



# Killer Kubernetes: Pivotal Container Service (PKS)



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Developer (wasn't Ops)

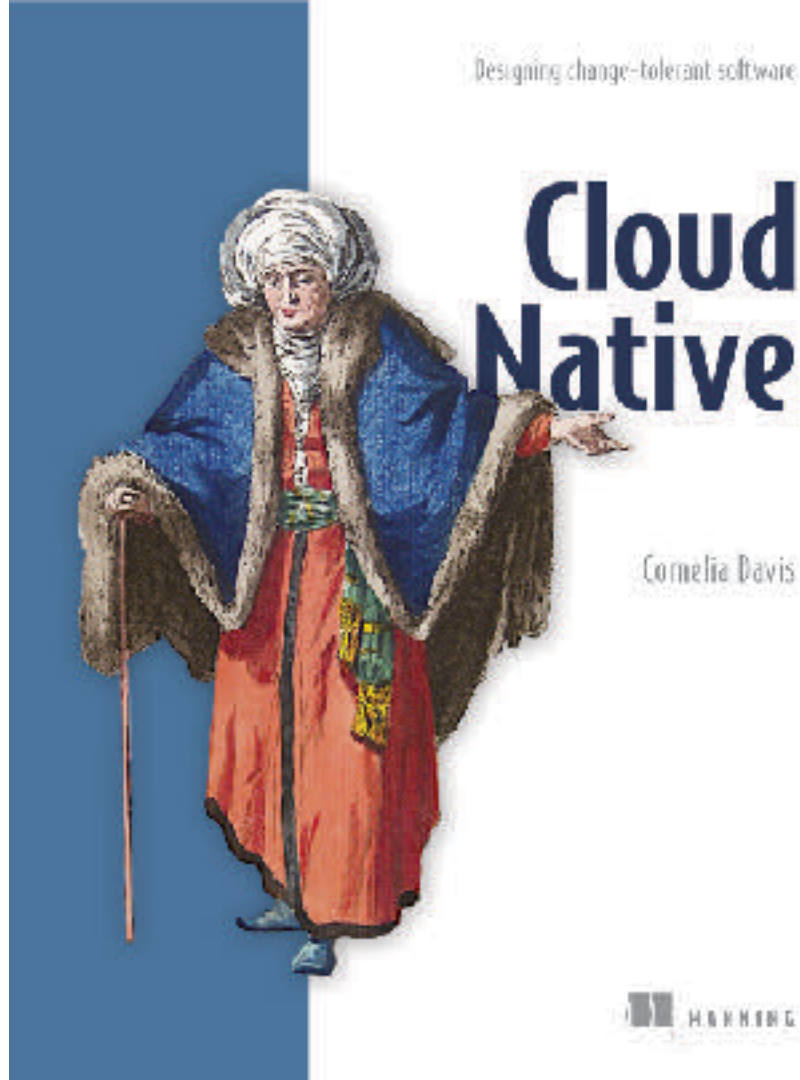
Web architectures for >10 years

Cloud-native for 5+ years

Cloud Foundry for 5+ years

<https://www.manning.com/books/cloud-native>

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# The Transformation is Real

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“This is an awesome [platform] team. **You are secretly changing the company from inside.**” - (EVP, Enterprise Services)

**Upgrades during office hours** with **zero downtime**; no Saturday tech bridge.

**Security** and **compliance** requirements **baked into** automated platform deployments.

**5 CVEs remediated** on the platform with zero downtime.

## Your Platform Team has Delivered Real Value



### Developer Productivity

- Accelerate feedback loops by improving delivery velocity
- Focus on applications, not infrastructure
- Give developers the tools and frameworks to build resilient apps



### Operational Efficiency

- Employ 500:1 developer to operator ratio
- Perform zero-downtime upgrades
- Runs the same way on every public/private cloud



### Comprehensive Security

- Adopt a defense-in-depth approach
- Continuously update platforms to limit threat impact
- Apply the 3 R's → repair, repave, rotate



### High Availability

- Run platforms that stays online under all circumstances
- Scale up and down, in and out, through automation
- Deploy multi-cloud resilience patterns

## What Workloads are Realizing these Benefits?



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**DATA SERVICES**



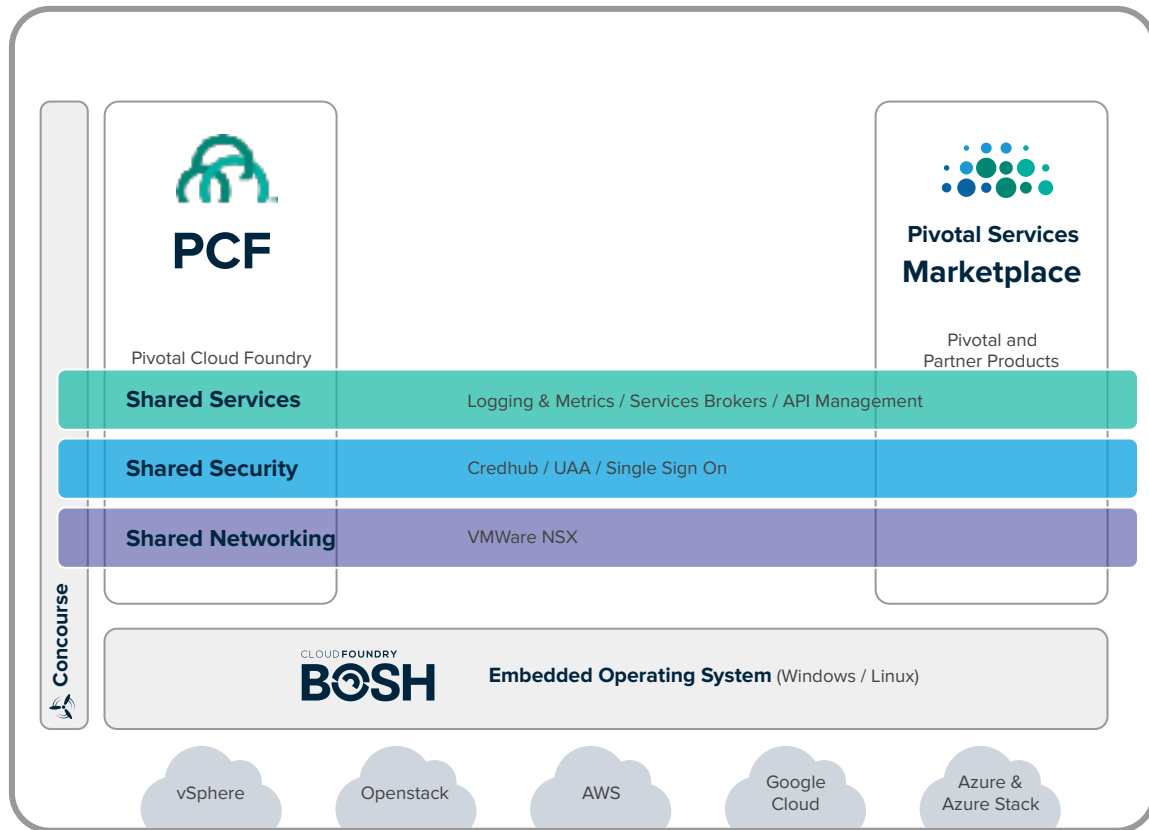
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**MONOLITHIC APPLICATIONS**

# PCF 1.x

What you've used to achieve  
success to date

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# What We'll Cover

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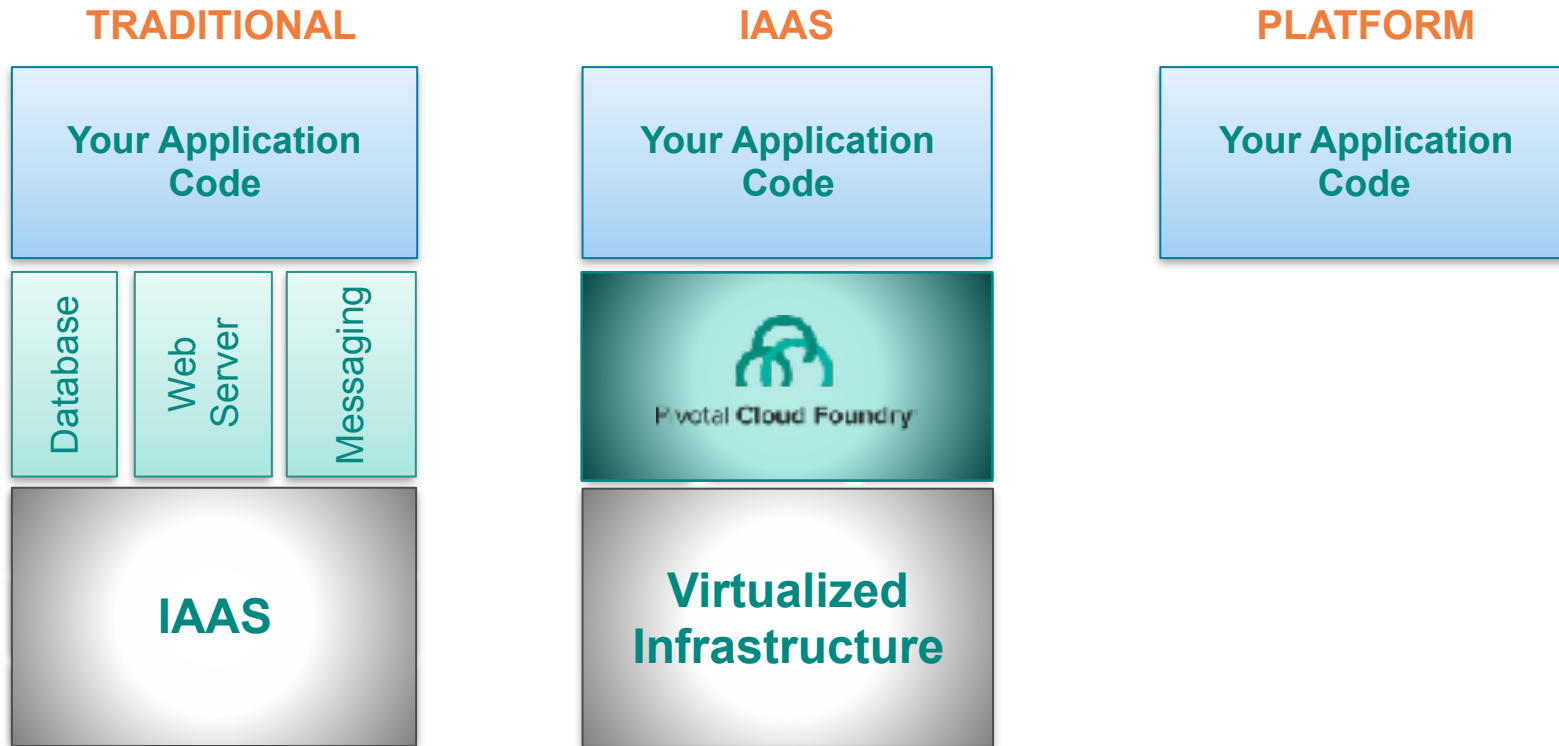
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What is **PKS**?

What can you **do** with PKS?

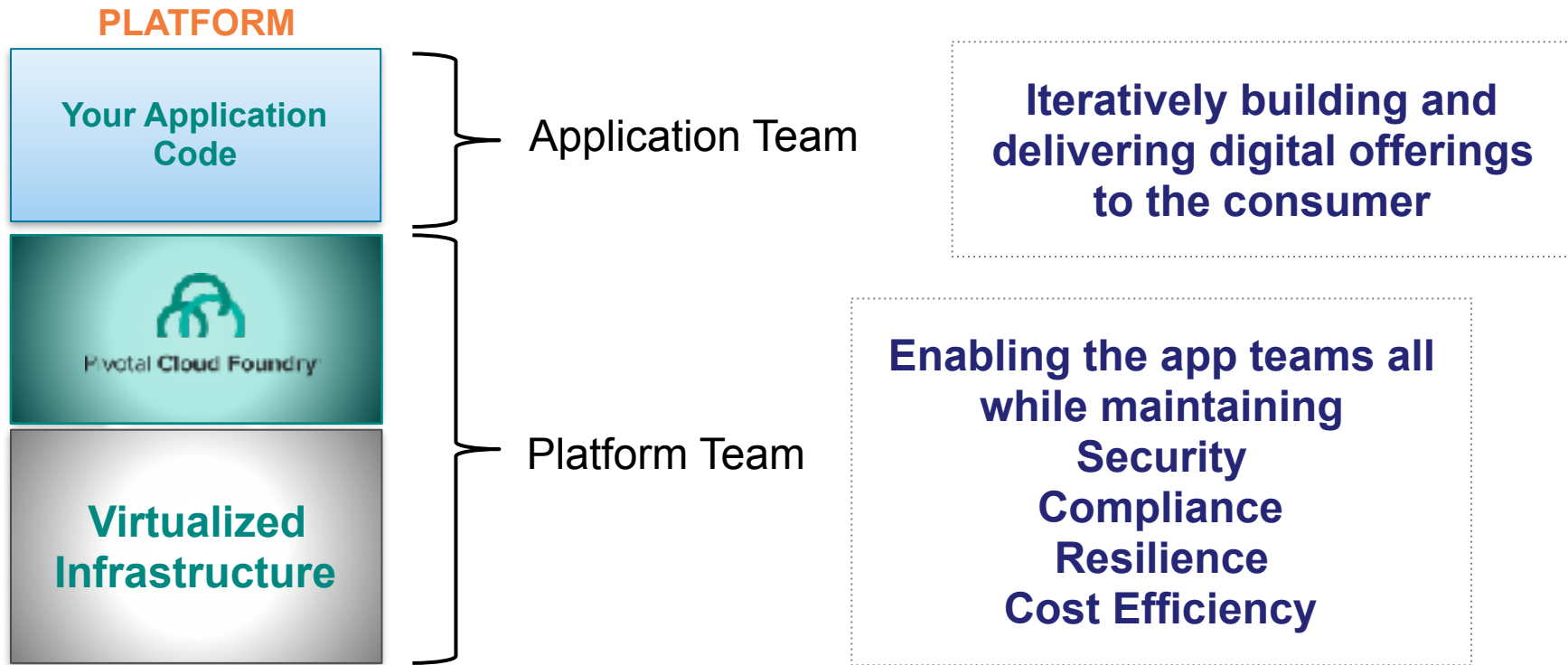
What **value** will you get from using PKS?

# The Cloud Platform Evolution





## Teams Delivering Outcomes



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# What is PKS?

Can we realize these benefits for other workloads too?



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CONTAINERS



COTS



*More*

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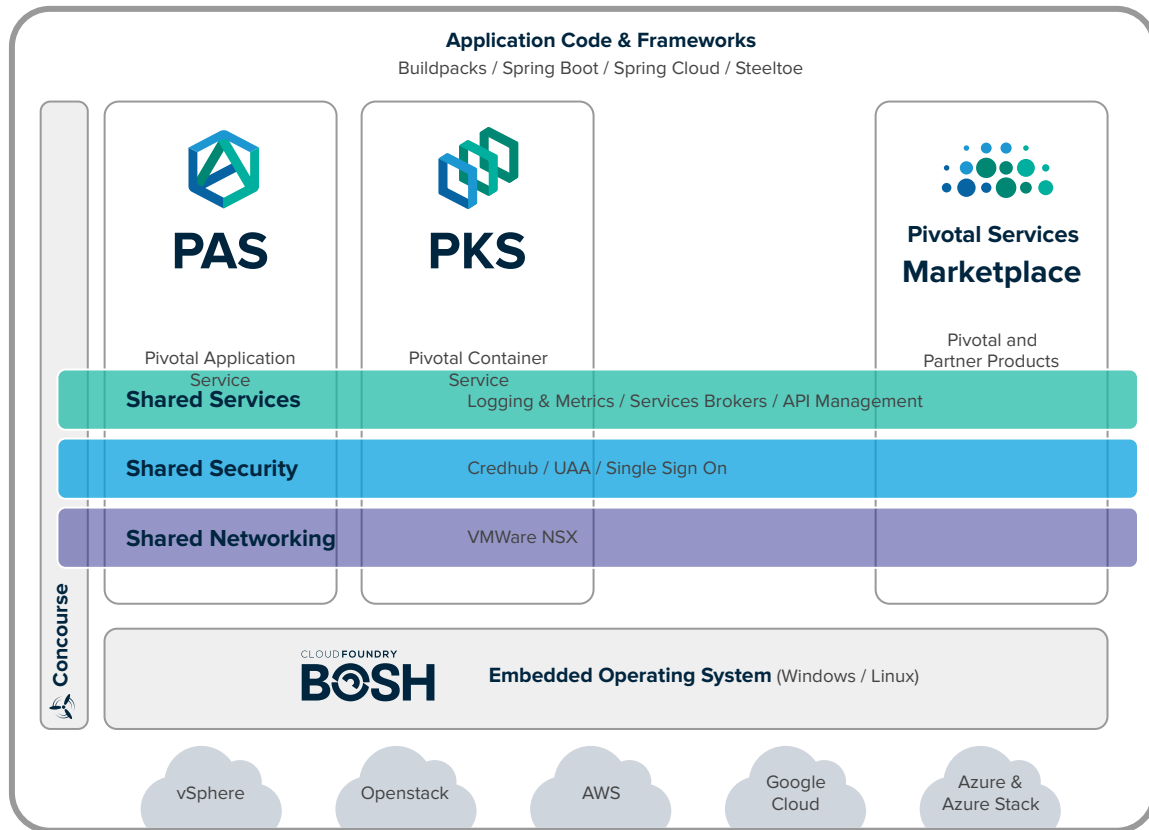
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*Clusters*

# Any App Every Cloud One Platform

PCF 2.0 — for everything  
that matters

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Kubernetes is an open-source platform designed to automate deploying, scaling, and operating **application containers**.

With Kubernetes, you are able to quickly and efficiently respond to customer demand:

- Deploy your applications quickly and predictably.
- Scale your applications on the fly.
- Roll out new features seamlessly.
- Limit hardware usage to required resources only.

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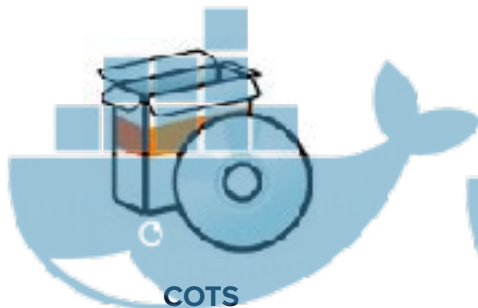


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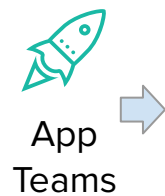


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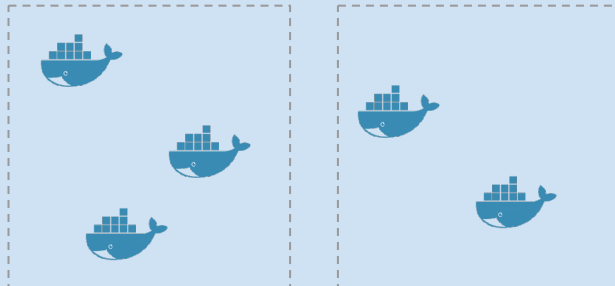


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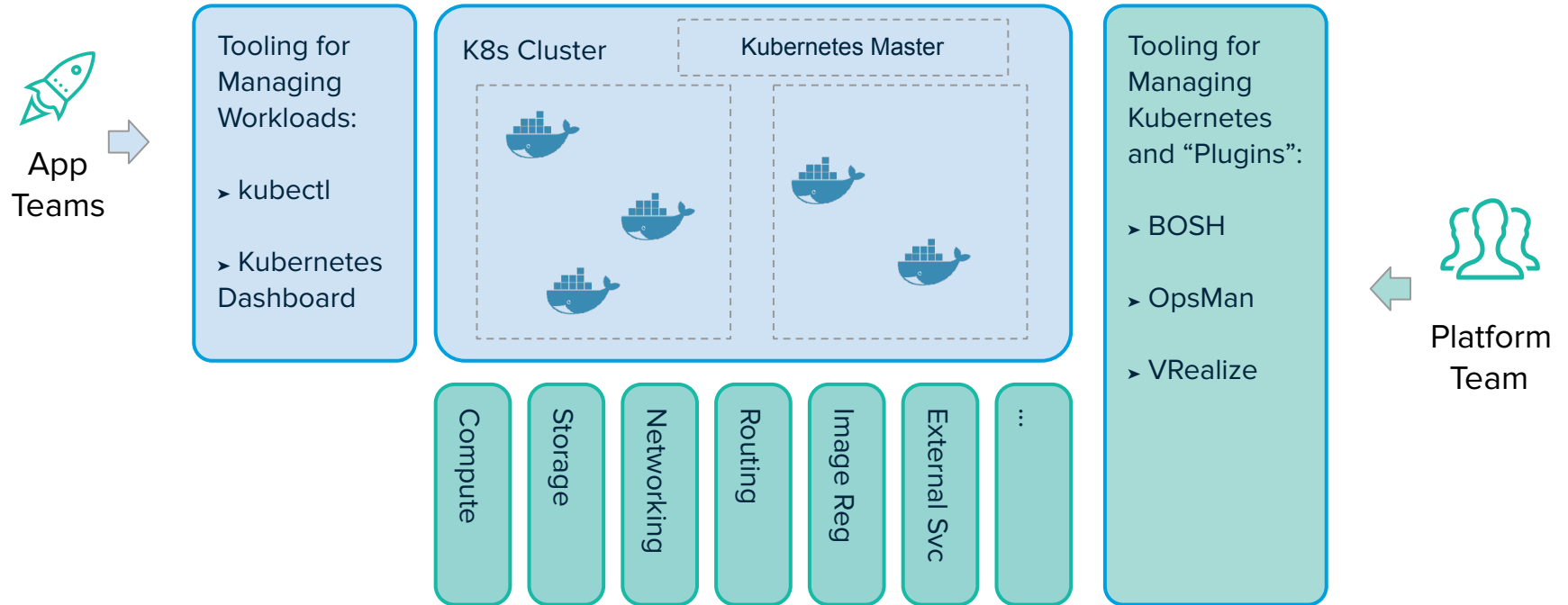
- kubectl
- Kubernetes Dashboard

K8s Cluster

Kubernetes Master

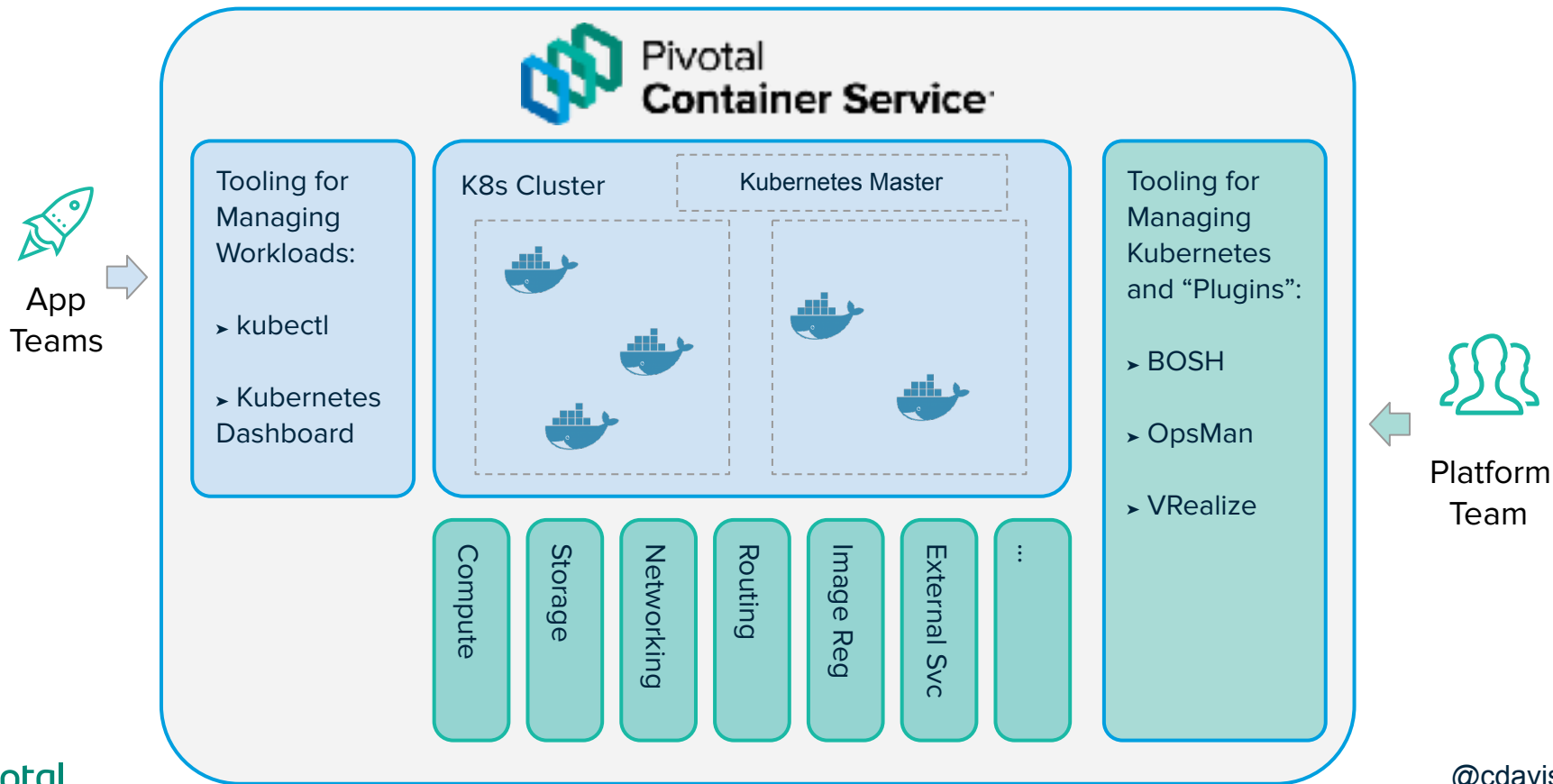


## But we need more than a runtime





# PKS is a Complete, Enterprise Grade Kubernetes Platform





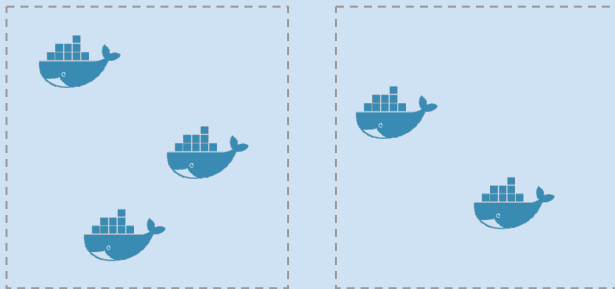
# Pivotal Container Service

Tooling for Managing Workloads:

- › kubectl
- › Kubernetes Dashboard

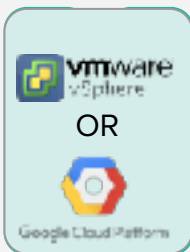
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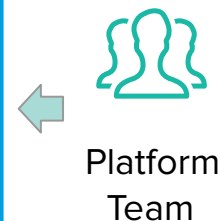
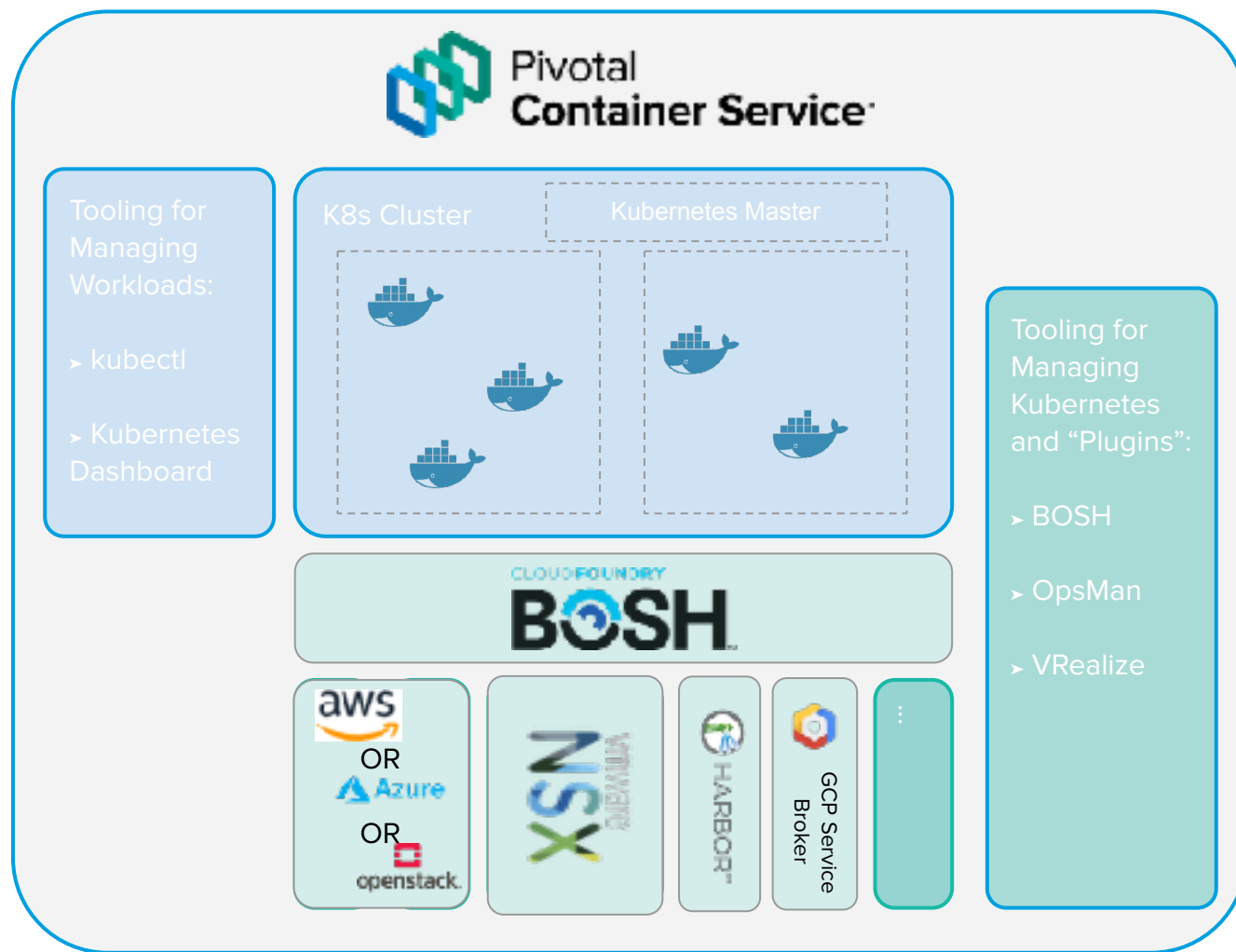
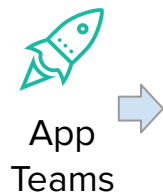
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Tooling for Managing Kubernetes and “Plugins”:

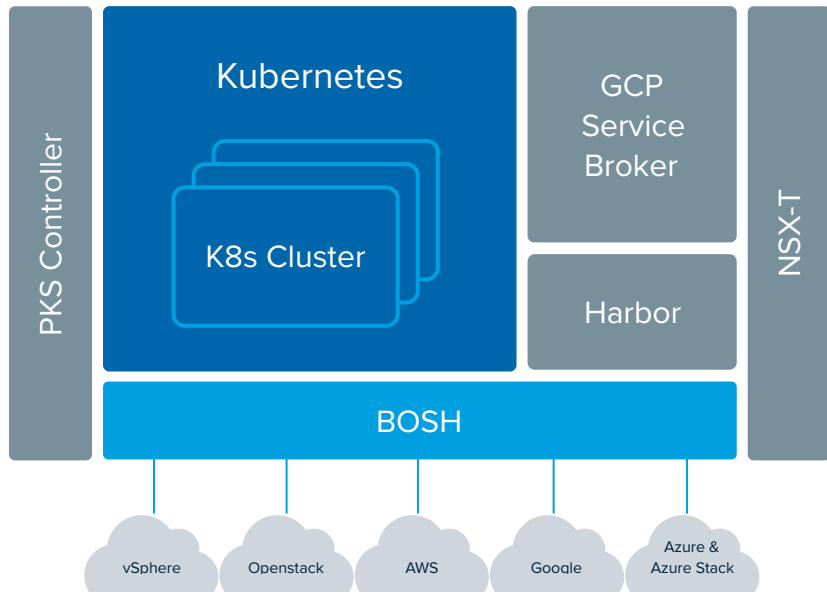
- › BOSH
- › OpsMan
- › VRealize







# Pivotal Container Service™



**Built with open-source Kubernetes** — Constant compatibility with the current stable release of Kubernetes, operated by BOSH. No proprietary extensions.

**Production-ready** — Highly available from apps to infrastructure. Built-in health checks, scaling, auto-healing and rolling upgrades.

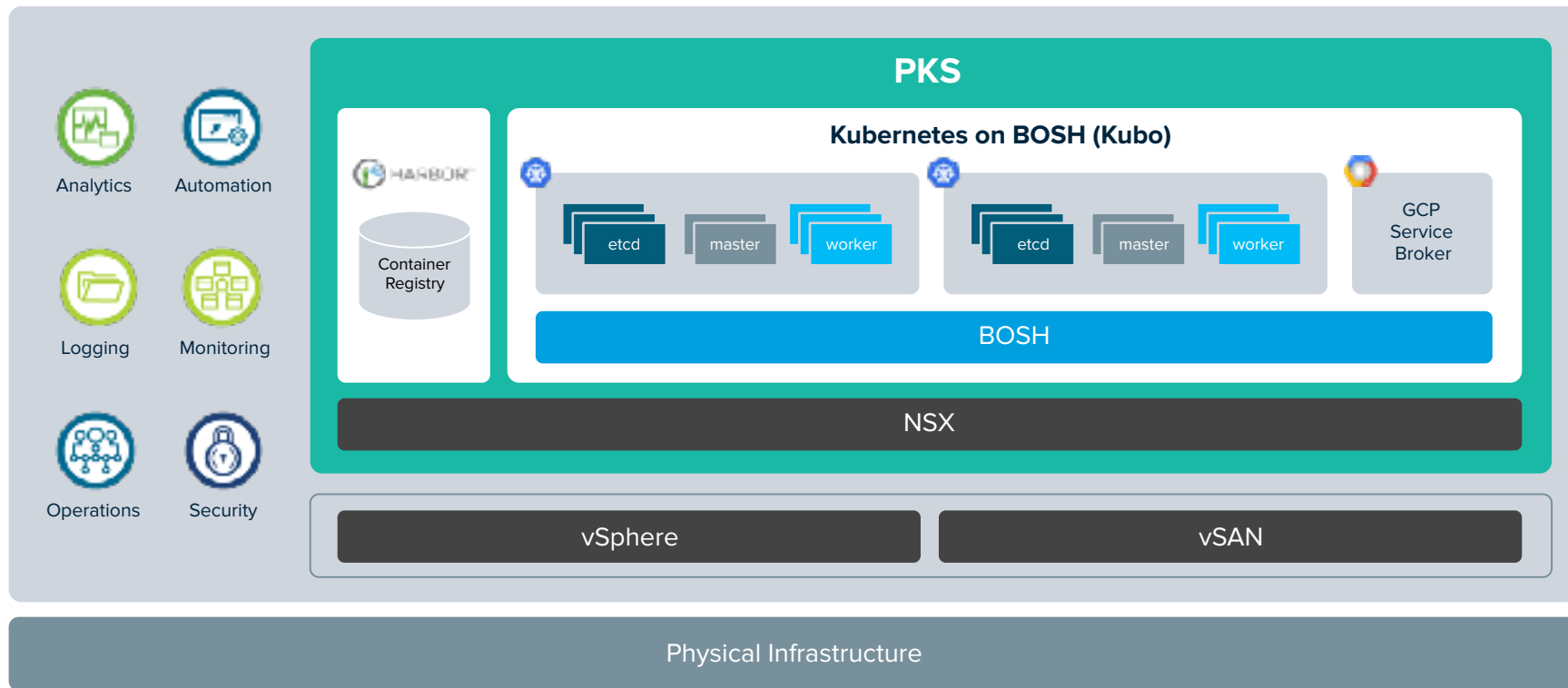
**Multicloud** — BOSH provides a reliable and consistent operational experience. For any cloud.

**Network management and security** out-of-the-box with VMware NSX-T. Multi-cloud, multi-hypervisor.

**GCP APIs access** — The GCP Service Broker allows apps to transparently access Google Cloud APIs, from anywhere. Easily move workloads to/from Google Container Engine (GKE).

**Fully automated Ops** — Fully automated deploy, scale, patch, upgrade. No downtime. Use CD pipelines to deploy your platform, too.

## The Pivotal value proposition



# Operational Challenges with any platform

## Day 1 - Build

**Multi-cloud** Provide a reliable and smooth experience for any cloud.

**Open APIs** Allow platform operations from different toolsets and the creation of CD pipelines.

**Consistency** Provide a consistent setup experience, across different cloud environment configurations.

**Setup time** How long does it take to setup a real world working environment? Think hours, not weeks.

## Day 2 - Operate

**Patches** Patching platform components with thousands of apps running should feel normal.

**Scaling** Seamlessly scale platform components to accommodate changing demand.

**Upgrades.** How do you roll out new versions of the platform with the lights on?

**Operating Effort** Operating a platform should require very few resources and minimum manual intervention. Otherwise, is it really providing operational benefits?

What can you do with PKS?

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# PKS Capabilities and Value

# Product Capabilities

## Benefits to the Platform Team (PKS Provider)

- Provide a **container solution**
- **Complete solution** - no assembly required
  - OS, Registry, K8s, networking, storage
- **Control the Kubernetes** you make available
  - Plans
- **Turnkey solution**
  - Ops Manager, Tile
  - PKS API
  - Operability through vRealize Suite
- **Enterprise Control/Security**
  - Embedded OS
  - CVEs
  - NSX-T
  - Harbor
  - Tenancy
- **Multi-cloud**

## Benefits to the App Team (PKS Consumer)

- **Get Kubernetes** - Self-service creation, scaling and deletion, observation, plans
- They can **run their Workloads**
  - CNCF Conformance
  - Constant Compatibility
  - Service Mesh
  - CI Workloads (i.e. Jenkins)
  - Stateful services (i.e. Elastic Search)
  - ... and more
- **Complete Solution**
  - Compute, storage, network
  - Multi-cloud
- **Developer Productivity Tools** (\*\* by 1.1)
  - Service Catalog
  - GCP Service broker



# Tenancy

Let's talk about Multi-tenancy a bit



**Joe Bada** ✓  
@jbada

Follow

Replying to @andreisavu @lookusion

what they are doing is what I would call "soft  
multitenant". Share network for fast cross  
team rpc.

2:29 AM - 8 Dec 2016 from Seattle, WA

Multi-tenancy models remain weak in  
Kubernetes alone

**We provide solutions for this today**

## Two models supported

### Multi-tenant clusters

- Leverage Kubernetes namespaces

#### **Limitations** with Kubernetes alone

- Noisy neighbors (workloads can affect other tenants)
- Share the same network
- Share DNS
- Shared Configuration
- ...

#### **We add**

- Network microsegmentation with NSX-T
  - Eliminating “Share the same network”

### Single-tenant clusters

**No other “on prem” solution has this!!!**

*It is having an API for creation and management that enables this!!!*

- Every tenant gets their own cluster

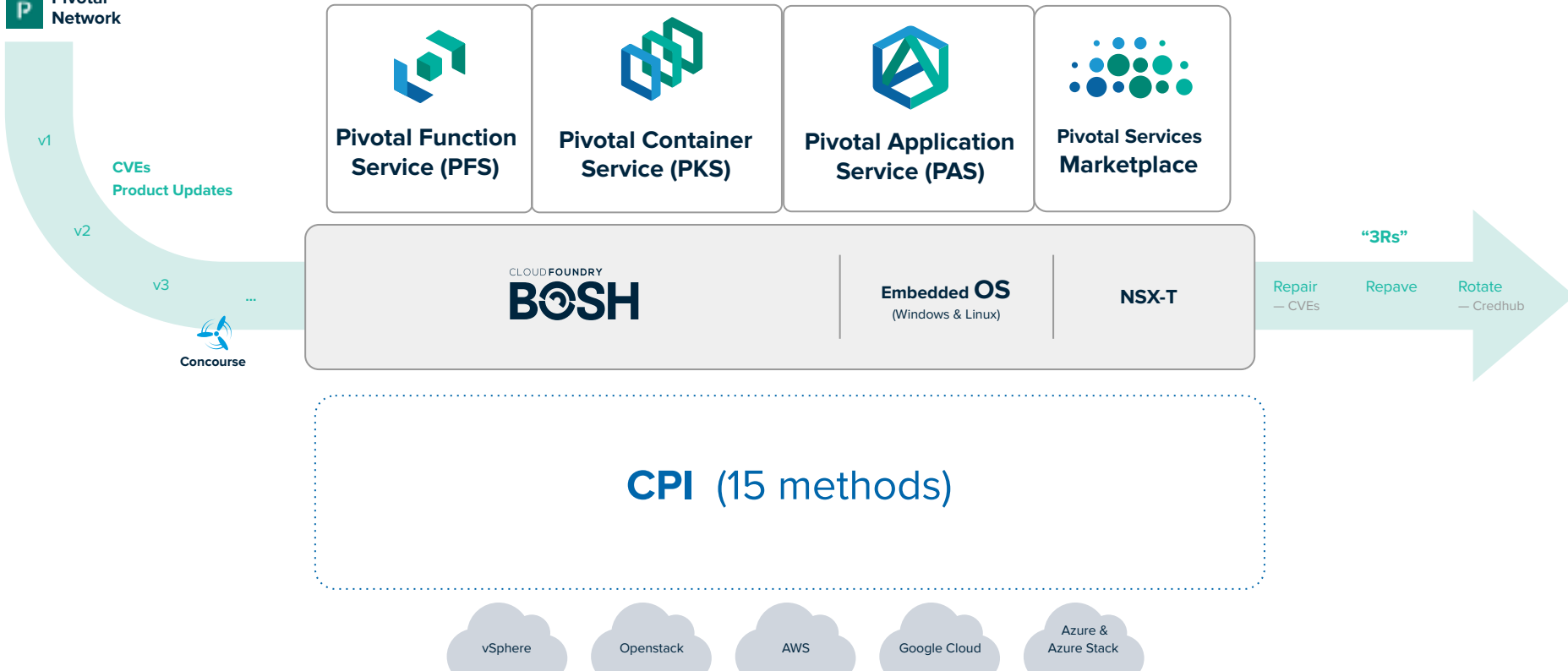
#### **Addresses limitations**

- Single tenant worker VMs (depend on the hypervisor to ensure host is properly shared)
- Every cluster has own network segment
- Every cluster has own DNS
- Every cluster has own configuration
- ...

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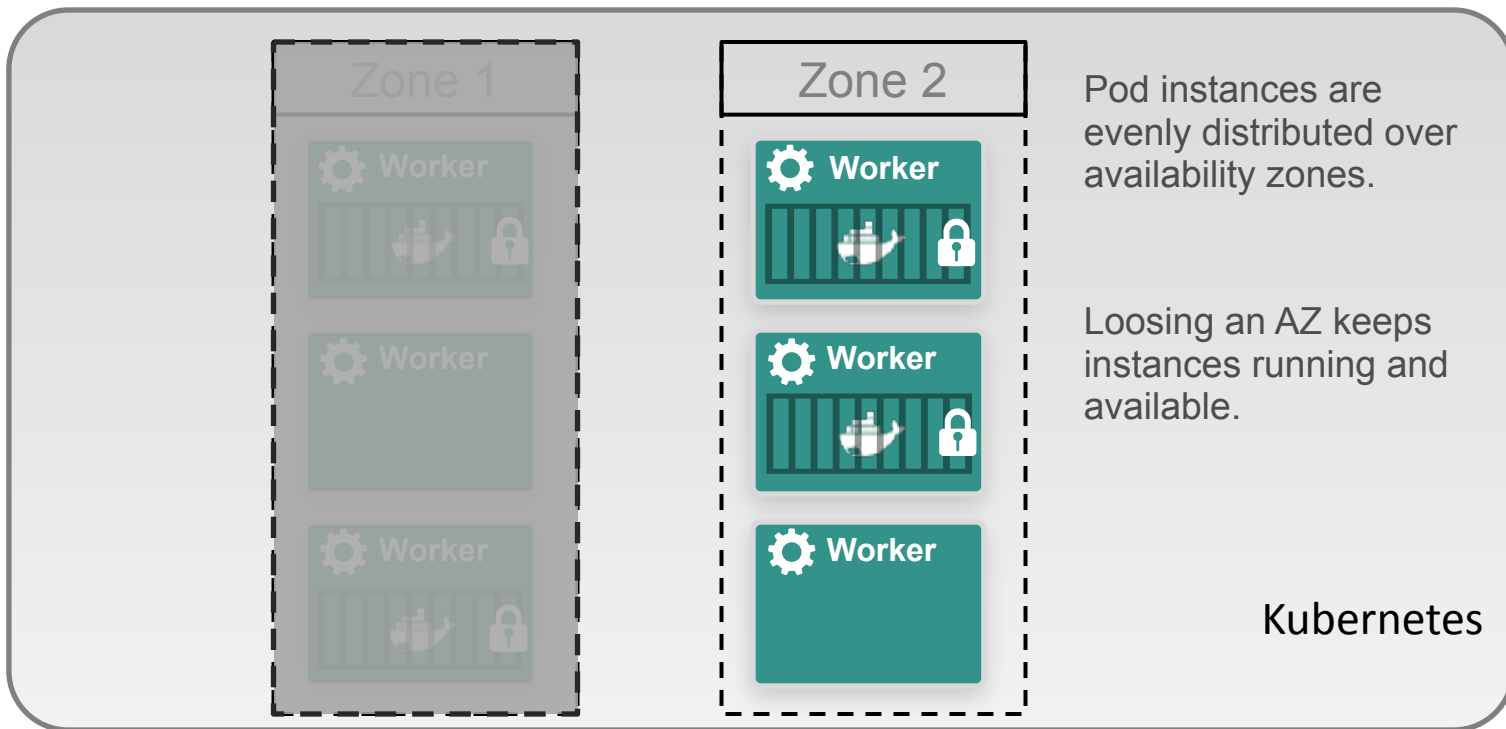


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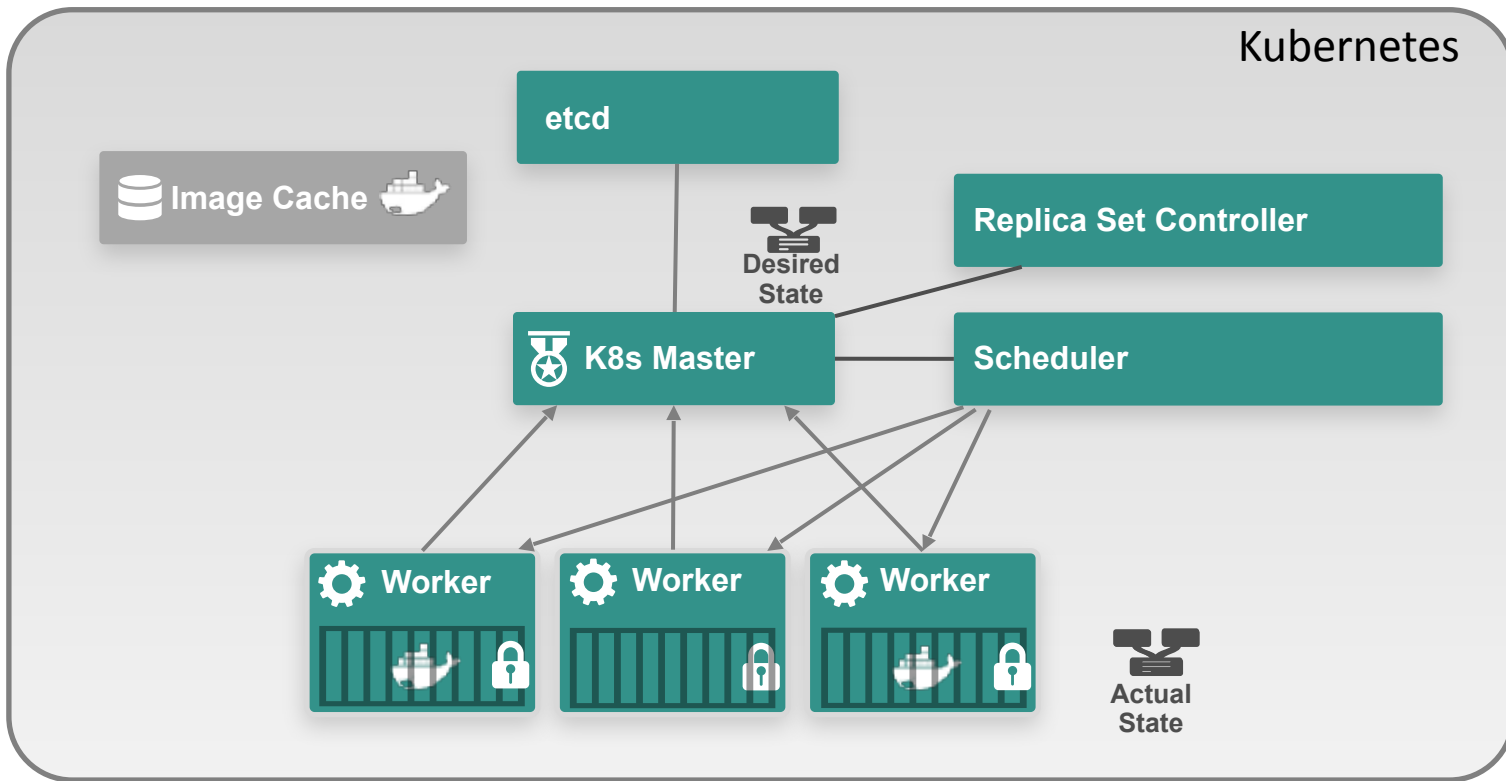
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Remember the four levels of HA?

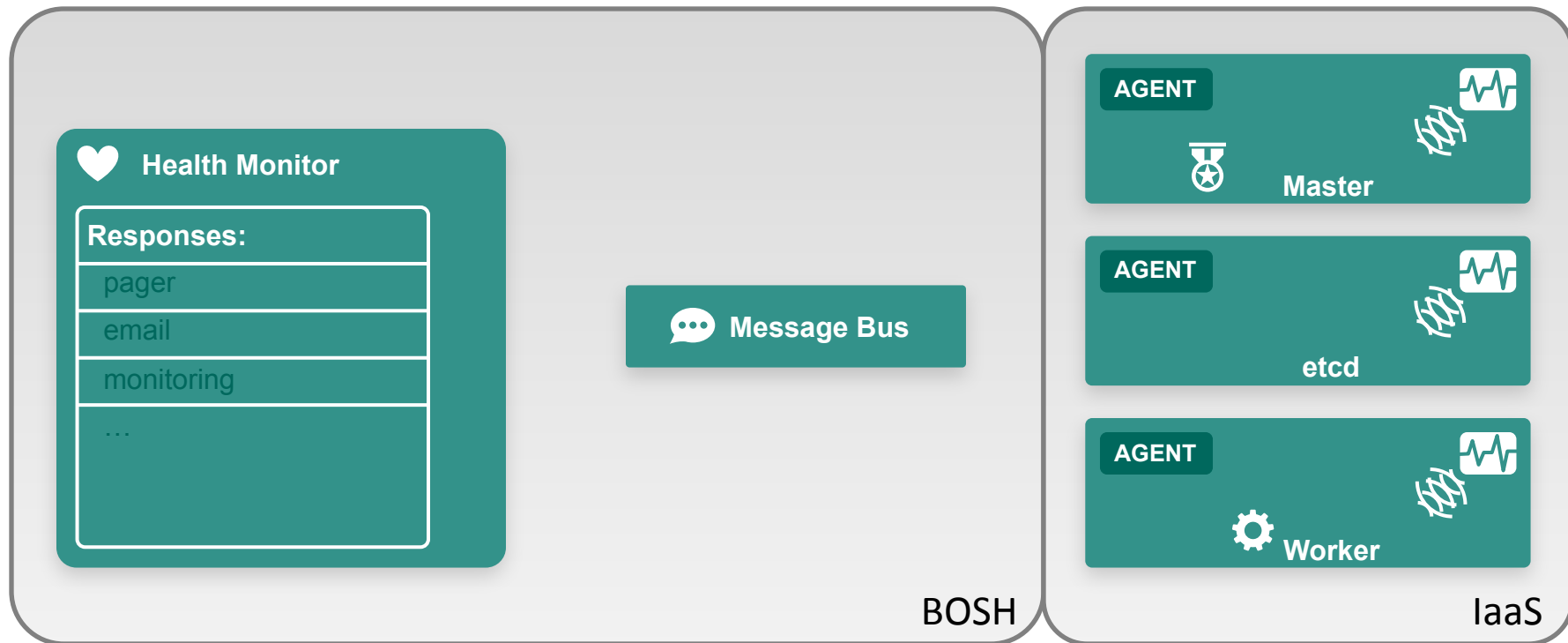
# Pods and Availability Zones



# Lost Pod Instances Replaced

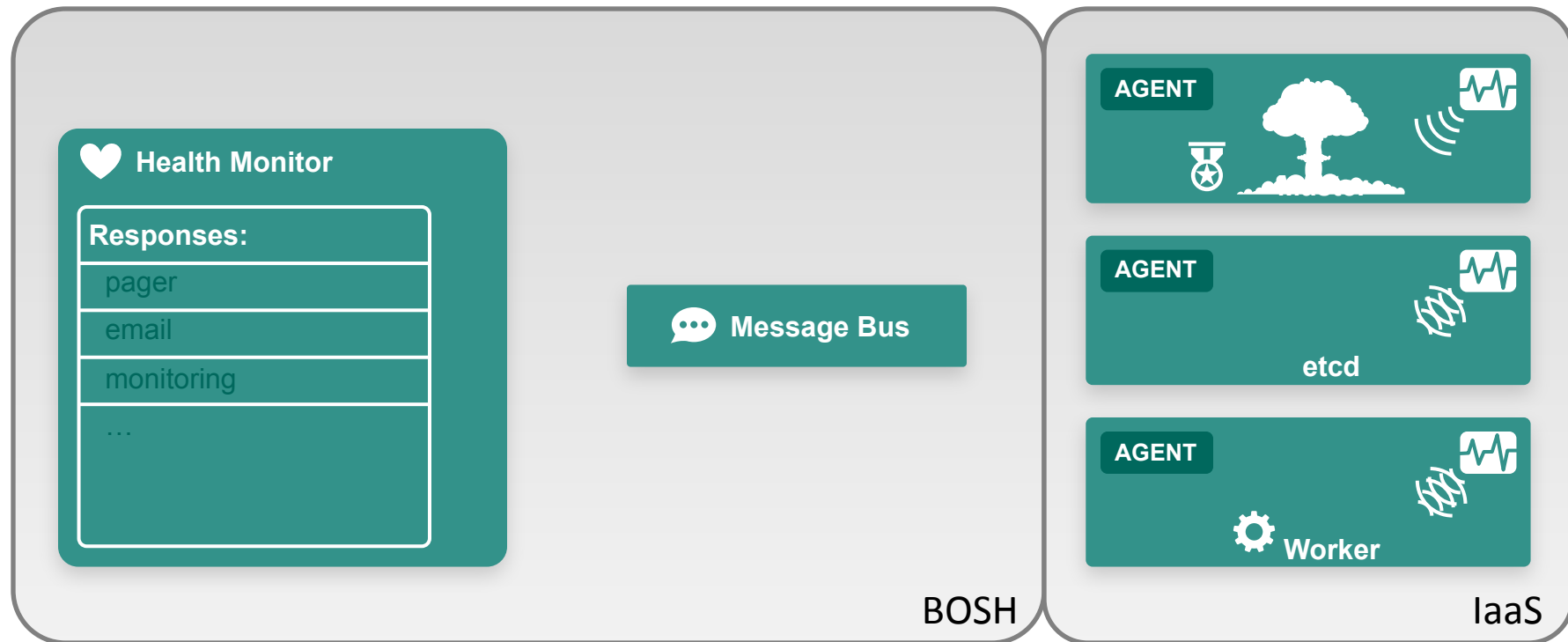


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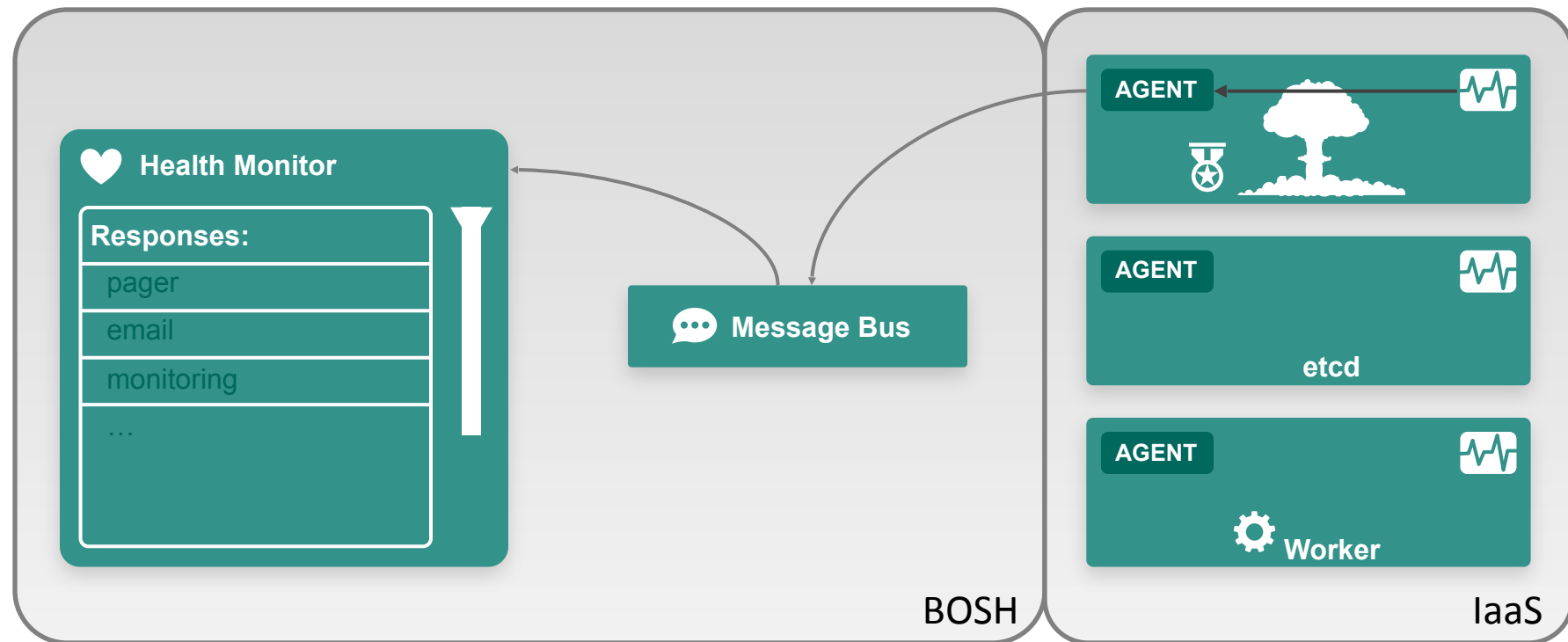




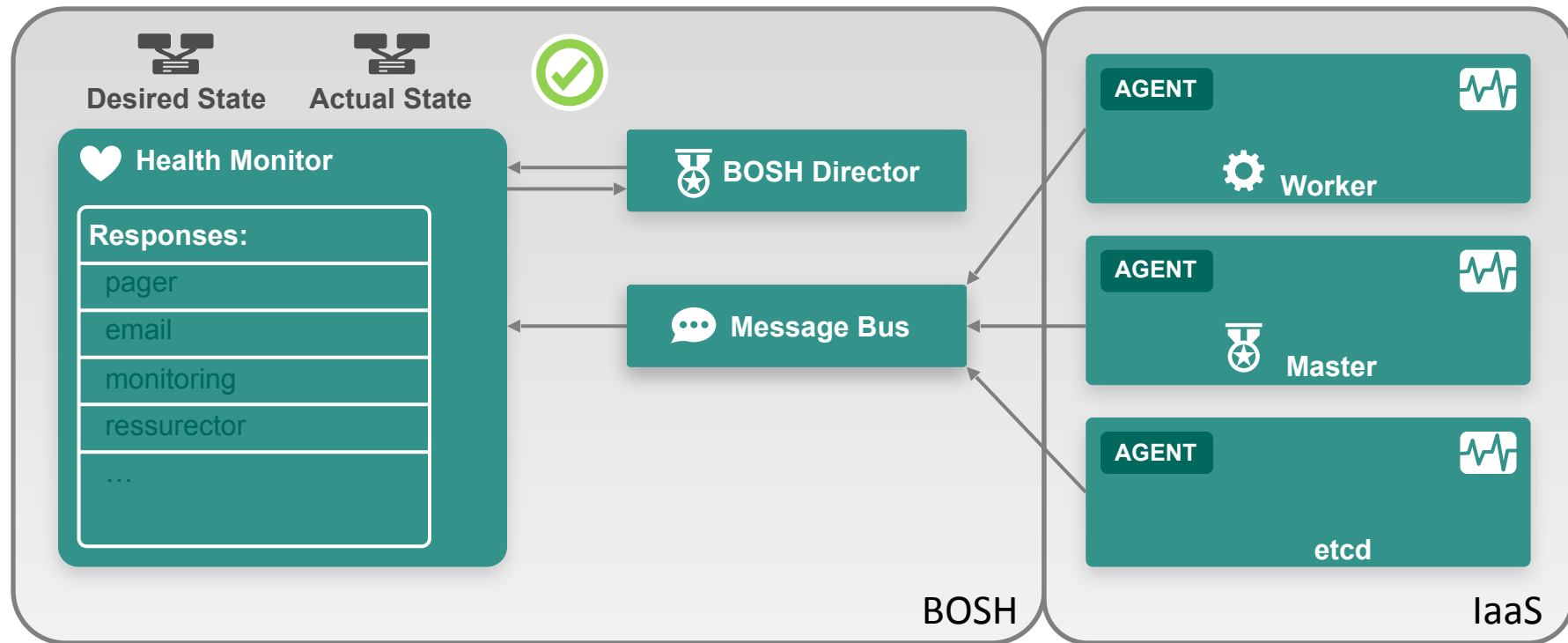
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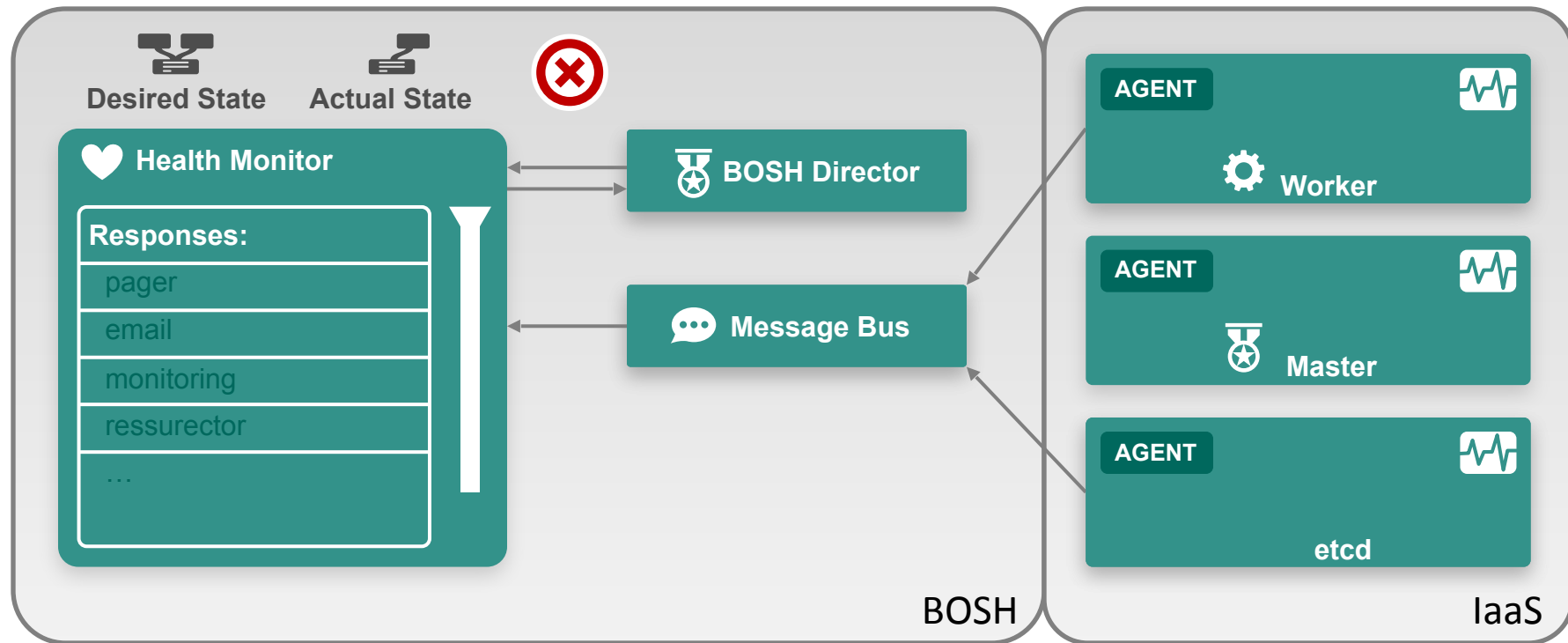
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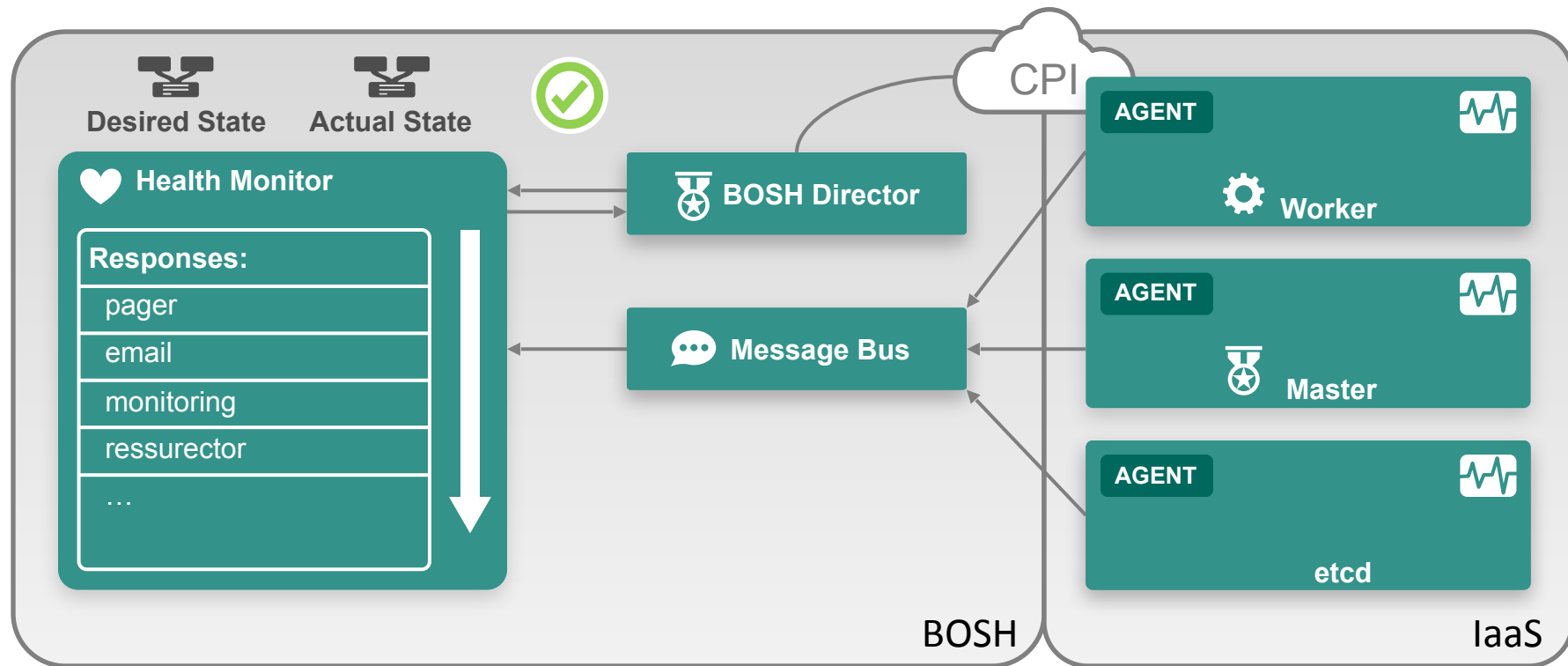
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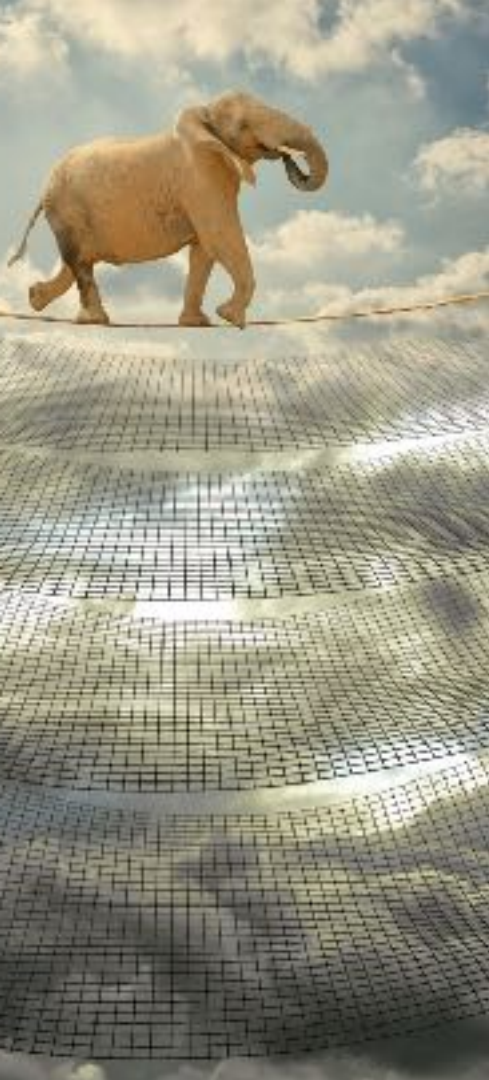


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## Four levels of HA in PKS

Kubernetes (workload management):

- Distribution across availability zones
- Application health management and recovery

BOSH (cluster management):

- Process monitoring, recovery and alerting
- Virtual machine health monitoring, recovery and alerting

We kinda know what's up here!

### **PAS (workload management):**

- Distribution across availability zones
- Application health management and recovery

### **Kubernetes (workload management):**

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### **BOSH (cluster management):**

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We've been doing this in PAS for 5 years!!!

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So, yeah...

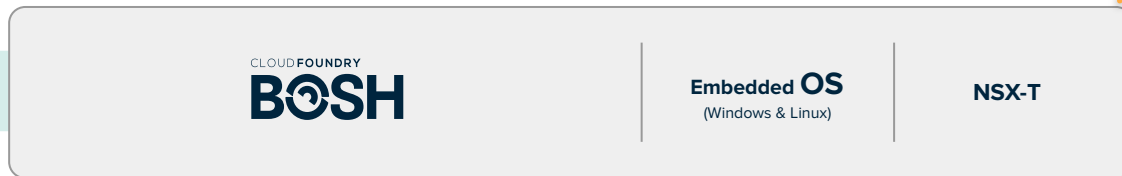
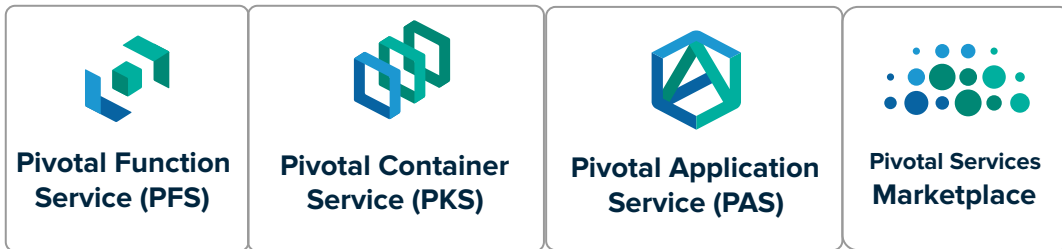
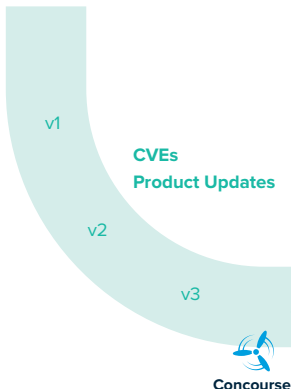
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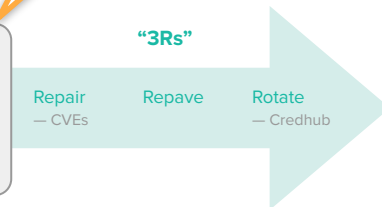
**PKS does for your Kubernetes  
what  
Kubernetes does for your apps**

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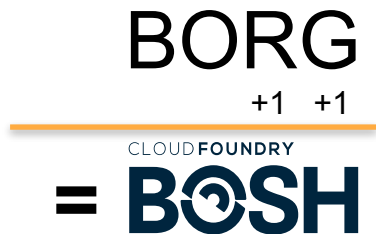




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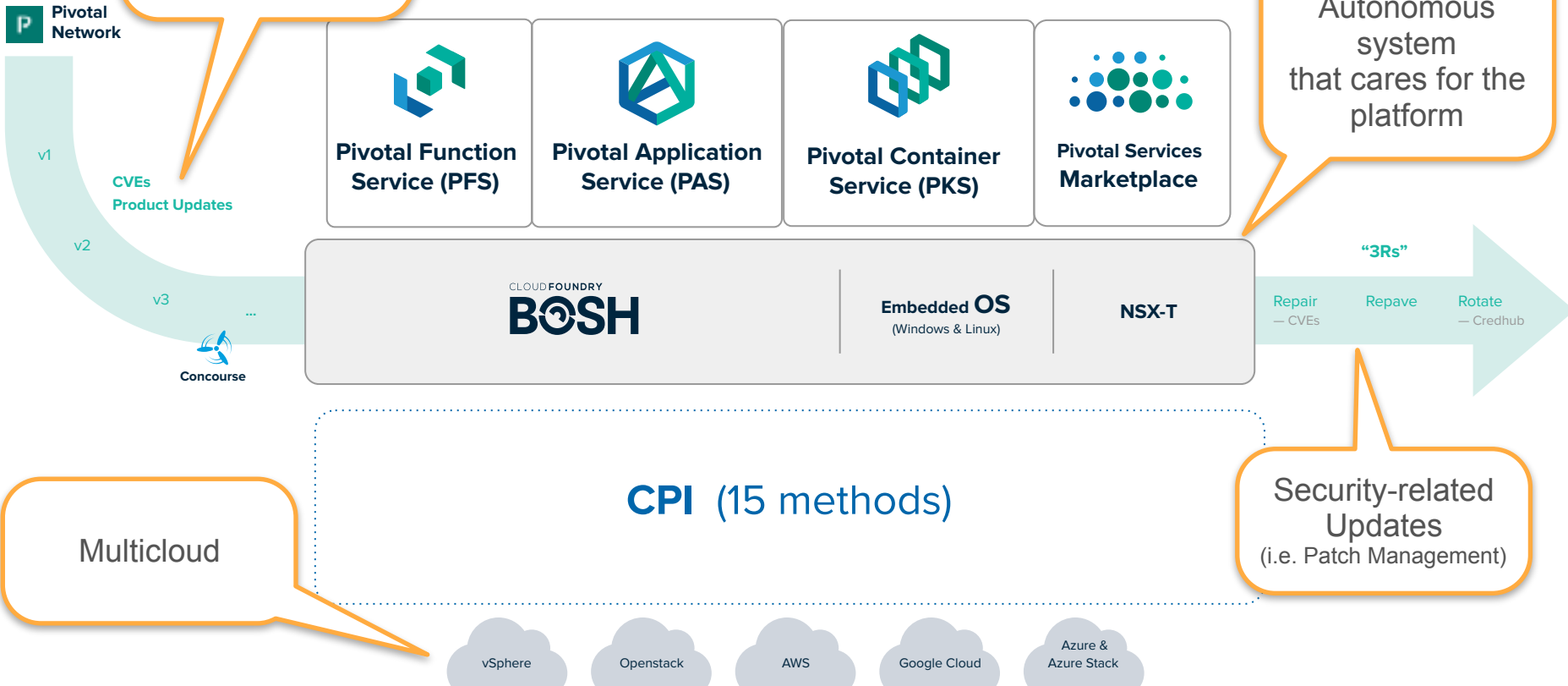
An open source tool chain for release engineering, deployment, and lifecycle management of large scale distributed services.



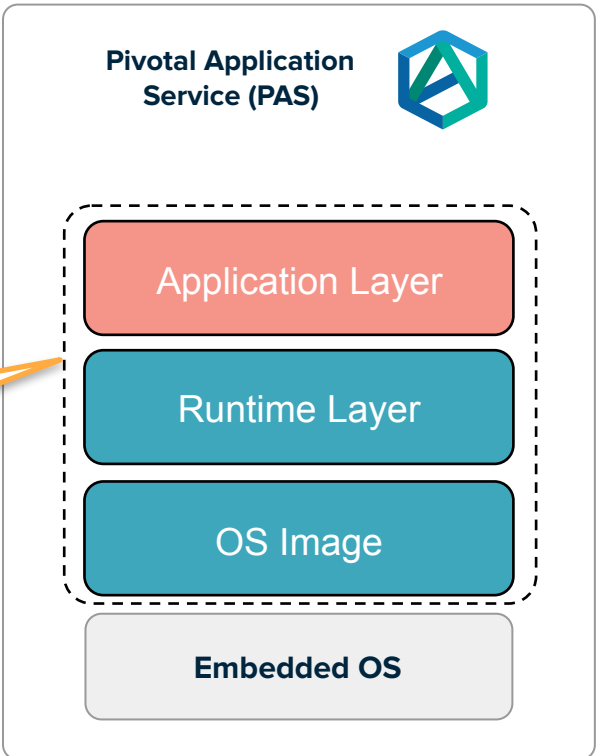
- Packaging w/ embedded OS
- Server provisioning on any IaaS
- Software deployment across clusters
- Health monitoring (server AND processes)
- Service state monitoring
- Self-healing w/ Resurrector
- Storage management
- Rolling upgrades via canaries

Zero-downtime  
Upgrade  
Automation

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We can  
**Repair**  
and  
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everything up to  
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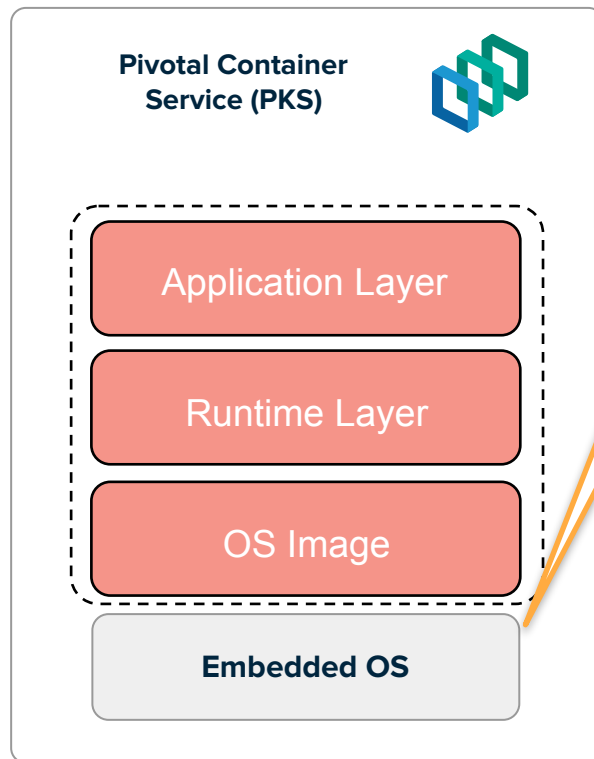
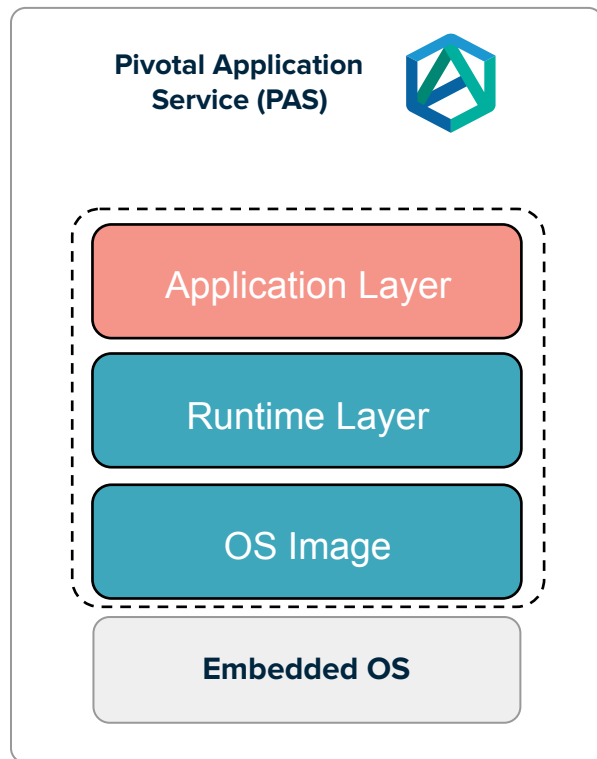


← App-team Provided

} Platform Provided

WE build the container

YOU build the container



We can **Repair** and **Repave** the OS kernel  
(*imagine Meltdown remediated in 16 hours*)

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Provided

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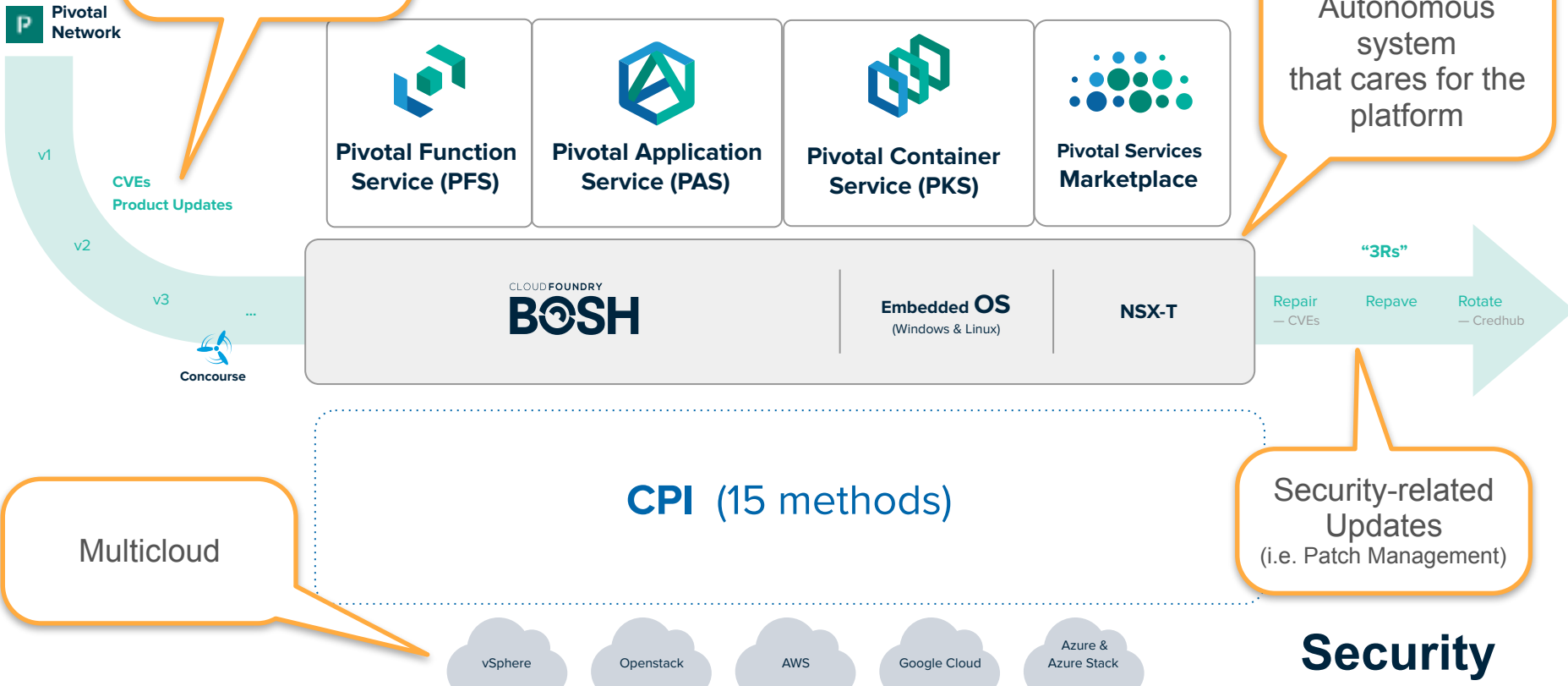
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# Manageability

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# Cloud-manage your Kubernetes!!

## Key Differentiators

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**API for Kubernetes** cluster lifecycle management

Autonomous **Self-Healing Systems** - BOSH, PAS and Kubernetes

BOSH CPI: **Multi-cloud**

BOSH CPI: Lifecycle management - **upgrades and updates**

Embedded OS: **Patch management**

**Complete** Application Platform - Container creation, routing, observability, tenancy, ...

**Complete** Kubernetes Platform - Load balancing, storage, networking, image registry, ...

The background of the slide is a teal-colored image of the Golden Gate Bridge, viewed from a low angle looking up at one of the towers and the suspension cables.

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**Thank you**

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Pivotal Application  
Service (PAS)



Pivotal Container  
Service (PKS)

