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# Kubernetes Nodes

The machines that make up a Kubernetes cluster are called **nodes**.

Nodes in a Kubernetes cluster may be physical, or virtual.

There are two types of nodes:

- A Control-plane-node type, which makes up the [Control Plane](#), acts as the “brains” of the cluster.
- A Worker-node type, which makes up the [Data Plane](#), runs the actual container images (via pods).

We'll dive deeper into how nodes interact with each other later in the presentation.

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