Introduction to containerization with Red Hat OpenShift

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Containers are the new normal

\$3.0B

2024 Container Software Market

36.2%

CAGR 2021-2026



Why Red Hat?

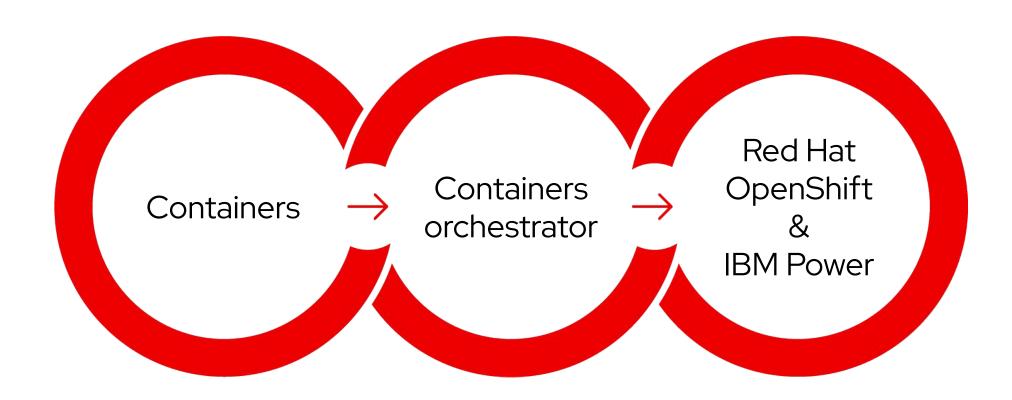
- Leader in the 2024 Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ for Container Management
- Part of IBM since 2019

Why me?

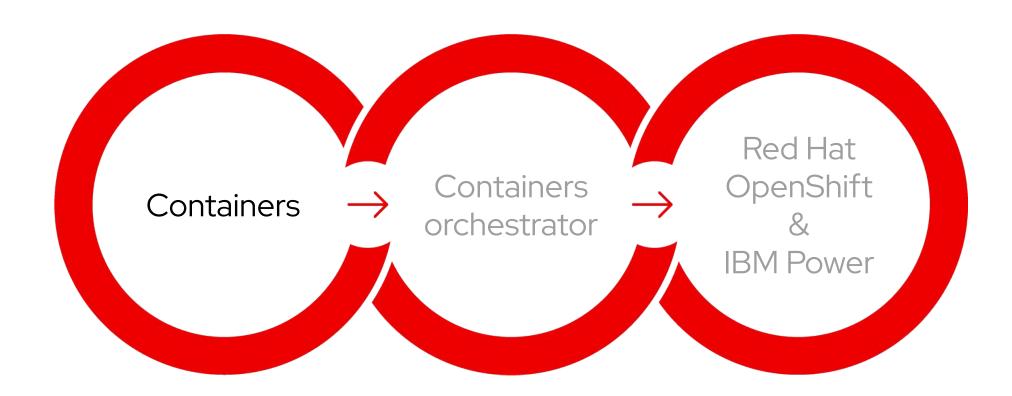
- Working on OpenShift as Red Hat associate since 2021
- Technical Account Manager for OpenShift on selected customers



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What are containers?

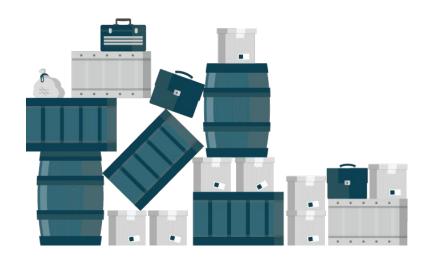
It depends who you ask

APPLICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE



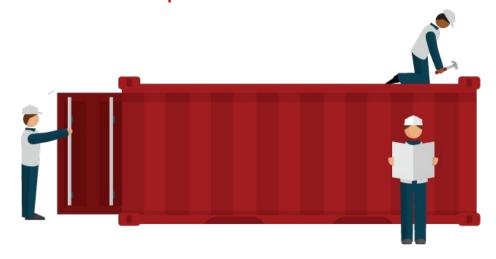
The problem

Applications have different requirements: languages, libraries, and tools



The solution

Package applications as units of software that hold together all the needed components





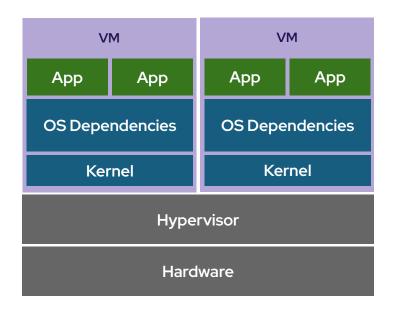


Create a container image

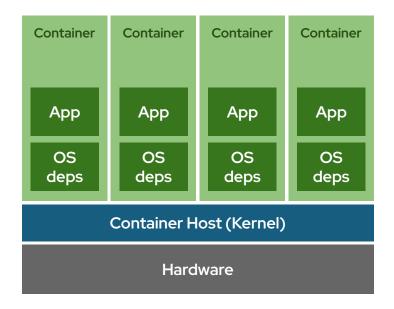


The problem

VMs are "heavy" and usually **not** portable across hypervisors



The solution Isolated processes on a shared kernel (using Linux technologies)





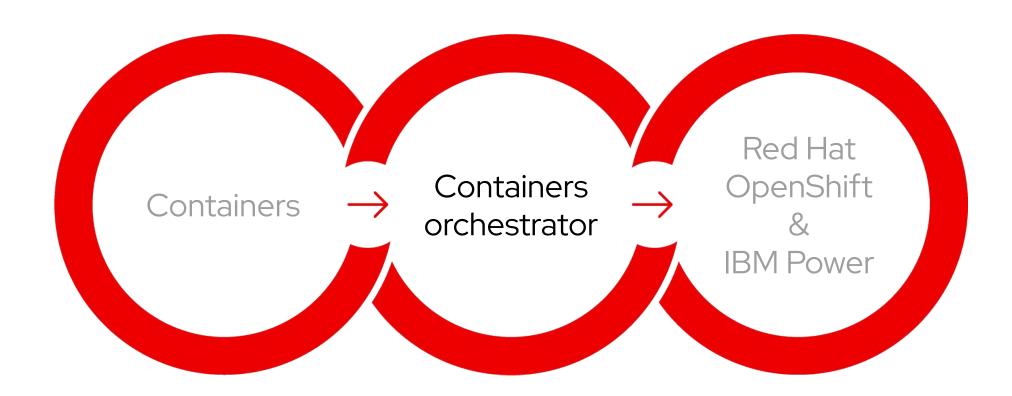


Run a container instance

and verify its isolation

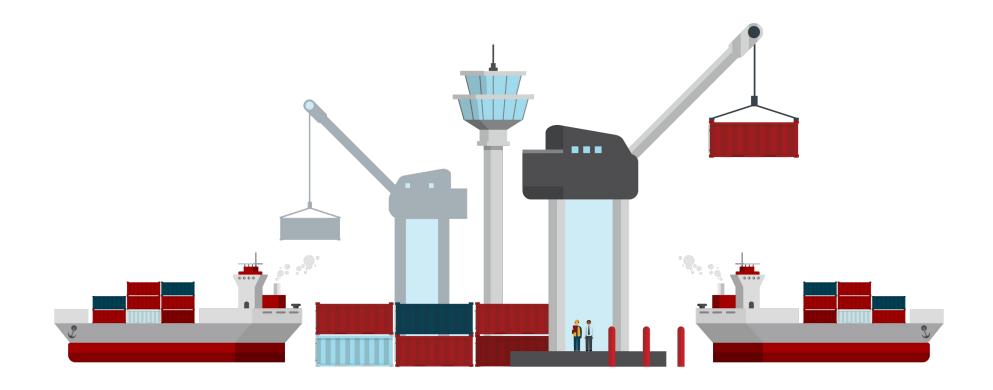


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Automated rollouts and rollbacks



Self-healing



Secret and configuration management



How to manage containers at scale?

Use a containers orchestrator



Kubernetes objects

Entities representing the state of the orchestrator

- Pod: unit of computing (group of one or more containers)
- Deployment: set of identical Pods (replicas of the same app)
- Service: way to expose Pods over the network
- PersistentVolume: unit of storage ("disk" that is usable by a Pod)
- ConfigMap: way to set configurations in Pods
- Secret: way to store confidential data (ex. connection strings)



Anatomy of a Kubernetes object

Represented as a YAML file

```
apiVersion: \lor 1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: demo-pod
  labels:
    app: demo-pod
spec:
  containers:
    - name: demo-container
      image: quay.io/.../demo-container:latest
       ports:
        - containerPort: 8000
```

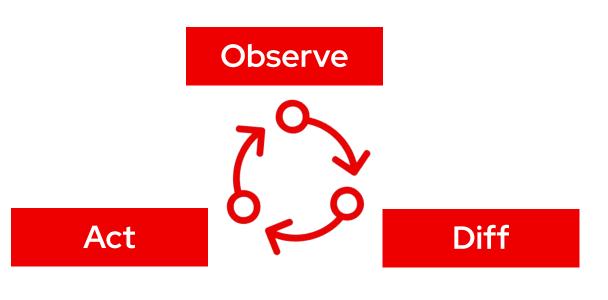


Reconciliation / Control loop

A core Kubernetes concept

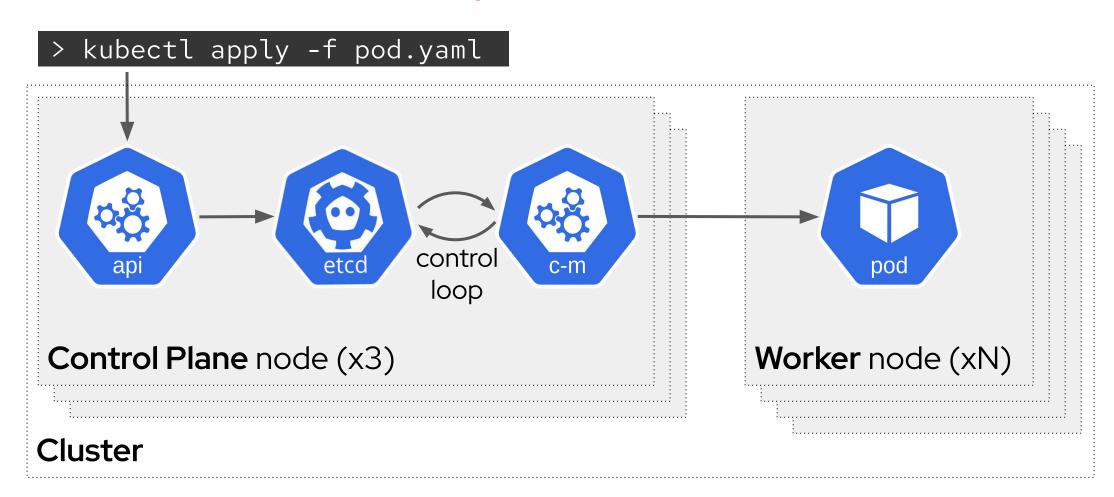
Kubernetes is based on the concept of a declarative specification of the desired state

and the use of reconciliation loops
to drive the actual state toward the
desired state



Kubernetes architecture

Simplified view

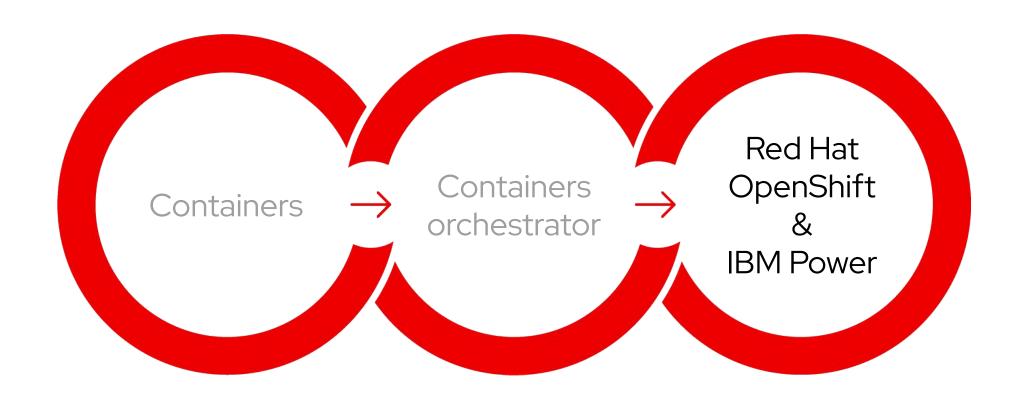






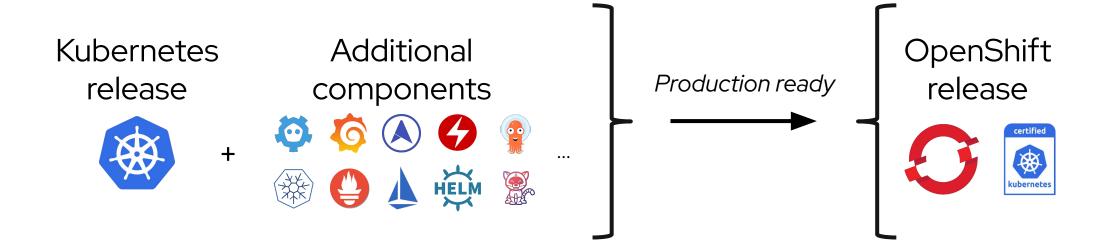
Run a Pod on Kubernetes

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OpenShift Container Platform

Trusted, comprehensive, and consistent platform to develop, modernize, and deploy applications at scale

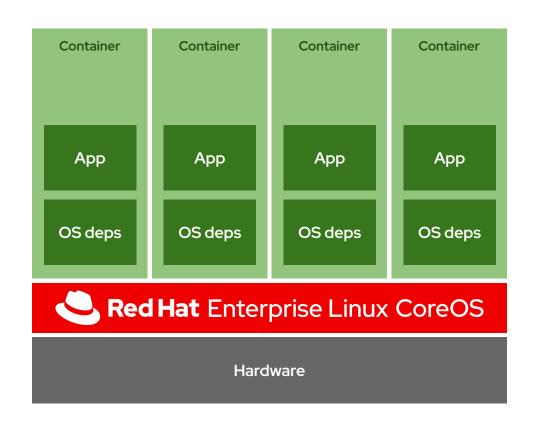


Red Hat is a leading Kubernetes contributor since day 1, and a major contributor to most CNCF projects



Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS

The default operating system for the OCP cluster nodes





Based on **RHEL**



Controlled immutability



Container-centric



OpenShift on IBM Power

Securely build new OpenShift apps adjacent to data on AIX, IBM i



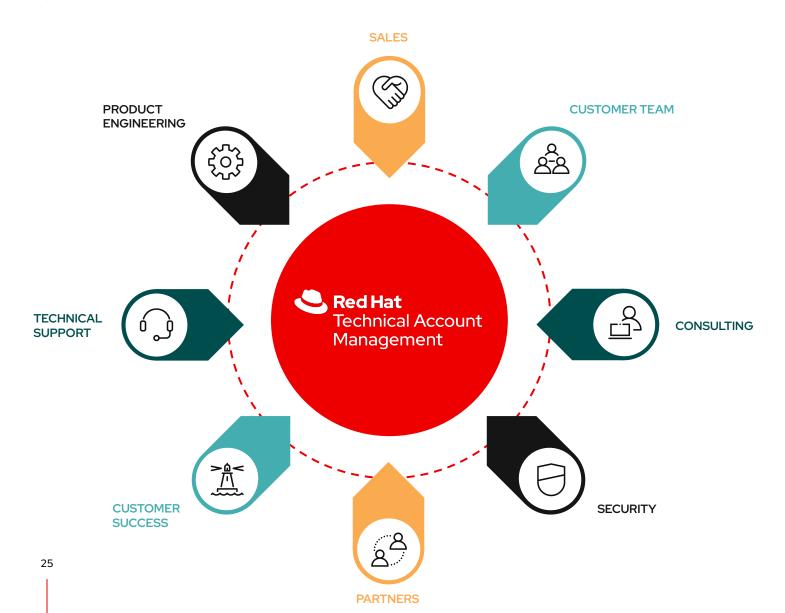
- Incremental modernization: value delivered as you go
- Performance and scalability: leveraging the POWER processors
- **Enhanced security**: hardware-based encryption, secure boot, and memory isolation capabilities
- Reliability and availability: redundant components, error correction and dynamic resource allocation
- Al capabilities: integrated accelerators





OpenShift console overview

What are Red Hat TAMs



Red Hat Technical Account

Managers are technical advisors for customers and partners that need help planning and deploying their Red Hat solution successfully.

TAMs serve as a consistent single point of contact for customers as their technology needs evolve.

An overview of the tasks a TAM does



Plan

- Best practices
- Supportability assessments
- Product enhancements
- Early beta access
- Life-cycle planning



Assist

- Strategic cases
- Critical situation management
- Customized notifications
- Supportability checks
- Multi-vendor collaboration



Connect

- Regular sync up calls
- Customer Portal private community
- On-site visits and Service Reviews
- Proactive case analysis
- Webinars, Events and Workshops



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