

# Application platform without a headache

IBM Fusion HCI feat. OpenShift  
an all-in-one on-premise solution

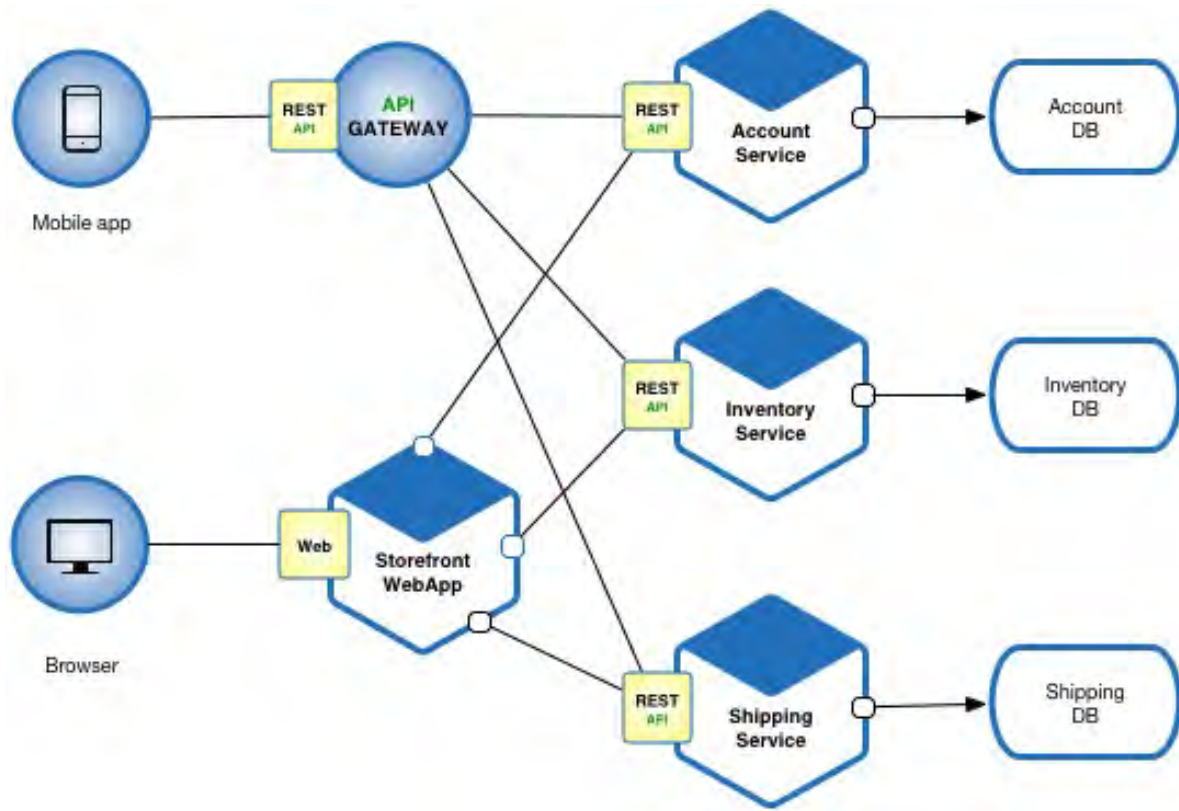
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# Successful **DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION** requires a modern **APPLICATION ARCHITECTURE**



## Microservice architecture (MSA)

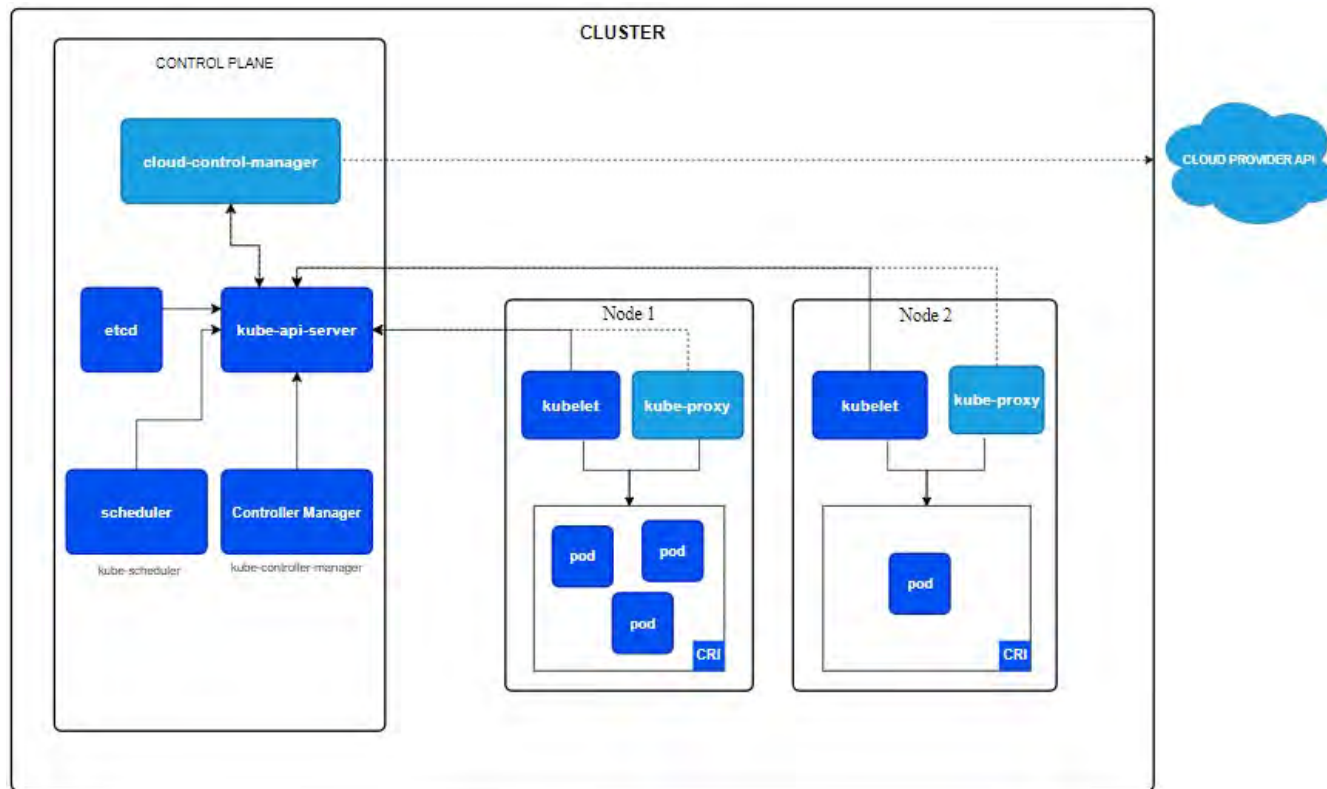
Business functionality is built from lightweight, loosely-coupled elementary services.

## Event-driven architecture (EDA)

Microservices emit events that other microservices can react to.



# A modern **APPLICATION ARCHITECTURE** requires a fitting **APPLICATION INFRASTRUCTURE**



## Containerization ("docker")

Microservices are running in containers, not in separate virtual machines.

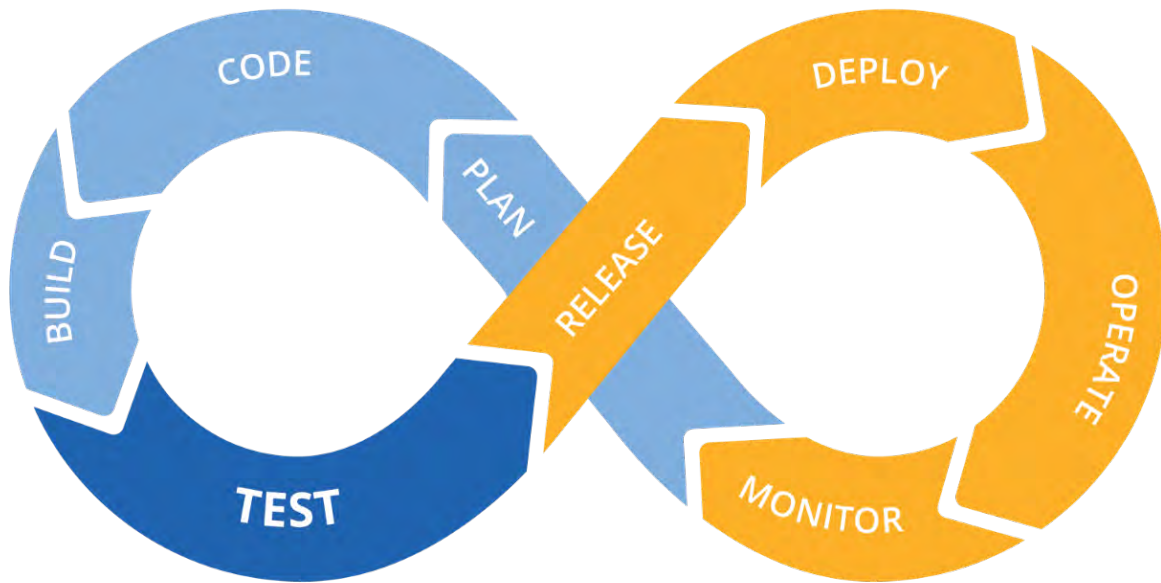


## Container platform ("k8s")

Managing large number of containers, fault tolerance, scaling, security, ...



# Leveraging this **ARCHITECTURE & INFRASTRUCTURE** requires using proper **DEV(SEC)OPS PRACTICE**



An operational model, “philosophy”

Changing roles, tasks and challenges of development, IT operations & IT security.

CI / CD

Continuous integration, delivery, deployment,  
...



**But how can we implement this  
without (major) headache?**

# On public cloud...



## IaaS

compute, storage, and  
network resources

Self-deployed, self-managed  
**OpenShift** (or vanilla  
Kubernetes)

## PaaS, “CaaS”

managed container platform  
service

OpenShift (or Kubernetes)

the “control plane” belongs to  
the service provider

## FaaS, serverless

individual functions, running  
on the cloud

less control than CaaS  
cloud-provider specific

**BUT:** Most enterprises cannot (or shall not) move *fully* to cloud

- “pay-as-you-go” model can be quite expensive and hard to predict/budget, if usage becomes huge
- changing service provider is not as easy as it seems
- compliance requirements (finance, government)



# On-premise...



## “DIY” k8s

Deploy the open-source  
**Kubernetes** on own  
hardware

prepare for deprecations in  
every 4 months...

## OpenShift

built on k8s (and other sw)  
complete enterprise  
application platform  
vendor-supported

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## Challenges

- complexity
- requires special competences (free software is not really free)



# An all-inclusive solution from IBM...

## On-premise enterprise application platform

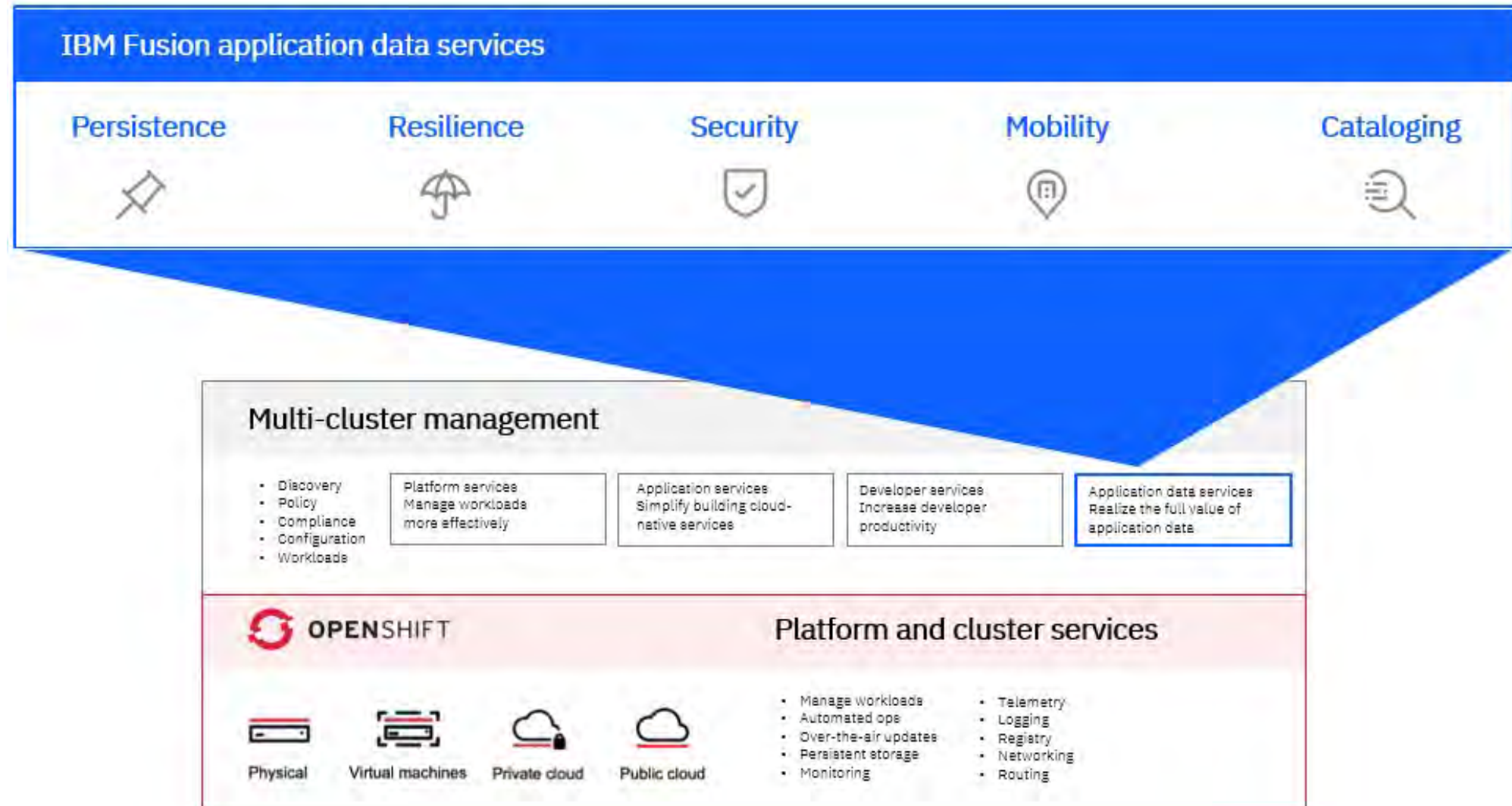
hardware and software in a single offering

- latest generation server, storage & networking
- “software-defined-everything”
- optional AI accelerator (with Nvidia GPU)
- designed for containers from the ground- up
- **Red Hat OpenShift** included
- **IBM Fusion** storage software included
- fully integrated and supported

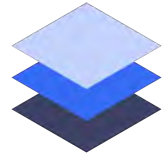




# IBM Fusion sw extends the OpenShift capabilities



# Typical use cases



Platform modernization

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Application modernization

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Databases, logging, & monitoring

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AI/ML & data analytics pipelines



# Better TCO than DIY

## 100% Eliminate cost of hypervisor

*OpenShift Virtualization is included with OpenShift*

## Eliminate cost of Red Hat Enterprise Linux

*RHEL is included with OpenShift licenses*

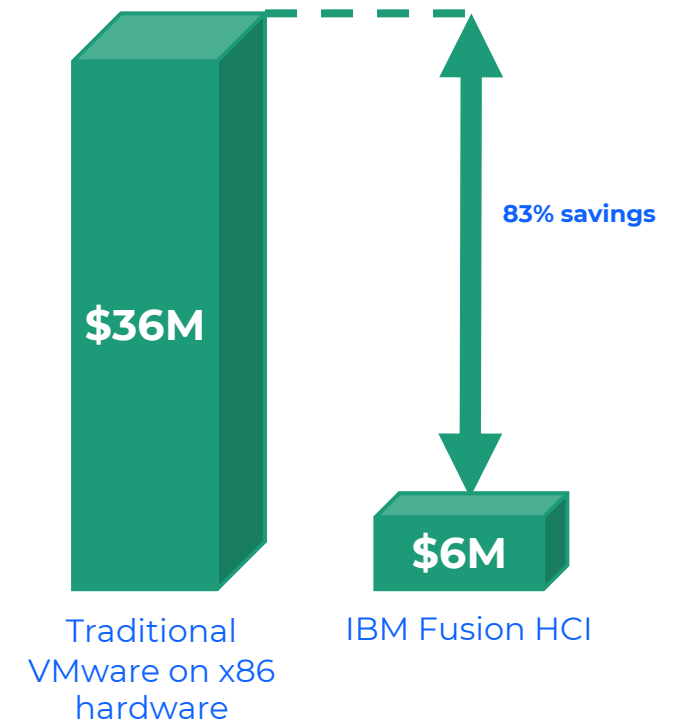
## 20% more efficient use of infrastructure <sup>(1)</sup>

*vs applications running on hypervisors*

## Faster, less error-prone platform deployment

## Save on recurring IT operations cost

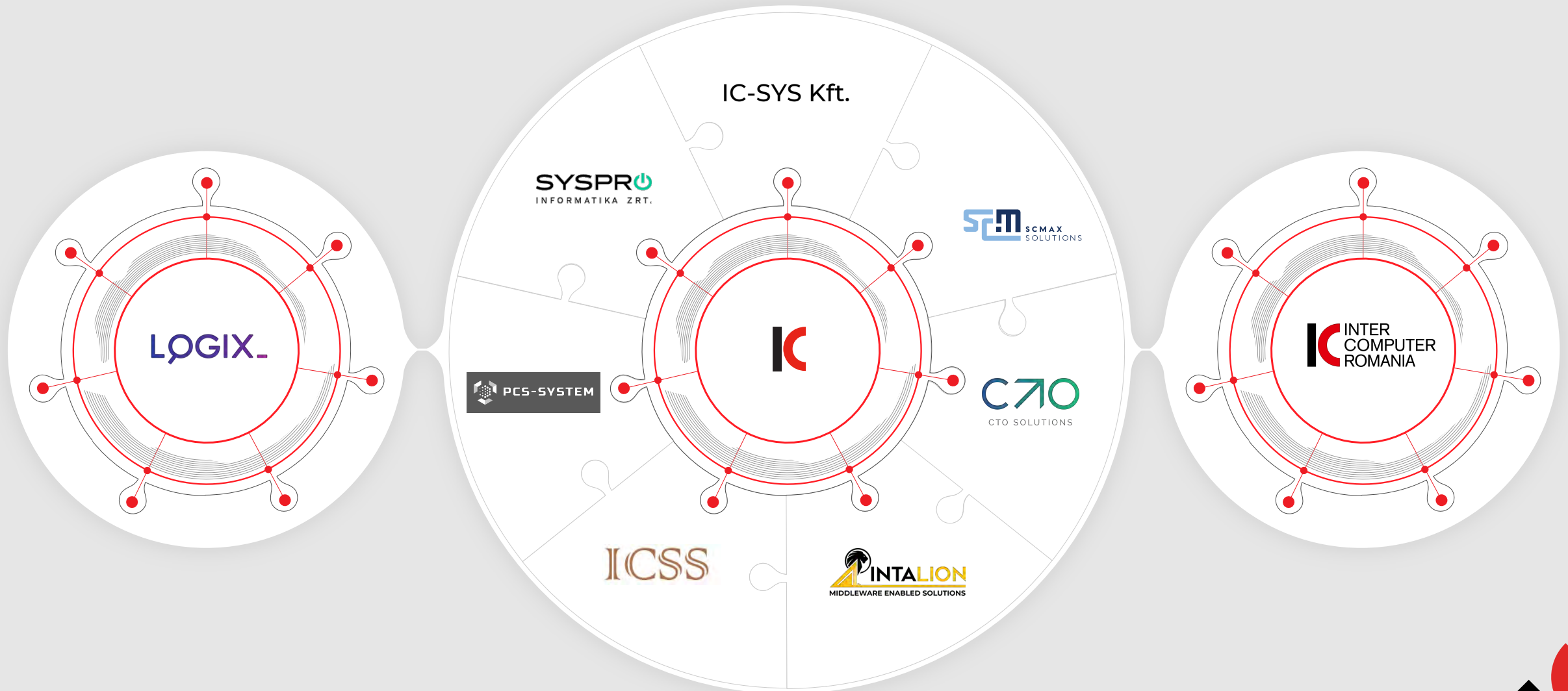
## Improve applications resilience, thus deliver more business value



Real customer example  
5-year TCO study

(1) Kubernetes (Openshift) on Bare Metal vs VMs

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