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Build a Lightweight Private Cloud with Harvester, K3s, and Traefik

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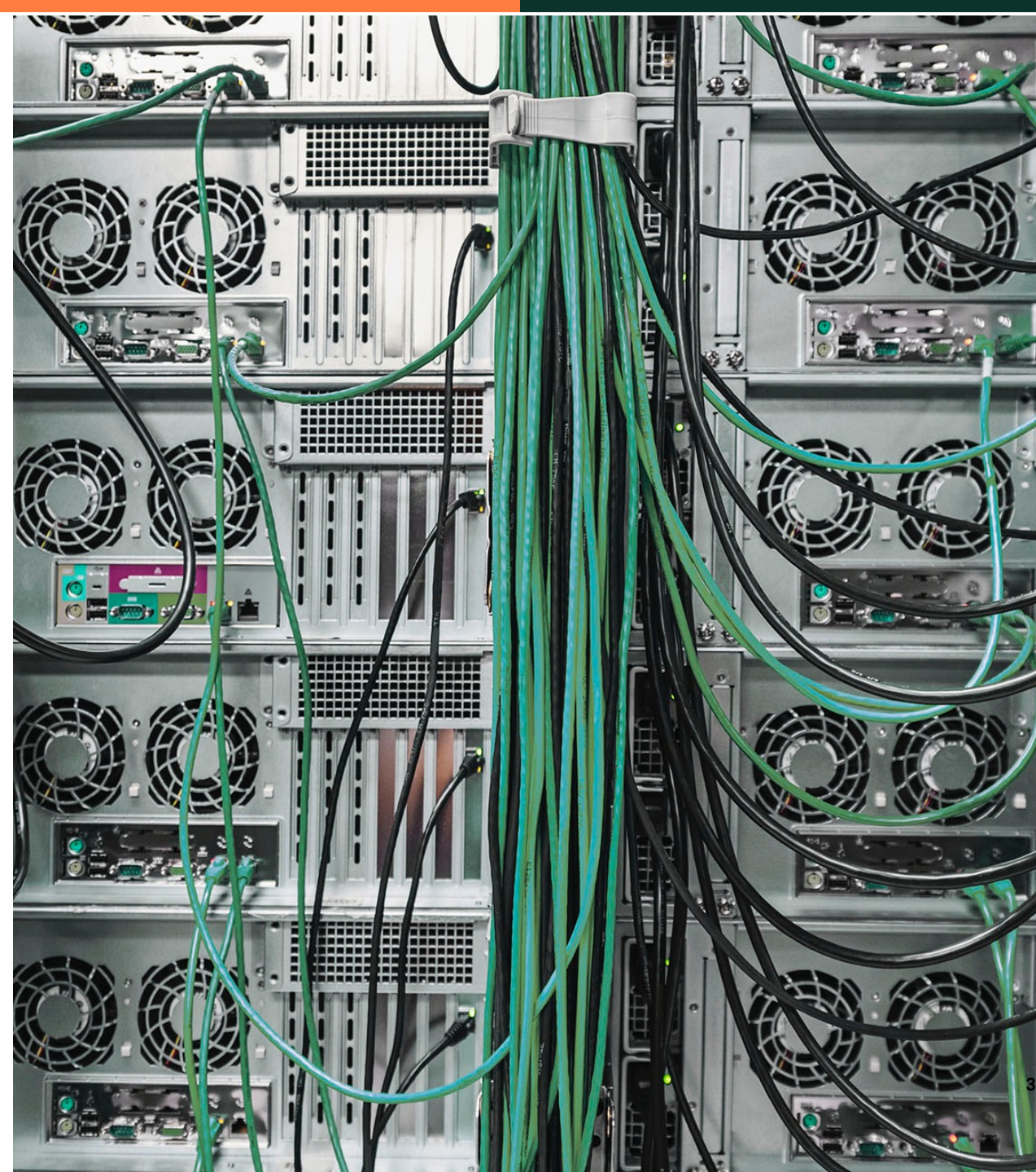
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State of Play

The infrastructure landscape is rapidly changing.

- **Containers** uptake continues to grow exponentially
 - *By the end of 2022 – 60% of enterprises will be leveraging containers on the cloud (Forrester, 2021)*
- **Virtualized workloads** are now mature but continue to experience steady growth in on-prem environments and cloud
- **HCI market** is predicted to experience double-digit growth in the next 5 years



Harvester combines key cloud-native technologies into a single API

Orchestration



Virtualization Platform



VM Management



Persistent Storage



Meta CNI



Virtual IP



What is hyperconverged infrastructure (HCI)?

- HCI is software-defined IT infrastructure
- Virtualizes all the elements of conventional "hardware-defined" systems.
- It generally incorporates:
 - A hypervisor (VMs)
 - Software-defined Storage
 - Software-defined Networking
- Reliance on off-the-shelf hardware solutions to deploy



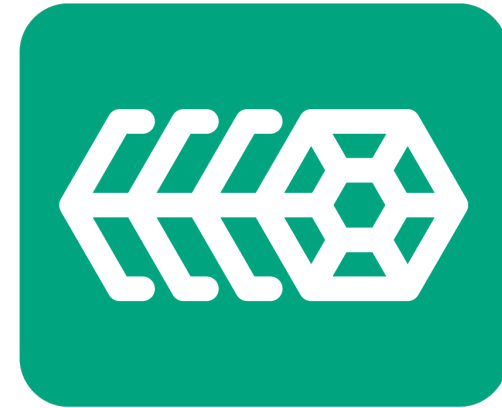
Benefits

- ✓ Simplified operations of VMs
 - ✓ Including deployment, lifecycle management & upgrades
- ✓ Scalable solution with HCI clusters and nodes architecture
- ✓ Reliable system that provides high availability across VM environments
- ✓ Improved operator agility capable of handling diverse workloads
- ✓ Software-defined enables automation,
- ✓ Cloud Integration



What is Harvester?

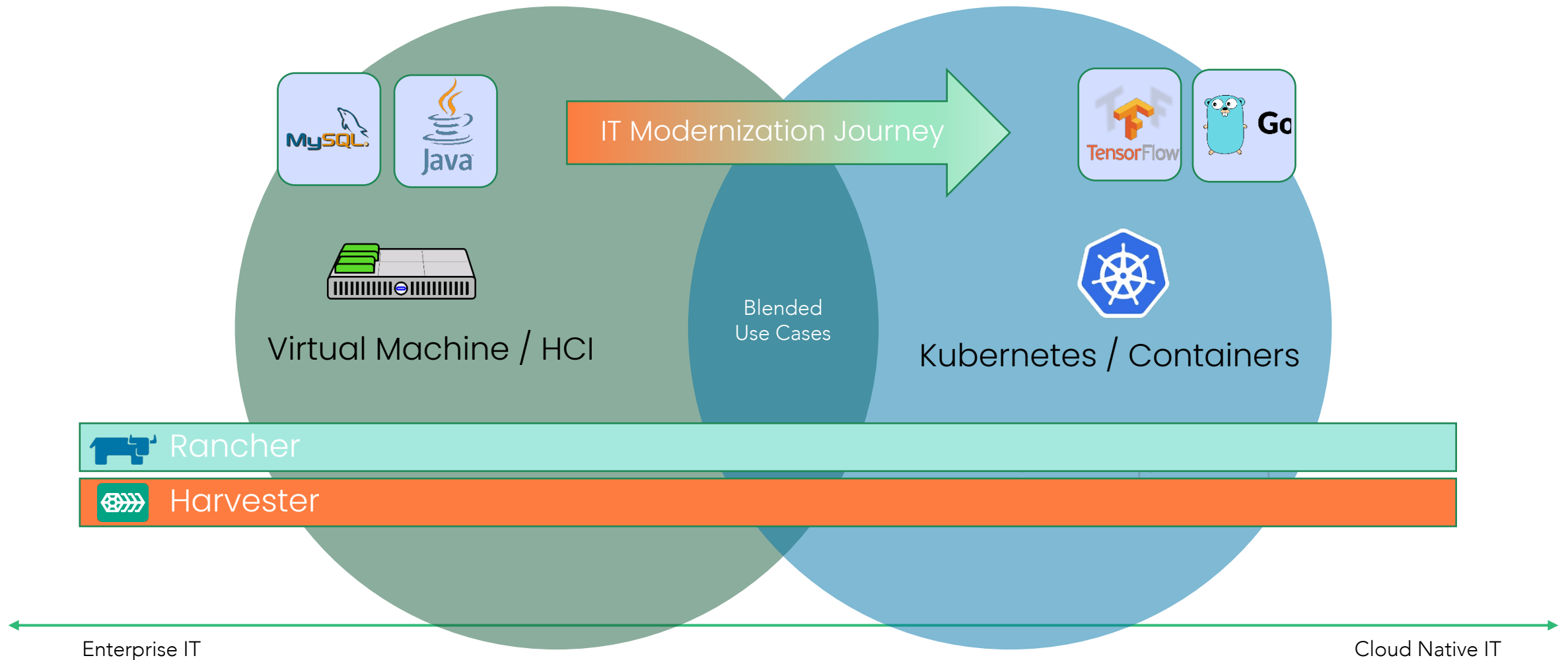
- 'Open, Interoperable Hyperconverged Infrastructure Solution'
 - 100% Open-Source
 - No Licensing & Hardware Fees
- Modern solution built on cloud-native technology
 - Linux, Kubernetes (RKE2), Longhorn, KubeVirt, Multus
- Production-ready, turn-key conventional HCI experience
- Implements HCI on bare metal
- Lightweight, software-driven
 - Doesn't require any additional hardware, external SANs
 - Reliable at the Edge
- Native Integration with Rancher for containerized workloads



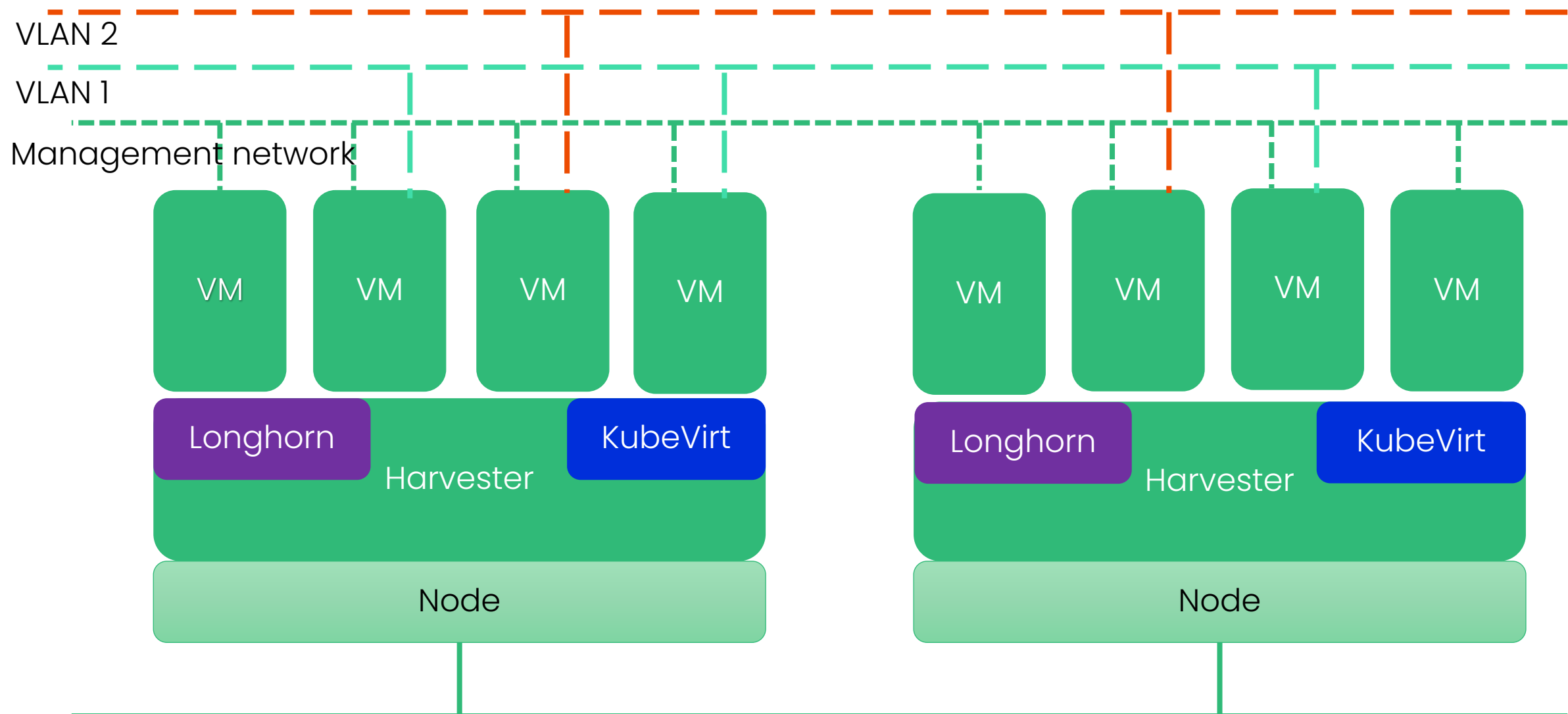
HARVESTER



Harvester bridges the classic and cloud-native infrastructure use cases together



Harvester Architecture



Hardware requirements

- Bare metal x86_64 machines
- CPU: 16 core or more
- Memory: 32GB or more
- Disk space: SSD/NVMe with 120GB or more
- Network: 10Gbps or more
 - Bonded NIC is supported



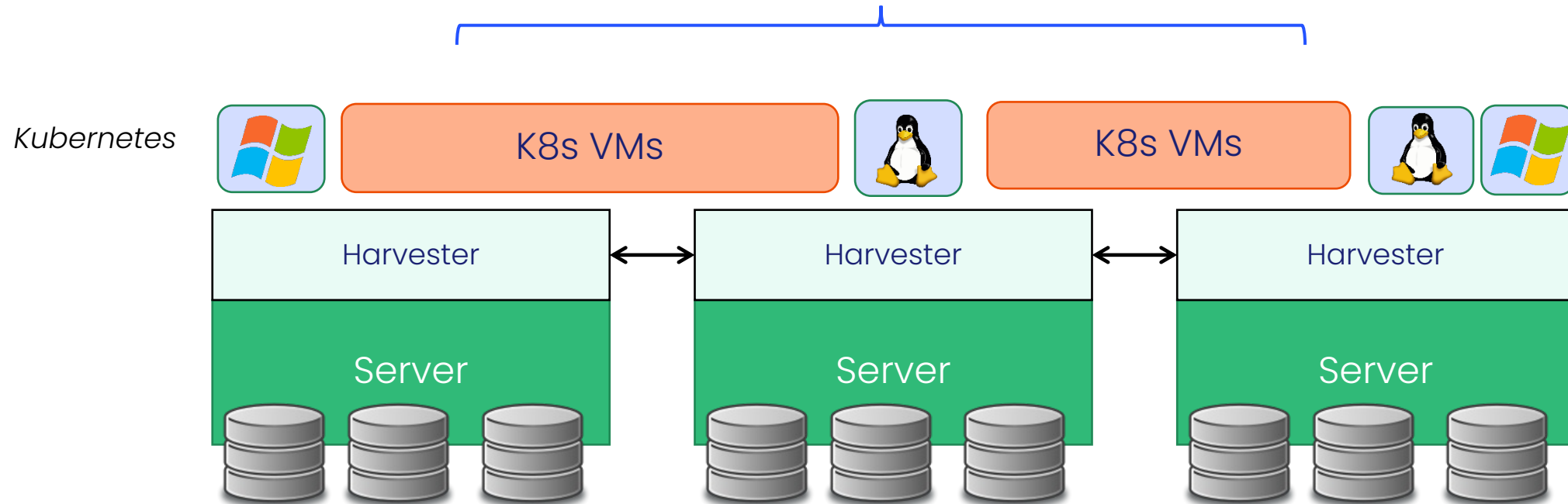
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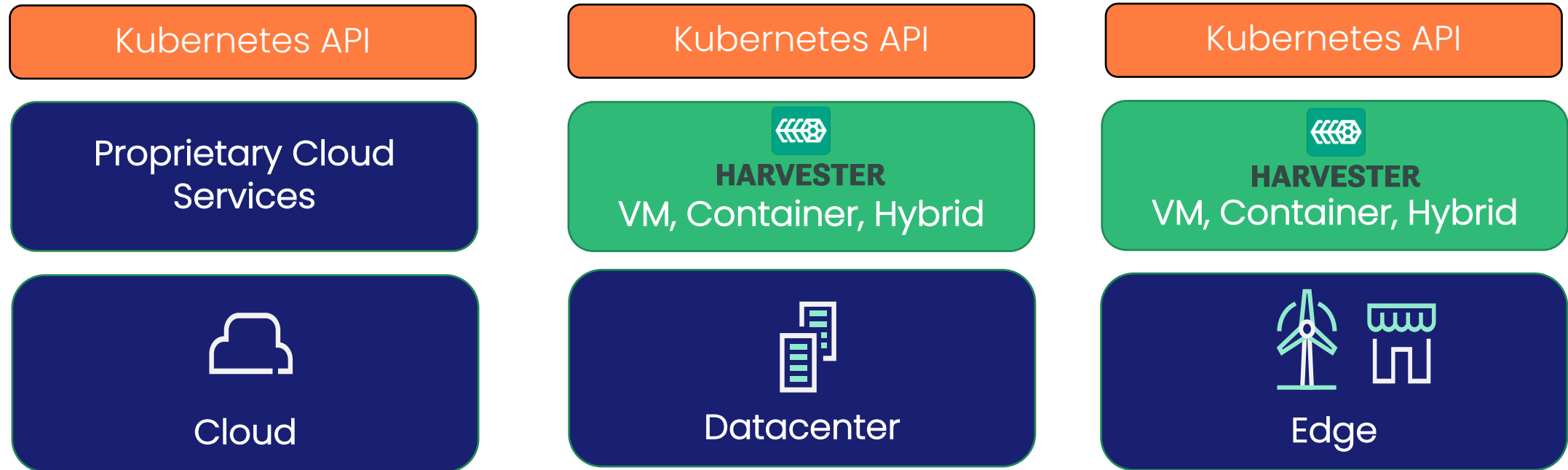
ISO images and PXE boot for installing direct to bare-metal

Hybrid: Modernize HCI

Virtual Machines and Containers managed from a single pane of glass



Helping organizations build a truly hybrid-IT strategy



Major Features

- Installation via ISO or PXE
 - Air gap environment support
 - Proxy support
- VM lifecycle management
 - Cloud Config
 - SSH key injection
 - Graphic console to VNC and serial port
 - Template
 - Live migration
 - Export images from existing VMs
 - Terraform support
- Built-in monitoring dashboard
- Storage
 - High performance and efficient block storage
 - Built-in highly-available image repository
 - VM backup/restore to NFS/S3
 - Hot plug disk
- Network
 - Virtual IP for the cluster
 - Multi-network support
 - VLAN support
 - Custom SSL certificate



Rancher

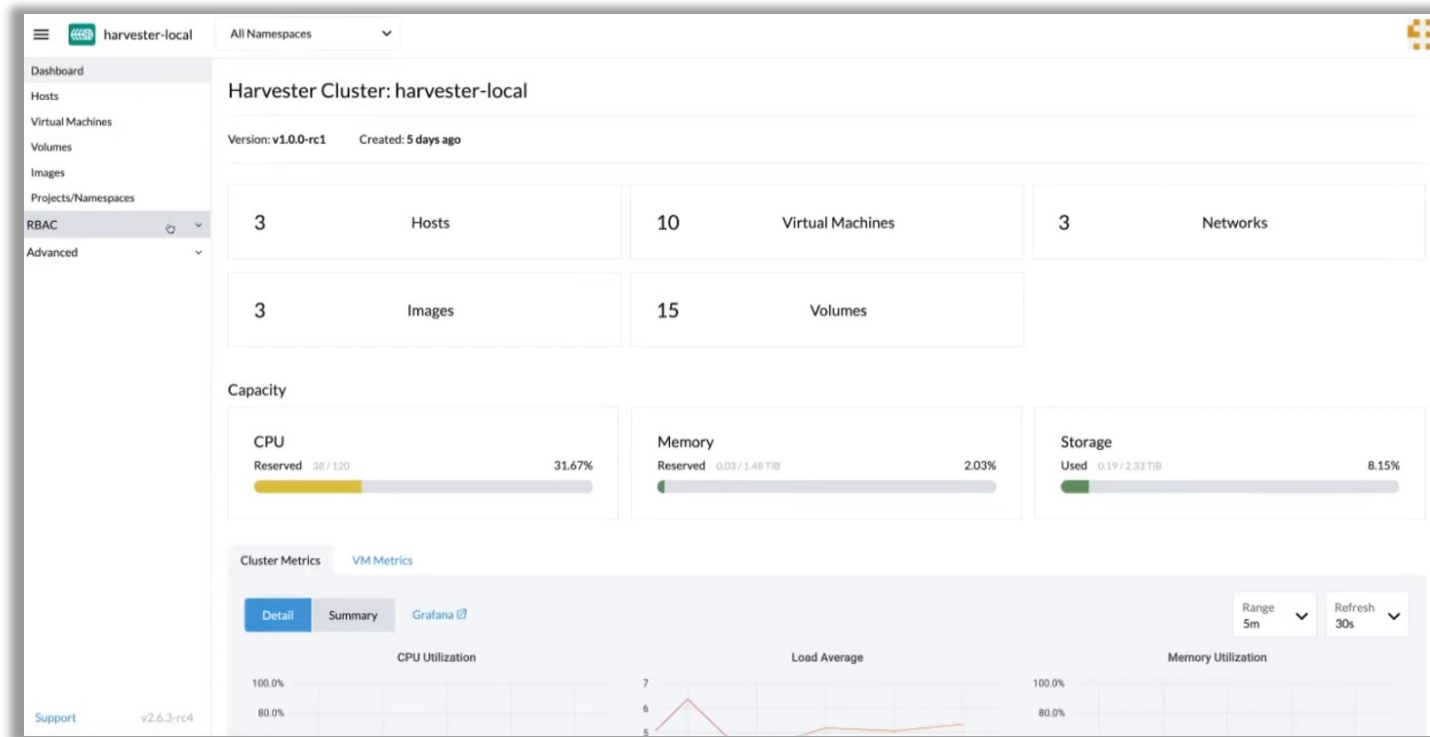


- Enterprise Container Management tool
 - Runs on any CNCF compliant distribution
 - Shipped as a Helm Chart
 - Compatible with multiple Operating Systems
 - Low resource consumption
 - Open Source and flexible
- Offers all what you need to manage clusters and containers at scale.
 - Single pane of glass for managing clusters
 - Standardized monitor and logging tools
 - Application Market based on Helm
 - Full lifecycle management for AKS, EKS and GKE
 - Cluster management at scale with GitOps and Fleet
 - Harvester clusters management
 - Supports as providers AWS, Azure, GCP, VMware, OpenStack, **Harvester**, Digital Ocean and more out of the box.



Multi-Cluster Management using Rancher

Use Rancher to Manage Hyper Converged Infrastructure



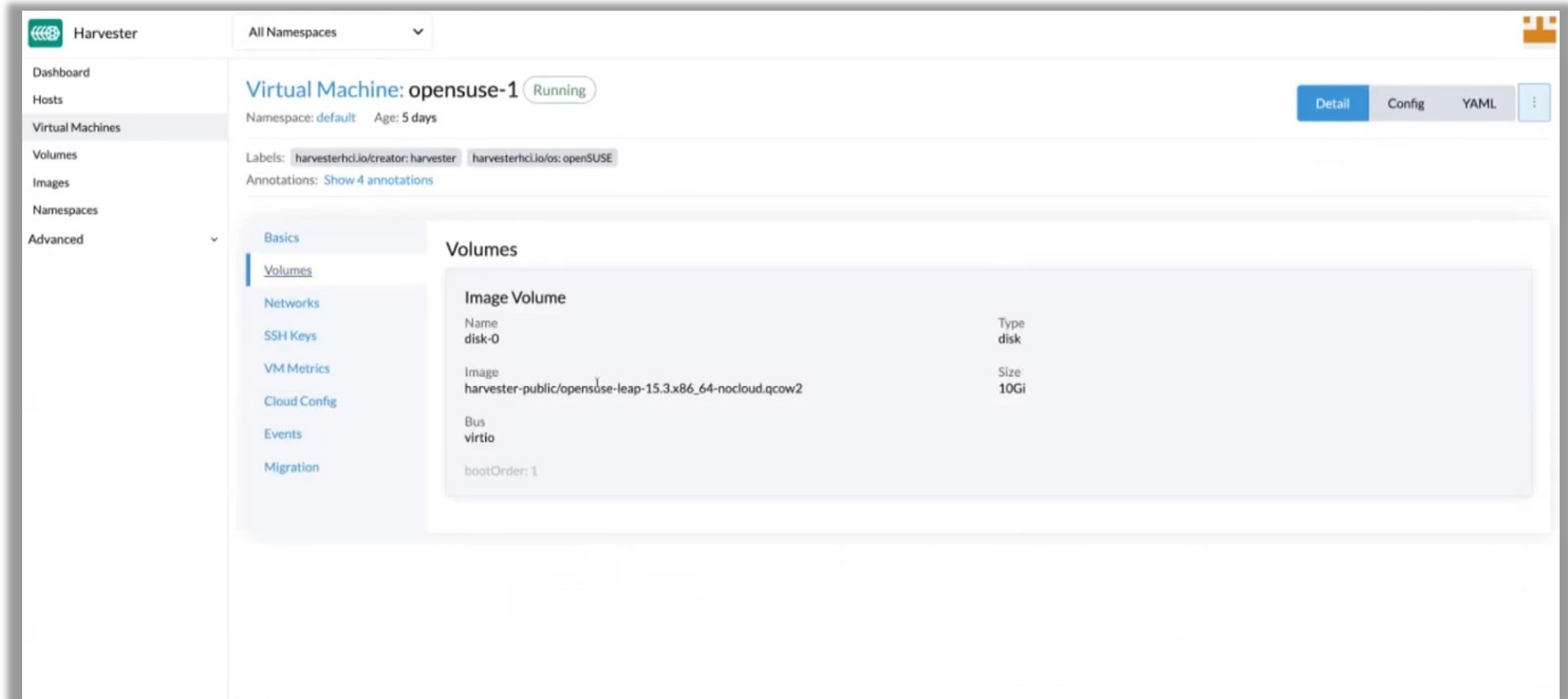
SUSE Rancher can

- Import Harvester clusters
- Provide full RBAC control
- Manage the entire infrastructure
- Drive policy and push consistent updates



Easy to use and familiar UI for VM operators

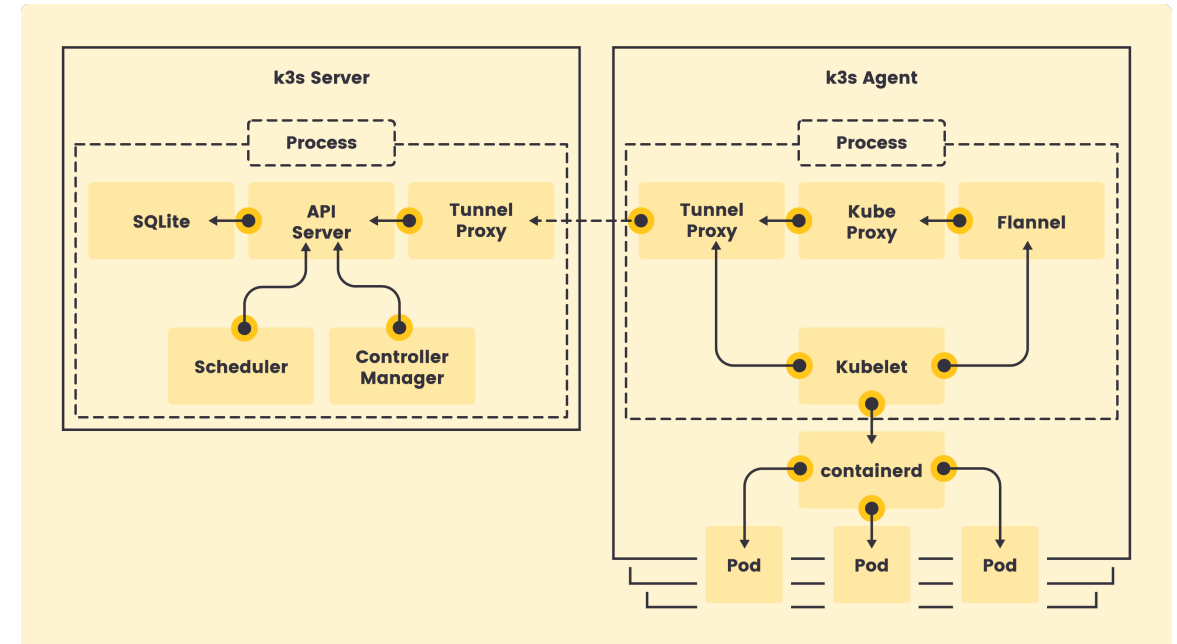
Uses concepts such as VMs, VLANs and Disk Volumes



What is K3s?



- Everything you need to run Kubernetes in a single binary
 - Traefik Ingress Controller
 - Embedded SQLite Database
 - Container run time (containerd)
 - CNI Plugin for networking (Flannel)
 - DNS (coredns)
 - Host utilities (iptables, socat, etc)
 - Local storage provider
 - Service load balance
 - Helm controller
- All components are swappable
- Also available in HA



Why K3s?



— Perfect for Edge

- K3s is a highly available, certified Kubernetes distribution designed for production workloads in unattended, resource-constrained, remote locations or inside IoT appliances.

— Simplified & Secure

- K3s is packaged as a single <50MB binary that reduces the dependencies and steps needed to install, run and auto-update a production Kubernetes cluster.

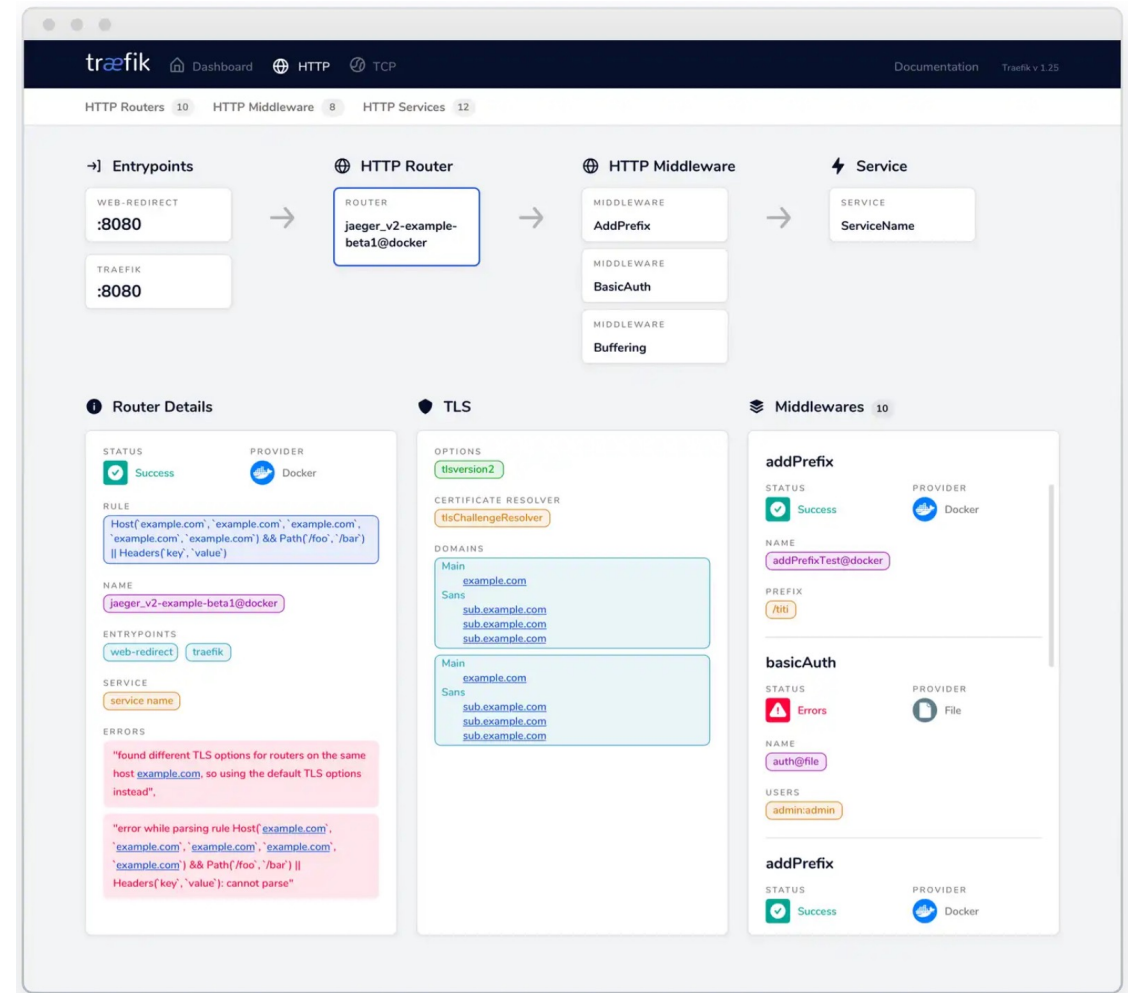
— Multi Platform

- Runs in most of Linux platforms, supporting x86_64, armhf, arm64 and s390x.



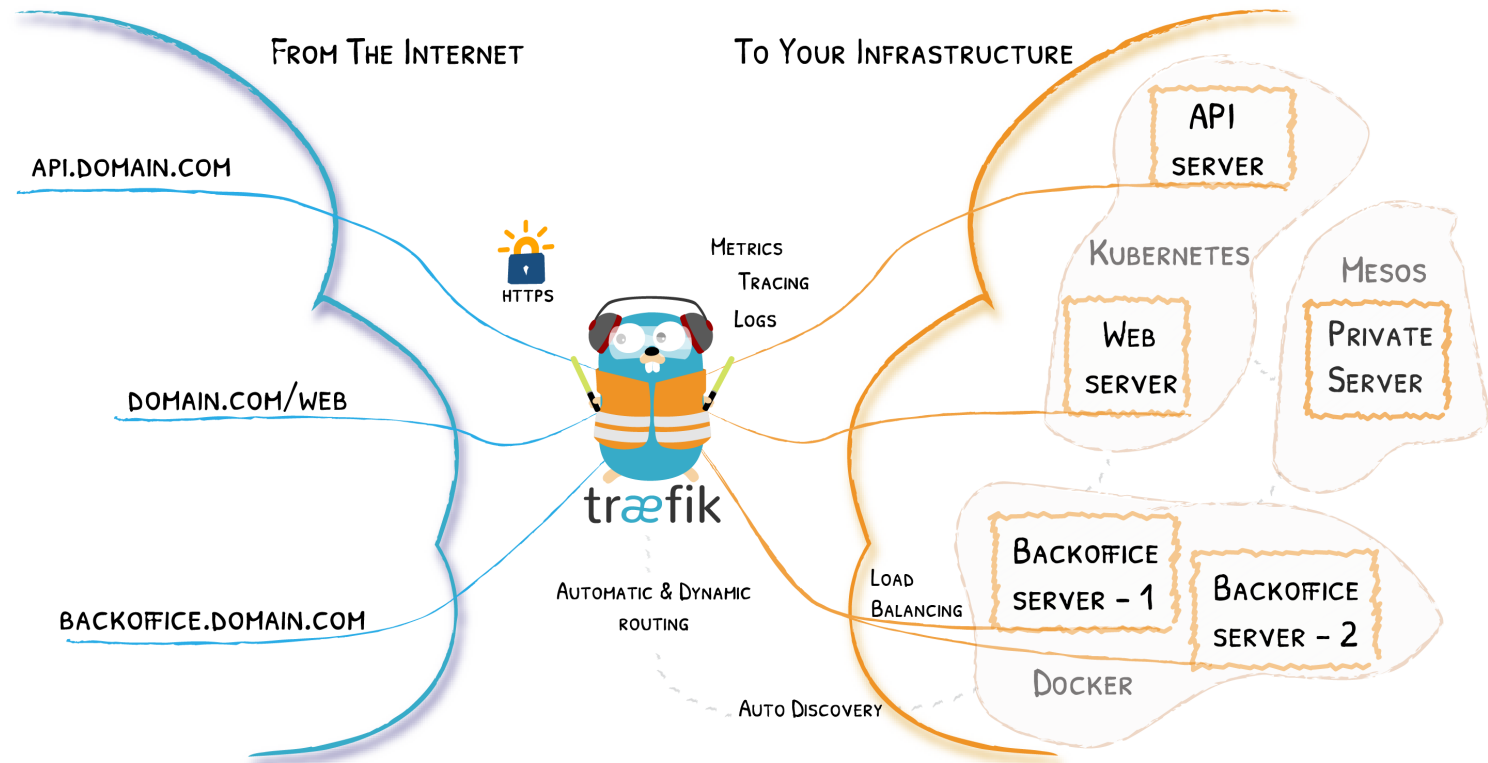
What is Traefik?

- Traefik is a leading modern reverse proxy and load balancer that makes deploying microservices easy. Traefik integrates with your existing infrastructure components and configures itself automatically and dynamically.
- Traefik comes with a powerful set of middlewares that enhance its capabilities to include load balancing, API gateway, orchestrator ingress, as well as east-west service communication and more



Traefik Architecture

- Traefik intercepts and routes every incoming request to the corresponding backend services.
- Unlike a traditional, statically configured reverse proxy, Traefik uses service discovery to configure itself dynamically from the services themselves. All major protocols are supported and can be flexibly managed with a rich set of configurable middlewares for load balancing, rate-limiting, circuit-breakers, mirroring, authentication, and more.





Thank you

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