



OpenStack and Containers

About this Course

About the Course

This course is designed to give you an overview of containers within the OpenStack ecosystem with a focus on:

- Deployment on Containers:
 - OpenStack-Ansible
 - Kolla
- OpenStack Zun:
 - Provides the Container Service
- OpenStack Magnum:
 - Provides the Container Infrastructure Management Service

Course Pre-Requisites

The course assumes that the student has an understanding of Linux, Docker, OpenStack, and Kubernetes:

- Mastering the Linux Command Line
- Docker Quick Start
- LXC/LXD Deep Dive
- Ansible Quick Start
- OpenStack Essentials



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What are Containers?

What Are Containers?

Containers

- Are isolated, portable environments where you can run applications.
- Include all the libraries and dependencies they need.
- Share system resources for access to compute, networking, and storage, along with the same OS kernel.

What Are Containers?

Containers

Container Images

- Allow containers to be used on any host with a modern Linux kernel.
- Allows for more rapid deployment of applications than if they were packaged in a virtual machine image.

VMs vs. Containers



Container Orchestration Engines

Kubernetes

- The most popular container orchestration system for automating deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications.
- Originally designed by Google, it now falls under the Cloud Native Computing Foundation.

Container Orchestration Engines

Kubernetes

Docker Swarm

- Swarm is a clustering and scheduling tool for Docker containers.
- It allows for the establishment and management of a cluster as a single virtual system.
- It is overseen by Docker.

Container Orchestration Engines

Kubernetes

Docker Swarm

Mesos

- Mesos abstracts CPU, memory, storage, and other compute resources away from machines (physical or virtual), enabling fault-tolerant and elastic distributed systems to easily be built and run effectively.
- Mesos is part of the Apache Foundation.

Container Types

LXC/LXD

- Is a Linux operating system level virtualization method which can run multiple isolated Linux systems on a single host.
- Namespaces and cgroups make LXC possible.

Container Types

LXC/LXD

Docker

- Originally based off of LXC.
- It abstracts away more of the networking, storage and Operating System details from the application.



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Why Use Containers?

Ways to Use Containers?

System Containers

- Similar to VMs in that they contain an Operating System, but more lightweight and still portable.
- Can support multiple applications within a single container.
- Utilize an init system for process management.

Ways to Use Containers?

System Containers

Application Containers

- Extremely lightweight and portable as they contain binaries, libraries, and the applications they are running.
- Less overhead as they share resources with the host machine.
- Expect a single application to execute within the container, though there may be one or more processes.
- Ideal for microservice architecture, with different application containers running different aspects of the application.

General Use Cases for Application Containers

- Developers can create an application container containing the app, runtimes, libraries, etc., and move it to any machine - physical or virtual.
- In CI/CD environments, containers enable organizations to rapidly test more system permutations.
- For quality assurance, containers enable better black box testing and help organizations shift from governance to compliance
- Containers can be created using a single consistent container image and changes can immediately be layered upon all the container instances.
- Containers can be run on different underlying hardware, so if one host goes down, administrators can route traffic to live application containers running elsewhere.

Microservices

- Application containers can be used to break down and isolate parts of isolated applications called microservices:
 - This allows you to have a smaller code base and reduces the likelihood of both regression issues and accidentally pushing a feature.
 - It also allows for increased stability as microservices can be spread across multiple machines.
- Microservices allow for more granular scaling, simplified management, and improved security configurations:
 - You can scale the parts of your application that are used more while leaving less heavily used sections alone.



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Where Containers Fit Within OpenStack

Projects in OpenStack Utilizing Containers

OpenStack on Containers

- OpenStack-Ansible (OSA)
- Kolla
- OpenStack-Helm

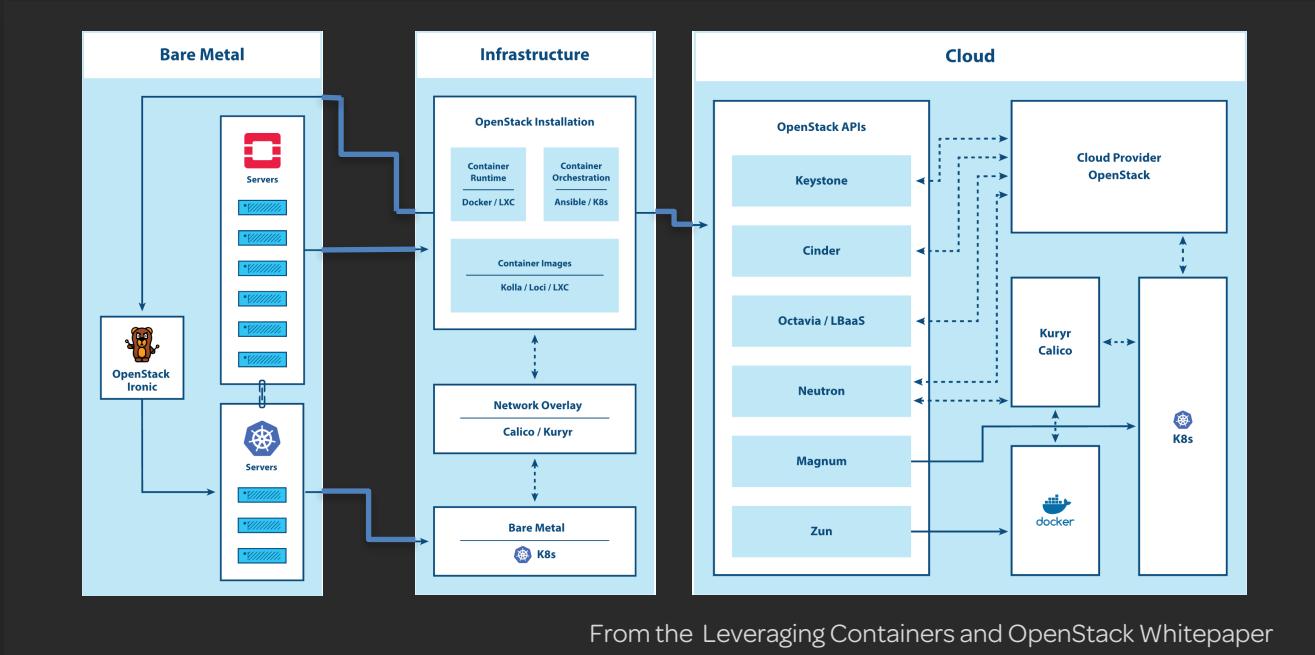
Projects in OpenStack Utilizing Containers

OpenStack on Containers

Containers Running on OpenStack

- Magnum
- Zun
- Murano
- Kuryr

Containers in OpenStack



Real World Use Cases

OpenStack in Containers

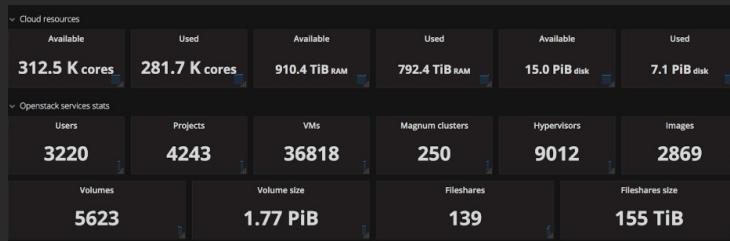
- There are several private and public cloud offerings utilizing OpenStack deployments within containers.
- Deployment projects such as OpenStack-Ansible and Kolla make deployments of OpenStack easier at scale, or for smaller internally operated clouds.

Real World Use Cases

OpenStack in Containers

Containers on OpenStack

- CERN deploys 250 Container Clusters through Magnum





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Overview of OpenStack-Ansible

History of the Project

- Created in 2013 as an internal tool for Rackspace Private Cloud
- Moved to Stackforge in 2014
- Became an official project in 2015 and was migrated into the main repositories

OpenStack-Ansible Manifesto

Project Scope

- Batteries Included
- Solely focused on the deployment of OpenStack and its requirements

OpenStack-Ansible Manifesto

Project Scope

Ansible Usage

- Ansible provides the automation platform.
- All roles are independent of each other and testable separately.
- All roles are built as Galaxy compatible.

OpenStack-Ansible Manifesto

Project Scope

Ansible Usage

Source Based Deployments

- OpenStack services and their Python dependencies are built and installed from source code as found within the OpenStack Git repositories by default.
- Deployers can point to their own repositories.

OpenStack-Ansible Manifesto

Project Scope

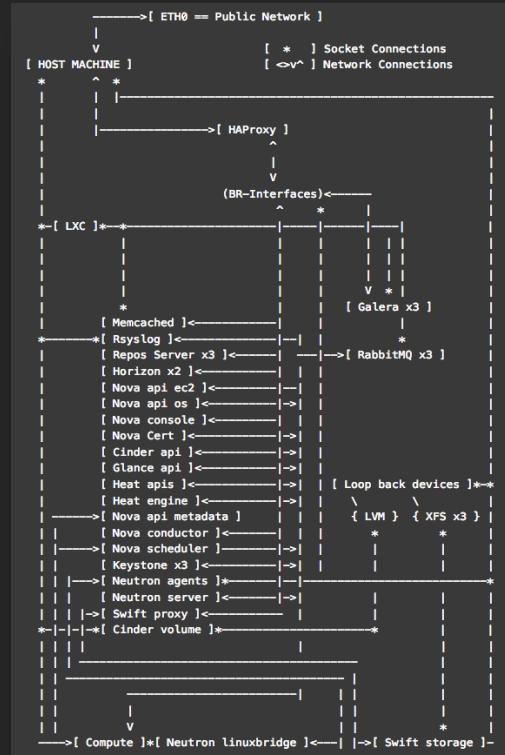
Ansible Usage

Source Based Deployments

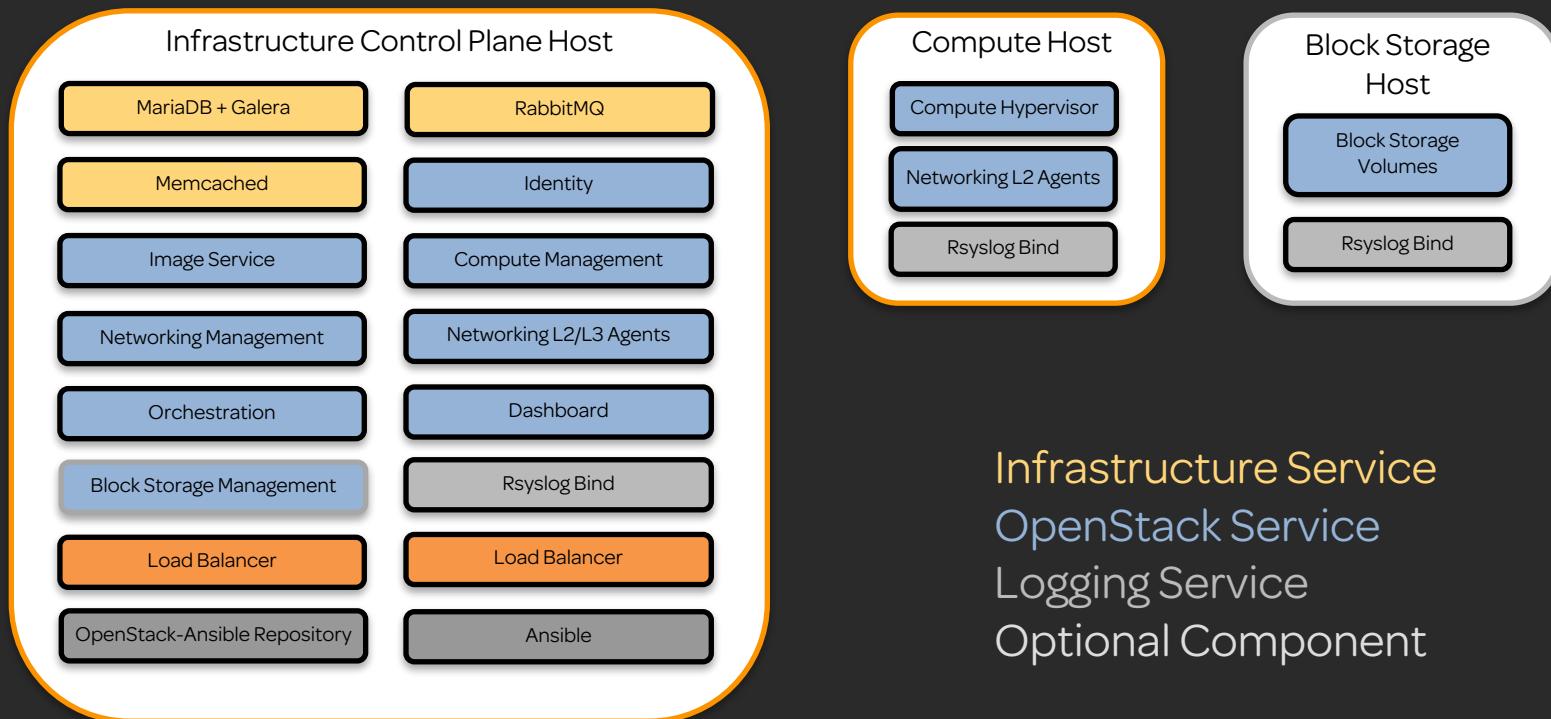
Containerized Deployments

- Containers as a means to abstract services from one another.
- Use of containers allows for additional abstractions of entire application stacks to be run all within the same physical host machines.
- The default container architecture has been built in such a way to allow for scalability and highly available deployments.
- The System Containers can be treated like physical machines.

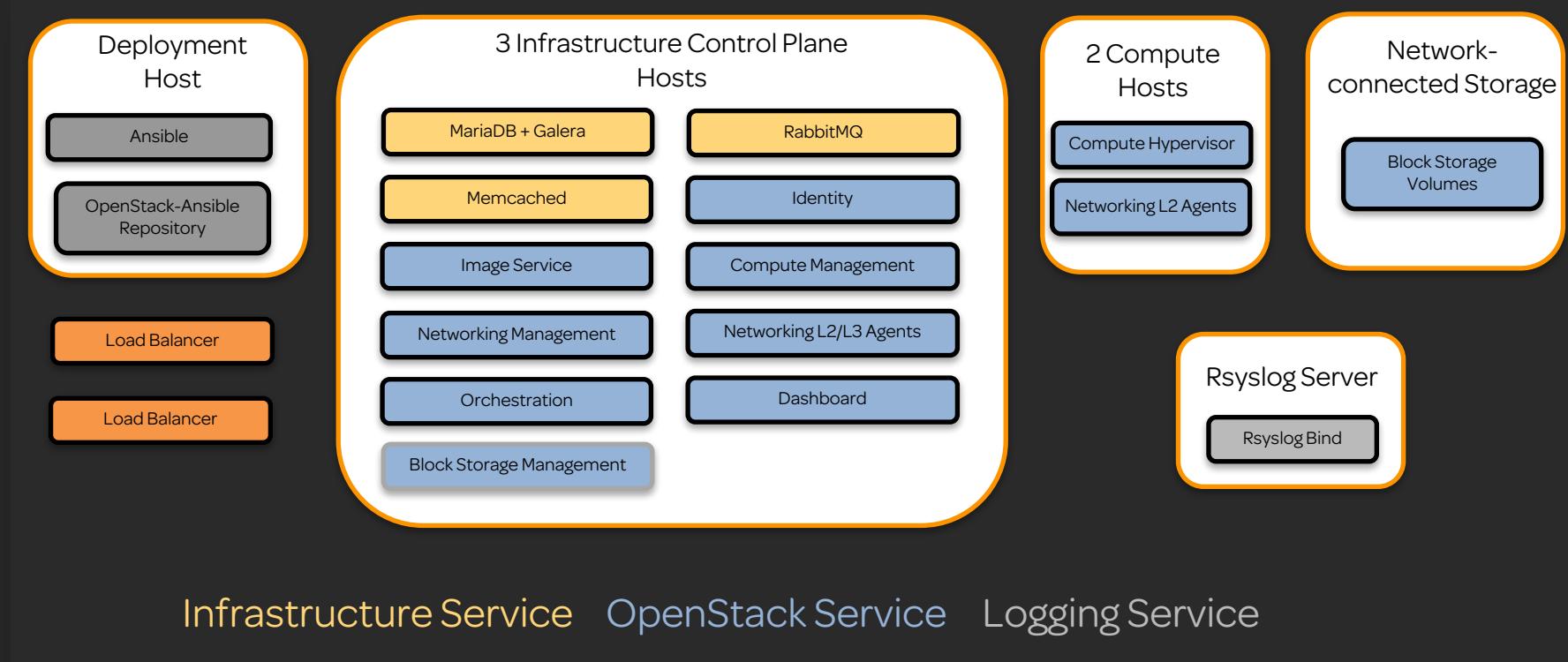
All-In-One



Test Environment



Production Environment





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Overview of Kolla

History of the Project

Began as a way to containerize OpenStack with Docker and Kubernetes.

Became an official project in 2015 and was migrated into the main repositories.

Kolla's Mission Statement

Kolla's mission is to provide production-ready containers and deployment tools for operating OpenStack Clouds.

Key Features

Image Building

- kolla-build builds the container images on multiple distros.
- Multiple dependent components built at the same time.

Key Features

Image Building

Support for Docker Hub

- Kolla has images stored on Docker Hub.

Key Features

Image Building

- Images can be pushed to a local registry.

Support for Docker Hub

Local Registry Support

Key Features

Image Building

Support for Docker Hub

Local Registry Support

Build Sources

- Supports building from multiple sources and source binaries.

Key Features

Image Building

Support for Docker Hub

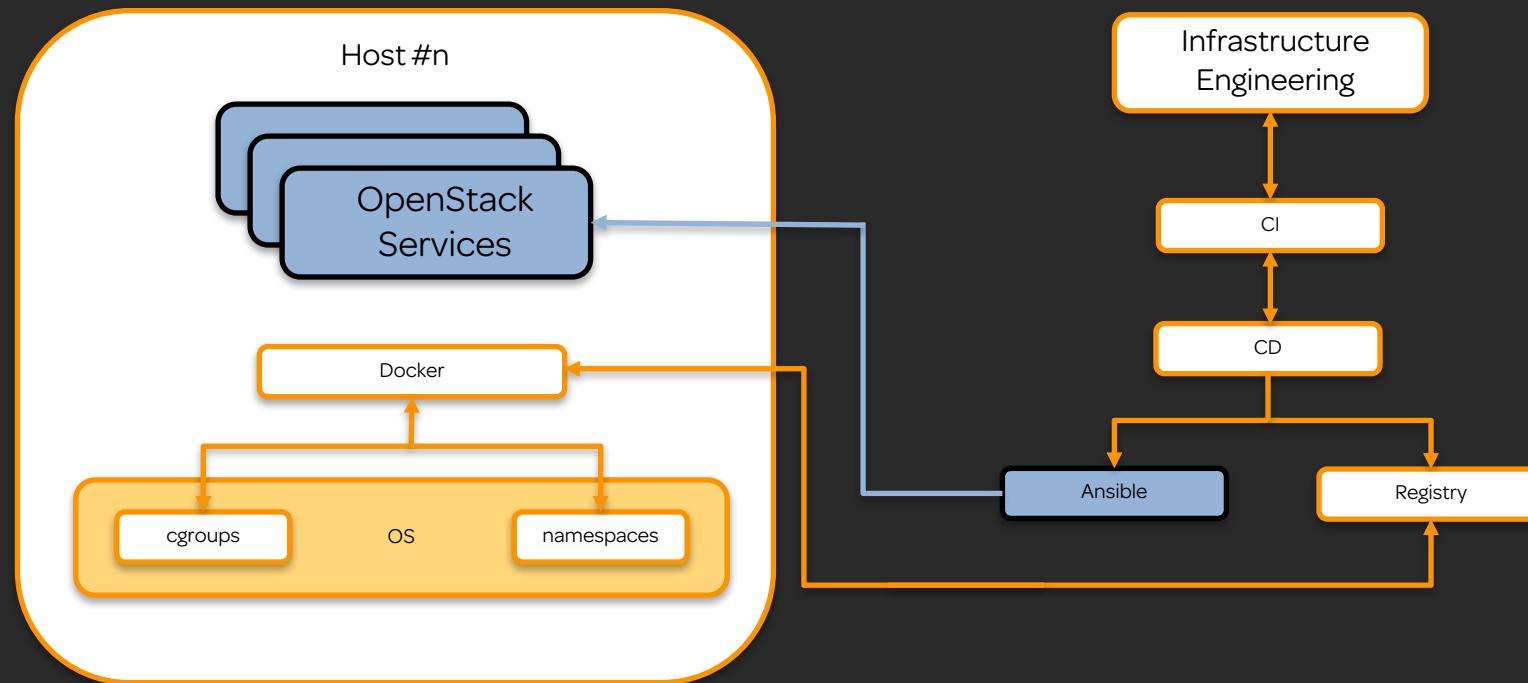
Local Registry Support

Build Sources

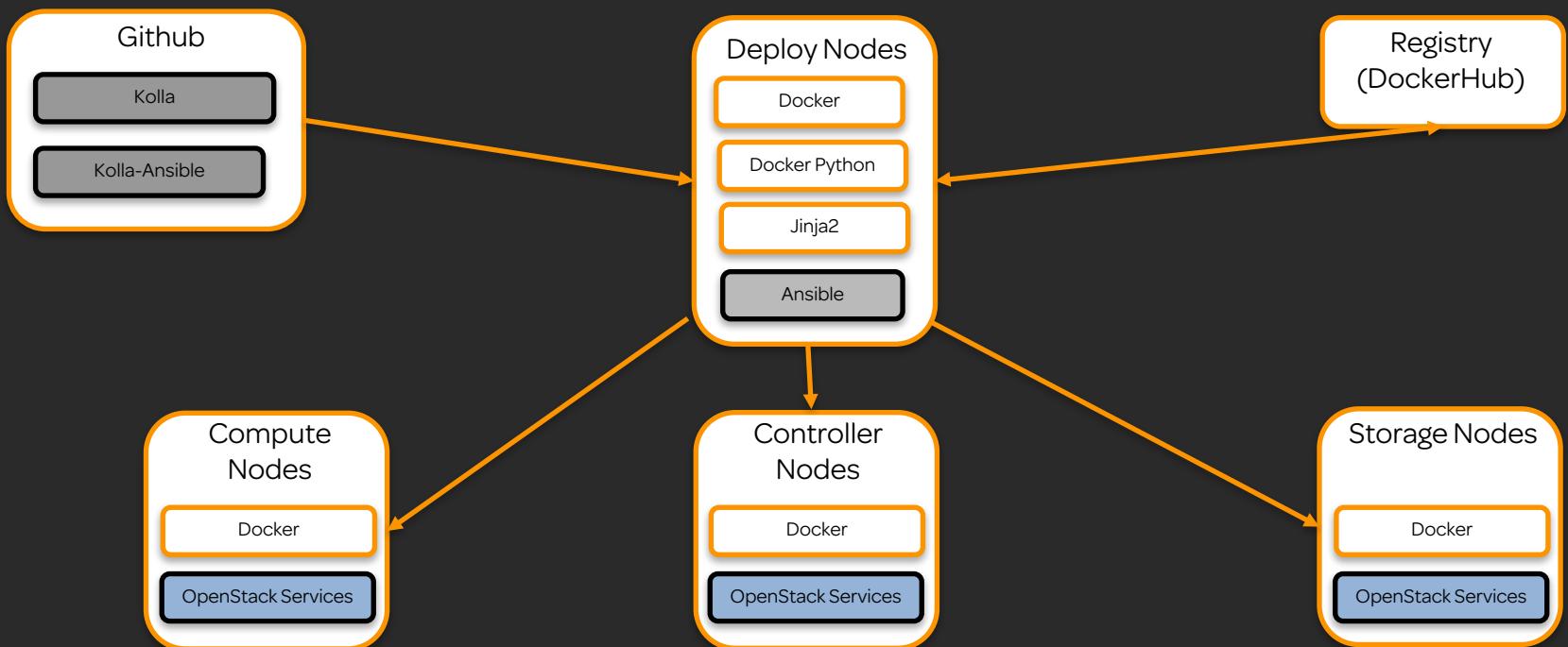
Dockerfile Customization

- Images can be configured to include additional packages, install plugins, change configuration settings, etc.

Kolla Architecture



Production Environment





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Where Does Zun Fit In?

History of the Project

- At the Austin Summit in 2016, it was decided to make Containers and Container Orchestration Engines(COE) into 2 projects.
- It became an official project in November 2016.

Zun Overview

Zun

- It is an OpenStack Container service.
- Provides an API service for running application containers without the need to manage servers or clusters.

Zun Overview

Zun

Features

- OpenStack-native APIs.
- Common infrastructure for VMs, Bare metal, as well as containers in addition to SR-IOV support.
- Docker support including runc and clear container for container management.
- Utilizes a container composition known as capsules which lets users run multiple containers with related resources as a single unit.
- Ability to run heavy workloads by exposing CPU sets.

Zun Overview

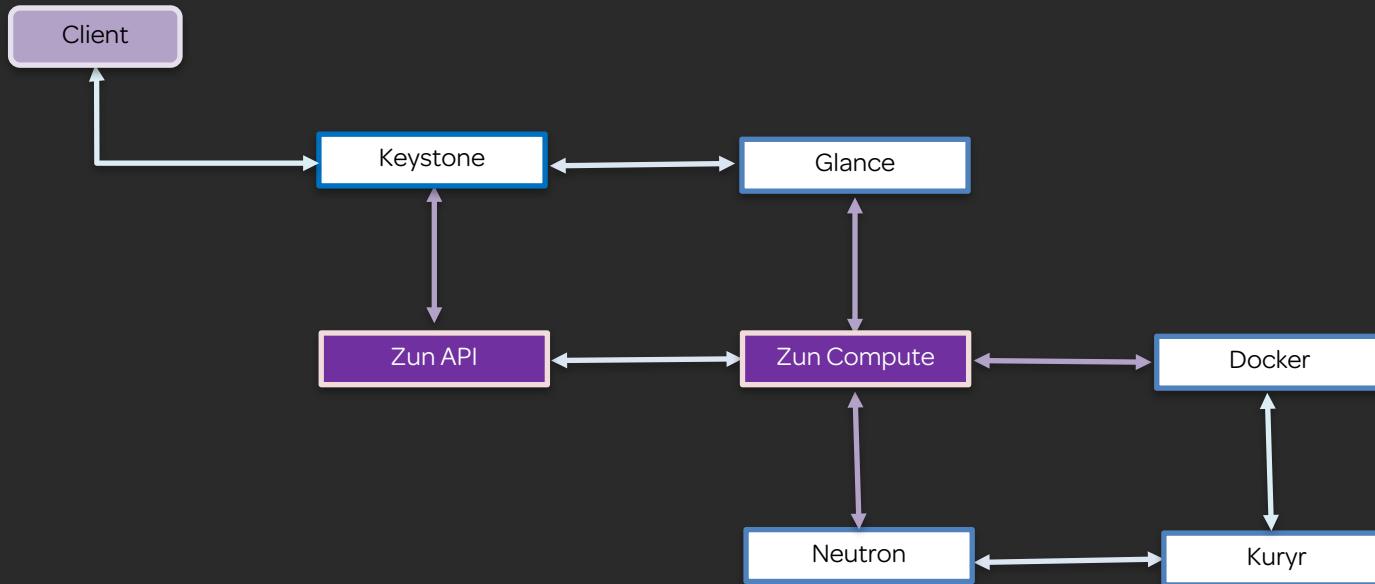
Zun

Features

OpenStack Service Integration

- Requires Keystone, Neutron, and Kuryr-libnetwork to function
- Can be integrated with Cinder, Heat, and Glance

Zun Architecture





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Where Does Magnum Fit In?

History of the Project

- Created by the OpenStack Containers team which was formed in May 2014.
- Became an official project in March 2015.
- Passed CNCF Conformance testing in August 2018 to be certified.

Magnum Overview

Magnum

- Is an OpenStack API service that makes Container Orchestration Engines (COE) available in OpenStack.
- Uses Heat to orchestrate an OS image which contains Docker and the COE.
- Offers complete life-cycle management of COEs in an OpenStack environment.

Magnum Overview

Magnum

Features

- Standard API based complete life-cycle management for Container Clusters.
- Choice of COE.
- Choice of the container cluster deployment model.
- Multi-tenant security and auth management through Keystone.
- Multi-tenant network control and isolation through Neutron.
- Volume service for containers with Cinder.
- Integrated with OpenStack: SSO experience for cloud users.
- Secure container cluster access .

Magnum Overview

Magnum

Features

ClusterTemplate

- It is a collection of parameters to describe how to construct a cluster.
- Parameters can be for the cluster infrastructure or for the COE.

Magnum Overview

Magnum

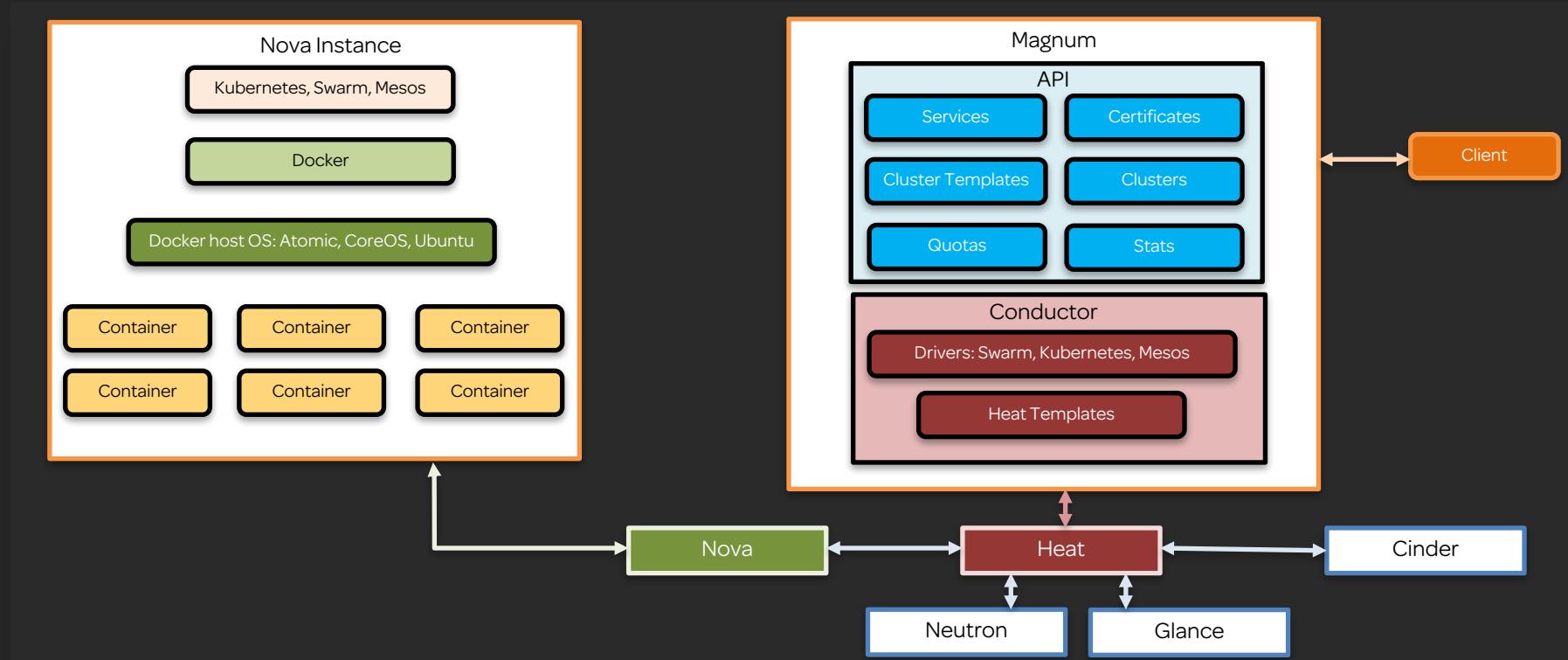
Features

ClusterTemplate

Cluster

- Previously known as a Bay model.
- It is an instance of the ClusterTemplate of a COE.
- Once successfully deployed, the cluster is a fully operational COE that can host containers within it.

Magnum Architecture





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What's Next

What's Next

OpenStack Certification

- Certified OpenStack Administrator (COA)
- OpenStack MCA100 – Associates Certification

Container Related Certification

- Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA)
- Docker Certified Administrator Prep Course

What's Next (cont.)

Other Areas to Explore

- AWS Essentials
- Linux Academy Red Hat Certified Systems Administrator Prep Course
- DevOps Essentials
- Docker Deep Dive