

OpenShift/OpenStack experiences @ Proximus

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proximus

- Largest Belgium's telco operator providing fixed lines, mobile, internet & TV services. **Telindus** (ICT Services) and **BICS** are also part of Proximus group

- > 13 000 employees



- 5,8 Billion € revenue in 2016

- Several hundreds of applications with at least 600 running in Websphere/WebLogic/JBoss

- 3 mains datacenters (one mostly for housing)

Chapter 1 - The story

4 years ago

- μservices development started
- 1 μservice – 1 JBoss EAP instance – 1 RHEL VM
 - Resource waste
 - Lot of provisioning required
 - Management activities increasing
 - Shifting to SpringBoot/FatJar
- Could we use Linux containers ?
 - No because not secure enough



Microservices



docker

2 years ago

- SDN Network project starting with OpenStack as main IaaS
- Additional security guarantees given for container workload
 - No process running as root
 - OpenSCAP container scanning
 - PROD vs NON-PROD segregation
 - Image template validation
- RedHat CloudSuite offering
 - Matching our R&R : OpenStack managed by infrastructure team
OpenShift managed by middleware team
 - Subscriptions also includes Jboss Web Server, RHEL & CloudForms



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Last year

Project was approved thanks to the following expected returns

- Provisioning effort savings
- Patching time savings
- Delivery time (weeks->min)
- CI/CD enabler
- DevOps enabler
- More efficient hardware usage
- First time right improvement
- Software stack standardization
- Easy scale in/out
- Ready for Hybrid cloud
- Chargeback model possible
- Easy on-boarding of new technologies



Last year

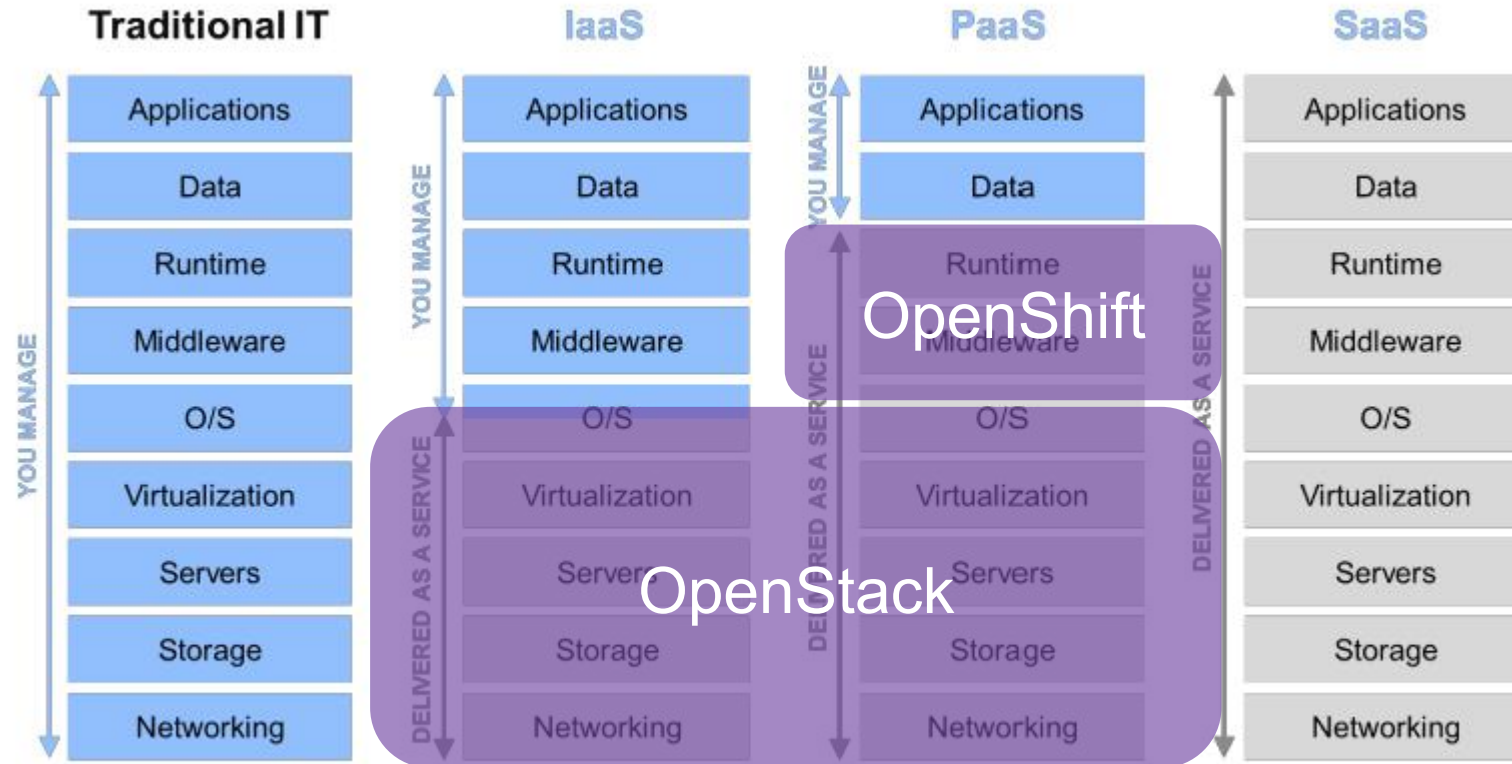
Why RedHat ?

- Affinity for OS (RHEL) & Java Application Server (JBoss EAP)
- Leader on the Private Cloud market (Forrester 2016 report)
- Stack based on the more commonly used open source components (docker, kubernetes, ...)
- Also chosen by other big companies like Bpost
- Ability to combine OpenShift (PaaS) & OpenStack (IaaS)
- Good support from vendor to achieve our targets (experience with Jboss EAP & DataGrid)



High Level Setup - 2017

OpenShift combined with OpenStack

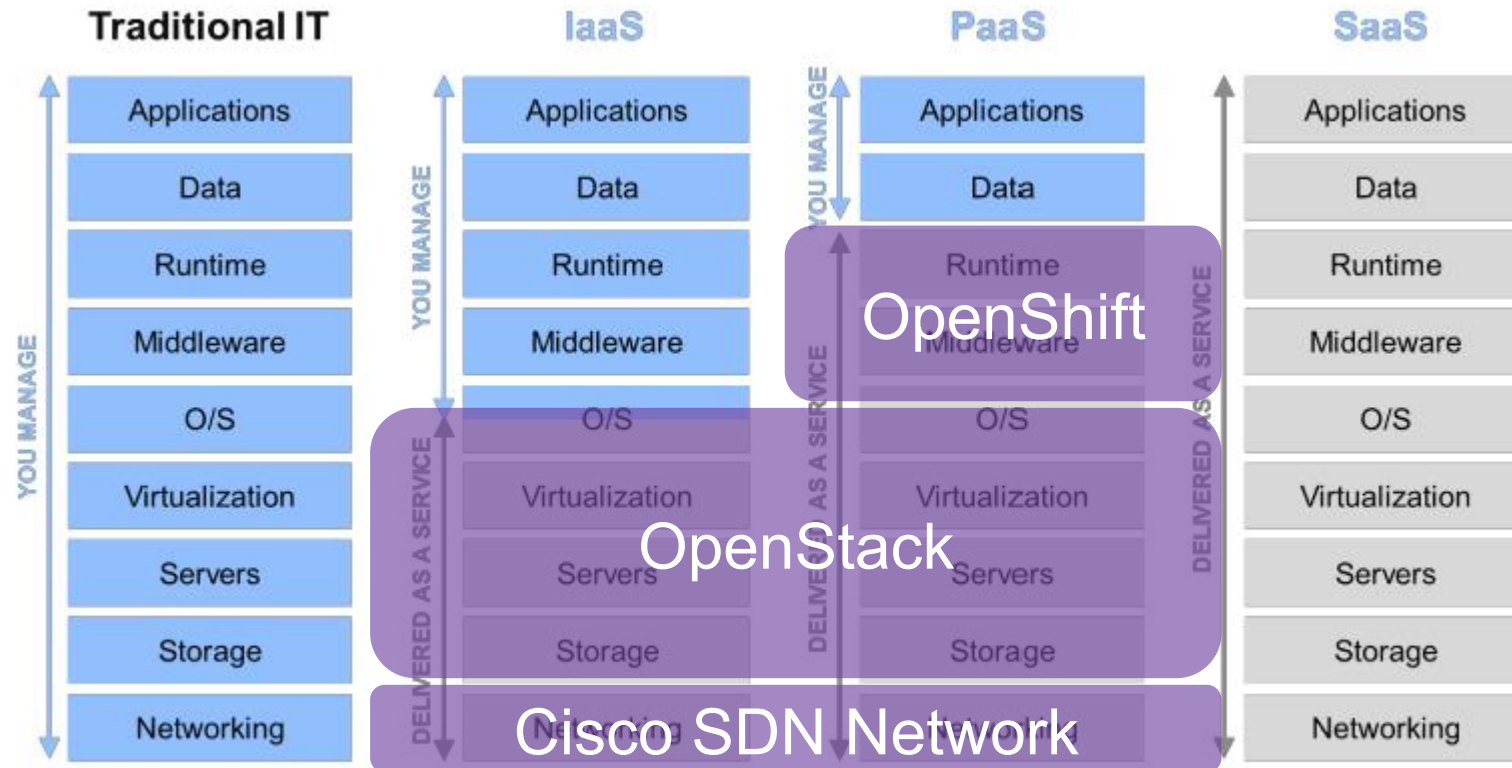


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What we are going to build this year

High Level Setup - 2018

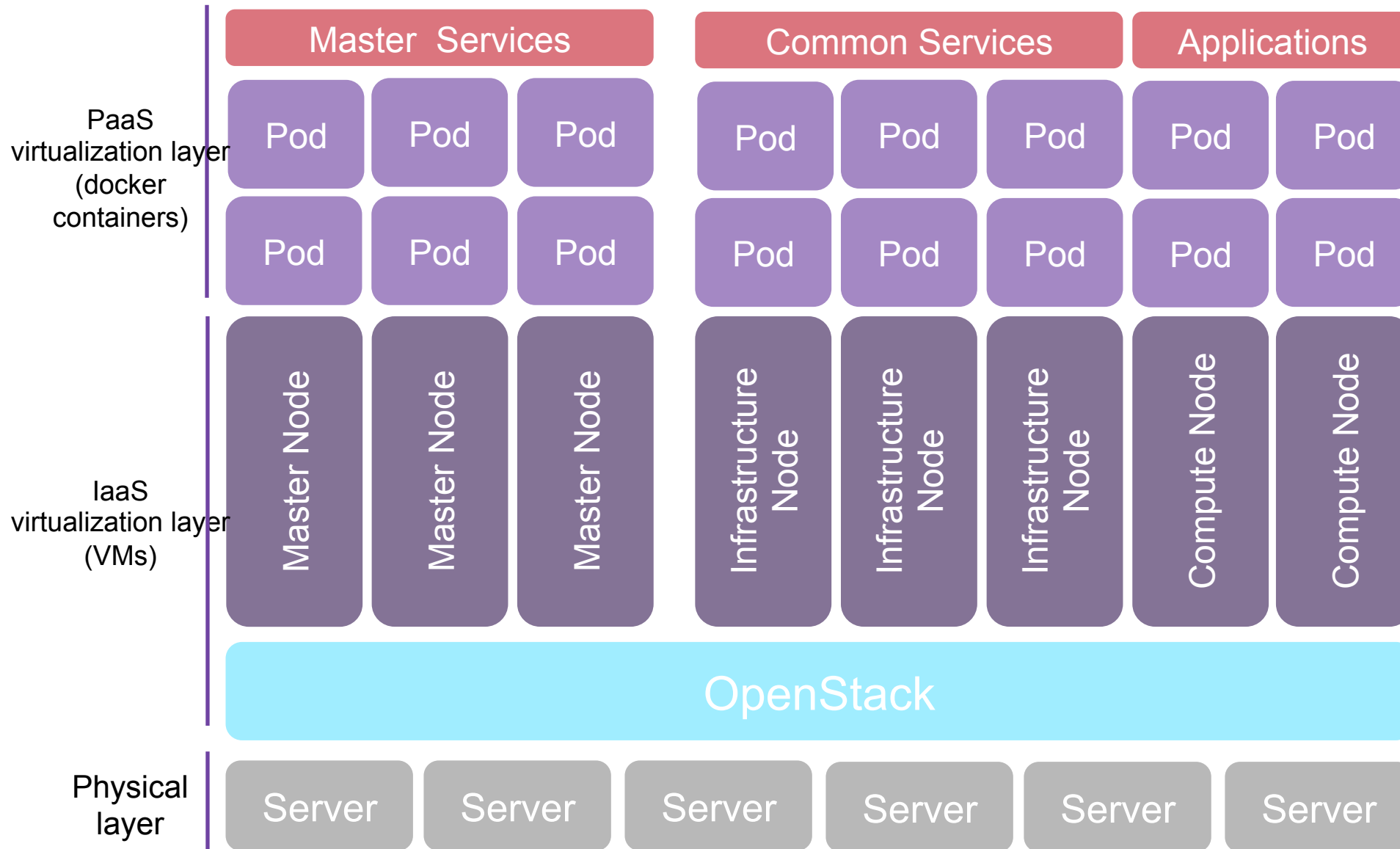
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Future setup will require full re-install

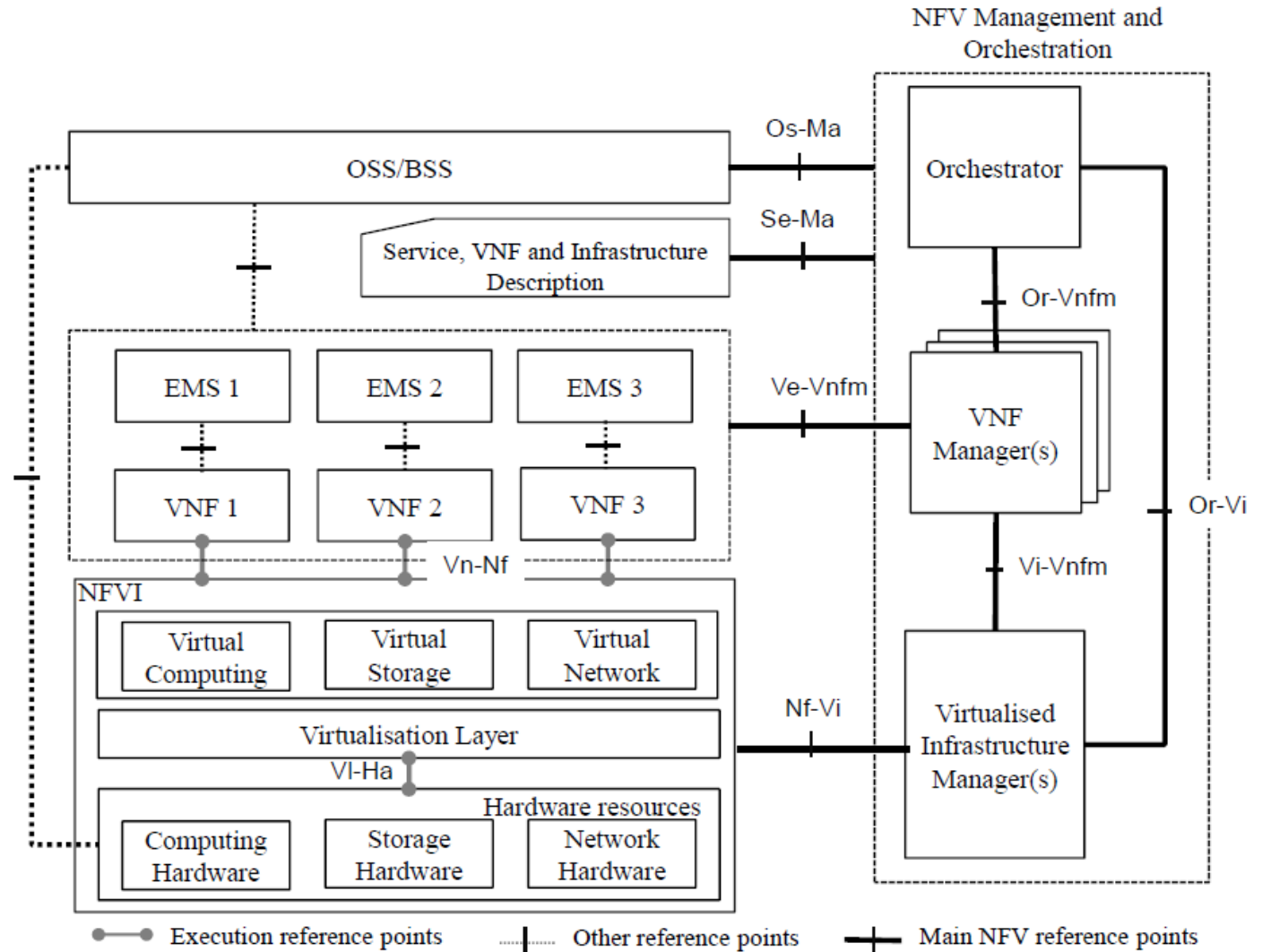
OpenStack VMs – OpenShift nodes/pods



Chapter 2 - OpenStack @Proximus

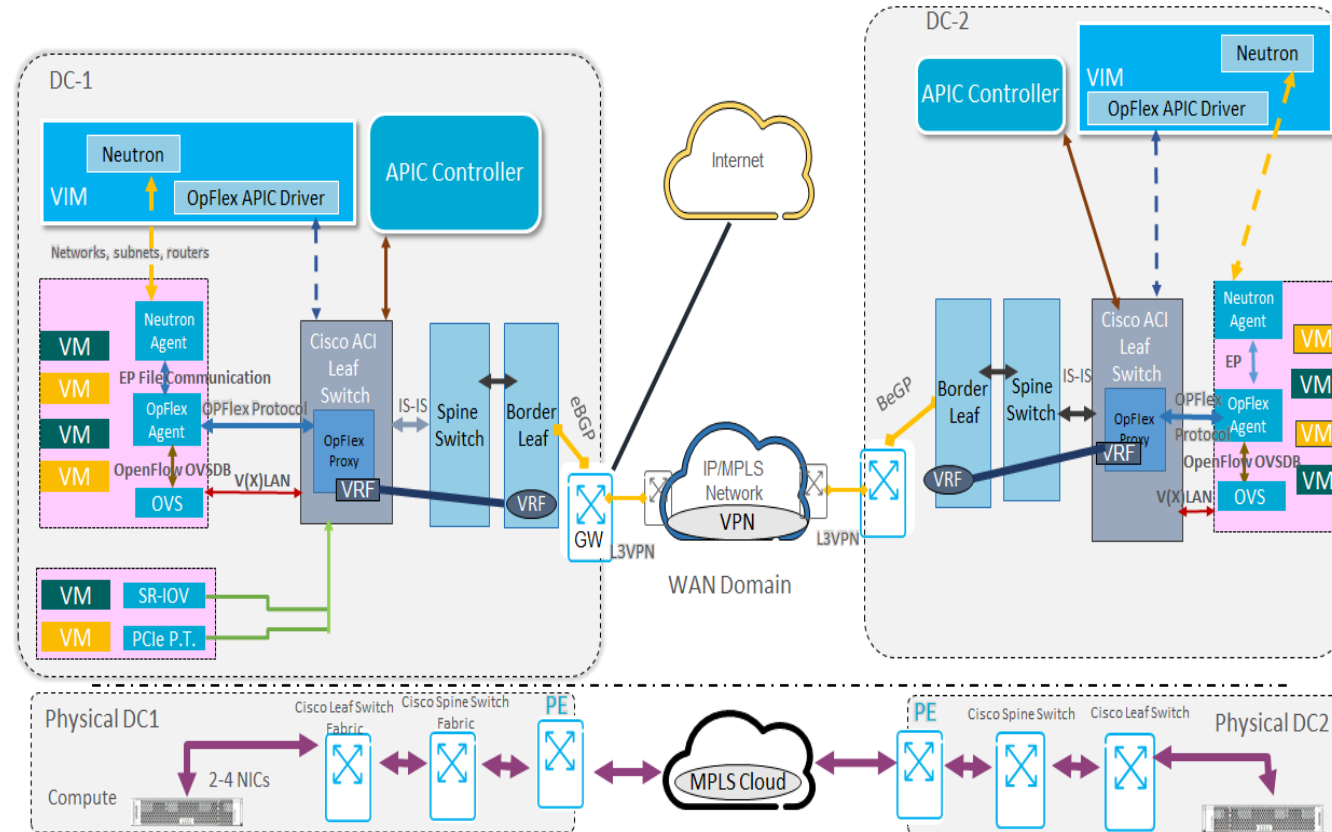
Network modernization project

- Migration to SDN fabrics
 - Internal corporate network
 - Telco network
- Telco Cloud - NFV
 - SDN
 - OpenStack
 - Orchestration



Telco Cloud high-level design

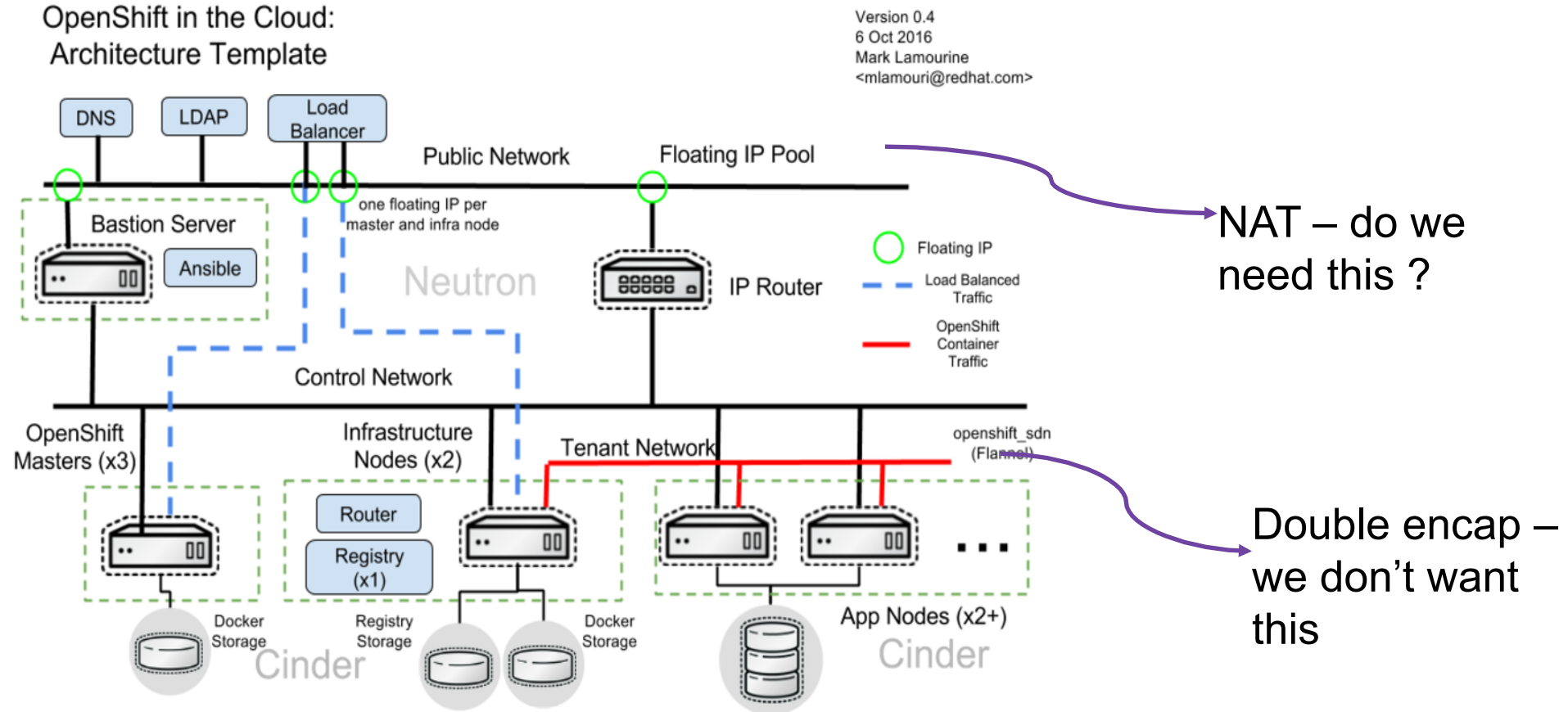
- Cisco ACI leaf-spine network
- RedHat OpenStack
- Neutron is “master”
- VxLAN based
- ACI agents OpFlex<>OpenFlow
- Split datacenters



OpenShift IaaS layer – why OpenStack

- Move beyond “only” virtualisation
- Potential for additional services / APIs
 - Network integration, inc. LBaaS, DNSaaS, ...
 - Storage integration (Cinder, Swift)
 - Easy, orchestrated setup(s) of OpenShift
 - (auto)scaling and self-healing
 - Databases ?

OCP-on-OSP reference design



- <https://github.com/redhat-openstack/openshift-on-openstack>

OCP-on-OSP reference design

Current status

- Uses Heat / Ansible for deployment
- Heat-stack uses OpenStack telemetry services – scaling, healing
- Cinder block storage

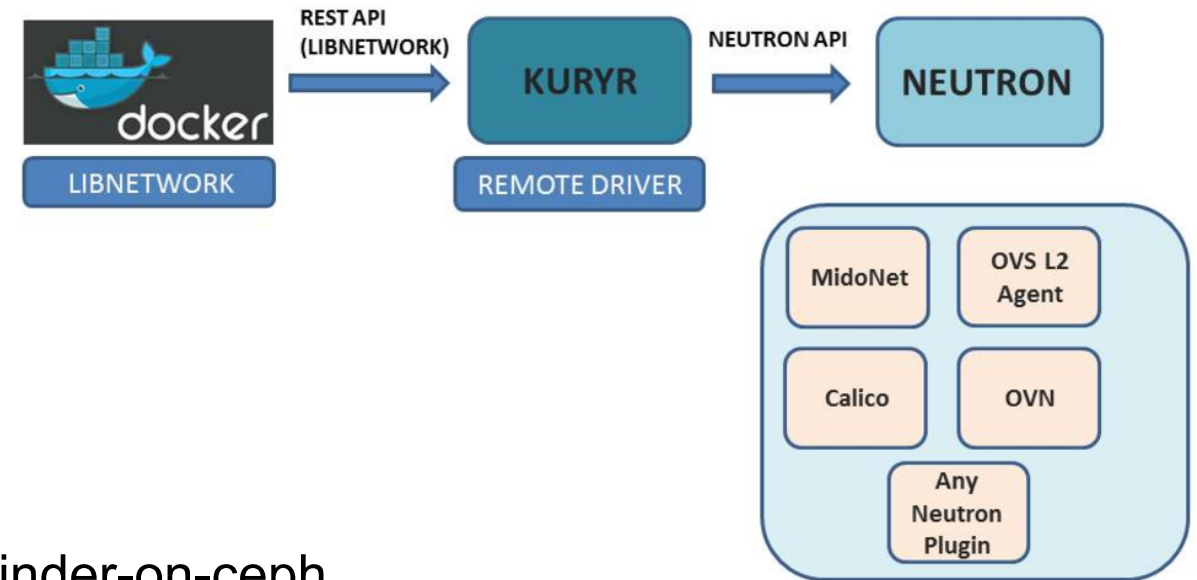
...but

- Heat-based deployment EOL (OSP10/OCP3.4)
- ... Ansible-installer incomplete



“IaaS” next steps

- Kuryr network integration
 - docker -> Neutron -> ACI
 - <https://github.com/openstack/kuryr>
- Storage integration
 - Currently cinder-on-ceph and gluster-on-cinder-on-ceph
 - What about Manila, CephFS, ... ?



“IaaS” next steps

- Security considerations
 - External firewalls, external loadbalancers ?
 - “Monolithic” or in-tenant ?
- Extend scope – OpenShift for NFV “light”
 - https://builders.intel.com/docs/networkbuilders/enabling_new_features_in_kubernetes_for_NFV.pdf
 - Multi-NIC CNI, SRIOV CNI, core manager..

Chapter 3 - OpenShift @Proximus

Storage

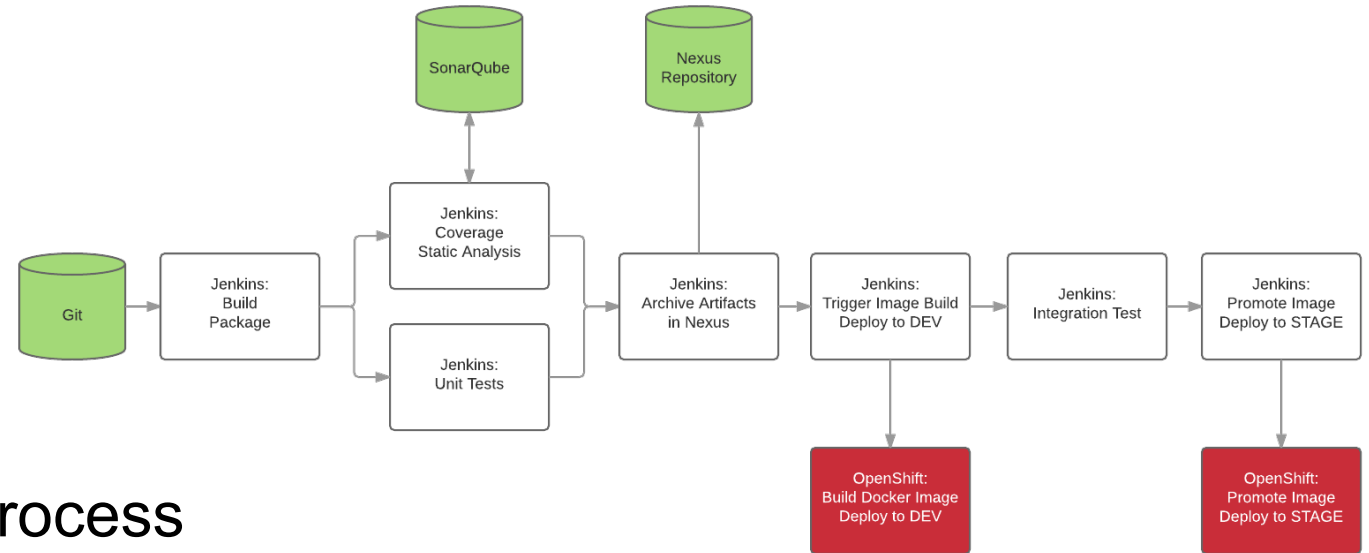
- Started with Cinder and NFS
- Cinder -> No sharing between containers
- NFS -> No dynamic storage provisioning
- Gluster CNS -> provides everything
 - Installation can be challenging
 - « Two days of pain or how I deployed GlusterFS cluster to Kubernetes »

<http://blog.lwolf.org/post/how-i-deployed-glusterfs-cluster-to-kubernetes/>

Storage Backend	Dynamic Provisioning	RWO	RWX
Cinder	Y	Y	N
NFS	N	Y	Y
GlusterFS	Y	Y	Y

CI/CD flows

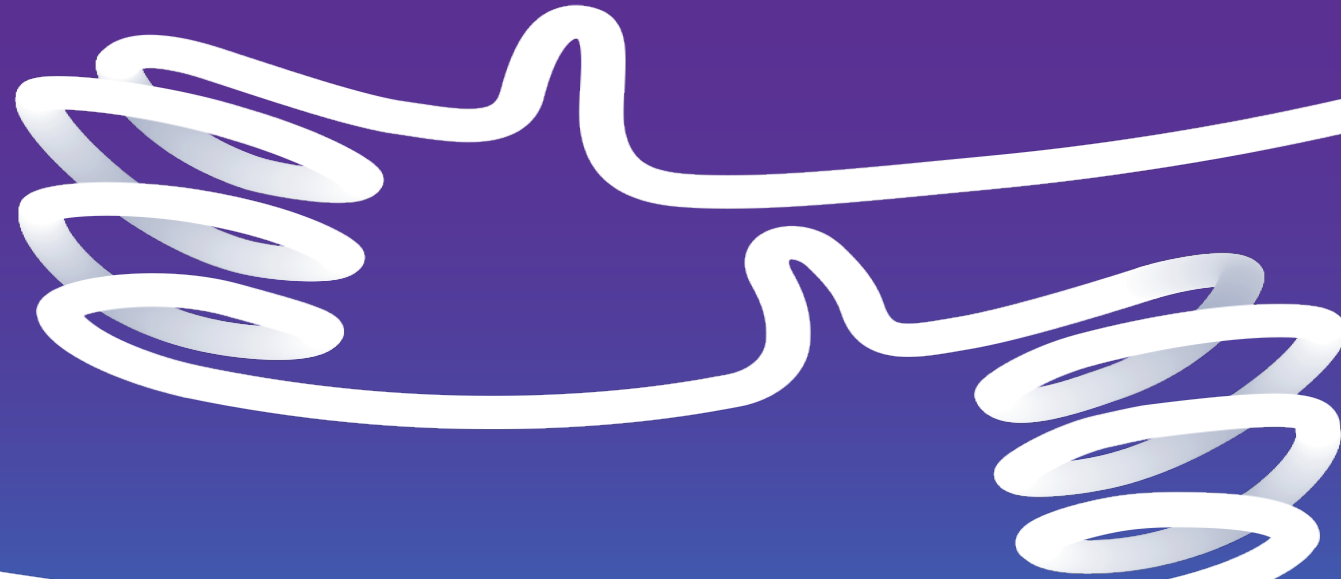
- OpenShift offers S2I
 - Big images (>2GB JBoss)
- Splitting build/run stage
 - More flexibility
 - Better fit for current build process
- Internal image community



PaaS = Self-Service

- Installing it isn't!
 - Firewalls
 - Subscriptions
 - HEAT templates
- Involve other teams early (Yes, also security teams!)
 - They can help resolving issues
 - Visibility
- You will encounter resistance

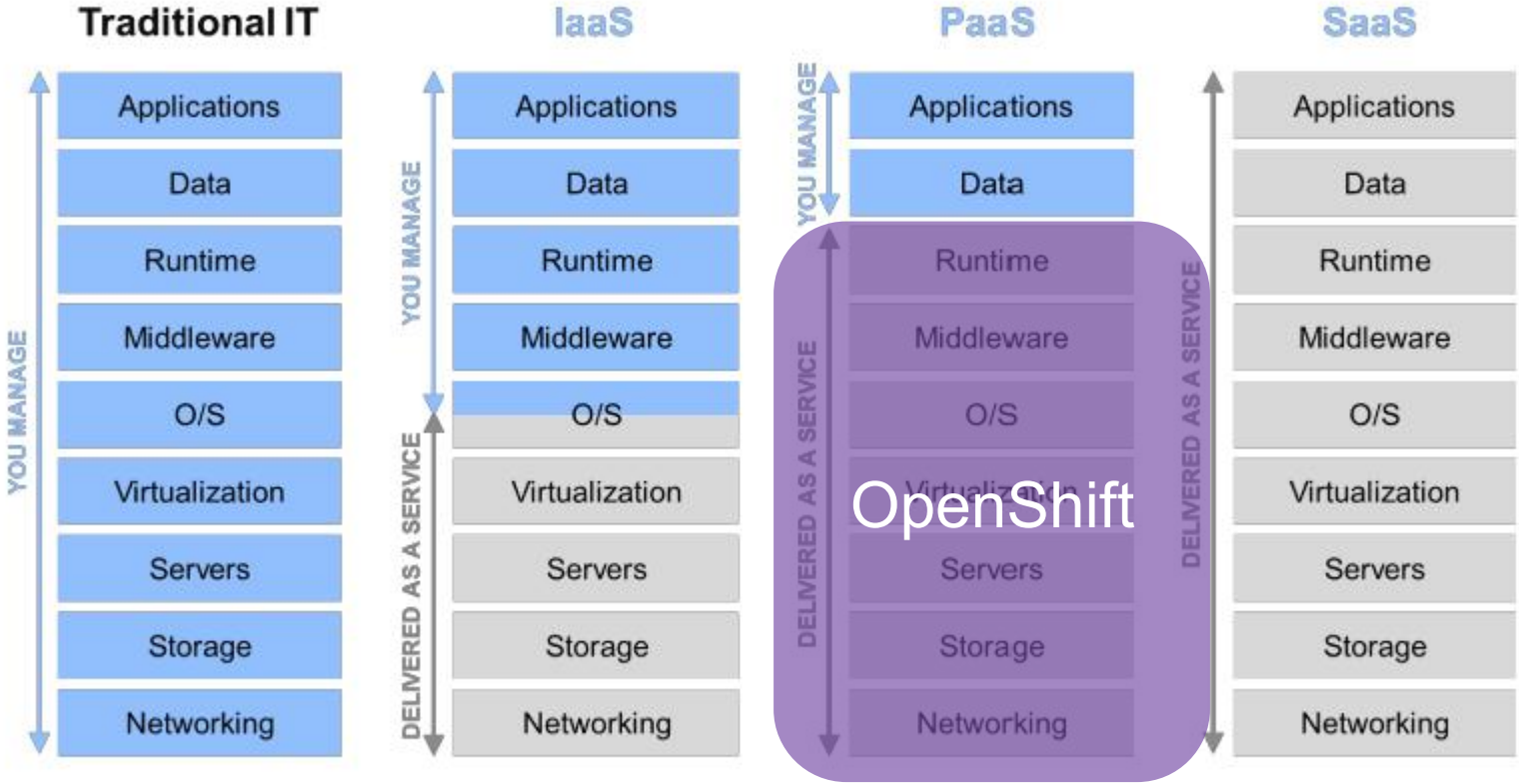
Questions ?



Backup slides



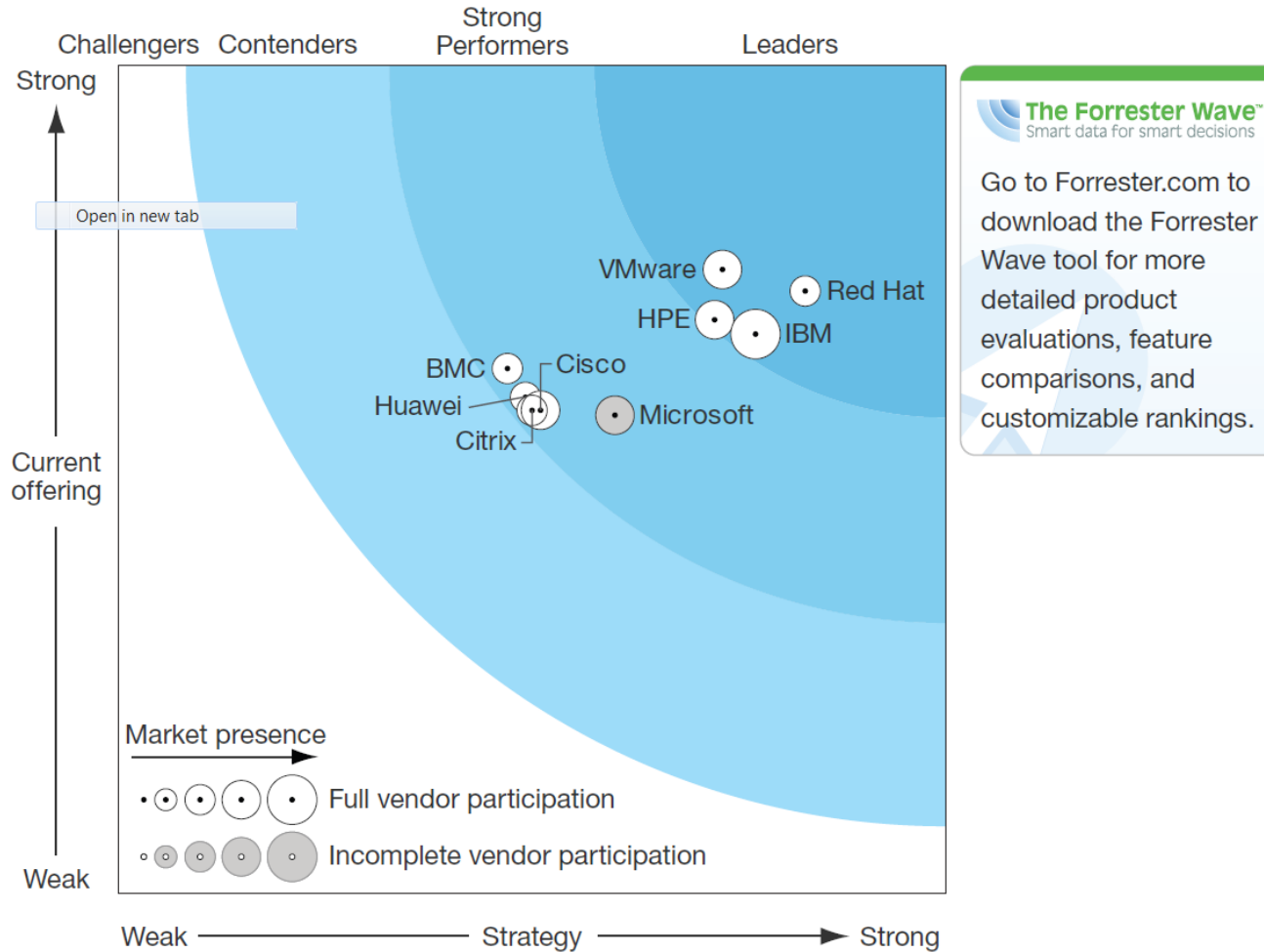
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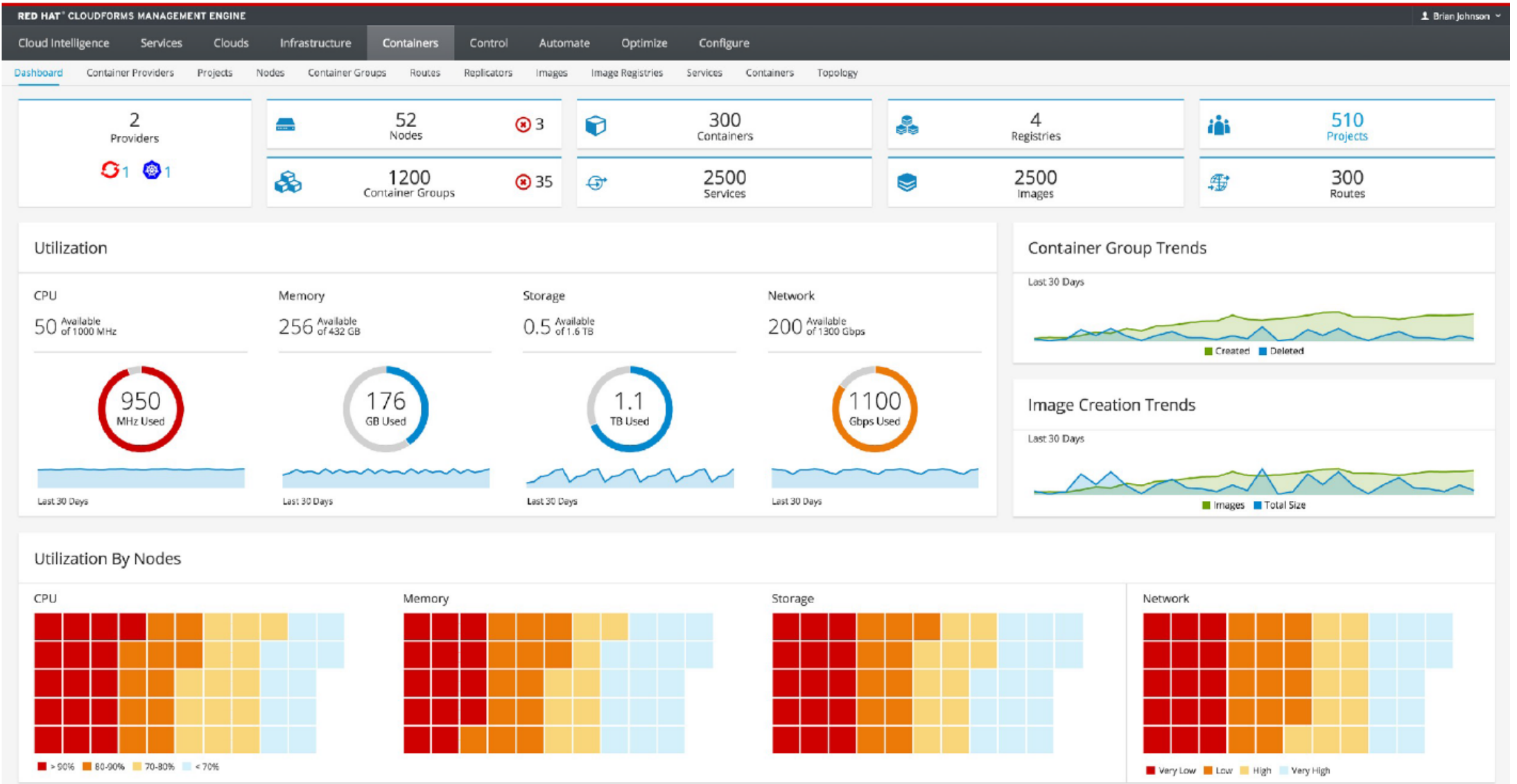
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Forrester – Private Cloud Q1 2016 report

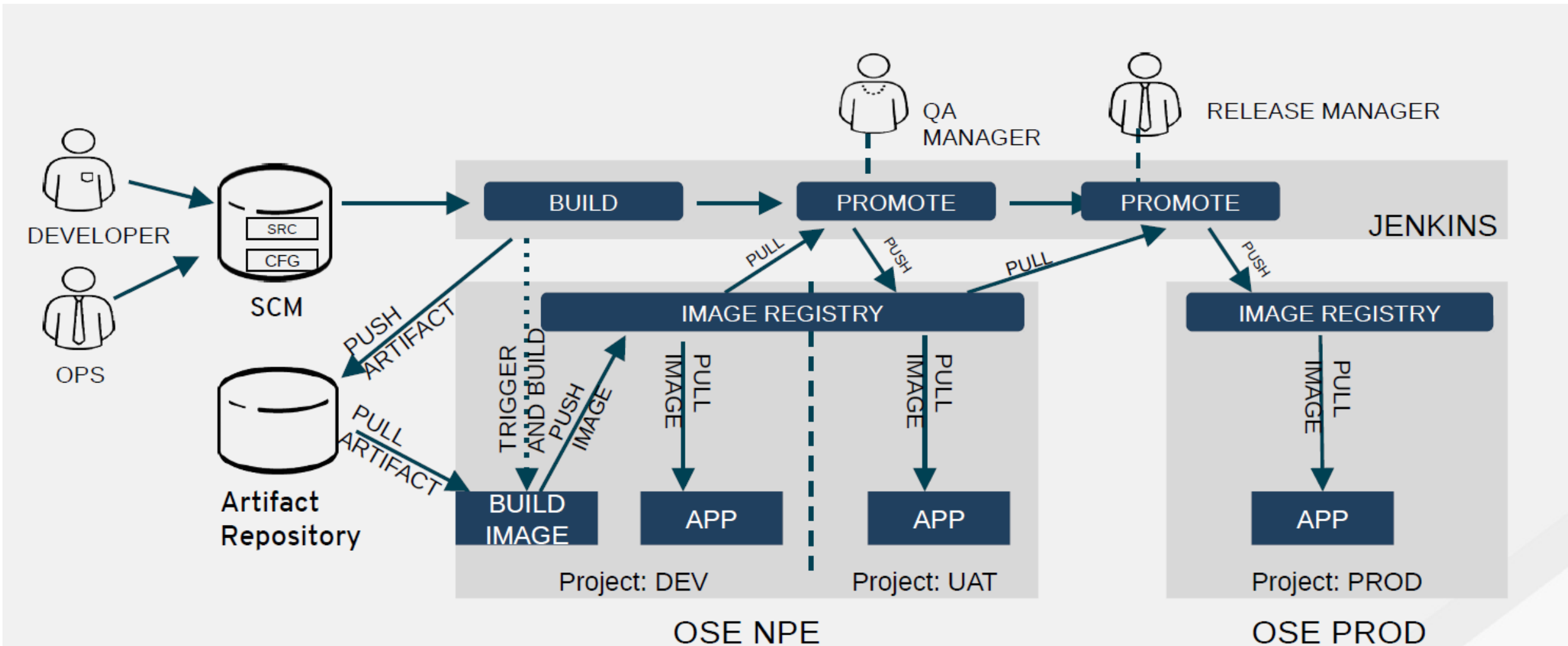
FIGURE 3 Forrester Wave™: Private Cloud Software Suites, Q1 '16



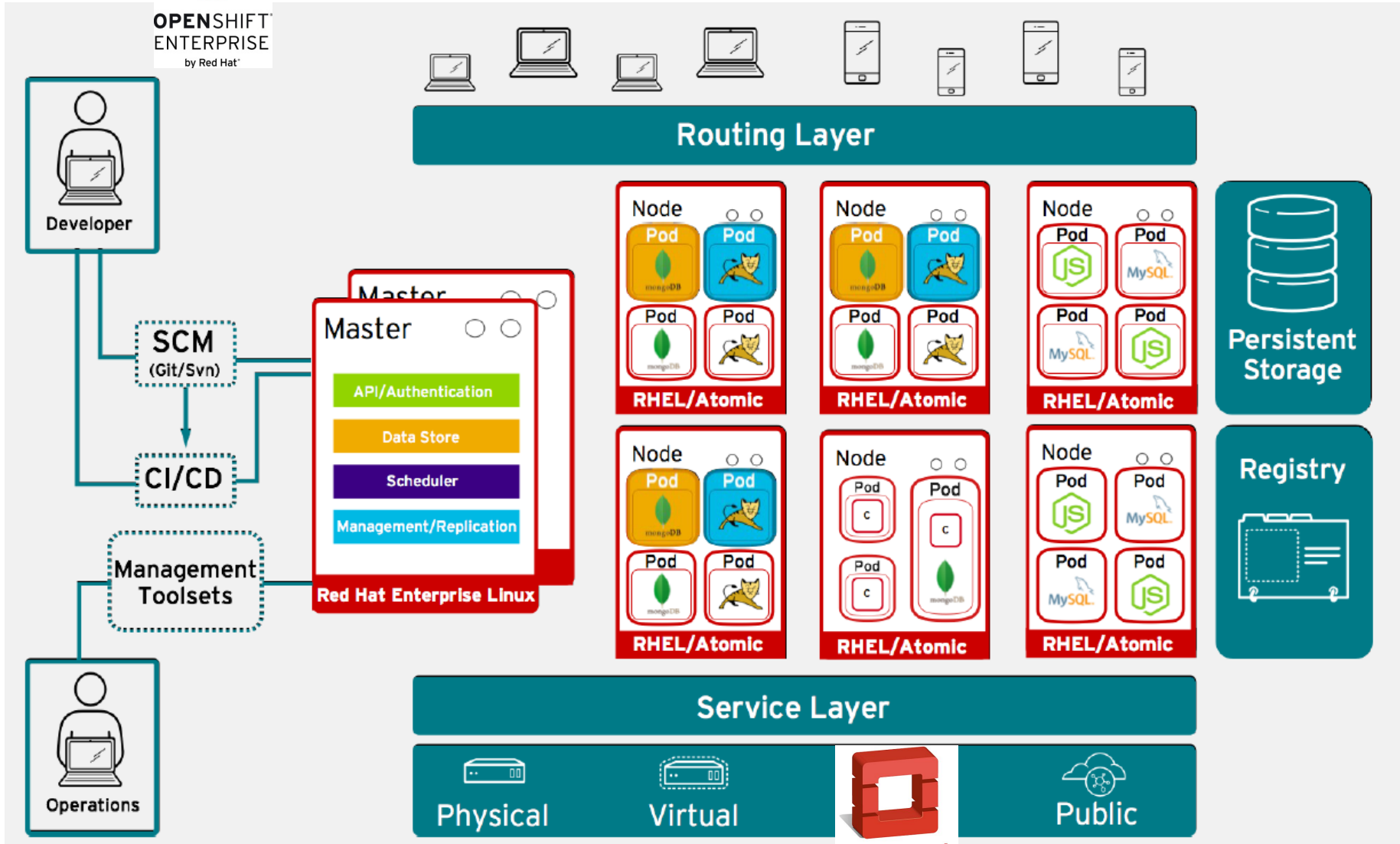
CloudForms



CI/CD Overview



OpenShift (RedHat PaaS) Overview



Build & Deployment process

