OpenShift Container Platform

The leading enterprise, hybrid cloud Kubernetes application platform

Overview

Businesses differentiate by delivering extraordinary experiences to their customers, and today those experiences are driven by applications that quickly evolve to meet their needs. Once deployed, these applications must be portable, secure, easy to scale, and simple to manage. Organizations are turning to containers and Kubernetes to meet these needs. To quickly deliver new applications or to containerize and migrate existing ones to the cloud, they need a trusted platform to build upon.

Built by open source leaders, Red Hat® OpenShift® is the leading enterprise Kubernetes platform: a security-focused, consistent foundation to deliver applications anywhere, with full-stack automated operations and streamlined developer workflows. With Red Hat OpenShift, innovators can focus on what matters, stay competitive, and outpace continually rising customer expectations.

Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform

Red Hat OpenShift includes everything needed for hybrid cloud, enterprise container and Kubernetes development and deployments. It includes an enterprise-grade Linux® operating system, container runtime, networking, monitoring, container registry, authentication, and authorization solutions. These components are tested together for unified operations on a complete Kubernetes platform spanning every cloud.

Key benefits:

- Integrated platform including container host, Kubernetes, and application life-cycle management using your choice of infrastructure
- Greater value from operations and development teams throughout the application life cycle
- More secure, validated container content and services from a wide partner ecosystem
- Faster application development cycles and more frequent software deployments with simpler installations and upgrades, even in air-gapped environments
- Lower IT operations costs and application portability across hybrid cloud and multicloud footprints

Figure I. Red Hat OpenShift 4 architecture overview

Enterprise Kubernetes

Simply downloading and installing an upstream Kubernetes package is not sufficient for most enterprise users that will run business-critical applications. There are additional services that can accompany Kubernetes that will help build out and manage a more robust and feature-rich environment to deploy containers. Red Hat works with its customers and partners to develop new features and functionalities to enhance Kubernetes, integrating those features with additional surrounding services, and hardening those features before release.

Managing a Kubernetes environment is more difficult when it lacks consistent deployment practices and has countless variants of application instances. Kubernetes Operators simplify the management of stateful applications that require persistence and predictability like databases, caches, and monitoring systems. They codify and package applications with management best practices and use standard Kubernetes tooling to automate tasks such as updates, backups, and node scaling.

Using Kubernetes Operators, Red Hat OpenShift offers automated installation, upgrades, and lifecycle management for every part of your container stack—the operating system, Kubernetes and cluster services, applications, and persistent data storage. The result is a more secure, always up-to-date Kubernetes application platform, without the headaches of manual and serial upgrades, or downtime. Red Hat OpenShift supports using Operators as a model to support scaling applications while reducing the overhead in maintaining operational consistency:

• Operators are built into OpenShift, so Kubernetes and cluster services are always up to date.
• Embedded OperatorHub provides a discovery marketplace for independent software vendor (ISV) Operators, validated to run on OpenShift.
• The Kubernetes Operators framework is not proprietary to OpenShift and can be deployed on any Kubernetes platform.

Built for the hybrid cloud

Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform runs on across on-premise and public cloud infrastructures, enabling a hybrid approach to how applications can be deployed as a self-managed solution. Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated is a service hosted and managed by Red Hat that offers clusters in a virtual private cloud as a hosted offering. Microsoft Azure Red Hat OpenShift is also available as a hosted offering through Microsoft. All OpenShift platform variants are available to help accelerate developer productivity and deliver application portability on a consistent foundation across the hybrid cloud.

Red Hat OpenShift provides:

• Choice of consumption models, self-managed or managed by Red Hat
• A single management and visibility console through cloud.openshift.com
• Integrated metering and chargeback capabilities

Increased developer productivity

Red Hat OpenShift pushes the boundaries of what containers and Kubernetes can do for developers, driving innovation for stateful applications, serverless or event-driven applications, and machine learning. The platform integrates tightly with Jenkins and other standard continuous integration/
continuous delivery (CI/CD) tools for security-focused application builds. Red Hat OpenShift helps you build with speed, agility, confidence, and choice so that developers can get back to doing work that matters. It provides:

• Automated workflows including source-to-image (S2I) process to get source code into ready-to-run container images.
• Streamlined developer perspective that abstracts away the need for familiarity with Kubernetes concepts and surfaces only information and configurations developers care about.
• A connection to services from public cloud providers such as AWS, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud Platform through the OpenShift Service Catalog.

Trusted host. Trusted content. Trusted platform.

Red Hat is a community leader and builder of Kubernetes and container projects, using our open source expertise to drive significant innovation in upstream efforts. Red Hat OpenShift adds comprehensive, continuous security to upstream Kubernetes, and is designed for full-stack continuous security from the operating system to the application, and throughout the software life cycle. For government organizations handling extremely sensitive data and workloads, OpenShift will run in Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) mode and will call into the Red Hat Enterprise Linux FIPS validated cryptographic libraries. Customers also have the option to encrypt sensitive data stored in etcd, which can better defend against malicious access to data such as secrets and config maps stored in etcd. OpenShift customers can also deploy clusters to customer-managed, pre-existing VPN/VPC (virtual private network/virtual private cloud) connections and use private facing load balancer endpoints.

Advanced capabilities

As applications evolve into collections of decentralized services, managing communications and security between those services becomes more difficult. Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh provides a uniform way to connect, manage, and observe microservices-based applications.

Using the Red Hat OpenShift Serverless model, an application can simply consume compute resources and automatically scale up or down based on use. This removes the overhead of server provisioning and maintenance from developers, letting them focus on application development instead. OpenShift Serverless helps developers deploy and run serverless applications that will scale up or scale to zero on demand.

With Red Hat OpenShift Pipeline, developers can take full control over their delivery pipelines, plugins, and access control with no central CI/CD server to manage. OpenShift Pipeline runs each step of the CI/CD pipeline in its own container, allowing each step to scale independently to meet the demands of the pipeline. This enables a streamlined user experience through the OpenShift console developer perspective, command-line interfaces (CLIs), and integrated development environments (IDEs).

Drive your journey with Red Hat OpenShift

Red Hat supports our customers’ journeys to the cloud, with Red Hat OpenShift serving as a consistent, hybrid cloud foundation for building and running containerized applications for long-term innovation. Power business transformation and unite your teams on a cost-effective, single platform to quickly deliver the exceptional experiences your customers expect, anywhere they are.
Red Hat OpenShift meets the needs of IT teams and application developers. Customers have wide choice in Kubernetes solutions, including do-it-yourself (DIY) platforms built on upstream projects, managed services on public clouds, and other self-hosted platforms. Red Hat OpenShift stands out as a leading choice for customers who want a more secure, supported Kubernetes platform guided by deep expertise.

### Features and benefits

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<td>Scalability</td>
<td>Applications running on OpenShift Container Platform can scale to thousands of instances across hundreds of nodes in a matter of seconds.</td>
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<td>Multicluster federation</td>
<td>Consolidated views of clusters and the use of Kubernetes technologies offer a consistent management layer across on-premises and public clouds.</td>
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<td>Persistent storage</td>
<td>Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage allows users to run stateful applications and cloud-native stateless applications.</td>
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<td>Open source standards</td>
<td>OpenShift Container Platform incorporates Open Containers Initiative (OCI)/Docker-formatted containers and Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF)-certified Kubernetes for container orchestration, in addition to other open source technologies.</td>
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<td>Container portability</td>
<td>Container images built on the OCI industry standard ensure portability between developer workstations and production OpenShift Container Platform environments.</td>
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<td><strong>Developer productivity</strong></td>
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<td>Self-service provisioning</td>
<td>Developers can quickly and easily create applications on demand from the tools they use most, while Operations retains full control over the entire environment.</td>
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<td>Polyglot, multi language support</td>
<td>Developers can use various languages, frameworks, and databases on the same platform.</td>
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<td>Integrated CI/CD pipelines</td>
<td>OpenShift Container Platform lets developers reduce manual deployment work to deploy higher quality software for continuous integration and automated tests.</td>
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<td>User interfaces</td>
<td>Developers have direct access to a rich set of command-line tools, a multidevice web console, and Eclipse-based IDEs.</td>
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<td>Source-to-image deployment</td>
<td>OpenShift Container Platform provides a toolkit and workflow for producing ready-to-run images by injecting source code into a container and letting the container prepare that source code for execution.</td>
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<td><strong>Enterprise operations</strong></td>
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<td>Automated installation and upgrades</td>
<td>Automated installation and over-the-air platform upgrades are supported in the cloud with Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, and Azure, and on-premise using vSphere, OpenStack® or bare metal. Services consumed from the OperatorHub can be deployed fully configured and upgradable with a single operation.</td>
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<td>Automation</td>
<td>Streamlined and automated container and application builds, deployments, scaling, health management, and more are standard with OpenShift Container Platform.</td>
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<td>Robust ecosystem</td>
<td>An ever-expanding ecosystem of partners provides a wide variety of integrations. These third parties deliver additional storage and network providers, IDE and CI integrations, ISV solutions, and more for use with OpenShift Container Platform.</td>
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### About Red Hat

Red Hat is the world’s leading provider of enterprise open source software solutions, using a community-powered approach to deliver reliable and high-performing Linux, hybrid cloud, container, and Kubernetes technologies. Red Hat helps customers integrate new and existing IT applications, develop cloud-native applications, standardize on our industry-leading operating system, and automate, secure, and manage complex environments. Award-winning support, training, and consulting services make Red Hat a trusted adviser to the Fortune 500. As a strategic partner to cloud providers, system integrators, application vendors, customers, and open source communities, Red Hat can help organizations prepare for the digital future.