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# HARDWARE FOR KUBERNETES PEELING BACK THE LAYERS

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# Hyperscale for All: Powering the Circular Data Center

ITRenew delivers maximum financial & sustainability returns from open technology



## CIRCULAR CLOUD

Strategic Advisory Services

Infrastructure planning

TCO & Sustainability Modeling

Lifetime value maximization



## DECOMMISSIONING

and Data Security

Data center decommissioning services

Teraware data sanitization platform

Value Recovery (\$1B+ TCO to date)

End-to-end logistics solutions



## SESAME BY ITRENEW

Rack-Scale Solutions

Rack-scale solutions for data centers

Open systems, HCI, AI/ML

Breakthrough TCO



## EDGE SOLUTIONS

and Components

Edge solutions & building blocks

Server components

Laptop and PC memory



## CNCF Member Webinar

# Hardware for Kubernetes, Peeling Back the Layers

August 11, 2020 10:00 AM  
(America/Los Angeles)

The screenshot shows the Cloud Native Computing Foundation website header with navigation links for About, Projects, and Certification. Below the header, a white box contains the webinar information: "CNCF Member Webinar: Hardware for Kubernetes, Peeling Back the Layers", "AUG 11 2020", "@ 10:00-11:00 AM PT (UTC-7)", "Presented by ITRenew", and a "REGISTER NOW" button.

Kubernetes enables developers to deploy and manage applications dynamically, making them more efficient, powerful, and extensible. Many describe the shift away from monolithic stacks on single-purpose machines to cloud native as a “decoupling of applications from infrastructure,” but the reality is that containerized and virtualized software still demands reliable, resilient, and scalable hardware - the “servers” in “serverless”. Because hardware design & performance directly affects the experience that users have with applications and with services, everyone building apps should appreciate the infrastructure layers that live under the work they do every day at least a little.

New models such as hyperscale design and open hardware can be significantly more efficient and cost-effective, making it possible to further stretch and scale users and workloads. Subject matter experts across the industry in servers, storage, networking, power, cooling, and data centers are ensuring that these complex ecosystems work together in harmony and at peak efficiency end-to-end. These systems are designed in the open community and can be matched to run Kubernetes clusters with top performance and scalability from desktop to data center. In this session, we will peel back some of the infrastructure layers that are usually hidden away, demonstrate some of the latest innovations in hyperscale design, and illustrate how to harness the power of the wide and deep hardware ecosystem to realize cloud native applications.

Join Erik Riedel, SVP Engineering at ITRenew, as he draws on 20 years of building hardware for clouds before they had a cool name, to learn how it all works and what it means for you in practice.



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# Outline

- layers
- open
- apps + data
- infrastructure
- servers
- circular
- progress
- data
- more stories – disks, BIOS, networks

open



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# Open Is Necessary, But Not Sufficient Per Se





Platinum

2crsi (since 2018)



3M (since 2018)



Alibaba (since 2017)



Arista Networks (since 2019)



Inspur (since 2016)



Intel (since 2011)



ITRENEW (since 2018)



Microsoft (since 2014)



ARM (since 2018)



Asperitas (since 2017)



ASUS (since 2019)



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MITAC (since 2017)



Nokia (since 2015)



NVIDIA Networking – Mellanox (since 2012)



Quanta Cloud Technology (since 2012)



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Rackspace (since 2011)



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Schneider (since 2014)



Silicom (since 2018)



Edgecore Networks (since 2016)



Facebook (since 2011)



Goldman Sachs (since 2011)



Google (since 2015)



STORDIS (since 2019)



Submer (since 2018)



Tencent (since 2018)



VeriSilicon (since 2020)



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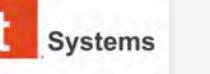
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Gold

Silver



**OPEN**  
Compute Project ®



*Open Compute Summit (NYC) – October 2011*

### *OCP certifications*

## **OCP Product Recognition Program**

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Products that comply 100% with an existing accepted specification and are available from OCP Silver, Gold or Platinum Member.



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OCP-Accepted™ or OCP-Inspired™ Products demonstrate  
**Efficiency, Openness, Impact & Scale**



**OPEN**  
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		location	attendees	companies
April 2011	1st	founding summit	--	--
October 2011	2nd	NYC	300	--
May 2012	3rd	San Antonio	500	--
January 2013	4th	Santa Clara	1,000	--
January 2014	5th	Santa Clara	3,400	--
March 2015	6th	San Jose	2,500	800
March 2016	7th	San Jose	2,400	600
March 2017	8th	Santa Clara	2,800	550
March 2018	9th	San Jose	3,400	800
March 2019	10th	San Jose	3,600	725
<b>May 2020</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>virtual</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>2,400</b>



## Data Center Facility

### Sub-Projects:

Modular Data Center  
Critical Facility Operations - Incubation  
Advanced Cooling Facility - Incubation



## Hardware Management

### Sub-Projects:

OpenRMC  
Hardware Management Module - Incubation  
Hardware Fault Management - Incubation



## Networking

### Sub-Projects:

ONIE  
Open Network Linux  
SAI  
SONIC



## Open System Firmware



## Rack & Power

### Sub-Projects:

ACS Immersion  
ACS Cold Plate  
ACS Door Heat Exchange



## Security

Show more



## Server

### Sub-Projects:

High Performance Computing - Incubation  
Mezz (NIC)  
Open Accelerator Infrastructure  
Open Domain-Specific Architecture



## Storage



## Telco

### Sub-Projects:

openEDGE

## Project

- Server (65)
- Networking (48)
- Rack & Power (36)
- Telco (21)
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## Contributor

- Facebook (52)
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- Edgecore Networks (18)
- Intel (7)
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## Family

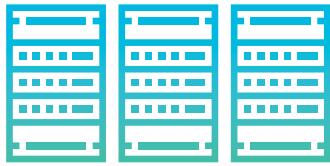
- Network Switch (38)
- OpenRack v2 (24)
- OCS (18)
- OTHER (15)
- Olympus (14)
- Data Center (10)
- Storage (8)
- Telco (8)
- Power (7)
- OpenRack (6)
- SOC Boards (6)
- Server (6)
- 19" Server (5)
- Software (5)
- Accessory (4)
- Optical NW (4)
- ACS (3)
- CG-Openrack-19 (3)
- PCI Card (3)
- Access Point (2)
- Barreleye (2)
- Mezz Card (2)
- OCP Mezzanine (2)
- Security (2)
- uCPE (2)
- Debug Card (1)
- Honey Badger (1)
- Information (1)
- Open Vault Storage (1)

# The Benefits of Open Hardware



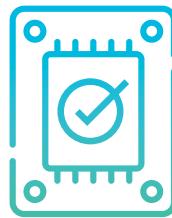
## MORE FLEXIBILITY

Multi-vendor, standards-based hardware for modular solutions to fit your needs



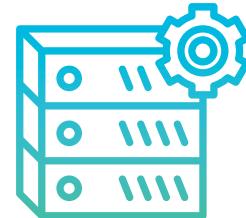
## HIGH DENSITY COMPUTING

More server, storage, and network capacity, in less space saves costs



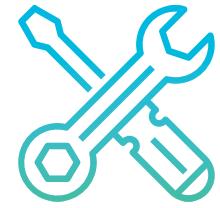
## OPTIMIZED POWER

Rack-level power vs. individual server power. More efficient. Less cost. Fewer points of failure



## OPTIMIZED COOLING

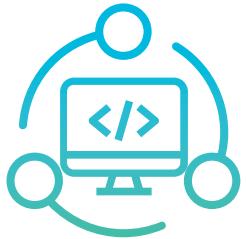
Rack-level cooling to operate more efficiently. Even more with free-air cooling, if the data centers support it



## STREAMLINED MAINTENANCE

Flexible, easy-access design enables faster troubleshooting, updates, and upgrades

# The Benefits of Open Software



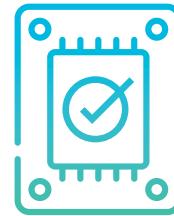
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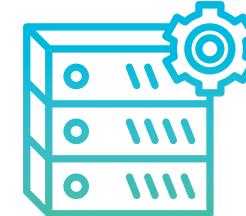
## HIGH DENSITY COMPUTING

More automation, with API-driven scalability, allows more software per silicon in<sup>2</sup>



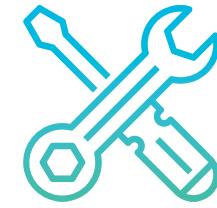
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Stack-level power vs. individual packaged software. More efficient. Less cost. Fewer points of failure



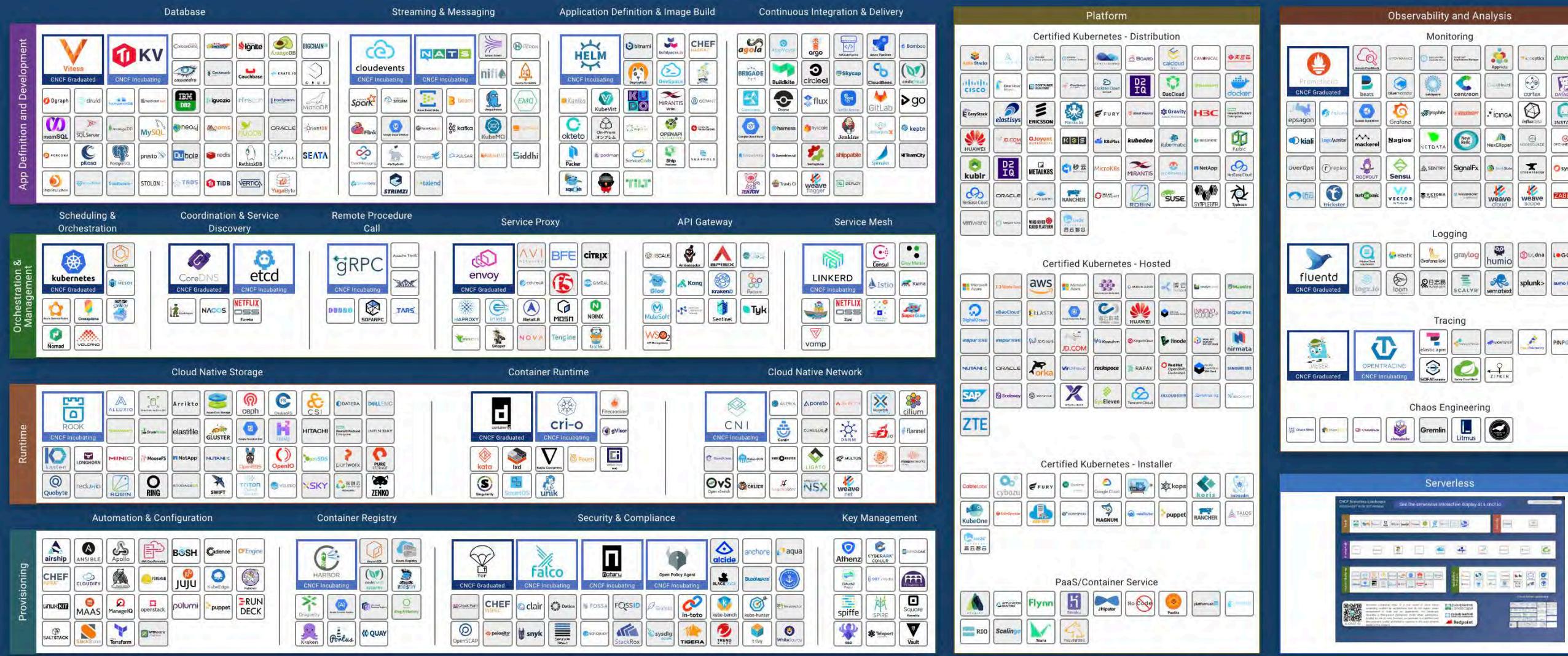
## OPTIMIZED COOLING

Stack-level continuous integration, continuous deployment (CI/CD) to validate more efficiently. Fewer points of failure in the field



## STREAMLINED MAINTENANCE

Flexible, API-based, devops-considered design enables faster troubleshooting, updates, and upgrades



# apps + data





## Apps + Data

### • Development

- new applications
- explicitly scale-out  
(e.g. MapReduce, Hadoop)
- built on higher-level  
frameworks  
(e.g. Ruby/Rails, Azure)

### • Data

- shared corporate data is the common ground (enterprise apps)
- consumer value centered around their personal data (consumer apps)

### Example – EMC Greenplum HD

Enterprise-Ready Hadoop Platform For Unstructured



- Addresses The Growth Of Unstructured Data
- More Reliable For The E
- Easier To Use With Existing Systems And Tools

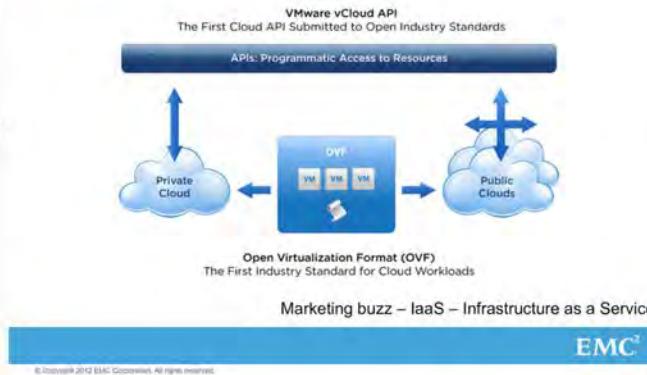
COMMUNITY EDITION

ENTERPRISE EDITION

Marketing buzz – Big Data – MapReduce, Hadoop

EMC<sup>2</sup>

### Example – Deployment



### Example – Development



looking into the  
future from 2012

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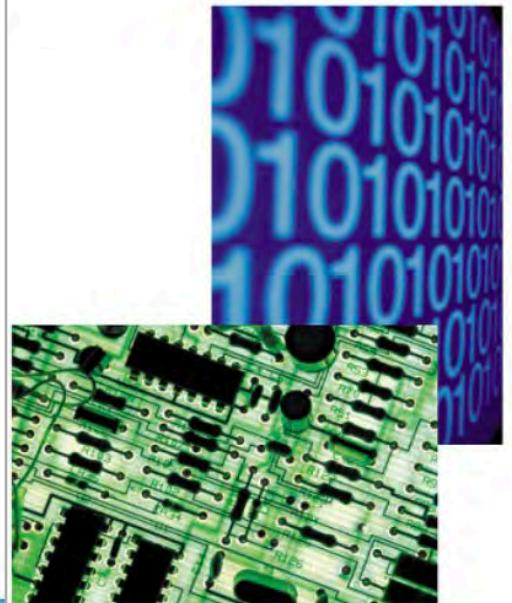
- **Deployment**

- legacy applications
- “packaged” into virtual  
machine containers
- easy to replicate and migrate  
across virtual infrastructure

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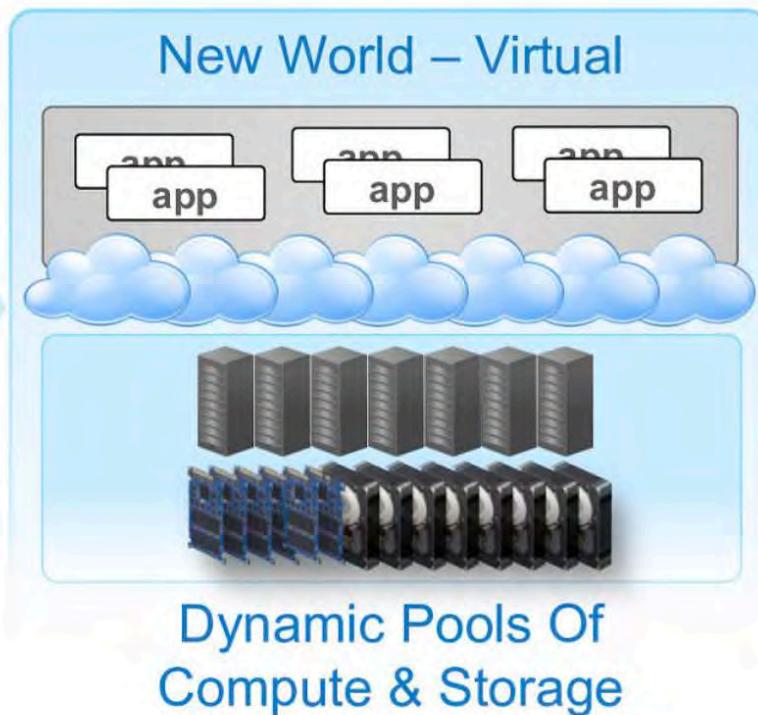
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# Cloud – A New Architecture



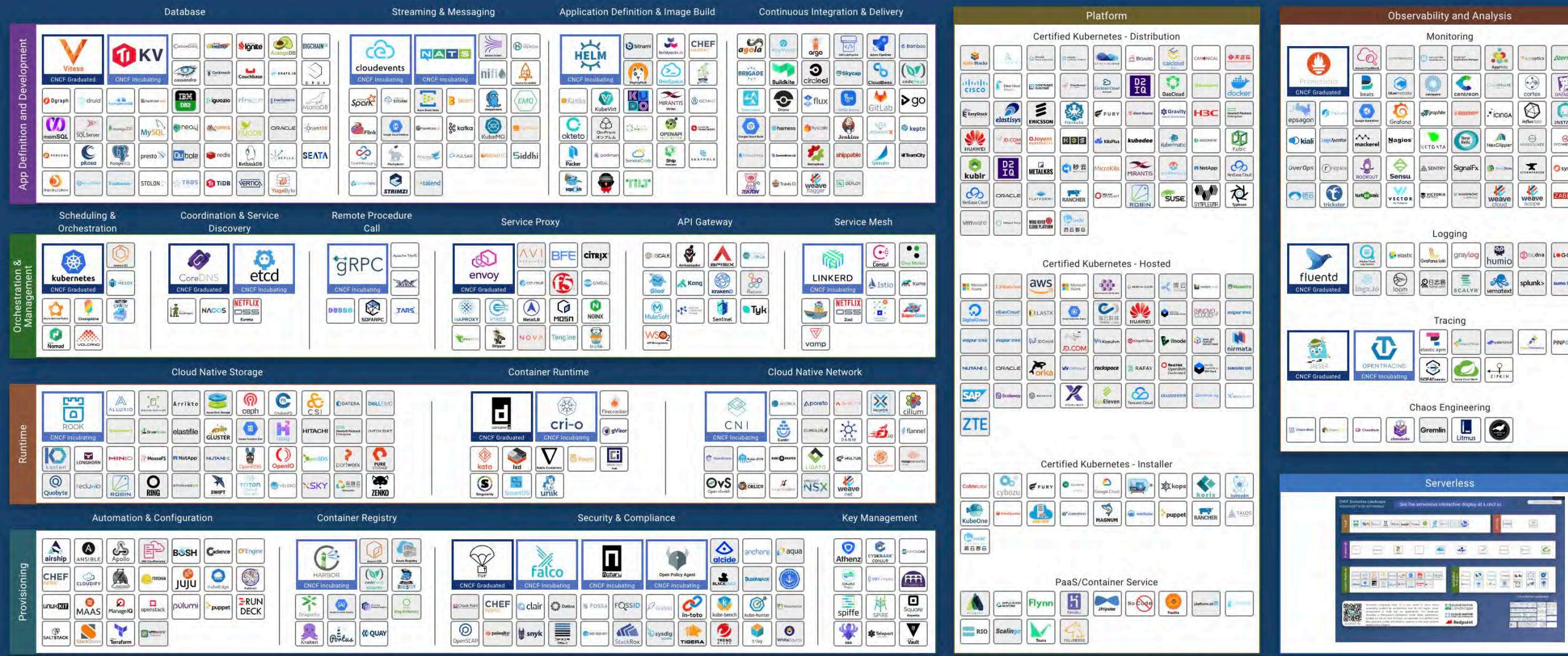
*Operating Systems & Frameworks  
“disappear” into the cloud fabric*

EMC<sup>2</sup>

A long-exposure photograph of a city street at night, showing significant motion blur. The image features streaks of light in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue) from passing vehicles and streetlights. Buildings are visible in the background, though they appear slightly out of focus due to the camera's slow shutter speed.

fast forward to 2020





# infrastructure



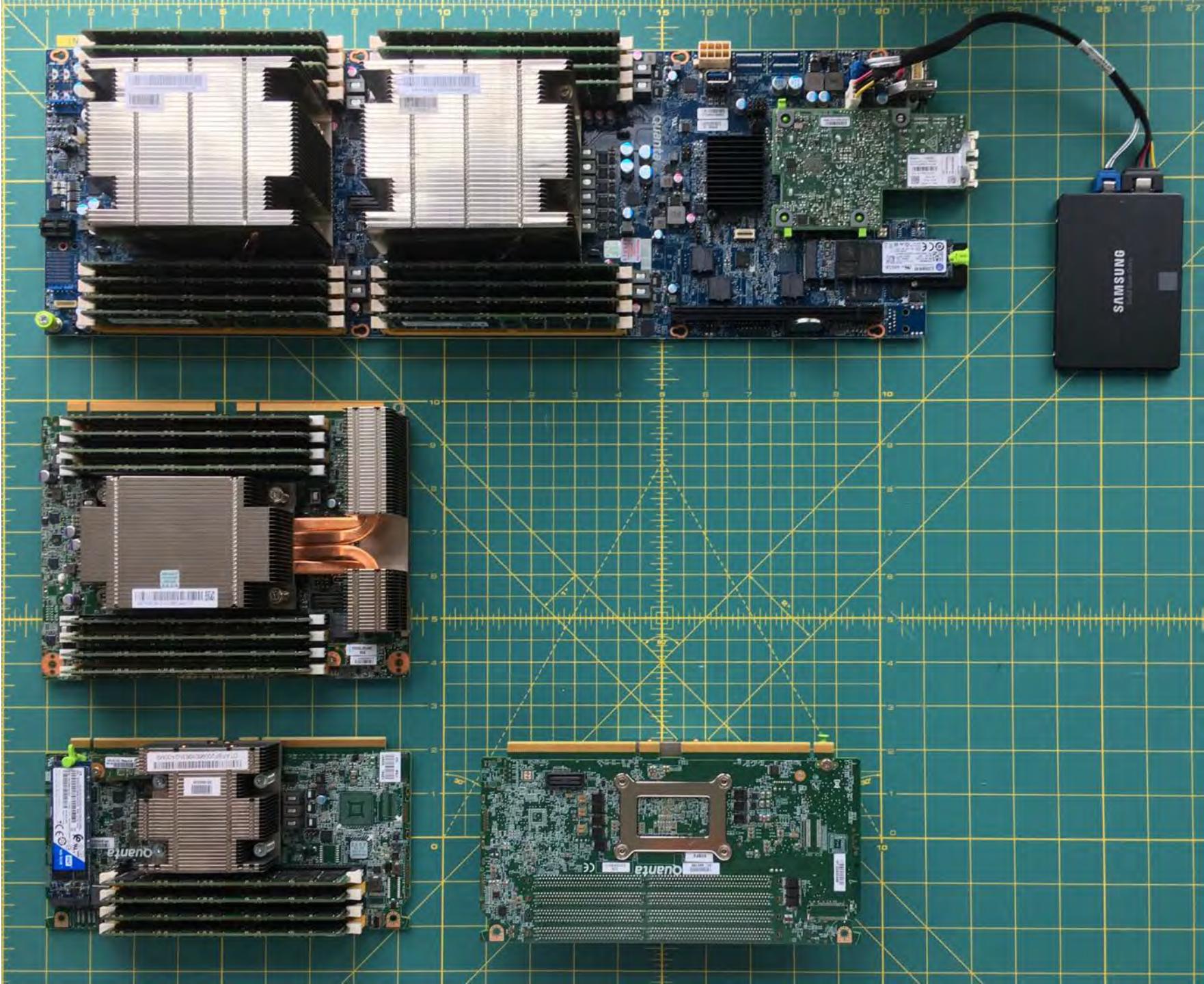


# threads



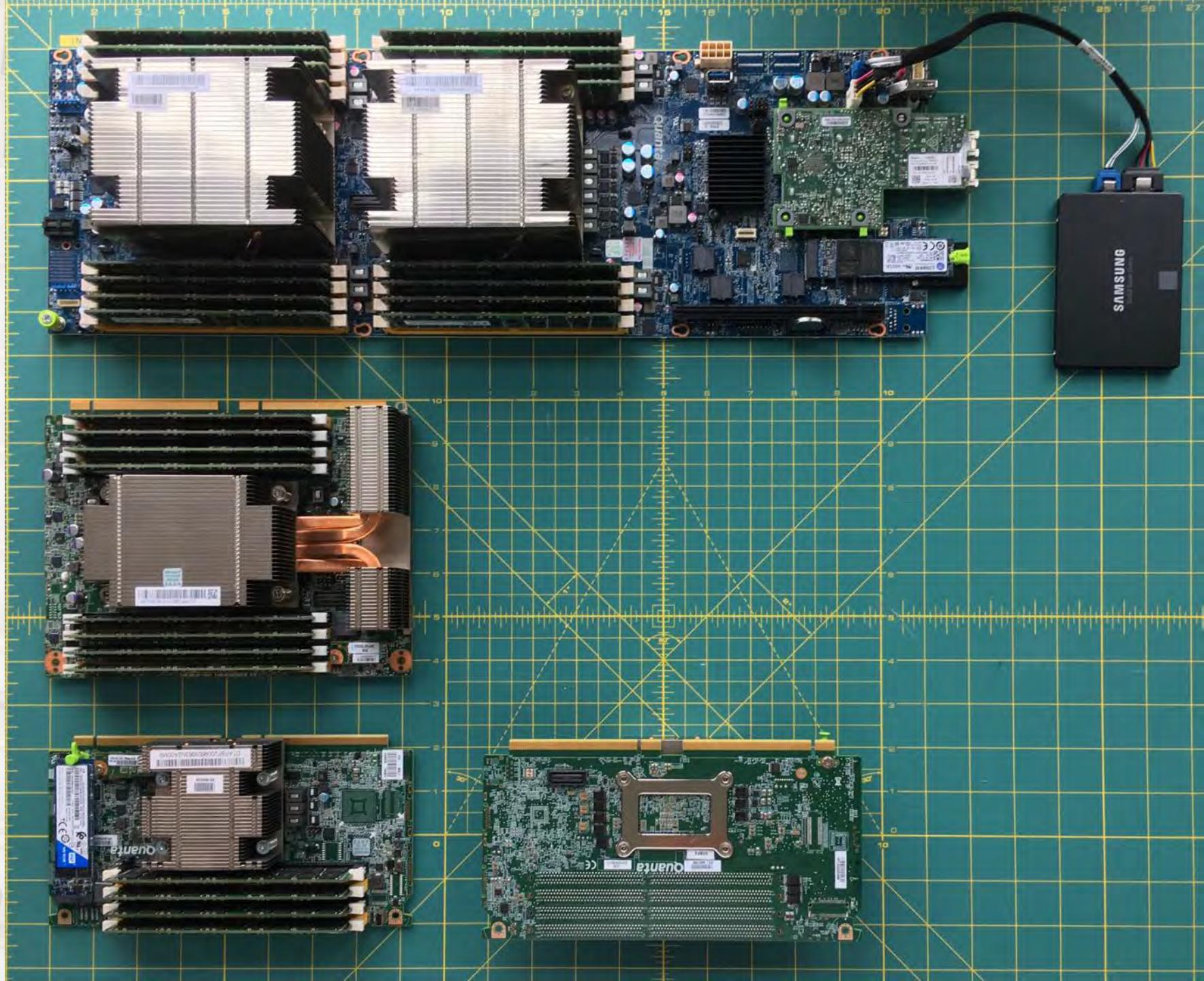
# containers

# servers



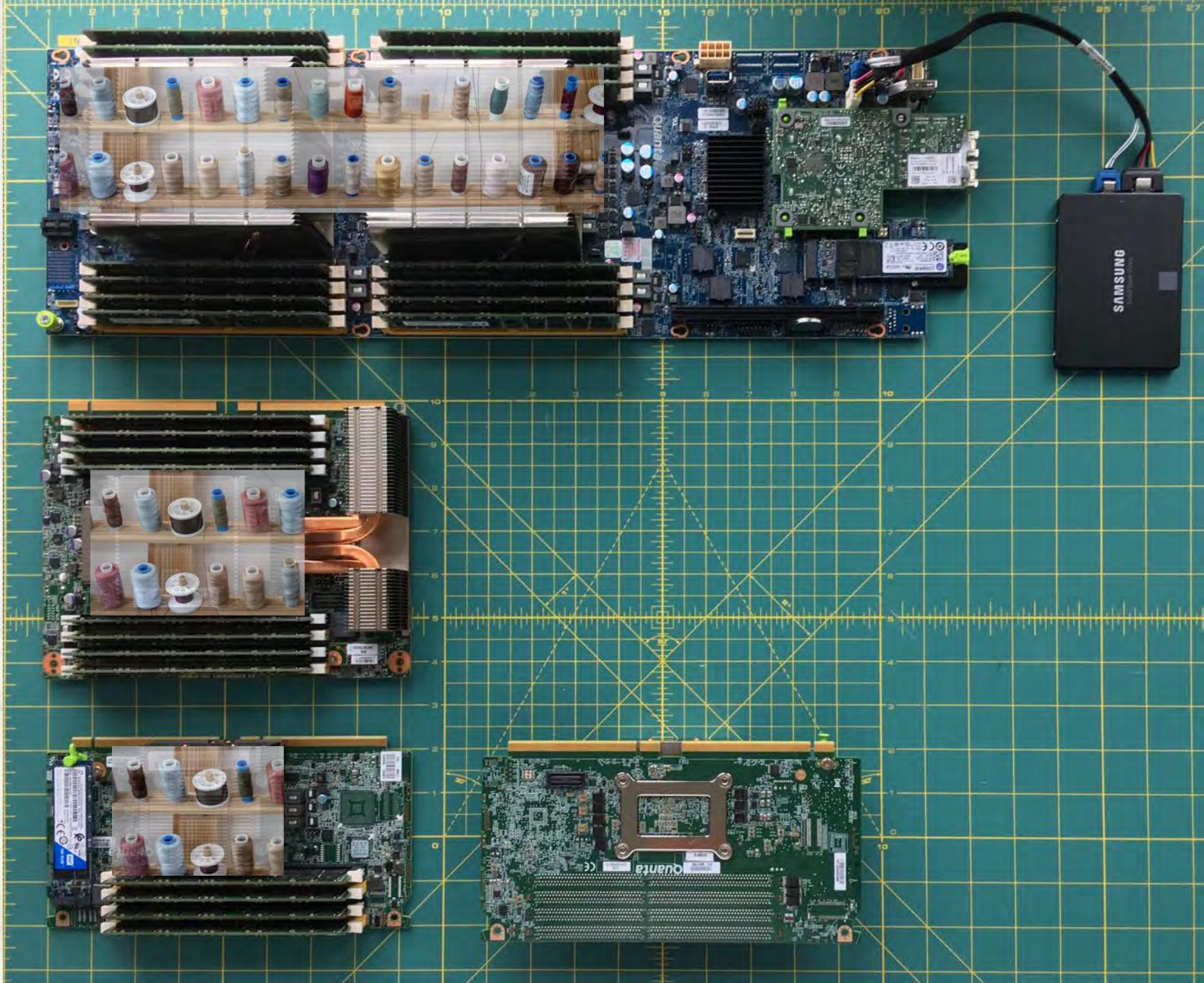
# threads

- dual 16-core
  - 32 physical cores
  - 64 virtual cores
- single 18-core
  - 18 physical cores
  - 36 virtual cores
- single 16-core
  - 16 physical cores
  - 32 virtual cores



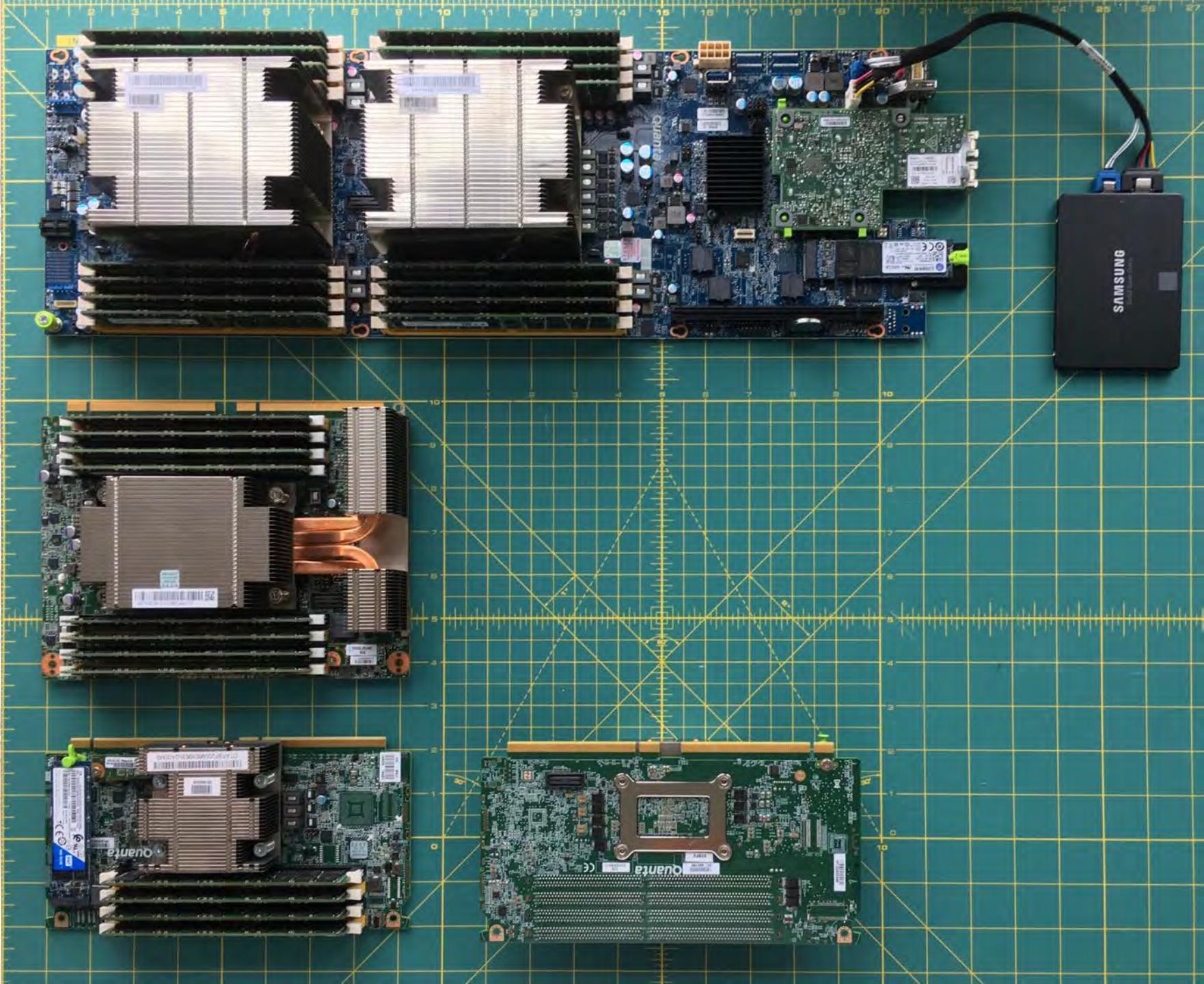
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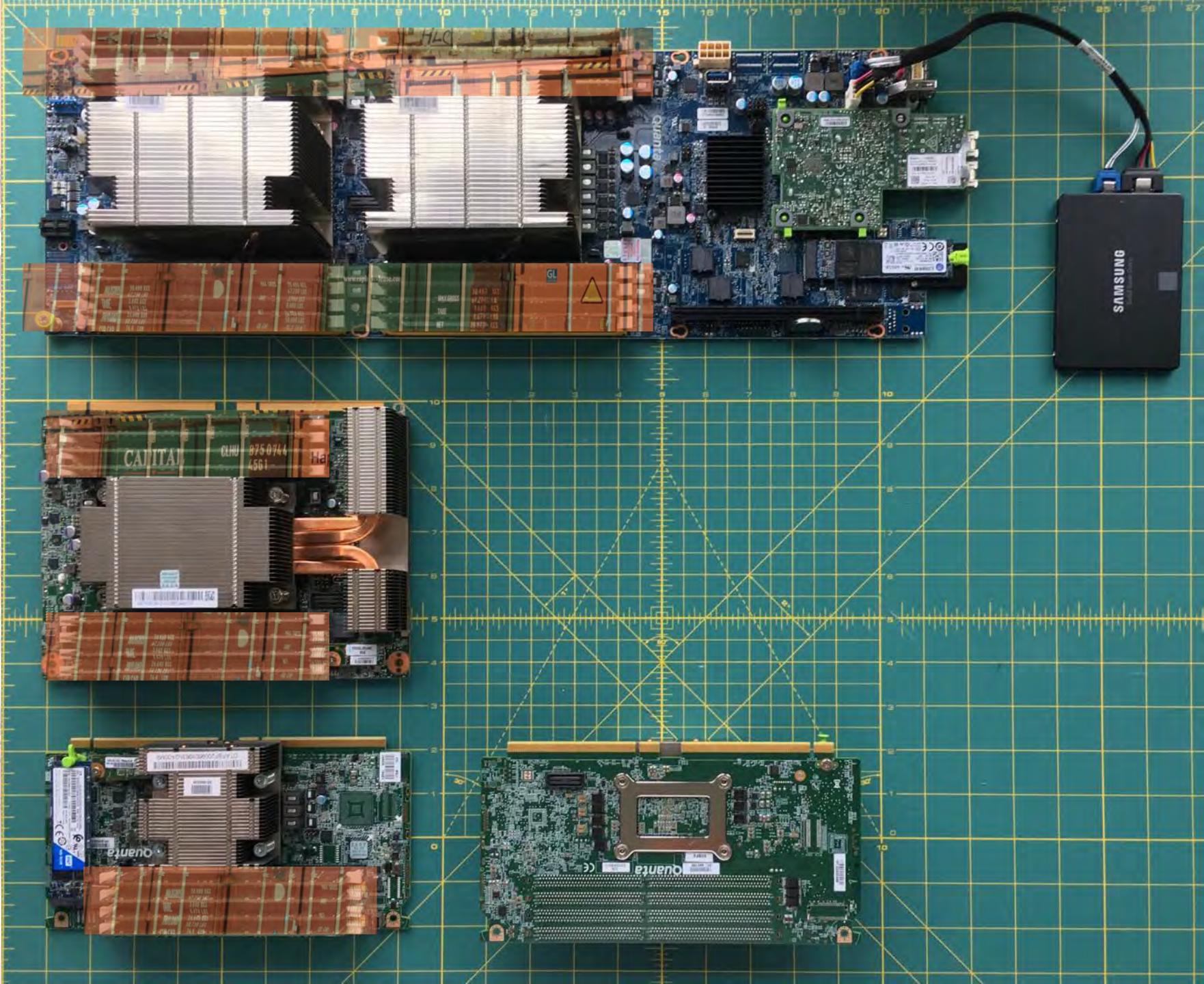
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- 512 GB (gigabytes)
  - 16x 32GB dimms
  - 50-100 containers
- 256 GB (gigabytes)
  - 8x 32GB dimms
  - 25-50 containers
- 128 GB (gigabytes)
  - 4x 32GB dimms
  - 12-25 containers



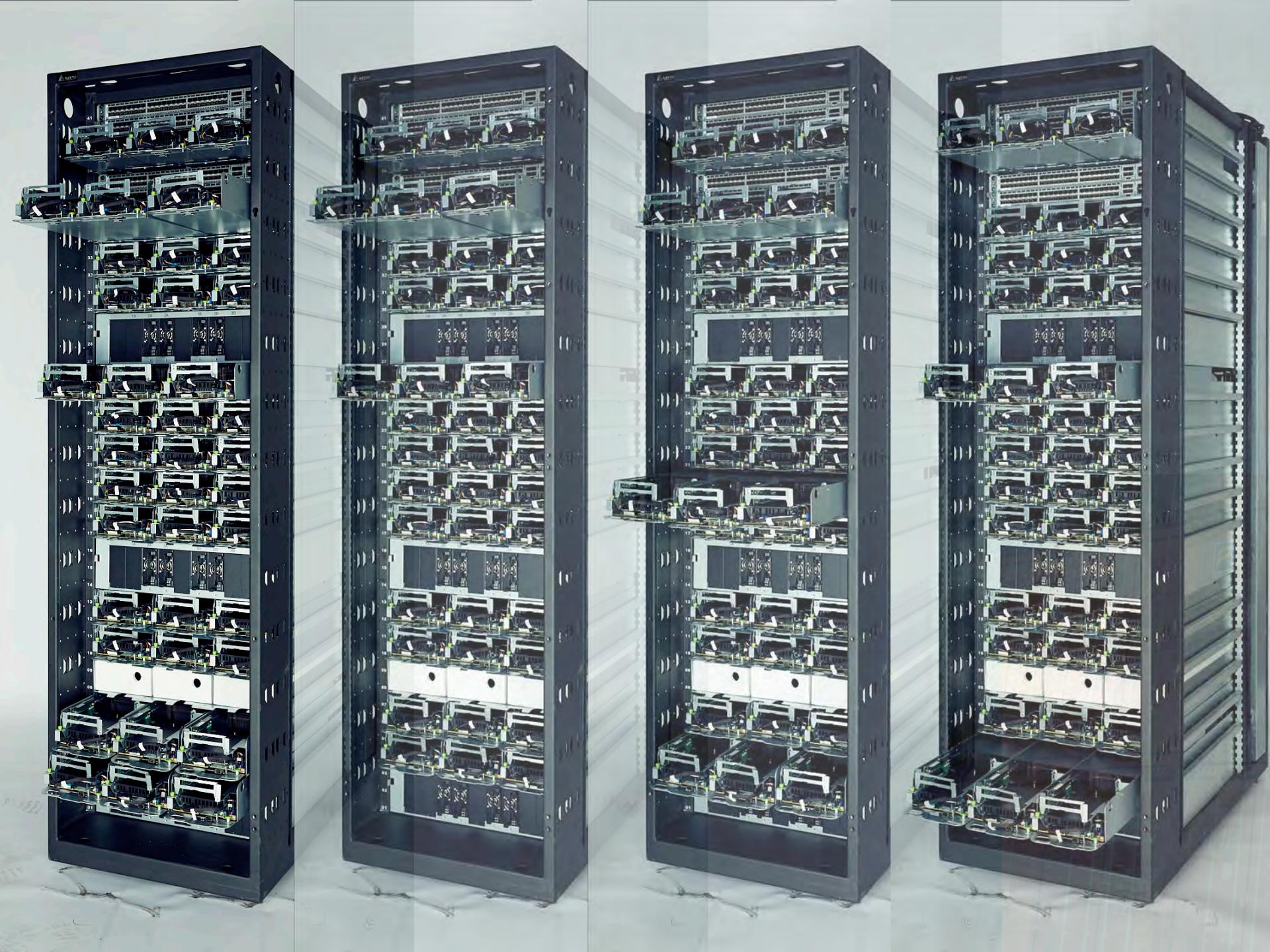
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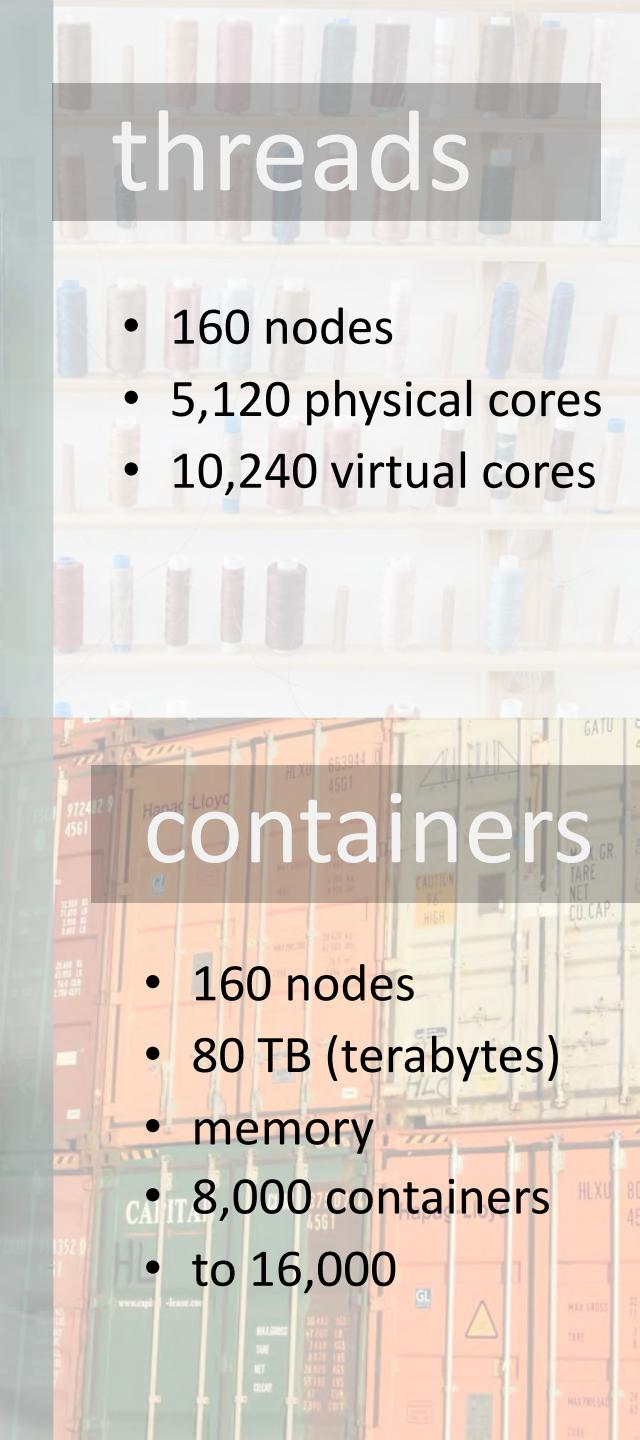
Aerial view of a shipping port terminal showing numerous shipping containers stacked in organized rows. The containers are color-coded, including red, blue, green, yellow, and orange. The terminal features a network of grey asphalt roads with white and yellow markings, and several industrial buildings are visible in the top left corner. A large yellow forklift is positioned in the center of the image, surrounded by containers. The overall scene depicts a busy and efficient logistics hub.

Photo by Tom Fisk from Pexels

A photograph showing four tall, black server racks standing side-by-side. Each rack is filled with various electronic components, including hard drives and circuit boards. The racks are positioned against a light-colored wall.

# threads

- 160 nodes
- 5,120 physical cores
- 10,240 virtual cores

A photograph of a stack of shipping containers. The containers are stacked vertically, with some having red and orange panels. One container has the word "HANSA LLOYD" visible on it.

# containers

- 160 nodes
- 80 TB (terabytes) memory
- 8,000 containers to 16,000

# servers



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traditional server



traditional server



## traditional server

- dual sockets
- two 1U heatsinks
- twelve 1U fans

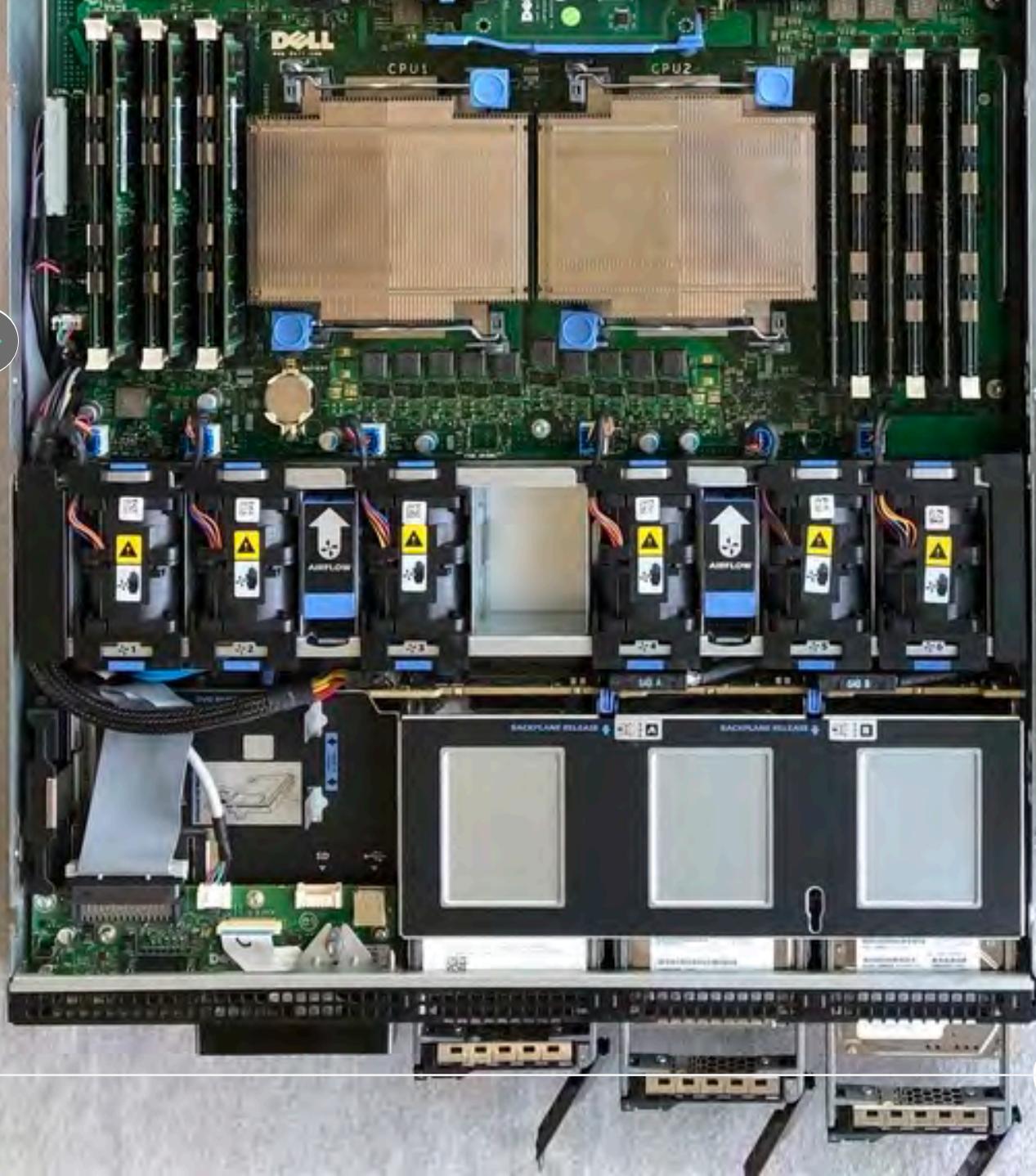


## OCP node

- dual socket
- two 2U heatsinks
- two 2U fans

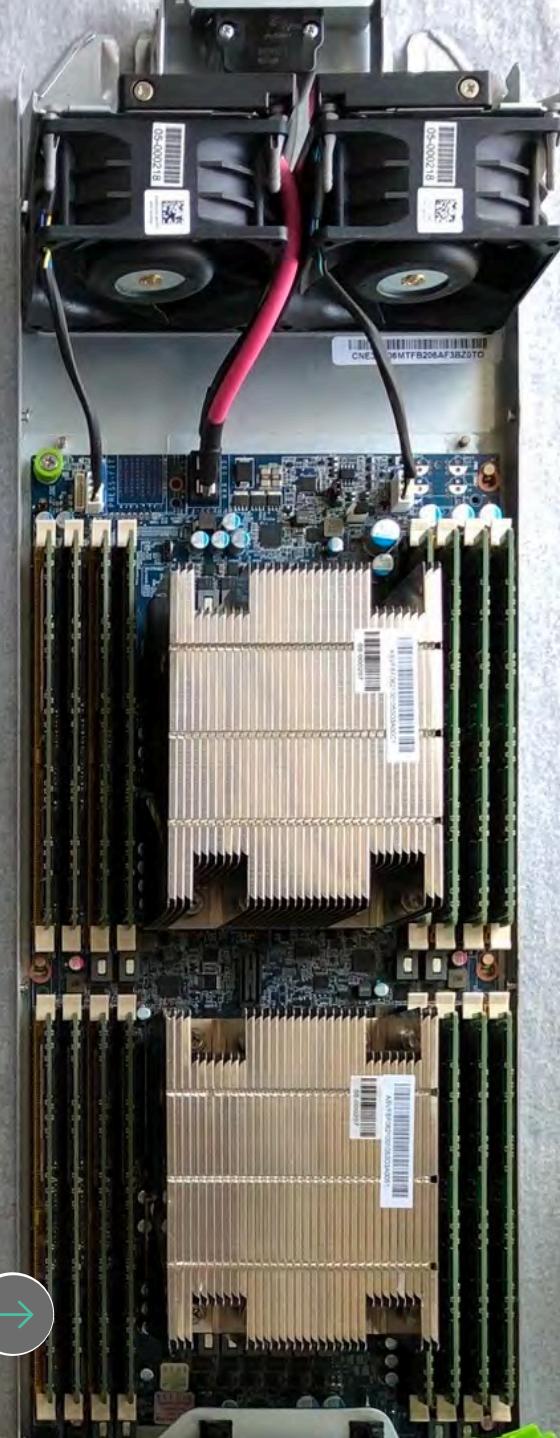
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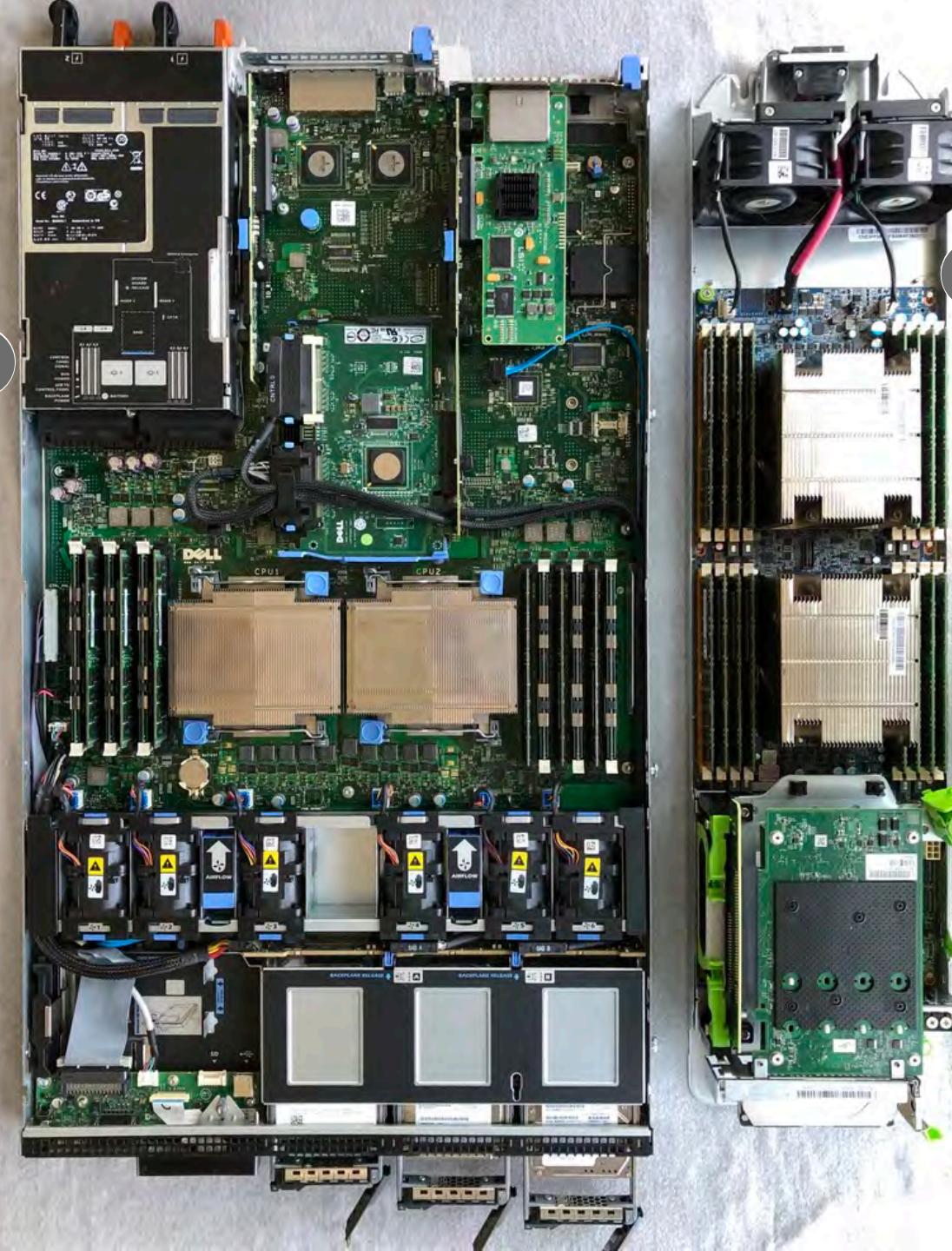


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## traditional rack

- 72 cpus
- 72 heatsinks
- 432 fans (1U)



## ocp node

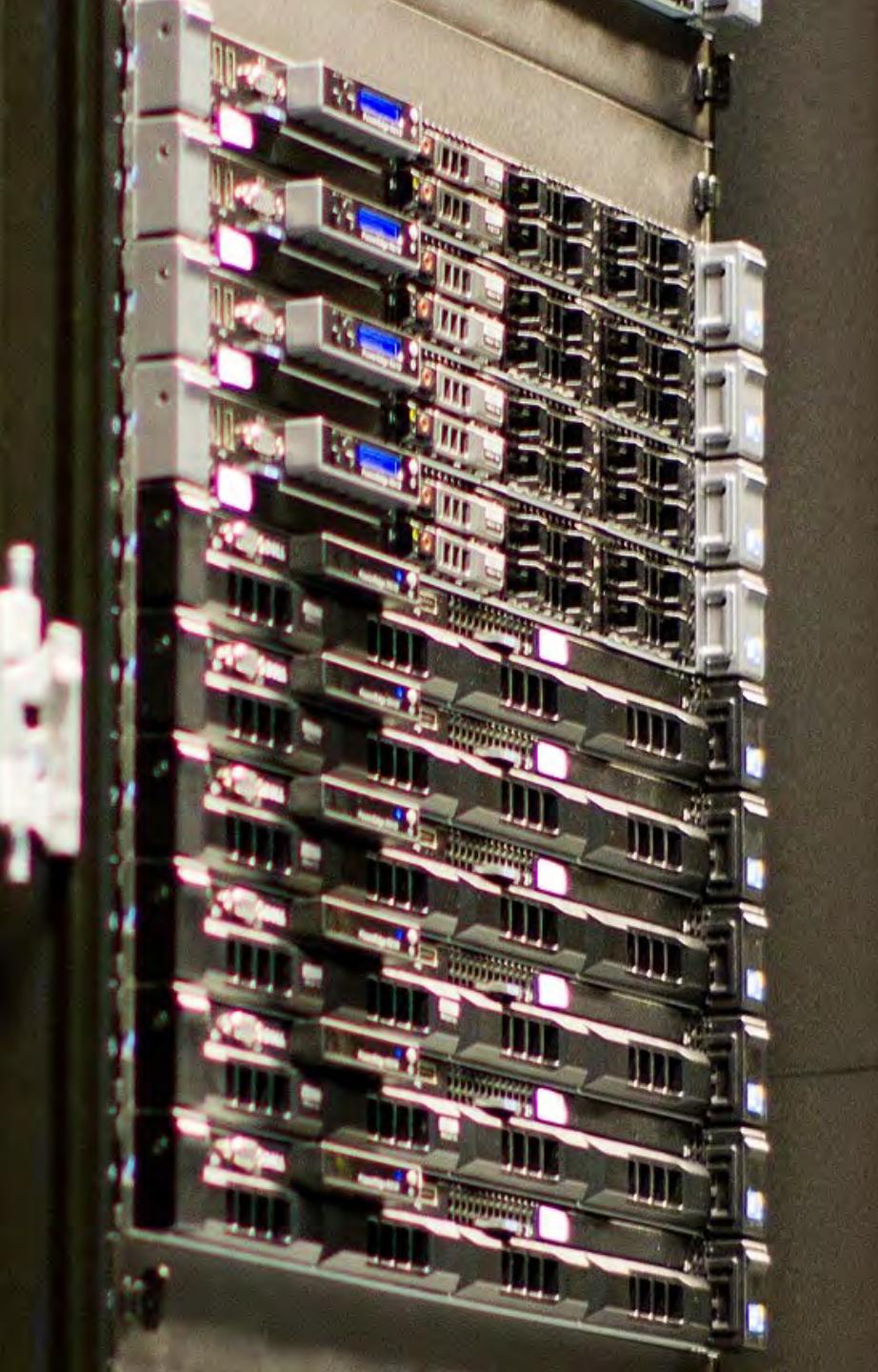
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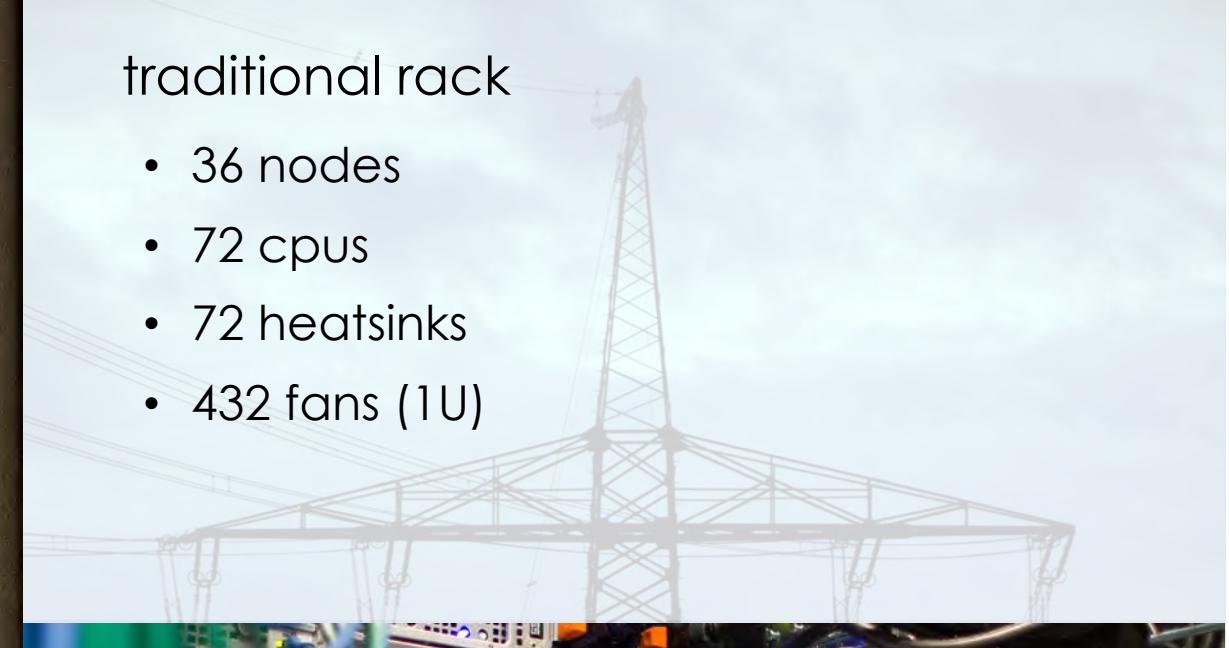
- 96 cpus
- 96 heatsinks
- 96 fans

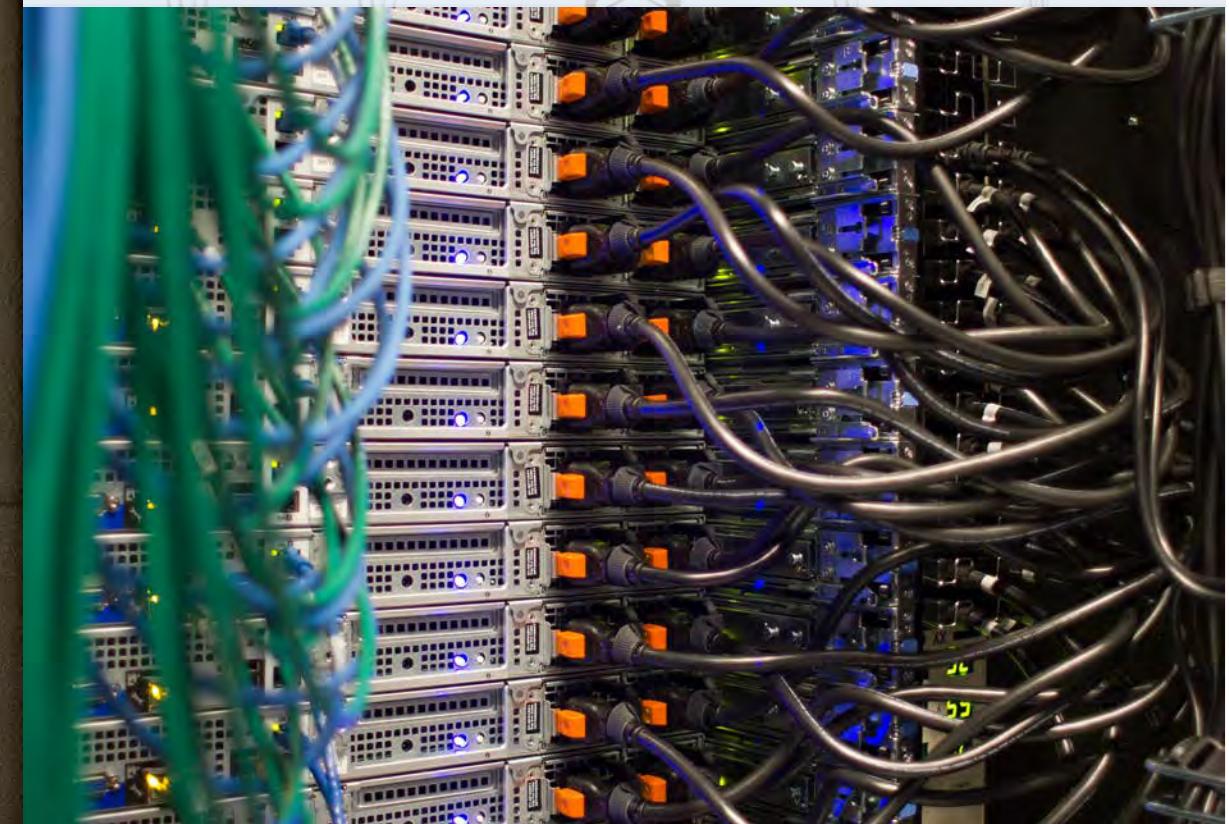
power





## traditional rack

- 36 nodes
  - 72 cpus
  - 72 heatsinks
  - 432 fans (1U)
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## ocp rack

- 48 nodes
- 12 power supplies
- no power cords
- 96 network cables

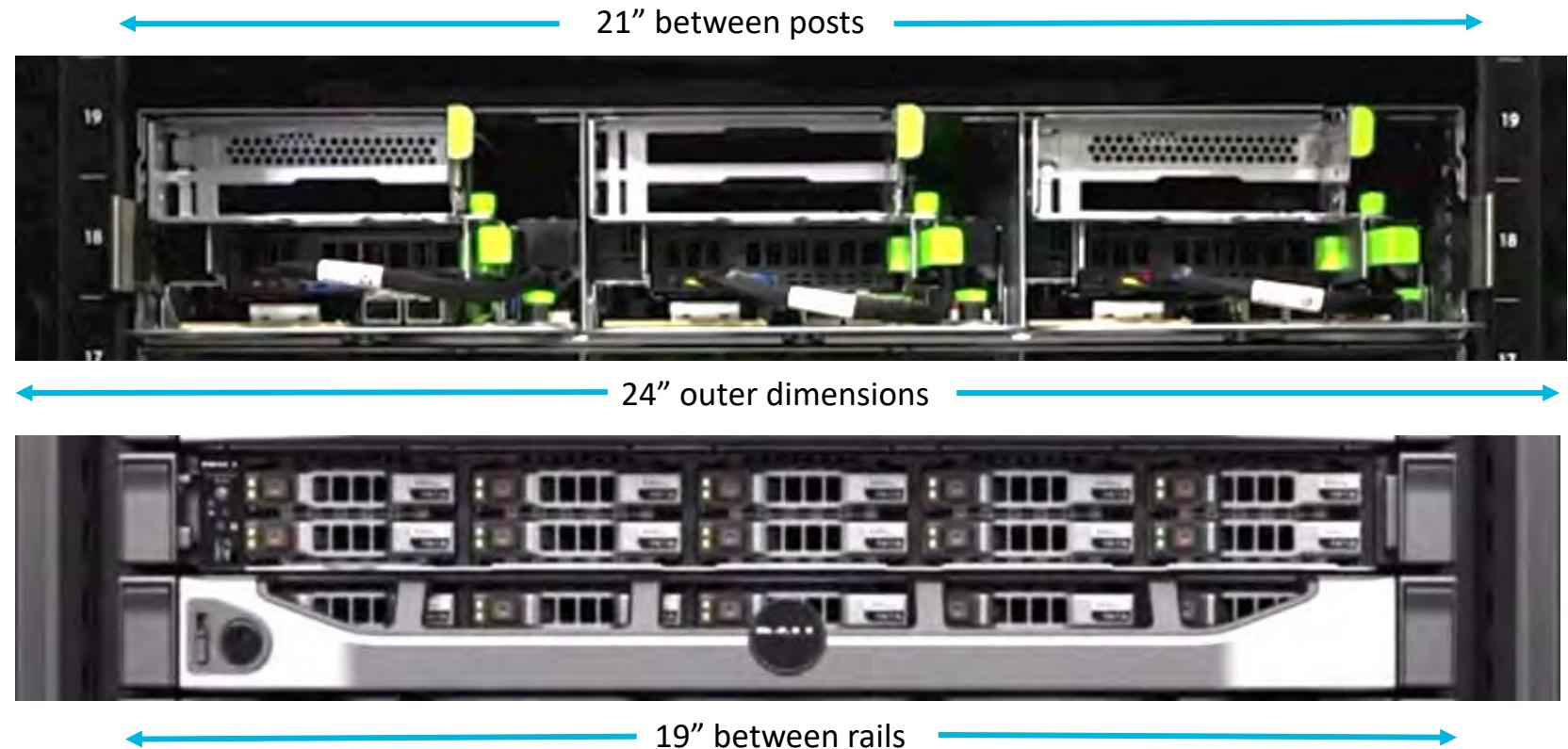


# Open Compute Racks vs Traditional

→ all racks are 24" inches wide, outer dimensions (600 mm)

→ traditional racks have 19" space between rails.  
OCP racks have 21" space between the posts

→ allows OCP to fit three 2-socket servers instead of two. 50% more servers by optimizing 2" wasted space



**OCP is for everyone** - no core requirement to redesign data centers or power for OCP racks

## ocp node

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## ocp rack

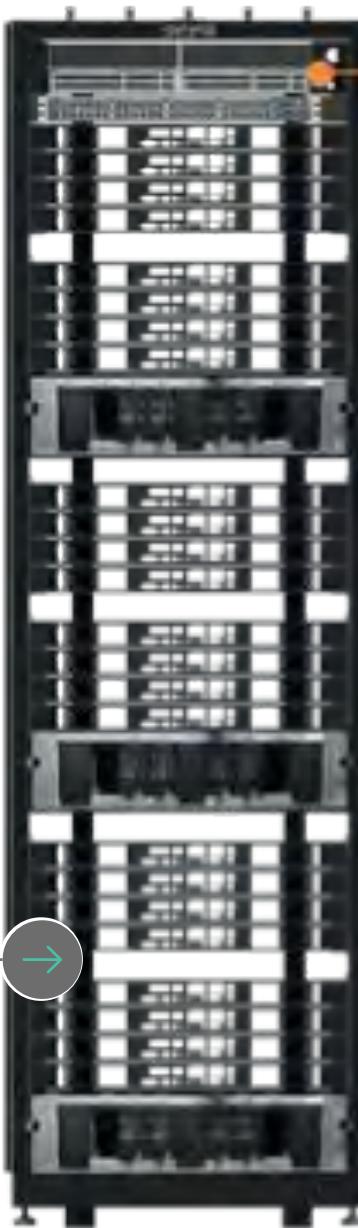
- 96 cpus
- 96 heatsinks
- 12 power supplies
- 96 fans (2U)
- 12 kW

3 nodes /  
2 OU



**2crsi**

3 nodes /  
1 OU



## OCtoPus rack

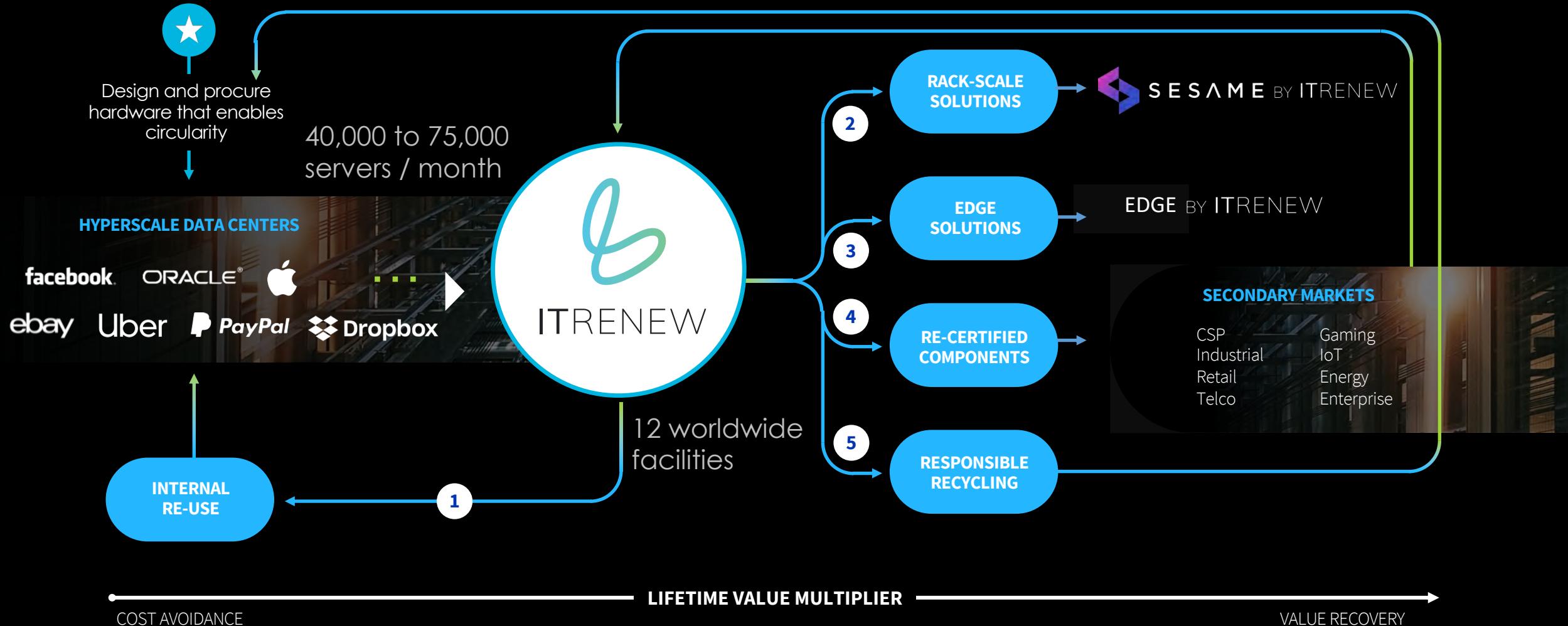
- 180 cpus
- 180 heatsinks
- 18 power supplies
- 23 kW



circular



# Circular economy for data center hardware



# The circular IT hardware industry opportunity

WHAT IF...

46

million  
servers



31

million  
tonnes CO2e



6.7

million  
cars' annual emissions

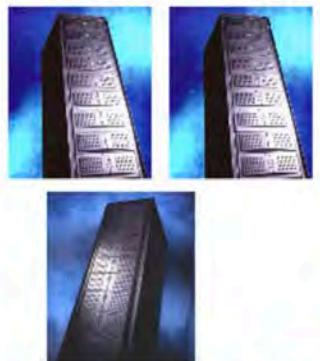
# progress



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1999

## Network “Appliances” Can Win Today



### Dell PowerEdge & PowerVault System

Dell PowerVault 650F	\$40,354 x 12 = 484,248
512 MB cache, dual link controllers, additional 630F cabinet, 20 x 9 GB FC disks, software support, installation	
Dell PowerEdge 6350	\$11,512 x 12 = 138,144
500 MHz PIII, 512 MB RAM, 27 GB disk	
3Com SuperStack II 3800 Switch	7,041
10/100 Ethernet, Layer 3, 24-port	
Rack Space for all that	20,710

### NASRaQ System



### Comparison

Cobalt NASRaQ	\$1,500 x 240 = 360,000
250 MHz RISC, 32 MB RAM, 2 x 10 GB disks	
Extra Memory (to 128 MB each)	\$183 x 360 = 65,880
3Com SuperStack II 3800 Switch	\$7,041 x 11 = 77,451
240/24 = 10 + 1 to connect those 10	
Rack Space (estimate 4x as much as the Dells)	82,840
Installation & Misc	50,000

	Dell	Cobalt
Storage	2.1 TB	4.7 TB
Spindles	240	480
Compute	6 GHz	60 GHz
Memory	12.3 GB	30.7 GB
Power	23,122 W	12,098 W
Cost	\$650,143	\$636,171

From April 1999, Active Disks talk

2019

	Sesame	improvement
Storage	48 TB	10x
Spindles (SSD)	1.6m IOPS	30x
Compute	240 GHz	4x
Memory	24 TB	780x
Power	12,098 W	same
Cost	\$96,171	85% less

	Sesame	improvement
Storage (HDD)	9600 TB	2,000x
Spindles (HDD)	130,000 IOPS	2.4x
Power	12,098 W	same

 **SE S A M E** BY ITRENEW  
for Open Systems

SCALE config (48x nodes):  
dual 2.5 GHz Xeon, 512 GB RAM, 4x 256GB NVMe disks  
Network:  
two 32-port 100G, 128-port 25G top-of-rack switches  
Rack space (single rack) – deployed in less than 60 minutes



# Servers

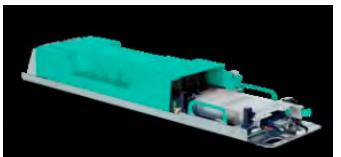


compute  
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infra  
power supply + switch

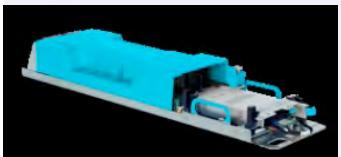
up to 5 nodes

external TOR switches (2x)		
ingress	ingress	ingress
internal TOR switches (2x)		
compute	compute	compute
power zone BB		
compute	compute	compute
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storage	storage	storage
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storage	storage	storage
mgmt	mgmt	mgmt
infra	infra	infra
power zone AA		

up to 48 nodes



single or 2-socket nodes, 25 GbE connectivity



flash-based storage nodes; millions of IOPS and terabytes of capacity



SESAME Fast-Start



SESAME for Open Systems

# data



1,000,000 (million EB)	YOTTABYTES
1,000,000,000 (billion PB)	ZETTABYTES
1,000,000,000 (billion TB)	EXABYTES
1,000,000,000,000,000,000	PETABYTES
1,000,000,000,000,000	TERABYTES
1,000,000,000,000 (trillion)	GIGABYTES
1,000,000,000 (billion)	MEGABYTES
1,000,000 (million)	KILOBYTES
1,000	BYTES

	HELLALOTTABYTES
	LOTTABYTES
1,000,000 (million EB)	YOTTABYTES
1,000,000,000 (billion PB)	ZETTABYTES
1,000,000,000 (billion TB)	EXABYTES
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1,000,000,000,000 (trillion)	GIGABYTES
1,000,000,000 (billion)	MEGABYTES
1,000,000 (million)	KILOBYTES
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## MYTH

1,000,000 (million EB)  
1,000,000,000 (billion PB)  
1,000,000,000 (billion TB)  
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1,000,000,000,000  
1,000,000,000,000 (trillion)  
1,000,000,000 (billion)  
1,000,000 (million)  
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HELLALOTTABYTES  
LOTTABYTES  
YOTTABYTES  
ZETTABYTES  
EXABYTES  
PETABYTES  
TERABYTES  
GIGABYTES  
MEGABYTES  
KILOBYTES  
BYTES

# REALITY

1,237,940 (million EB)  
1,208,925,819 (billion PB)  
1,180,591,620 (billion TB)  
1,152,921,504,606,800,000  
1,125,899,906,842,624  
1,099,511,627,776 (trillion)  
1,073,741,824 (billion)  
1,048,576 (million)  
1,024

HELLALOBIBYTES  
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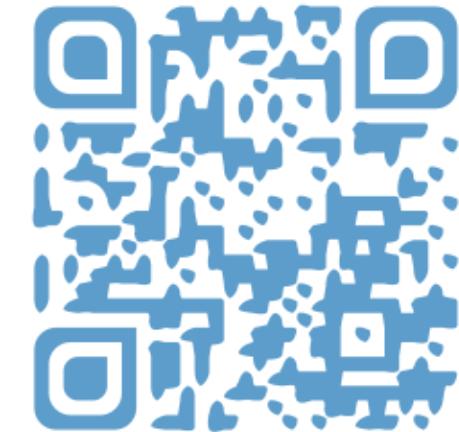
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