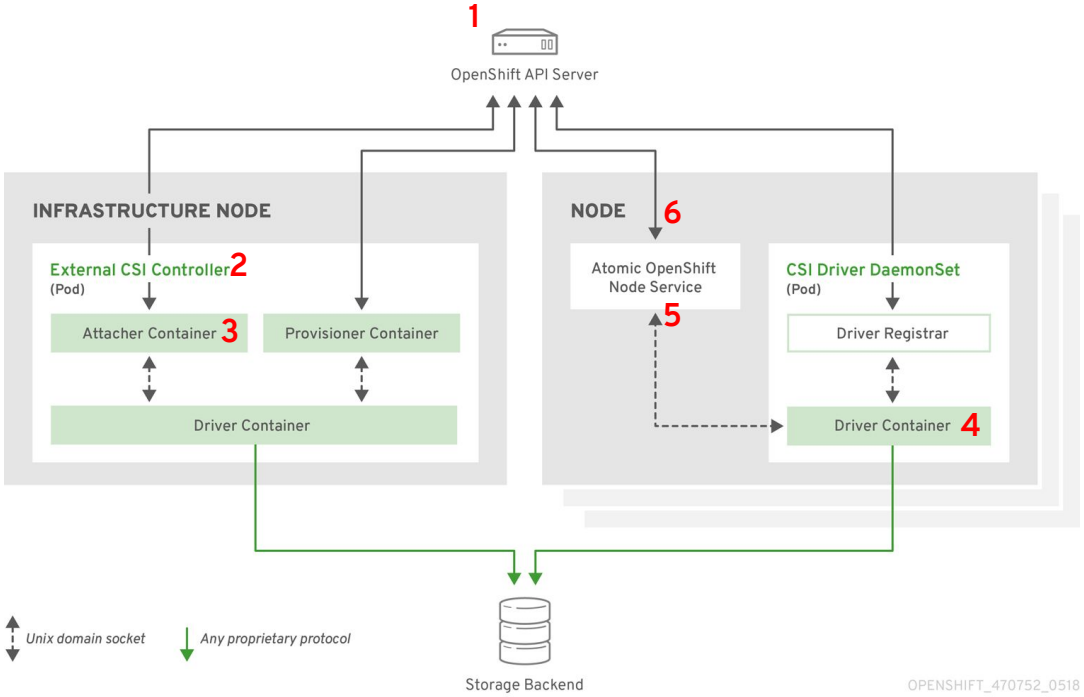
CSI Dynamic Provisioning

1. User creates a PVC
2. The external provisioner gets an event that a new PVC was created
3. The external provisioner initiates CreateVolume call to the CSI driver
4. The CSI driver talks to storage backend and creates a volume
5. The CSI driver returns a volume to the external provisioner
6. The external provisioner creates PV on API server
7. Kubernetes PV controller finishes the binding (PVC is Bound)



CSI Volume Mounting

1. User instantiates a Pod with a PVC
2. The CSI controller is notified of a volume publish event via the attacher sidecar
3. The CSI controller takes any actions on the storage device to make the volume mountable, e.g. NFS export rules
4. The node driver stages the volume, taking action to prepare the volume to be used, e.g. formatting a non-raw block device
5. The node driver mounts the volume at the location requested by Kubelet
6. The volume is attached to the container, by Kubelet, as defined



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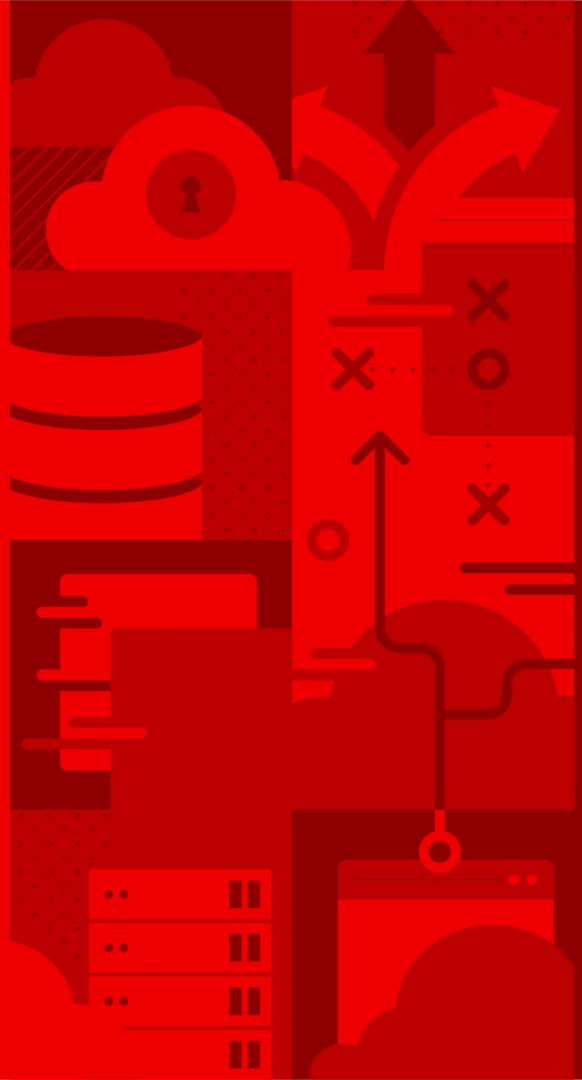

Developer Experience

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Application Probes

Improving reliability and availability of applications via built-in probes

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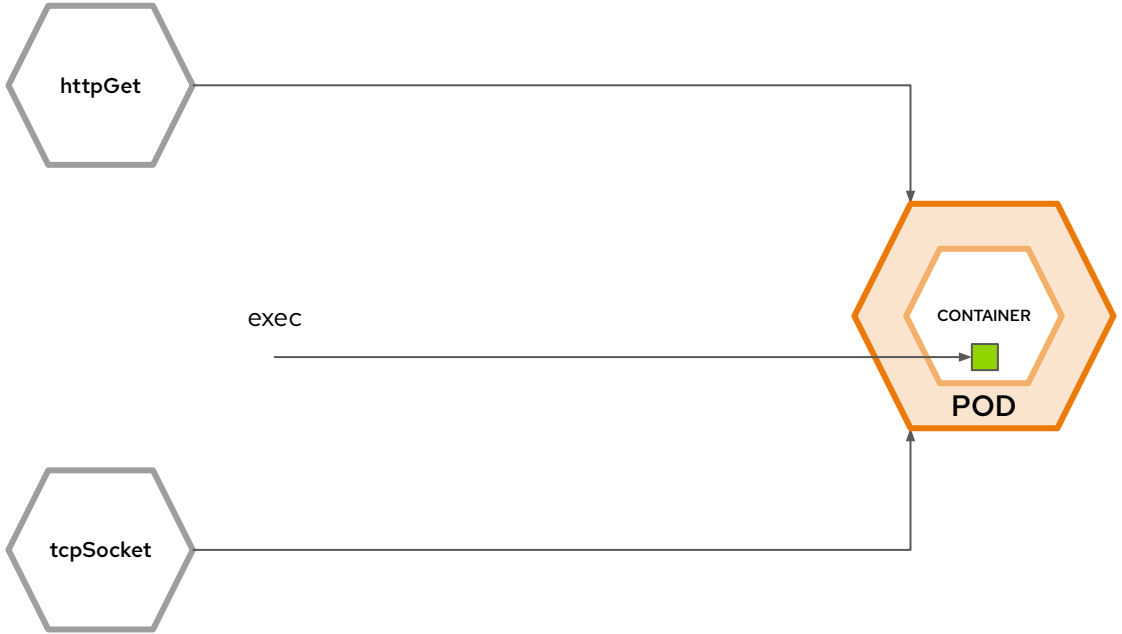
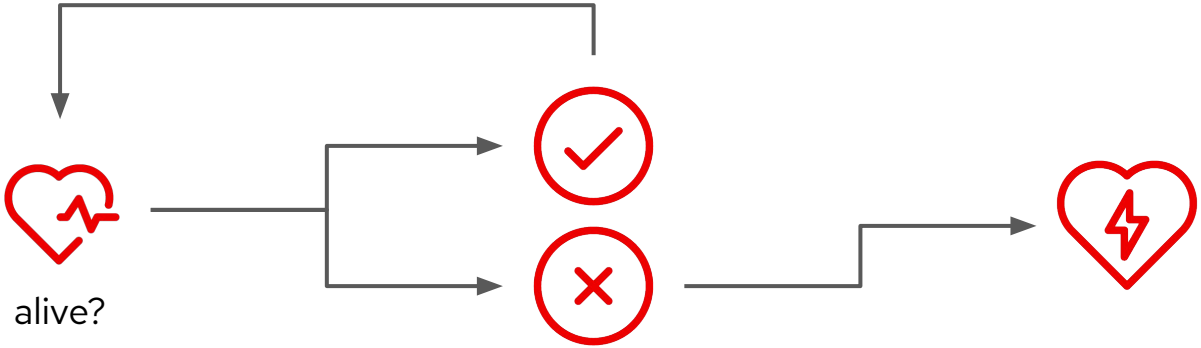
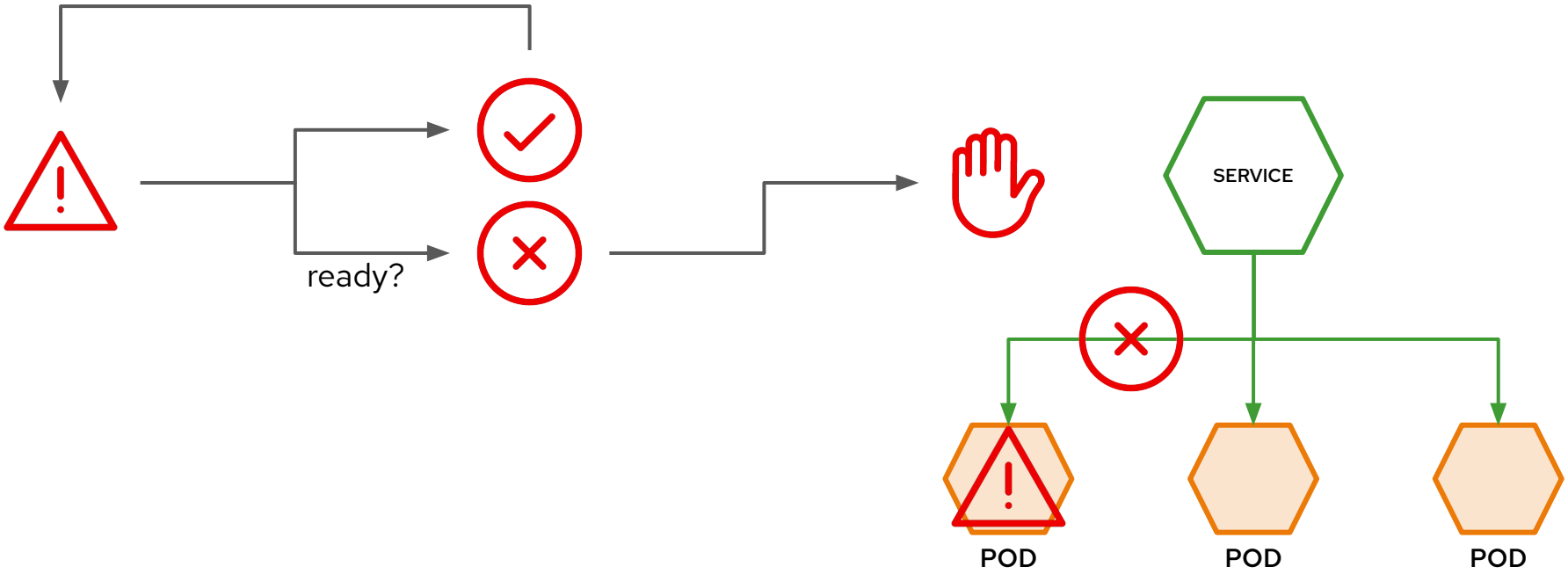
Three Types: One Goal



Liveness Probes



Readiness Probes



Important settings

`initialDelaySeconds`: How long to wait after the pod is launched to begin checking

`timeoutSeconds`: How long to wait for a successful connection (httpGet, tcpSocket only)

`periodSeconds`: How frequently to recheck

`failureThreshold`: How many consecutive failed checks before the probe is considered failed

Build and Deploy Container Images

Tools and automation

that makes developers

productive quickly

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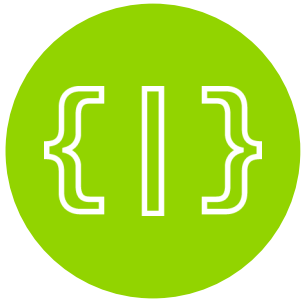

DEPLOY YOUR SOURCE CODE

DEPLOY YOUR APP BINARY

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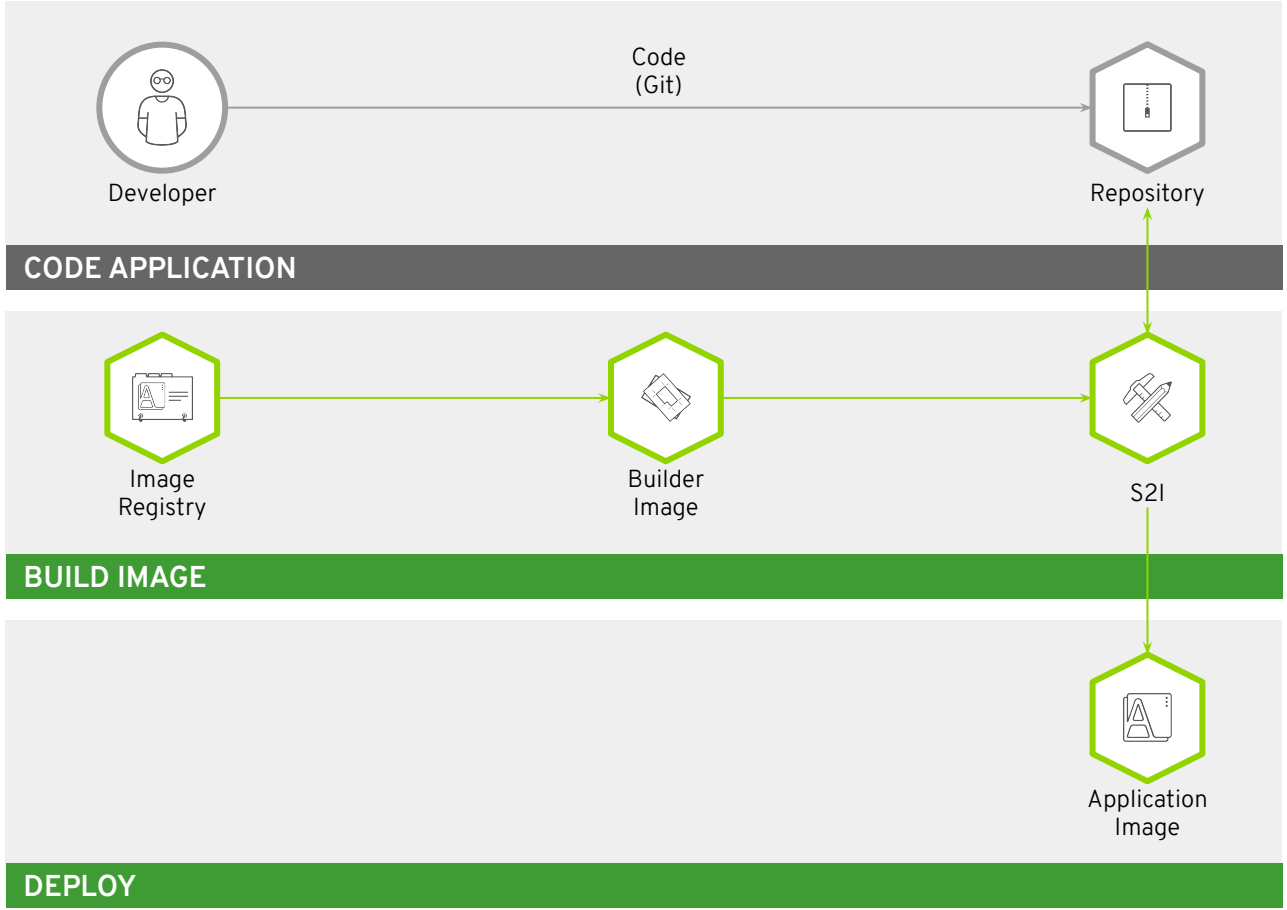
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