

Microsoft Azure Developer: Deploying and Managing Containers

INTRODUCING CONTAINERS ON AZURE



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Course Overview



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How can we run containers locally?



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Docker Basics

Images

Image = application + dependencies

Layered



Built from a **Dockerfile**

Tagged - e.g. markheath/myapp:1.4

Publish to a “**container registry**”

- Docker Hub
- Azure Container Registry

Containers

An instance based on an image

Run on a “**Docker host**”

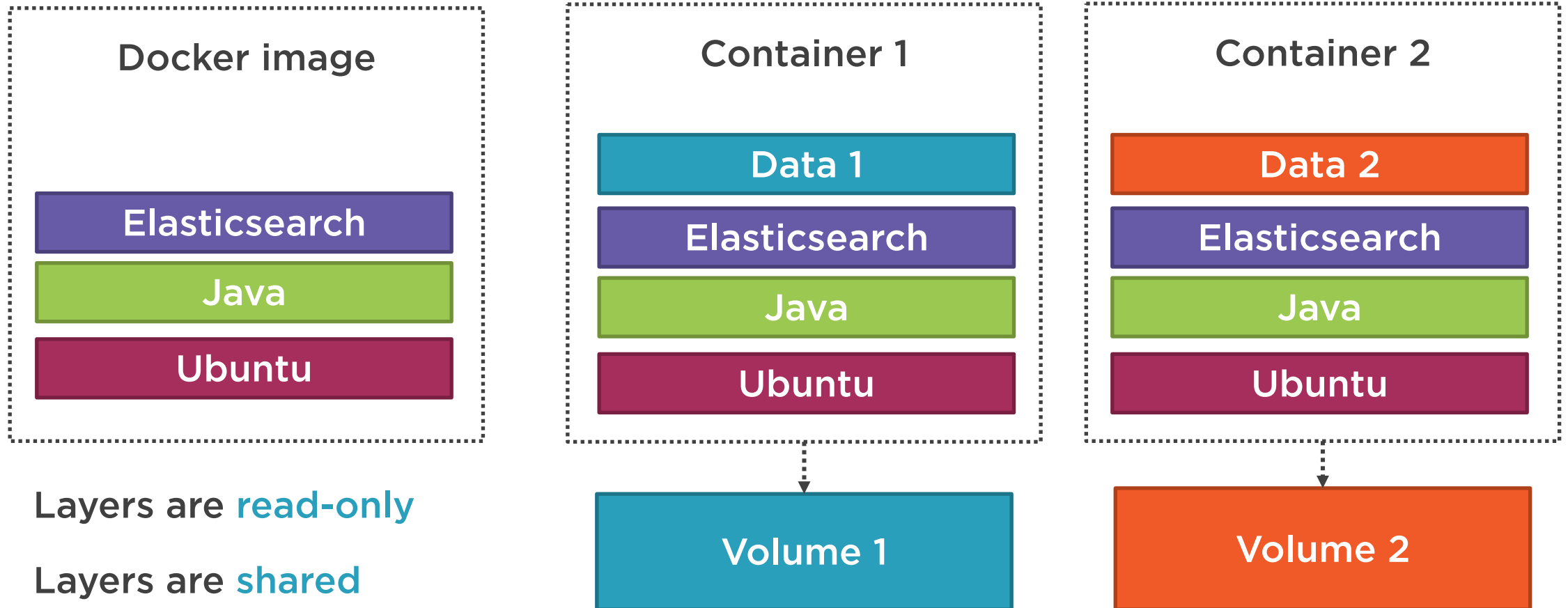
- Works the same everywhere
- Provides memory and CPU
- Publish ports
- Disk access (image only)

Can be stopped and restarted

Multiple containers from a single image



Data Storage



Layers are **read-only**

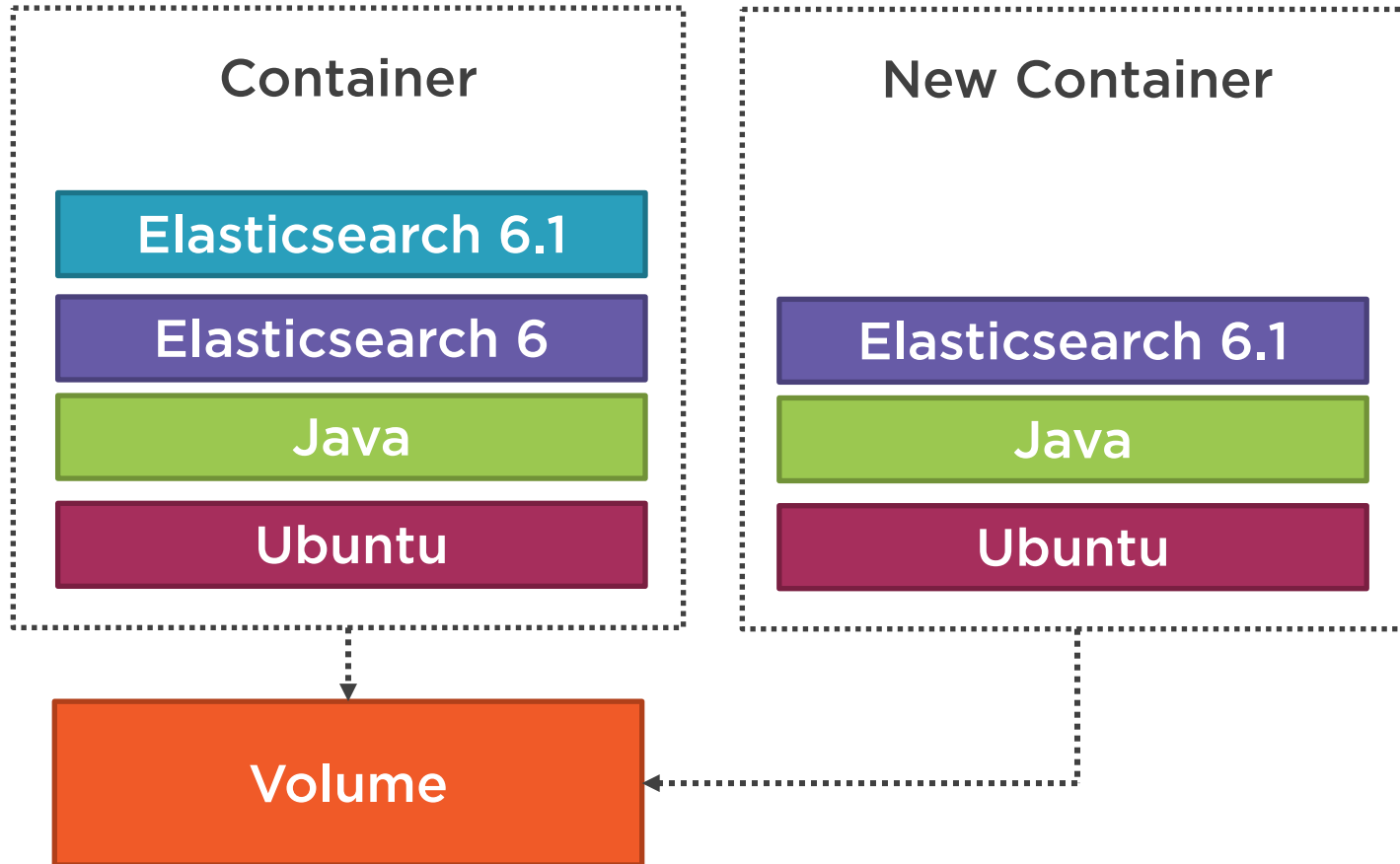
Layers are **shared**

Use **volumes** to persist data

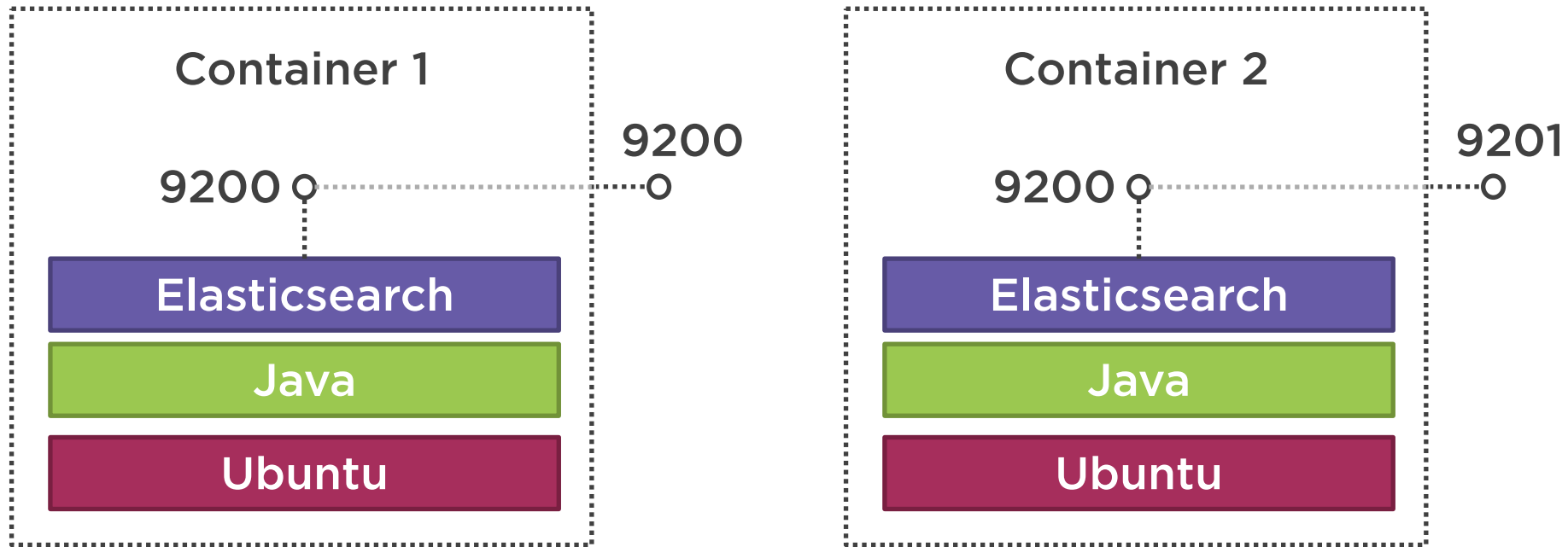
Mount volumes to a path in the container – e.g. `/var/lib/mysql`



Upgrades



Network



Containers can **publish** a port

Docker hosts can **map** a port



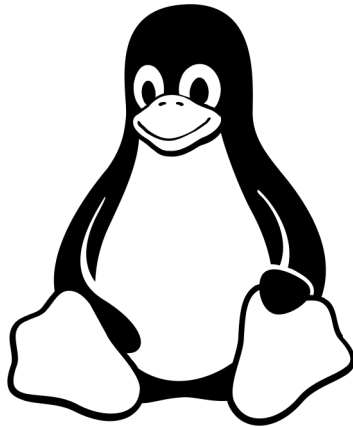
Environment Variables



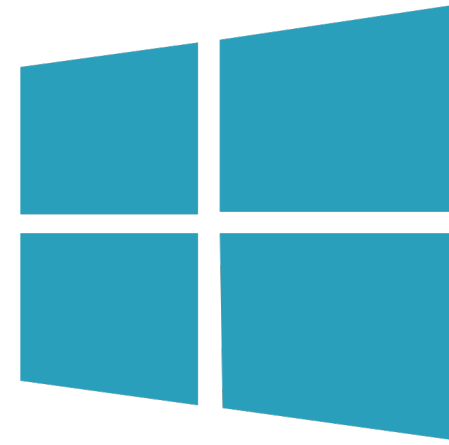
Containers have their own **environment variables**



Linux



Windows



Windows Server 2016 and newer supports Windows containers

Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL 2)



Docker Benefits

Containers

- ✓ Isolation
- ✓ Portability
- ✓ Efficient
- ✓ Fast start
- ✓ Disposable
- ✓ Minimal attack surface area

VMs

- ✓ Strong isolation
- ✓ Portability
- ✗ Resource hungry
- ✗ OS boot times
- ✗ Require patching
- ✗ OS needs hardening



Security



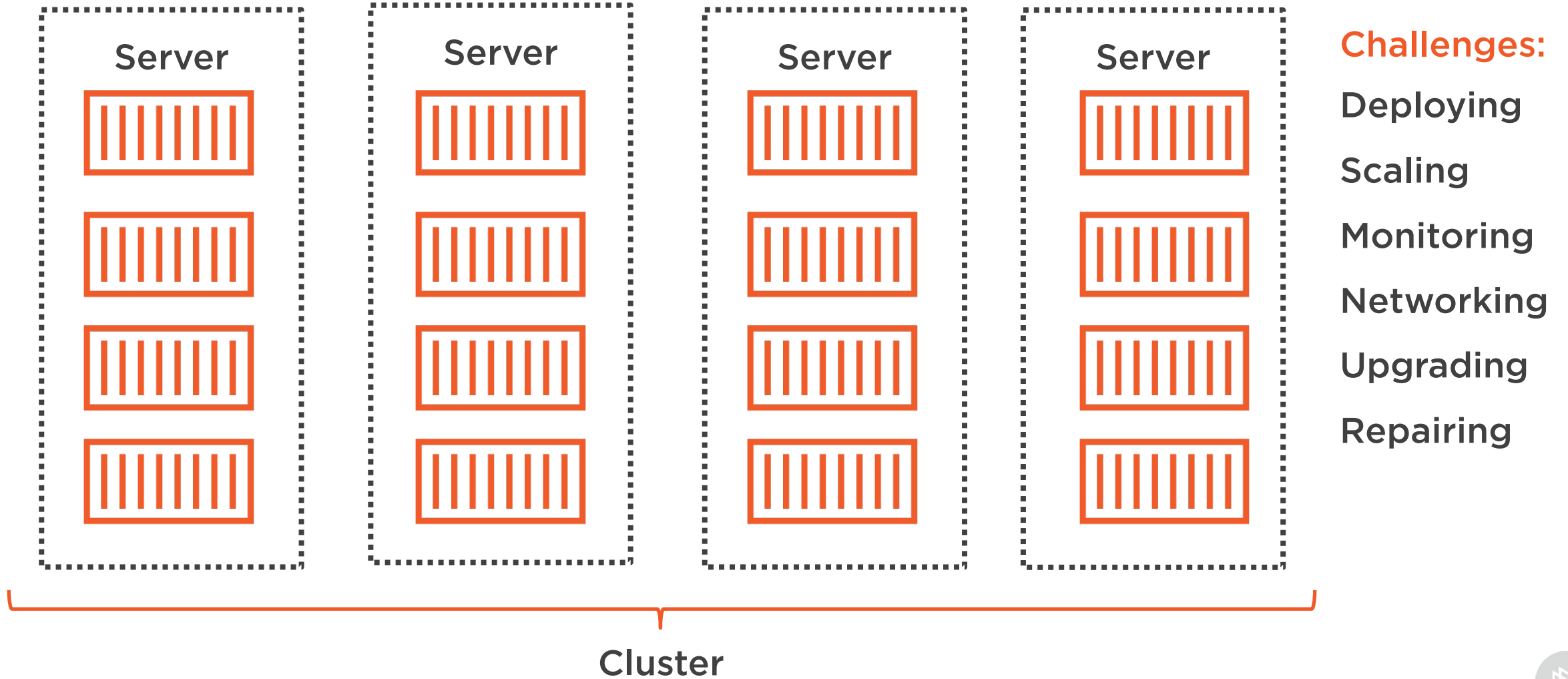
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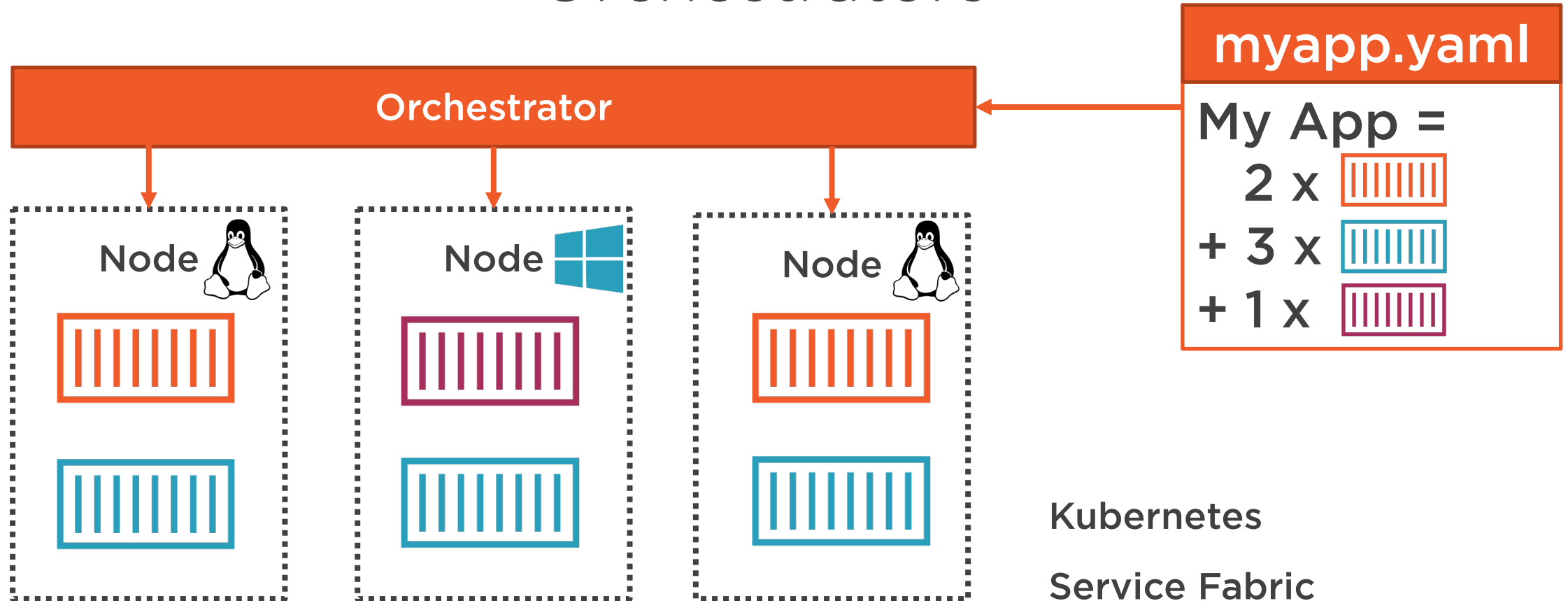
Vulnerability scanning

Image signing

Managing Multiple Containers



Orchestrators



Hosting Containers in Azure

Virtual Machines (IaaS)
Linux
Windows Server
Kubernetes

Azure Container Instances (ACI)
Serverless
Fast and easy
Per-second billing

Azure Web Apps for Containers
Great for web apps
Custom domains
Auto-scaling

Azure Service Fabric
Scalable orchestration platform
Powers key Azure services
Multiple programming models

Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)
Managed Kubernetes cluster
Just specify node count
Open source tooling



Summary



Docker basics

- Containers
- Images
- Orchestrators

Docker benefits

- Isolation
- Efficiency
- Portability
- ...and more

Containers in Azure

- Azure Container Instances (ACI)
- Azure Web Apps for Containers
- Azure Service Fabric
- Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)



Up next:
Running Containers Locally
with Docker

