



Hypervisors to OpenShift Virtualization

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What we will cover today:



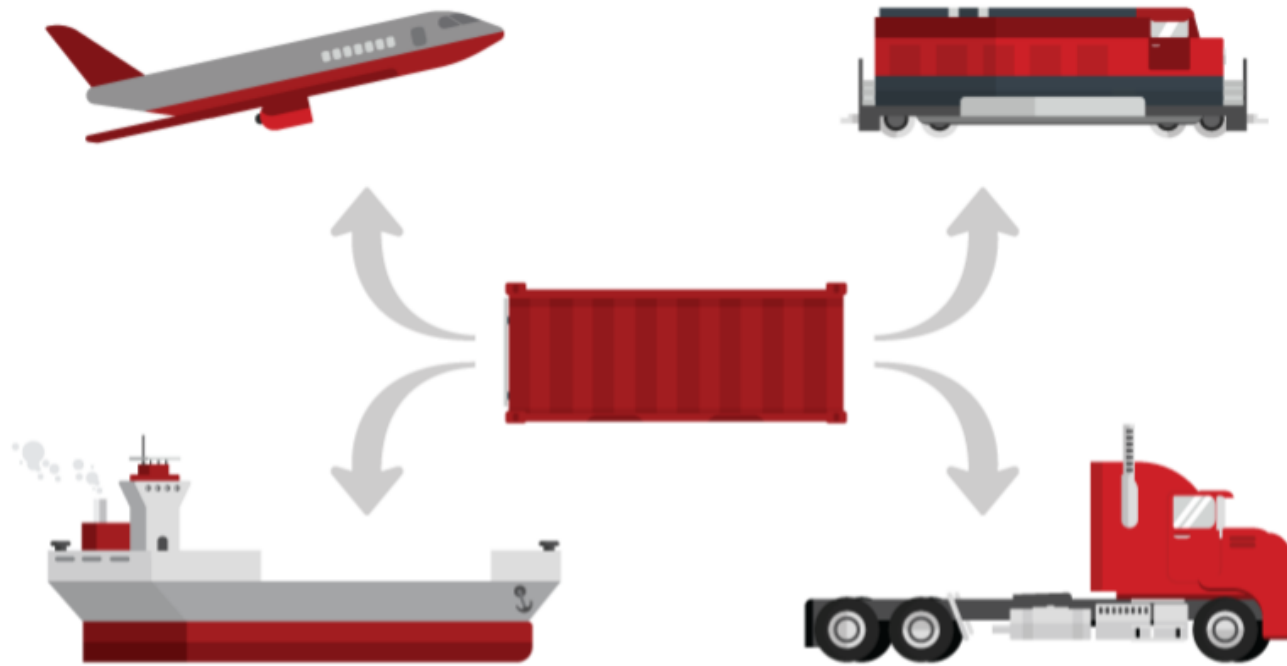
- Moving from hypervisors to OCP Virt.
Why?
- What is OpenShift Virtualization and why you should care?
- Demo: Creating VMs in OCPVirt
- Red Hat Learning Path for:
OpenShift
OpenShift Virtualization
- Introduction to RHLS - Features and Benefits

What is OpenShift Virtualization?

It All Started with Containers



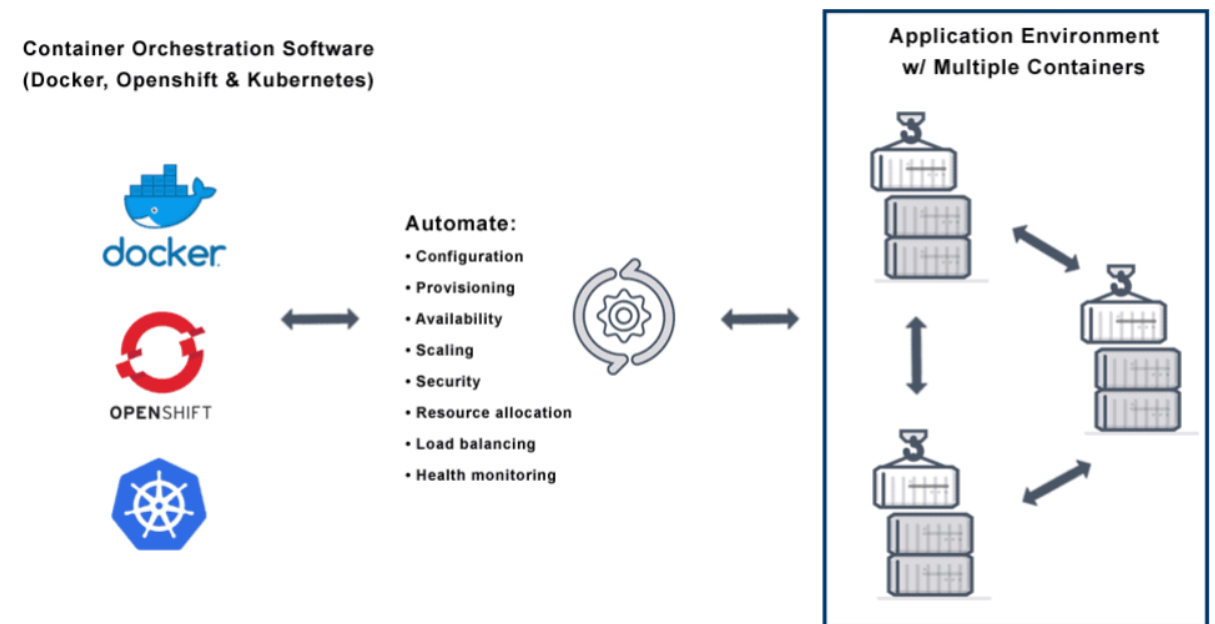
Standardization



Video: [Kubernetes - The Documentary](#)

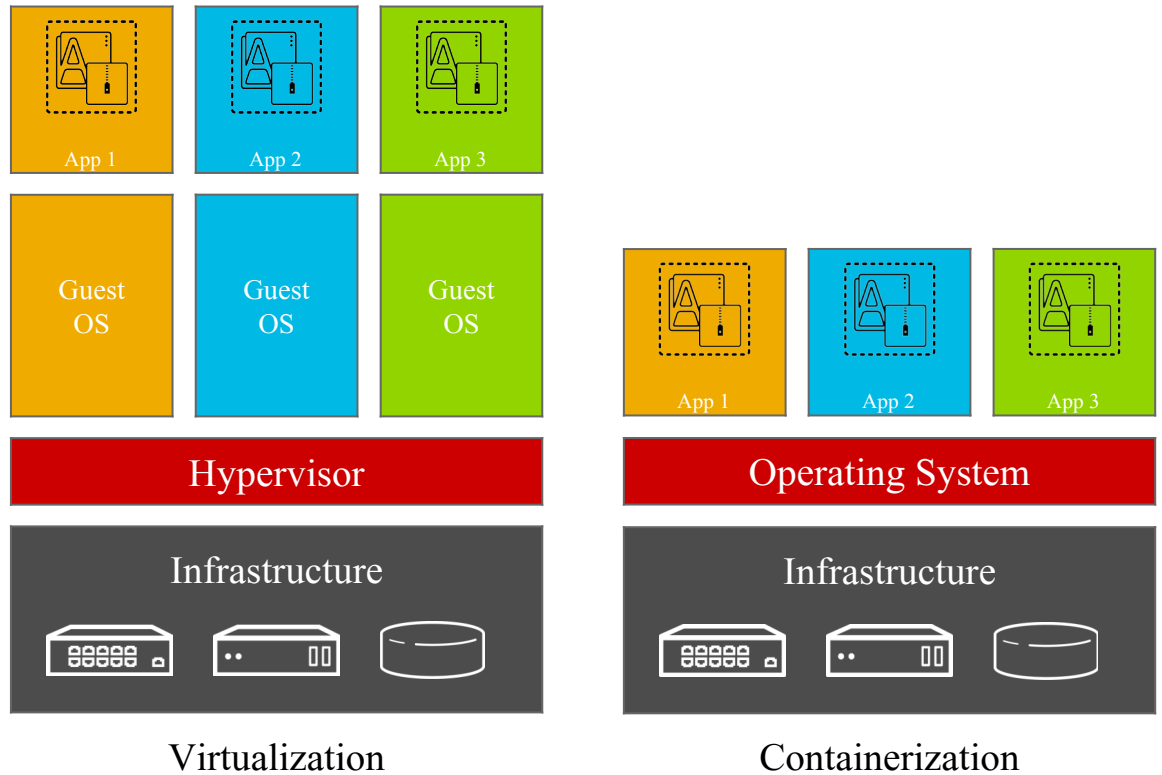
What is Kubernetes?

- Automating the deployment, management, scaling, and networking of containers.
- Features:
 - Provisioning and deployment
 - Configuration and scheduling
 - Resource reservation
 - Container availability
 - Load balancing and traffic routing
 - Autoscaling of applications

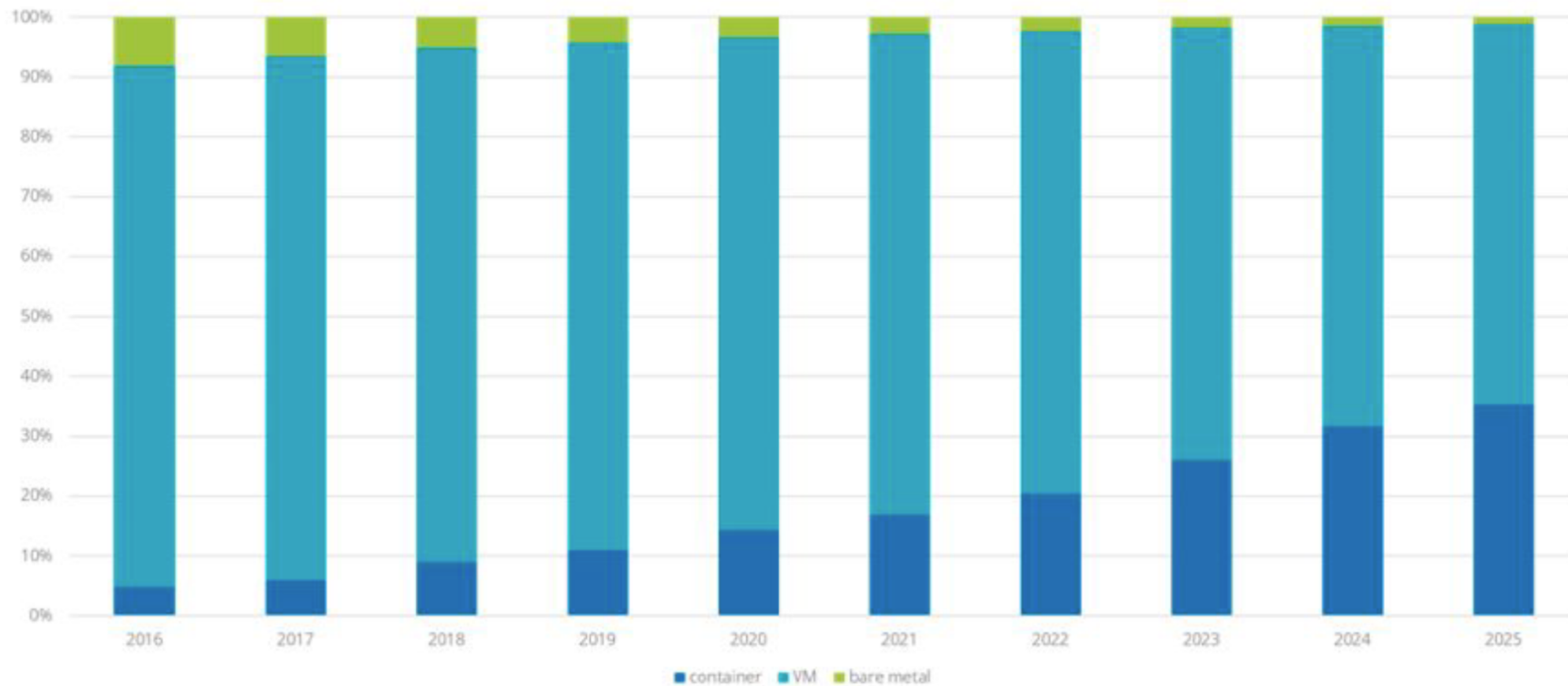


Containers are not virtual machines

- Containers are process isolation
- Kernel namespaces provide isolation and cgroups provide resource controls
- No hypervisor needed for containers
- Contain only binaries, libraries, and tools which are needed by the application
- Persistent storage optional

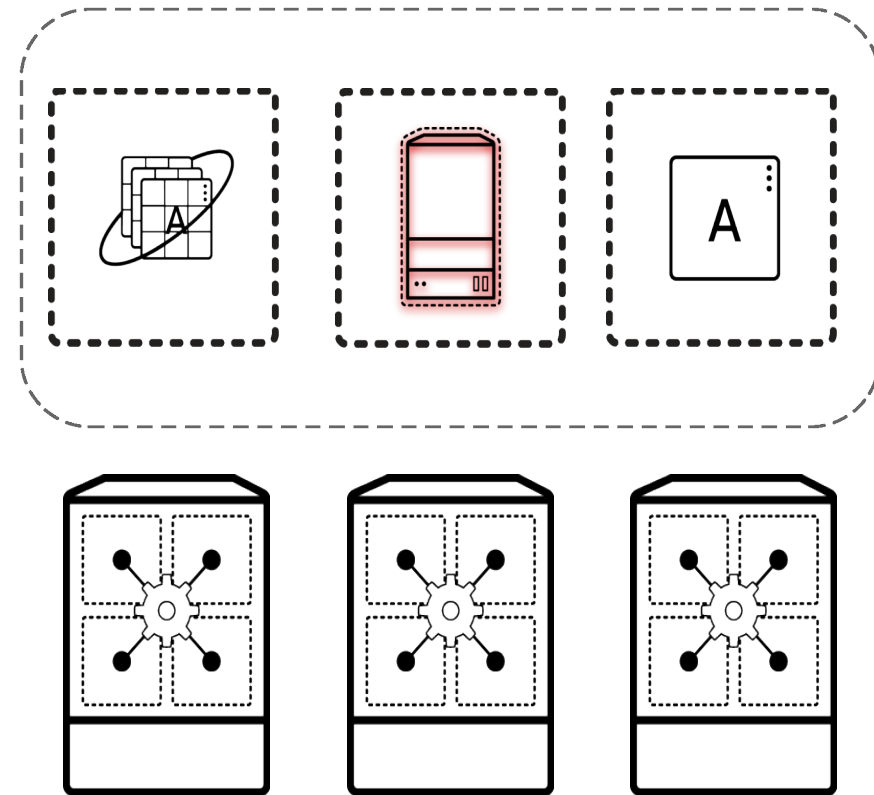


Worldwide Logical Server Installed Base by Deployment Model, 2016-2025



Virtual machines can be put into containers

- A KVM virtual machine is controlled by a process
- Containers encapsulate processes
- Both have the same underlying resource needs:
 - Compute
 - Network
 - (sometimes) Storage



Open-source VM management add-on for Kubernetes

- Started in 2016 and is an open source project distributed under an Apache 2.0 License from 2017
- Created by Red Hat, to allow to run VMs alongside containers in K8s or OCP clusters
- Uses the same native constructs of K8s.



KubeVirt

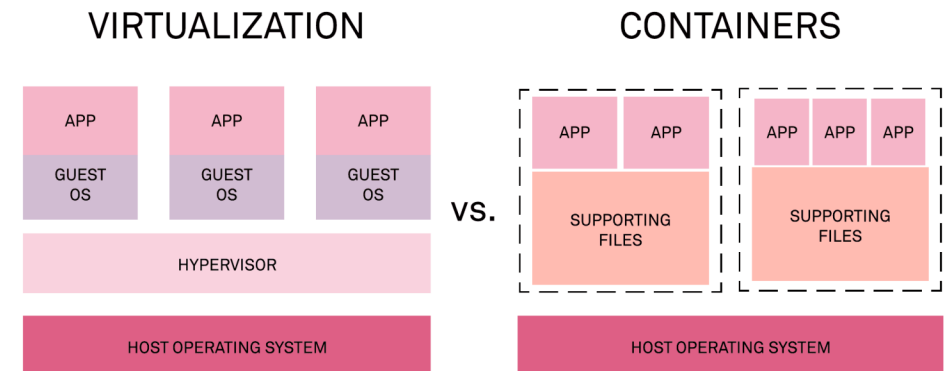
VM with Containers? But Why?

- Reality is that physical and virtual machines will not be going away.
- Make it easier to move apps in VM workloads to Cloud-Native environments.
- VMs and containers controlled by the same management plane.



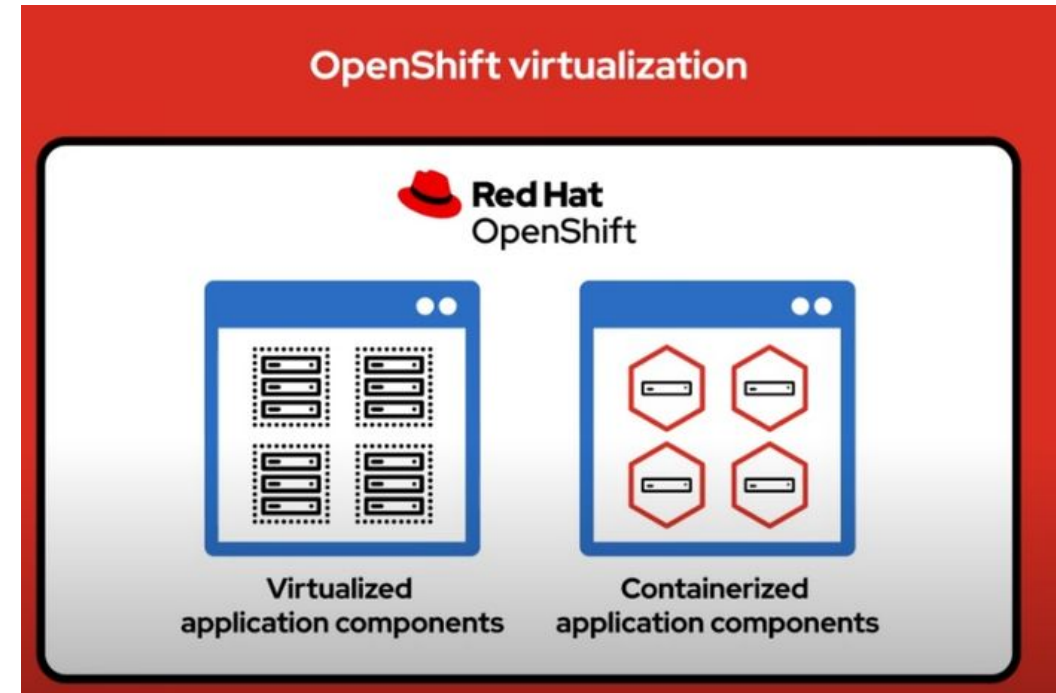
An interesting path for developers

- Some existing apps and systems just aren't compatible with container infrastructure.
- Modernizing these kinds of workloads is time-consuming, costly and simply too overwhelming.
- KubeVirt helps to bring traditional VM based apps into a containerized workflow.

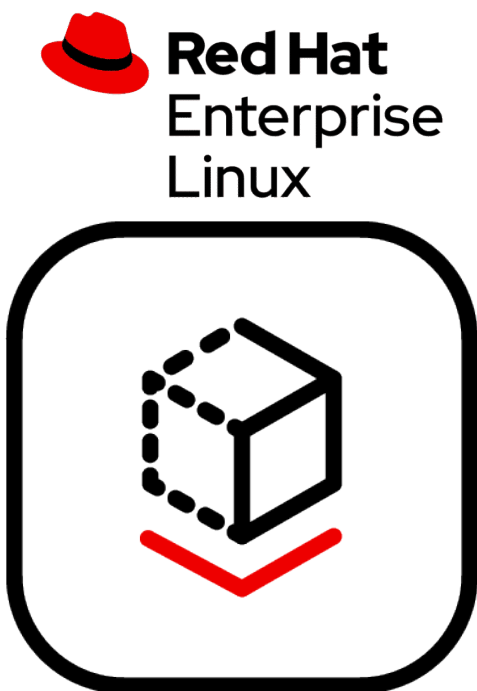


OpenShift Virtualization

- Allows IT teams to run virtual machines (VM) alongside containers on the same platform.
- Simplifies management and improving time to production.
- Gives organizations a path to a cloud-native future, while letting them keep existing workloads running in VMs on a single platform

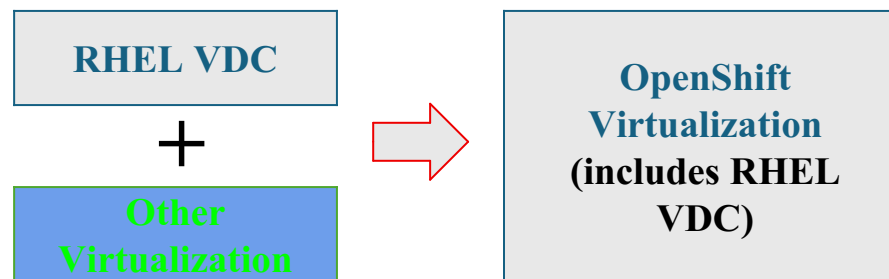


Strong subscription benefits



OpenShift and OpenShift Plus includes RHEL VDC*
(Virtual Datacenter) subscription

supports **unlimited RHEL entitlements** for each managed virtual host



* **Red Hat Enterprise Linux for Virtual Datacenters** allows for the deployment of unlimited guests in dense virtualized environments on supported hypervisors.

Installing OpenShift Virtualization

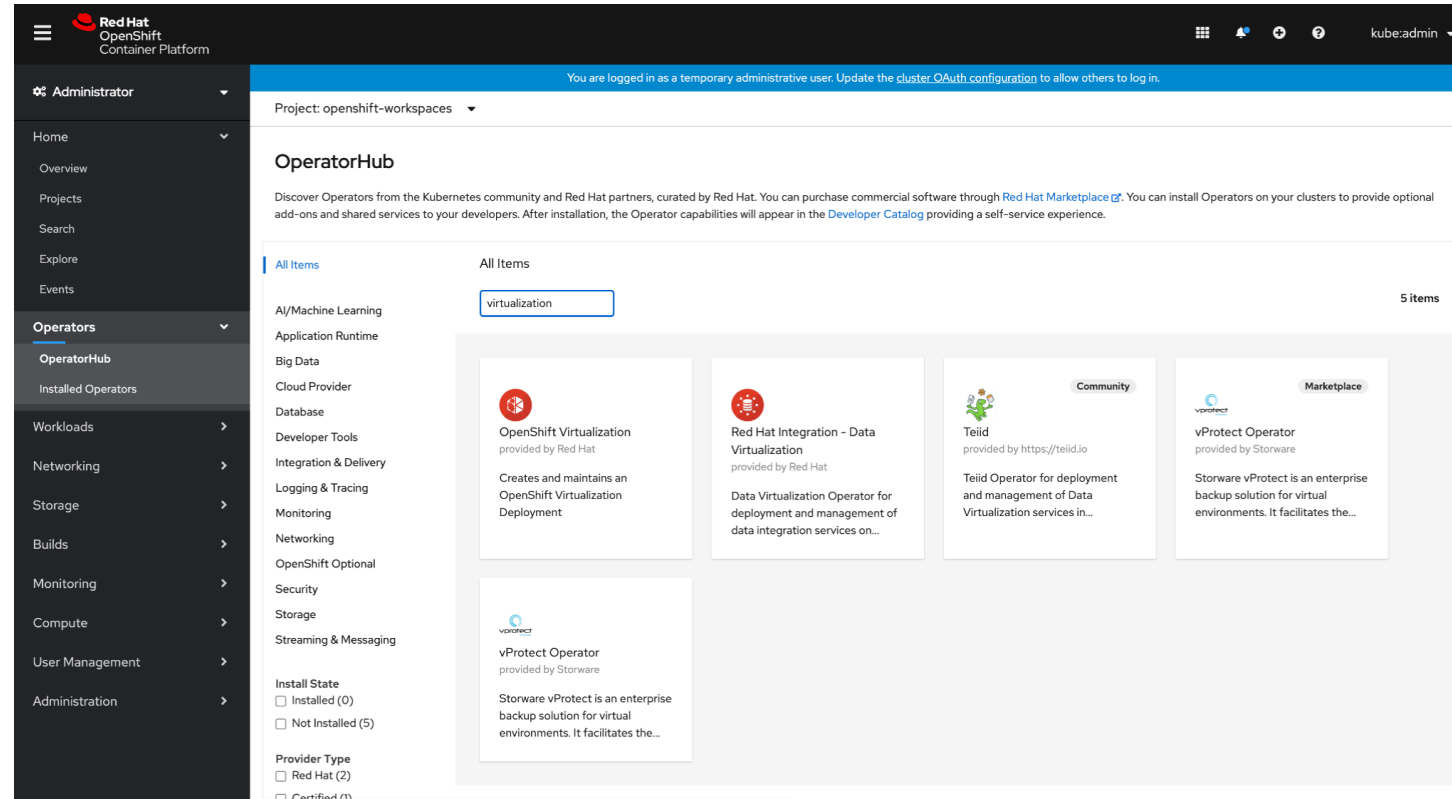
Operators in Kubernetes

- Custom controllers that extend the K8s API to create, configure, and manage the lifecycle of complex applications.
- Provide high-level abstraction over the underlying K8s resources, making it easier to deploy and manage stateful apps.
- Provide services like provisioning, scaling, and backup/restore.



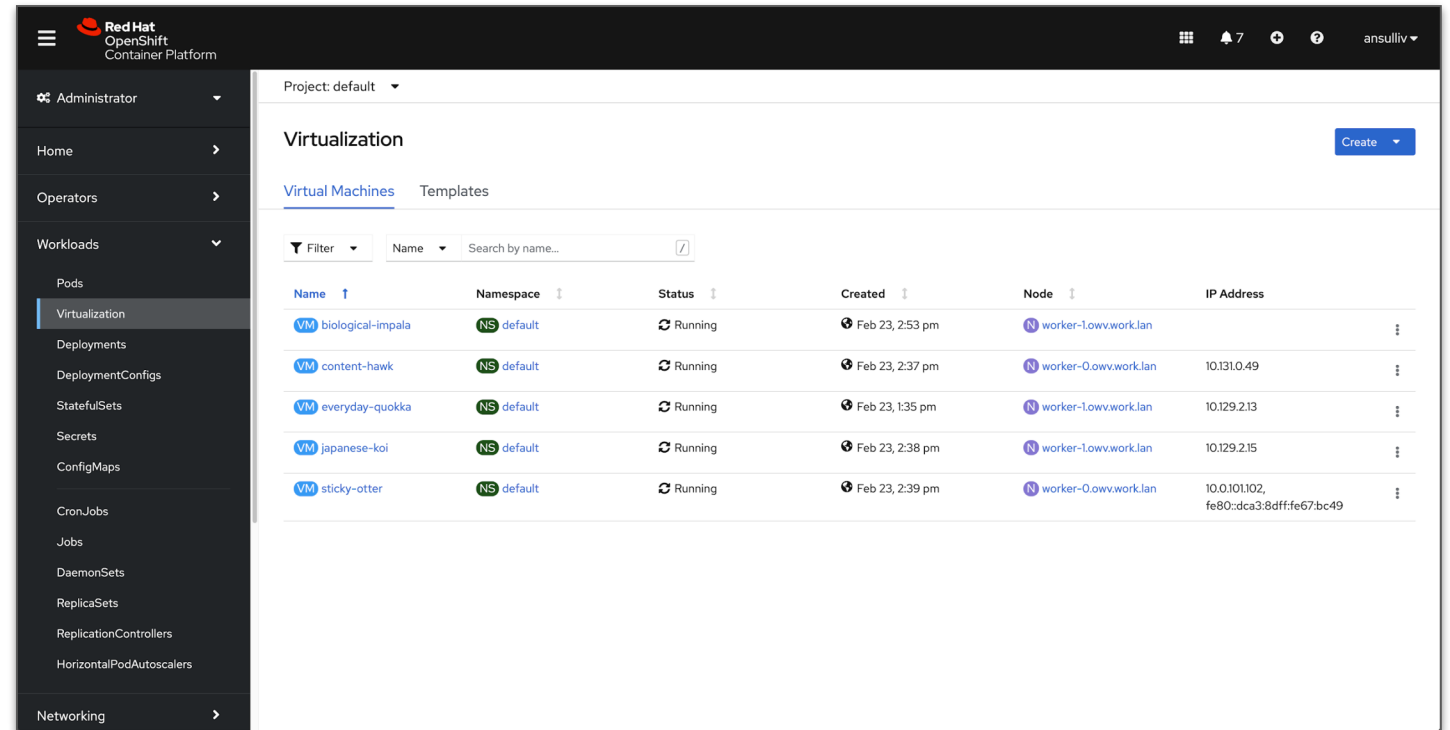
Installing the OpenShift Operator

- Go to Operator Hub and search for **“Virtualization”**
- Install the **OpenShift Virtualization Operator** with a click
- Configure the **OpenShift Virtualization** installation.
- Check the installation is successful
- Create a **HyperConverged Cluster**



Ready to manage VM workloads in OCP

- Once the installation is complete, the **Virtualization** pane will be visible from the OCP console.
- You are now able to create, run and manage VM workloads in OCP.



DEMO

Creating and managing VMs in OpenShift

Red Hat Learning Path for OpenShift & OpenShift Virtualization

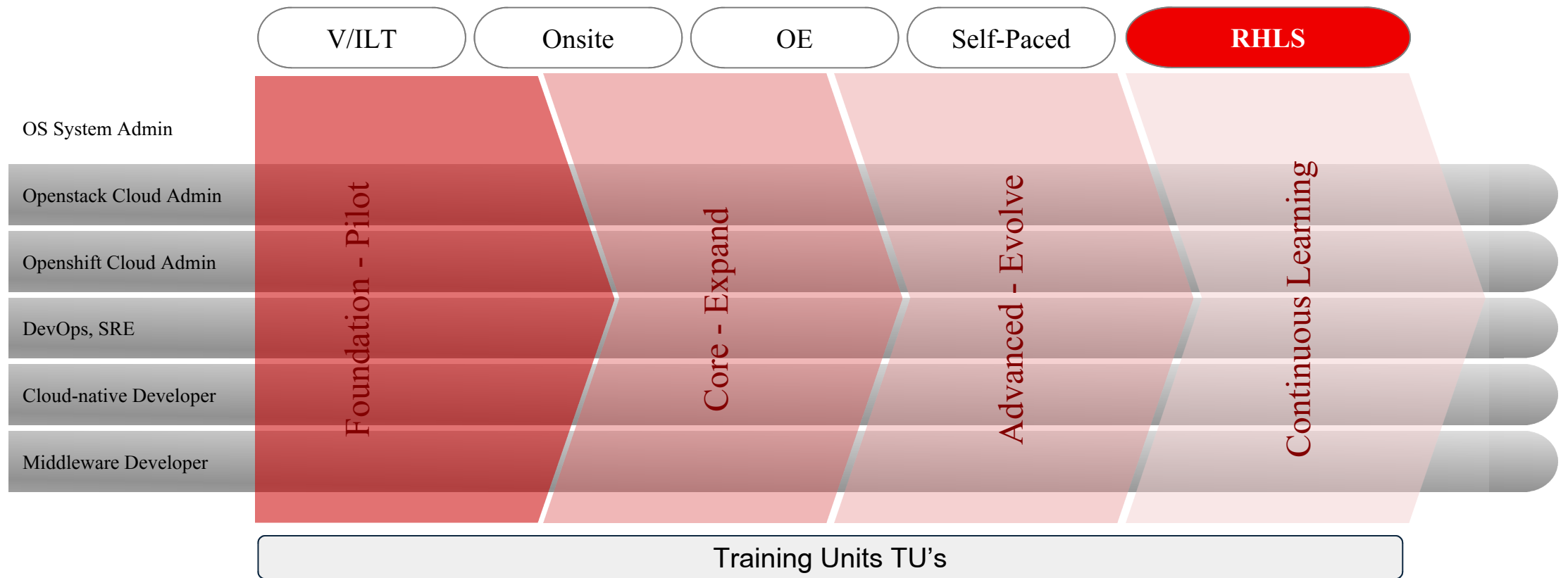
I am a virtualization admin. What am I expected to learn?

- A whole new world for VM admins
- Different and steeper learning curve than vSphere, KVM, oVirt or OpenStack.
- Basics understanding of Kubernetes and OpenShift is recommended



Role Based Training Architecture

Various modalities to deliver the learning plans



Red Hat OpenShift Skills Path



Red Hat Certified System Administrator | Recommended certification



Deploying Containerized Applications Technical Overview | DO080 • 2 hours • Free

Administration track



Red Hat OpenShift I: Containers & Kubernetes | DO180 • 4 days • Recommended



Red Hat OpenShift Administration II: Operating a Production Kubernetes Cluster | DO280 • 4 days



Red Hat Certified Specialist in OpenShift Administration | EX280 • 3 hours



Red Hat OpenShift Administration III: Scaling Kubernetes Deployments in the Enterprise | DO380 • 4 days

Developer track



Red Hat OpenShift Development I: Introduction to Containers with Podman | DO188 • 3 days • Recommended



Red Hat Certified Specialist in Containers and Kubernetes exam | EX188 • 2.5 hours • Recommended



Red Hat OpenShift Development II: Containerizing Applications | DO288 • 4 days



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Prerequisite



Course



Exam



Required



Free



Recommended

OpenShift Virtualization Boot Camp

Instructor-led Trainings: Learning tracks for

Virtualization Admins with no experience in containers, containers orchestrators nor OpenShift (10 days)



[Red Hat OpenShift I: Containers & Kubernetes | DO180](#)



[Red Hat OpenShift Administration II: Operating a Production Kubernetes Cluster | DO280](#)



[Managing Virtual Machines with Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization | DO316](#)

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OpenShift Virtualization, Automation and MultiCluster Learning

Target Outcome:

- Day 2 Operation of OpenShift Virtualization
- MultiClustering Management and Security

Note:

Ansible integration with OpenShift Virtualization, in Managing and Migrating your VM Pools, is a key variable in your Virtualization Strategy



DO180 [Red Hat OpenShift Administration I: Operating a Production Cluster](#) (suggested pre-requisite to DO316)

DO316 [Managing Virtual Machines with Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization](#)

DO336 Automate and Manage Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with Ansible (In Dev - Early Access)

DO346 Migrating Virtual Machines to Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with Ansible Automation Platform (In Planning)

EX316 [Red Hat Certified Specialist in OpenShift Virtualization](#)

DO480 [Multicluster Management with Red Hat OpenShift Platform Plus](#)

DO432 Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes (Note: in Development - 02/2025)

DO430 Red Hat Advanced Cluster Security for Kubernetes (Note: in Development - 02/2025)

OCP Virt

AAP for OCP Virt

Multi Cluster MGMT & Security

Foundational

Core Learning

Corresponding Certification

Extended Learning



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