



Red Hat Enterprise Linux

Container Engines, Runtime & Images Roadmap

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Agenda

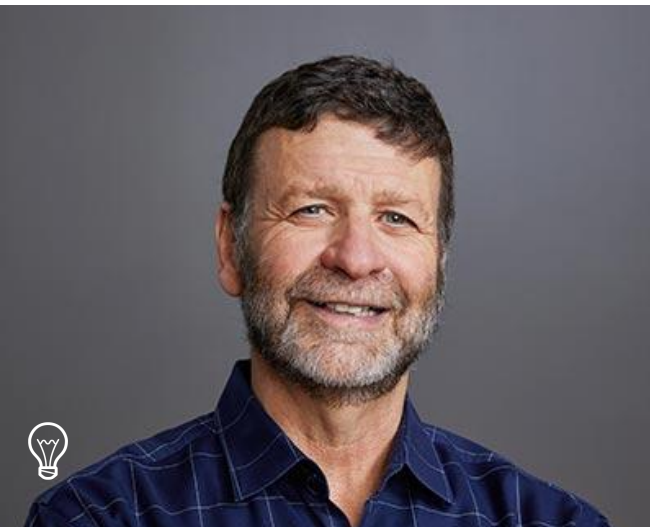
- ▶ RHEL 8 Container Needs & Capabilities
- ▶ Technology Architecture
- ▶ RHEL as a Container Host
- ▶ Red Hat Universal Base Image
- ▶ Red Hat Enterprise Linux Container Tools
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- ▶ Previous Roadmaps

Needs and Capabilities

RHEL 8 delivers key new
capabilities with
containers

“““

We have chosen Red Hat Enterprise Linux as our container base, giving customers a common foundation to operate, manage and safeguard their infrastructure as well as a common development environment. This allows them to consistently develop, run and maintain container apps on premises, in the cloud, as well as across multiple clouds



Paul Cormier
CEO, Red Hat

How to talk about RHEL and containers

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RHEL powers the adoption of new technologies like containers by helping development and operations teams work together.

New tech means new approaches and processes

New tech like Kubernetes

RHEL is built to fit seamlessly into how you work - even as you package your applications differently and the way you work evolves.

Innovation starts with Linux and RHEL is the first step on your journey to Kubernetes and beyond.

Changing the way you package will help you on the path to k8s

The power
of **open**

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Customer Needs

Mapping needs to capabilities

Use Case	Capability	Technology	Product
Unorchestrated	Few Containers	Linux and Podman	Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server
Orchestrated	Many Containers	Linux and Kubernetes	OpenShift Container Platform

New container use cases are being invented every day

Red Hat solutions can meet you wherever you are on the container continuum

Infrastructure complexity at 10, on scale from 1 to 10, 1 being on prem and 10 being **multi-cloud**

Microservices in production, microservices architecture goals, plans, initiatives

Organization has availability, interdependence, and/or deployment needs that require **orchestration**

Interested in containerizing but brand new to Red Hat, new to Linux or **no standardized Linux**

One container, lots of locations (**retail** stores, **franchises**, **Edge** computing)

 **Red Hat**
OpenShift

Greater than 5 **workloads** per host

 **Red Hat**
Enterprise Linux

Currently using **Docker**, One big app that smaller apps are looking for alternatives dependent on (ie **SAP HANA**)

 **Red Hat**
Enterprise Linux

Less than 5 **workloads** per host

Technology Architecture

There are new
technology primitives
with containers

Four primitives for Containerizing Applications



#1 Container Image

Universal Base Image



#2 Container Host

Red Hat Enterprise Linux



#3 Container Registry

Red Hat Quay



#4 Container Orchestration

Red Hat OpenShift



The Same Components

Are the foundation for RHEL and OpenShift



Container Host

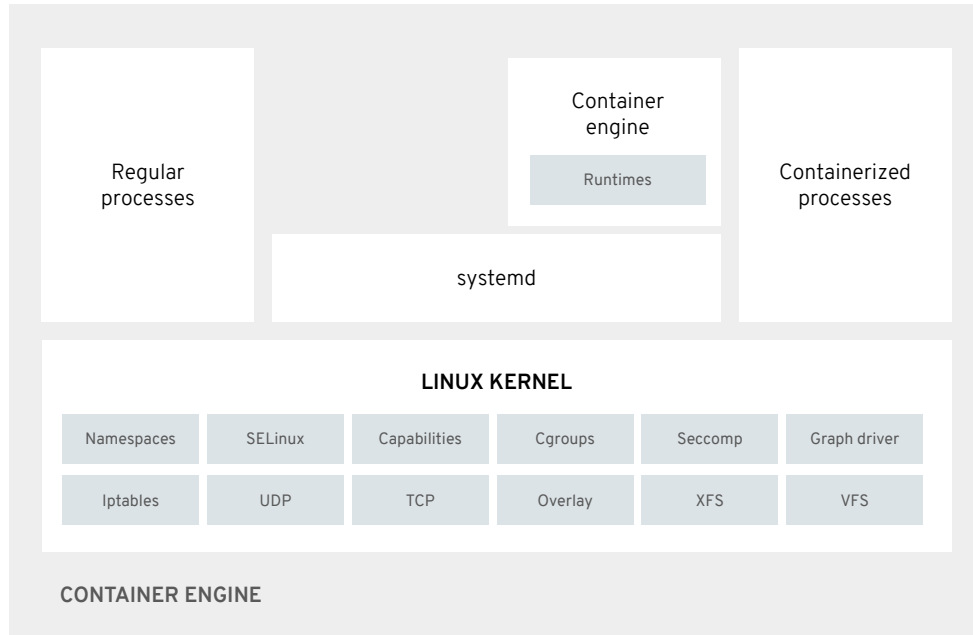
- ▶ Rock solid Linux kernel with great performance, security and modular architecture
- ▶ Battle tested system
- ▶ Container tools included with the Operating System

Container Images

- ▶ Uses same RPMs and binaries from RHEL
- ▶ Includes layered images for cloud native language development
- ▶ Released under new EULA to be redistributable for customers, partners and community

Container Hosts

Kernel, container engines, and systemd from Red Hat Enterprise Linux

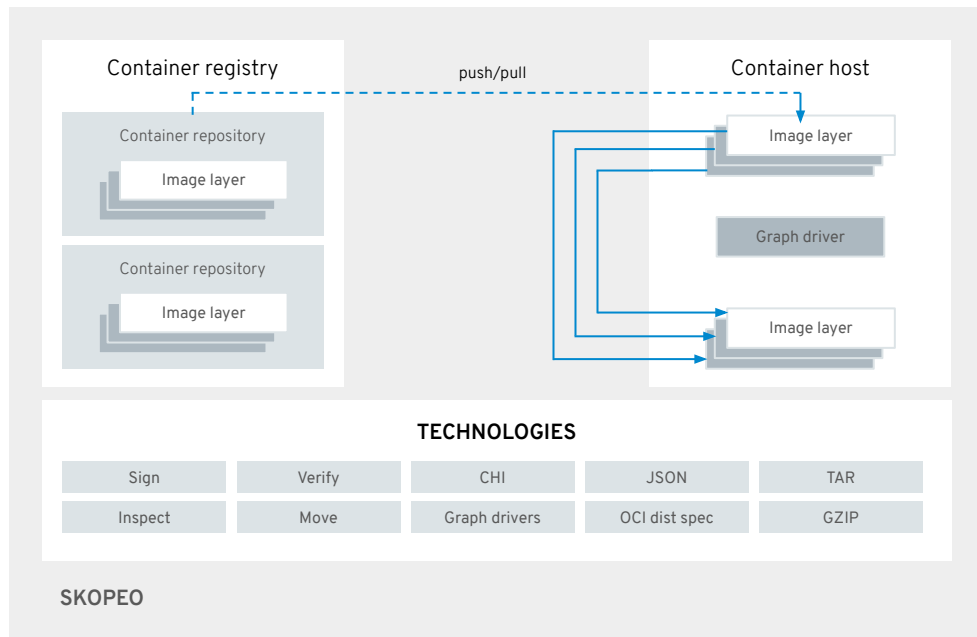


Tightly coupled communication through the kernel—all-or-nothing feature support:

- › Operating system (kernel)
- › Container runtime (runC)
- › Container engine (Podman, CRI-O)
- › The whole stack is responsible for containers—the container host

Container Images

Linux binaries and libraries built from Red Hat Enterprise Linux

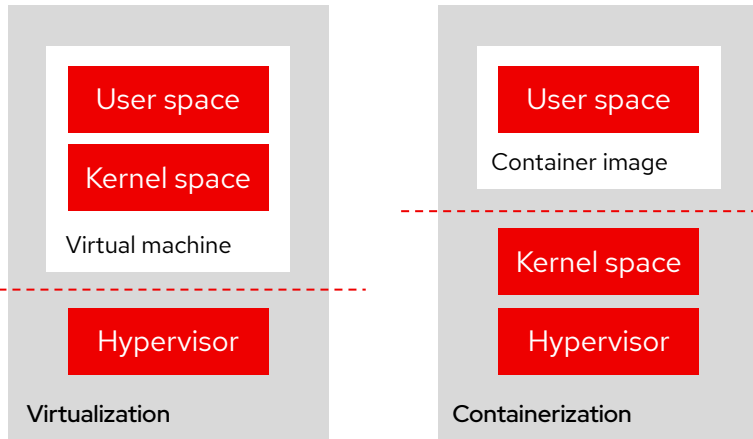


Container engines and runtimes rely on the kernel for storage:

- › Cached container images map to layered file system
- › Running containers often use an extra copy on write layer

Virtual Machines & Containers

Portability, compatibility, and supportability



Move the kernel around or move the user space around:

- ▶ Fancy processes
- ▶ Breaking the OS into 2 pieces
- ▶ All containers share a kernel
- ▶ Root-only exploits can be bad

Red Hat Enterprise Linux as a Container Host

Same familiar operating system, configurable like any host

One Operating System

Two deployment options

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Customizable OS

BENEFITS

- Industry standard security
- 10+ year enterprise lifecycle
- High performance on any infrastructure
- Customizable and compatible with wide ecosystem of partner solutions

WHEN TO USE

When customization and integration with additional solutions is required

RED HAT® ENTERPRISE LINUX CoreOS

Immutable container host

- Increased container host security
- Self-managing, over-the-air updates
- Optimized performance on popular infrastructure
- Immutable and tightly integrated with OpenShift

When cloud-native, rolling updates are top priority

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8

Modern foundation for the datacenter, powering current and next-gen workloads



▶ **Core Components Snapshot**

4.18.x kernel
gcc 8.2, llvm 6.0
systemd 239
YUM 4 (DNF base)

▶ **High Performance Networking**

OVS-dpdk improvement
NFV enablement - multus
eBPF*
IPVLAN

▶ **Improved Namespaces & Cgroups**

usersns capabilities
cgroup ns
cgroup v2 enablement*

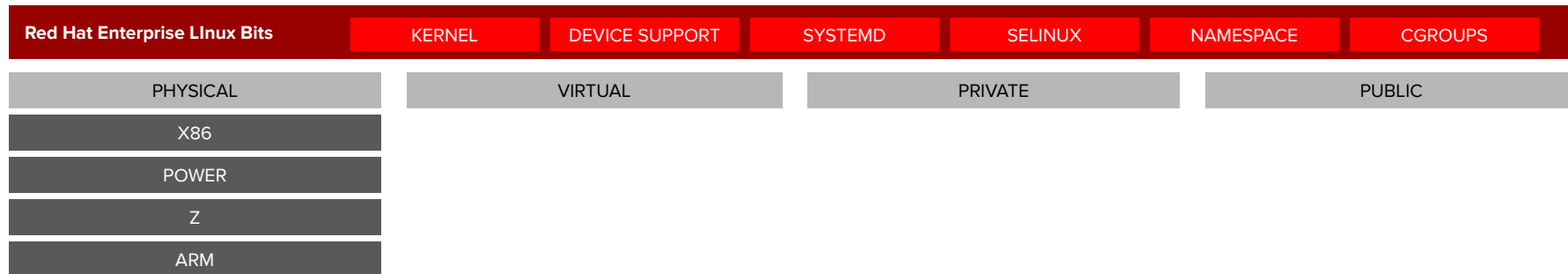
▶ **Enhanced security**

System-wide crypto policies
NBDE

Portability Starts with Red Hat Enterprise Linux

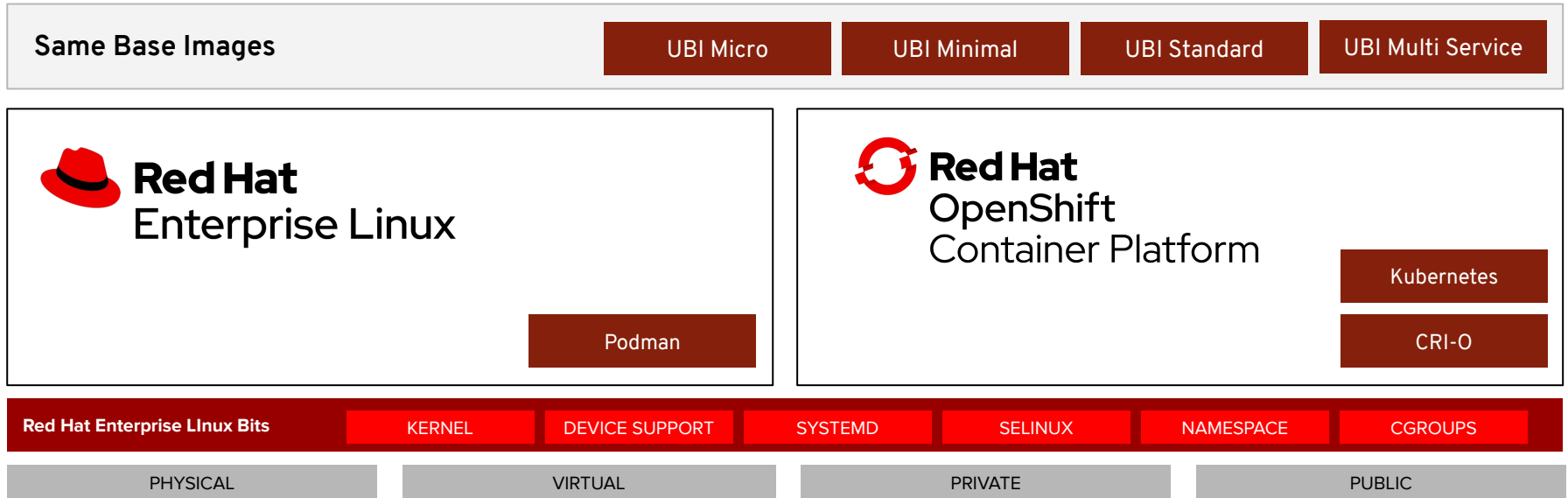
TBD: Multi-Arch

TBD: Highlight multi-arch support for container-tools

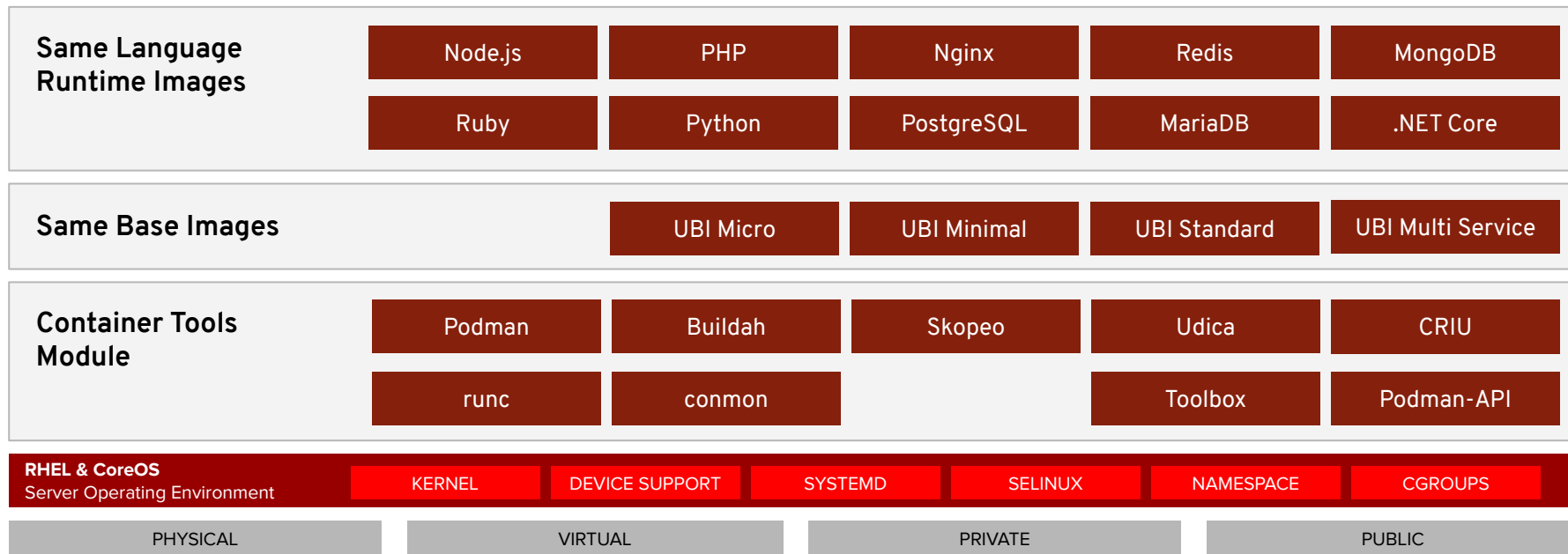


Red Hat Enterprise Linux & OpenShift Container Hosts

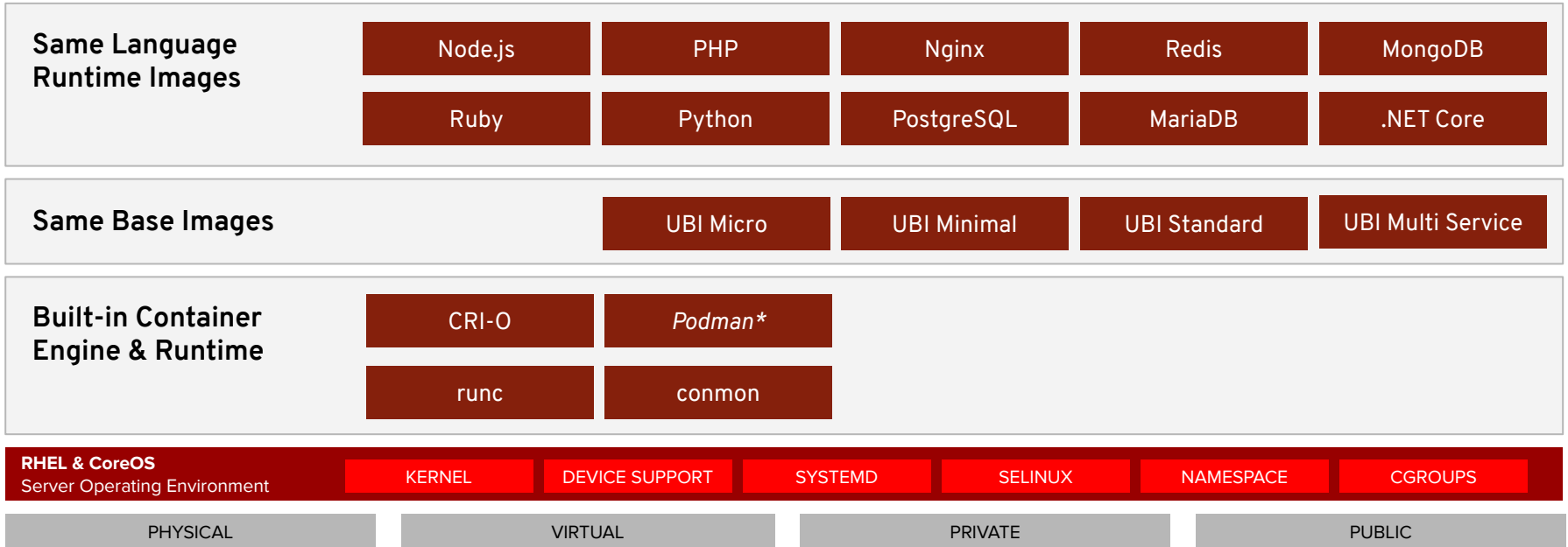
Same foundational technology, two products



Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server

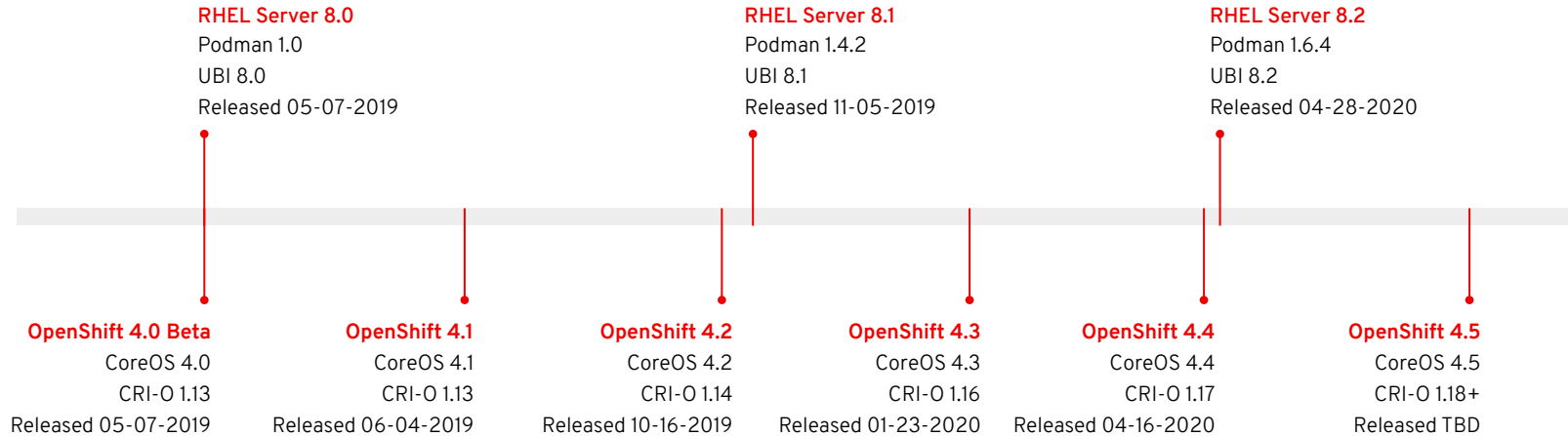


Red Hat CoreOS (in OpenShift)



Red Hat Enterprise Linux & OpenShift

Same foundation, different release cadence



Red Hat Universal Base Image

The purpose is to be To
be the highest quality
and most flexible base
container image available

Challenges in Selecting The Right Container Base Image

Too Many Options

Figuring out which container base image to use can be difficult

Traditional Options

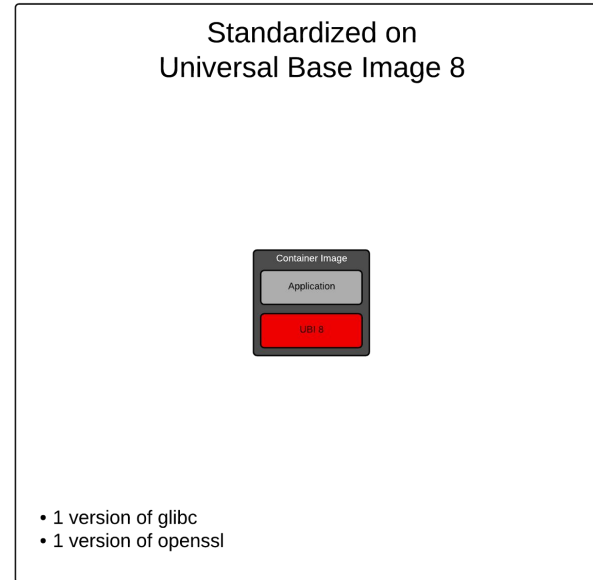
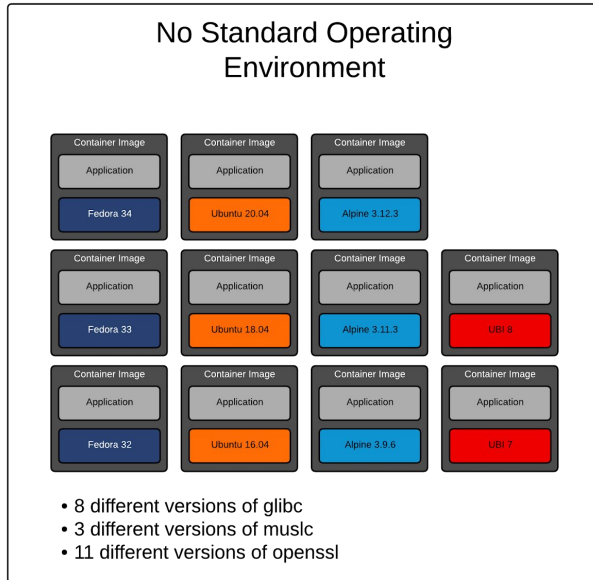
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux
- Fedora
- CentOS
- Debian
- Ubuntu
- Windows

Minimal Options

- Distroless
- Scratch
- UBI Minimal
- UBI Micro
- Alpine

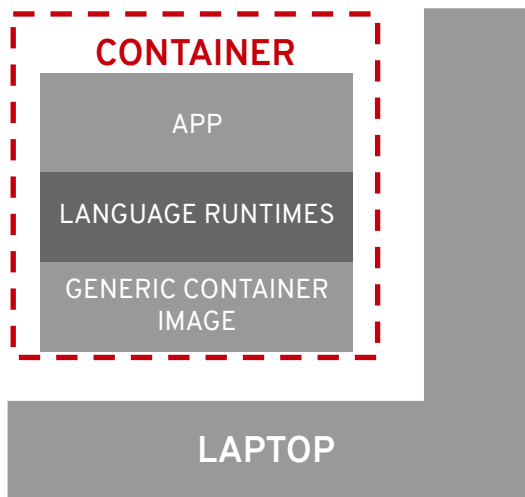
Developers Will Make a Choice

Which creates image sprawl

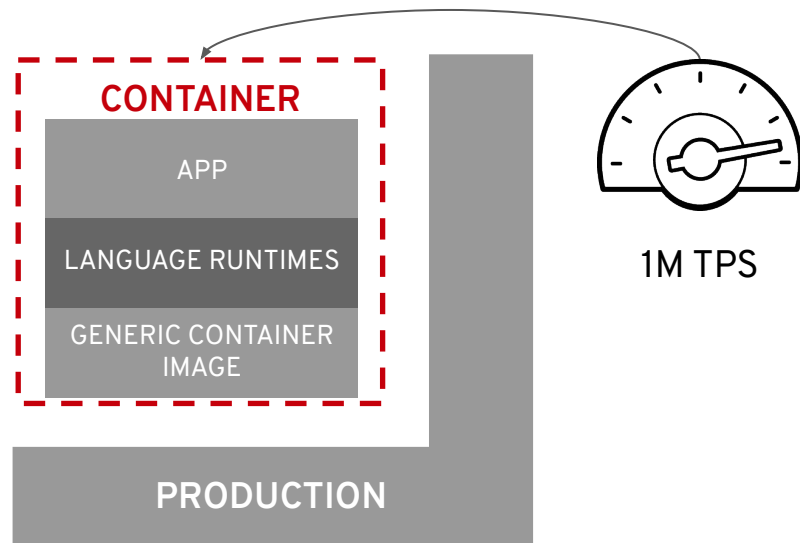


It Works on My Laptop, But...

What about performance?



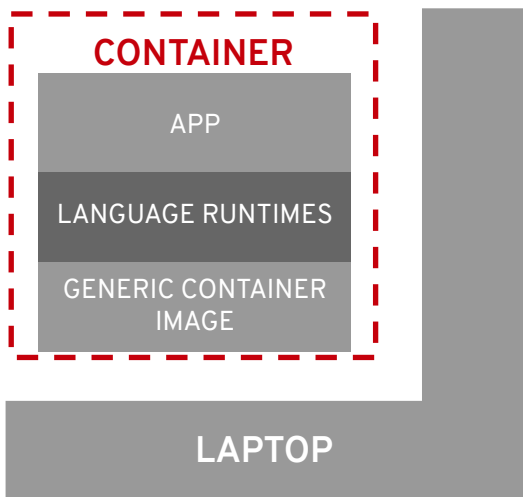
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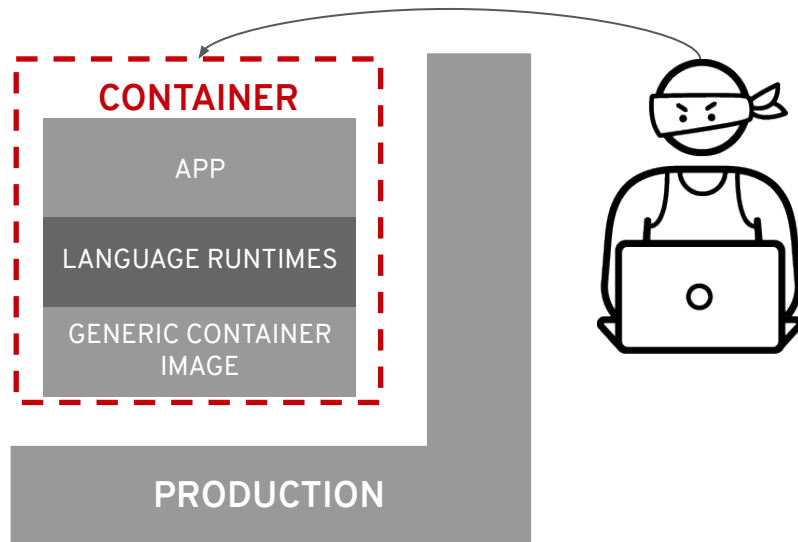
But, what about at 1M transactions per second

It Works on My Laptop, But...

What about security?



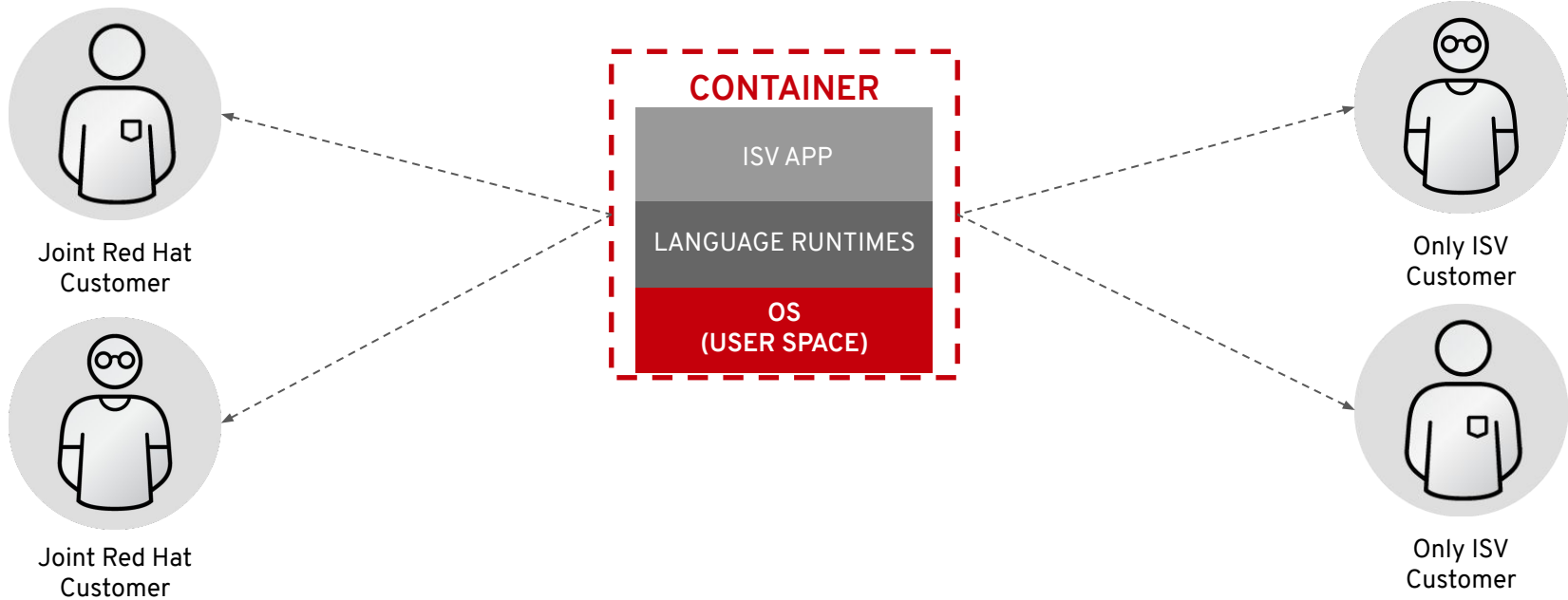
Works on my laptop



What about hackers?

ISVs Need to Distribute Anywhere

Meet your customers where they are, Joint Red Hat customers or not



How to Select The Right Image

There is standard criteria which can help

Architecture

- C Library
- Core Utilities
- Size
- Life Cycle
- Compatibility
- Troubleshooting
- Technical Support
- ISV Support
- Distributability

Security

- Updates
- Tracking
- Security Response Team

Performance

- Automated
- Performance Engineering

Introducing Red Hat Universal Base Image

One Operating System

One Container Image

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Red Hat Universal Base Image

BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry standard security• Excellent workload performance tuning• 10+ year enterprise lifecycle• Best image for RHEL and RHEL CoreOS• Customizable and compatible with wide ecosystem of partner solutions
WHEN TO USE	Run anywhere you like, supported on RHEL & OpenShift

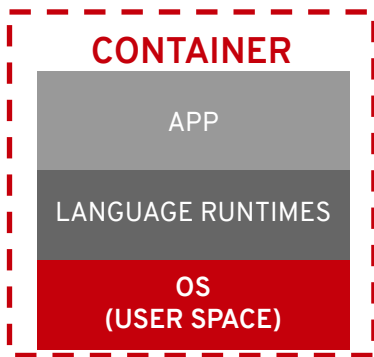
Red Hat Universal Base Image

The purpose is...

“To be the highest quality and most flexible base container image available”

The Base Image for All of Your Needs

Enterprise architectures, security and performance



The Red Hat Universal Base Image is based on RHEL and made available at no charge by a new end user license agreement.

Development

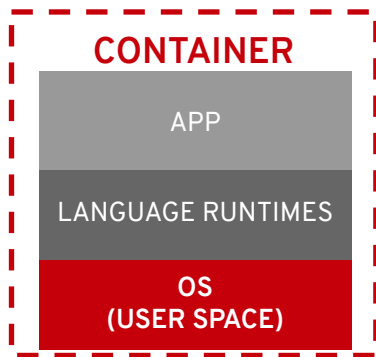
- Minimal footprint (~15 to ~200MB)
- Programming languages (Modularity & AppStreams)
- Enables a single CI/CD chain

Production

- Supported as RHEL when running on RHEL
- Same Performance, Security & Life cycle as RHEL
- Can attach RHEL support subscriptions as RHEL

The Base Image for All of Your Needs

Engineered by Red Hat with an Enterprise Roadmap

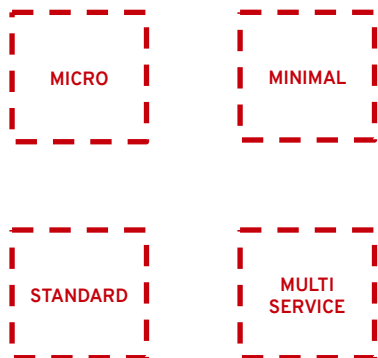


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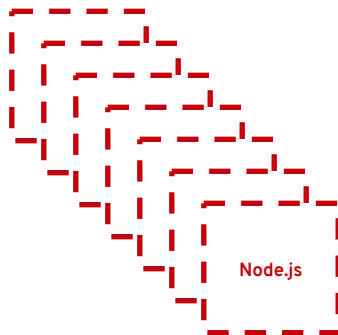
- Libraries
- Packaging format
- Core Utilities
- Security Response
- Patching
- Performance Response
- Technical Support
- More

What is Red Hat Universal Base Image?

Four base image, language runtimes, and software packages



Base Images



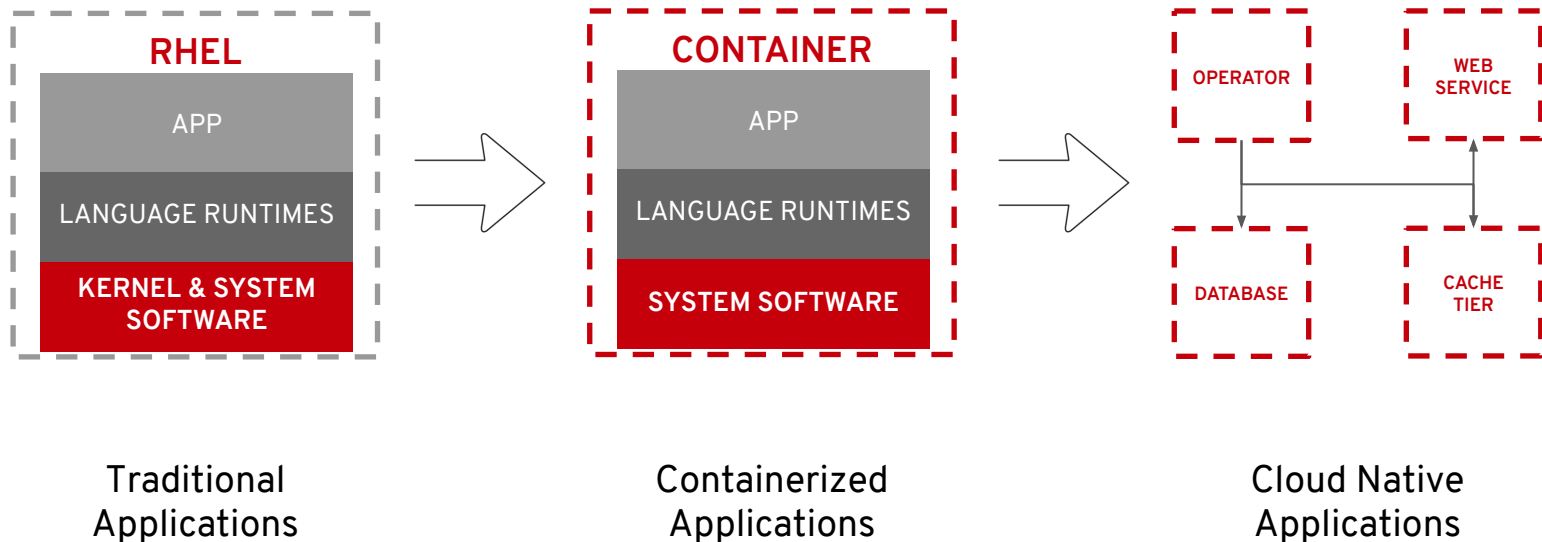
Pre-Built Language Images



Package Subset

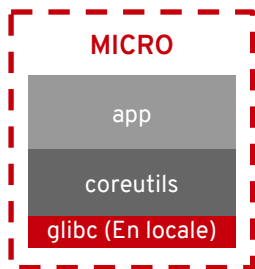
What is Red Hat Universal Base Image?

Bring the value of RHEL to cloud native applications



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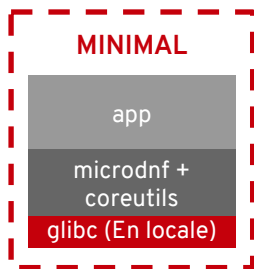
Four images to choose from



ubi8/ubi-micro

Designed for applications that contain all dependencies (Golang, dotnet, etc)

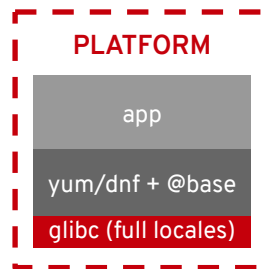
- Tiny (<15MB)
- No package manager
- Built using Buildah



ubi8/ubi-minimal

Designed for applications that contain all dependencies (Golang, dotnet, etc)

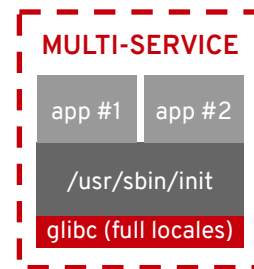
- Minimized content set
- No suid binaries
- Minimal package manager (install, update, remove)



ubi8/ubi

For any application that runs on RHEL

- Unified, openssl crypto stack
- Full YUM stack
- Includes useful basic OS tools (tar, gzip, vi, etc)



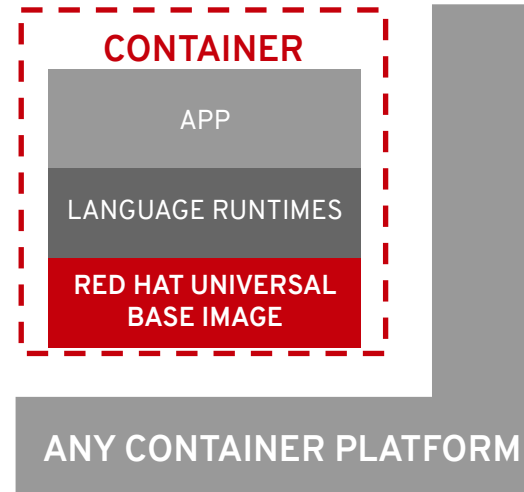
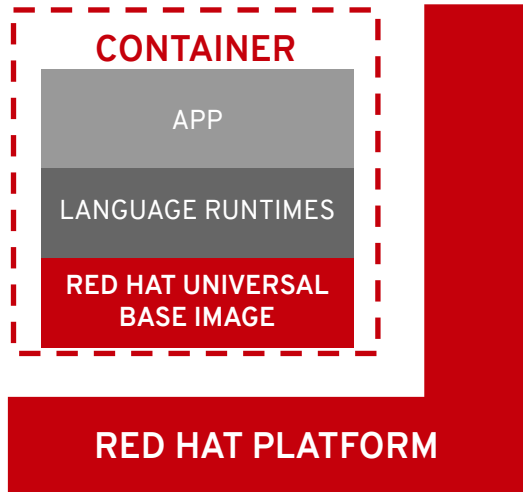
ubi8/ubi-init

Eases running multiple services in a single container

- Configured to run systemd on start
- Simply enable the services at build time

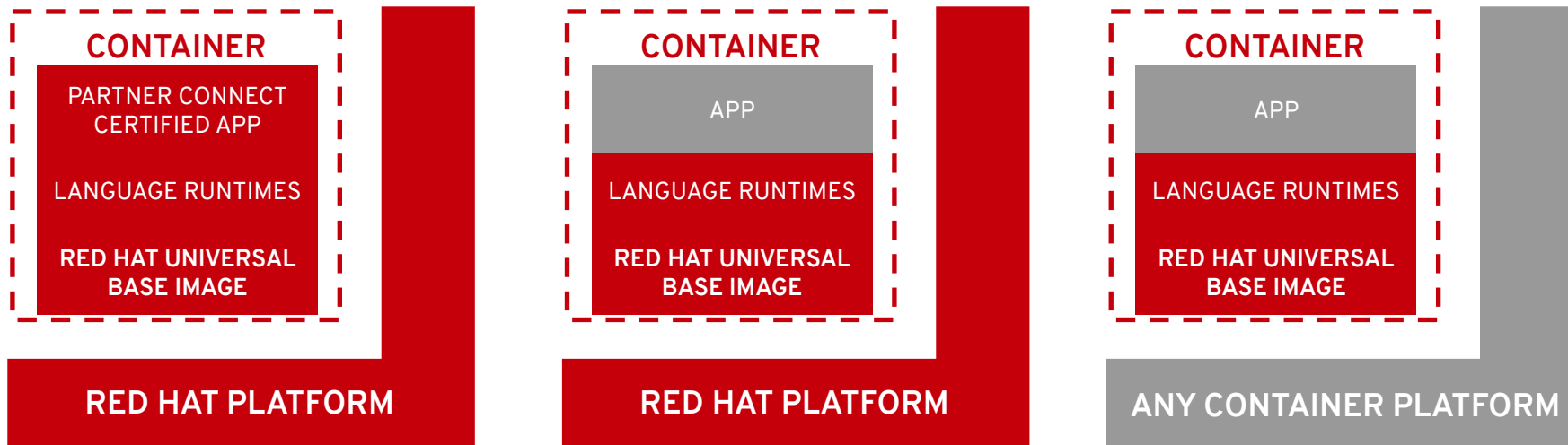
Can Be Built and Deployed Anywhere

On RHEL and OCP or any platform of your choice



Can Be Built and Deployed Anywhere

Building on UBI is the first step



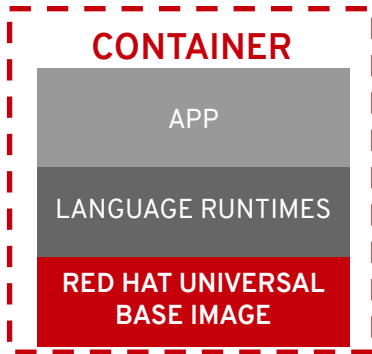
Certification provides the highest level of support

Enterprise support when run on Red Hat platforms

Trusted base for any environment

Two Ways to Get Updates

Red Hat provides updated base images & RPMs



Base Image Updates

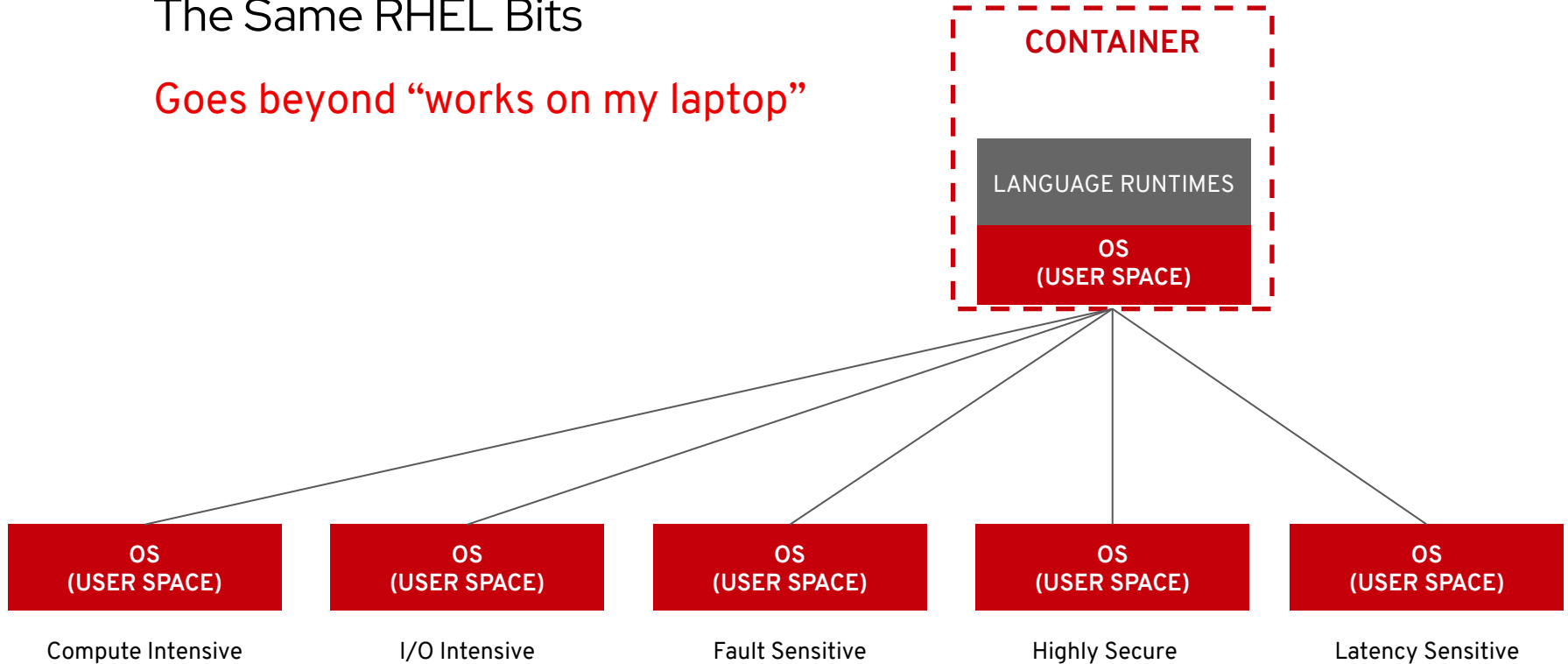


Associated RPM Updates



The Same RHEL Bits

Goes beyond “works on my laptop”

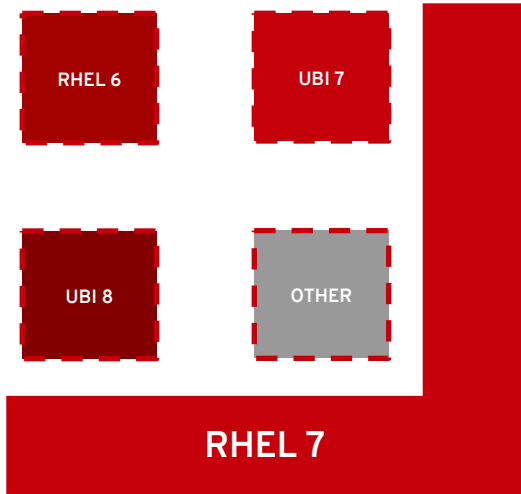


Levels of Supportability

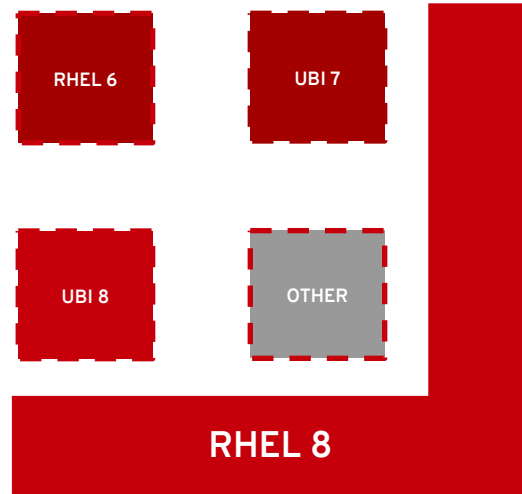
	ANYWHERE	+RED HAT PLATFORM	+CERTIFICATION	+OPERATOR CERTIFICATION
Trusted Roadmap	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Proven Images	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minimal Images	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Package/Image Updates	Only UBI Content	All RHEL Content	All RHEL Content	All RHEL Content
Cloud Native Language Runtimes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Distribution/Redistribution	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Platform Testing	None	Yes	Yes	Yes
Customer Support	None	Red Hat Components	Joint (All Components)	Joint (All Componentes)
Joint Promotion	None	None	Yes	Yes
ISV Build Support	None	None	Yes	Yes
Automated Deployment Support	None	None	None	Yes
Automated Operations Support	None	None	None	Yes

Supportability Matrix

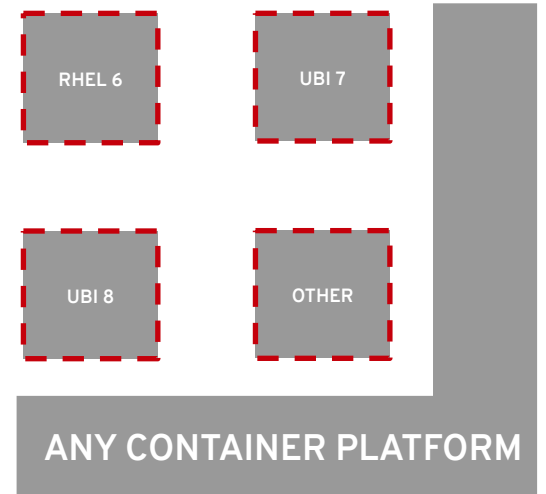
Tiered support model



Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7



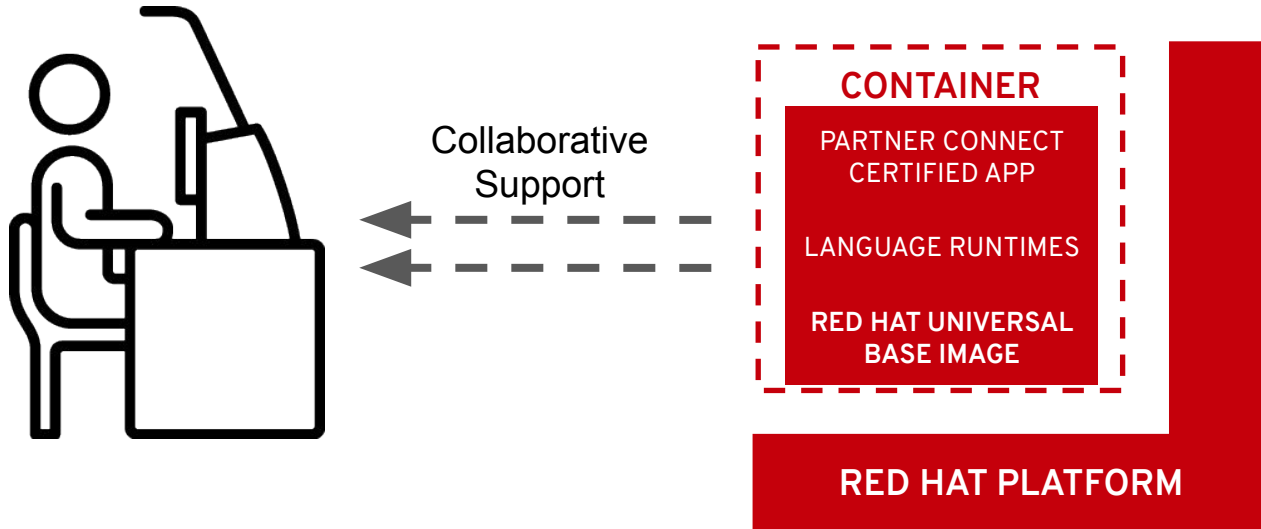
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8



Like any upstream project

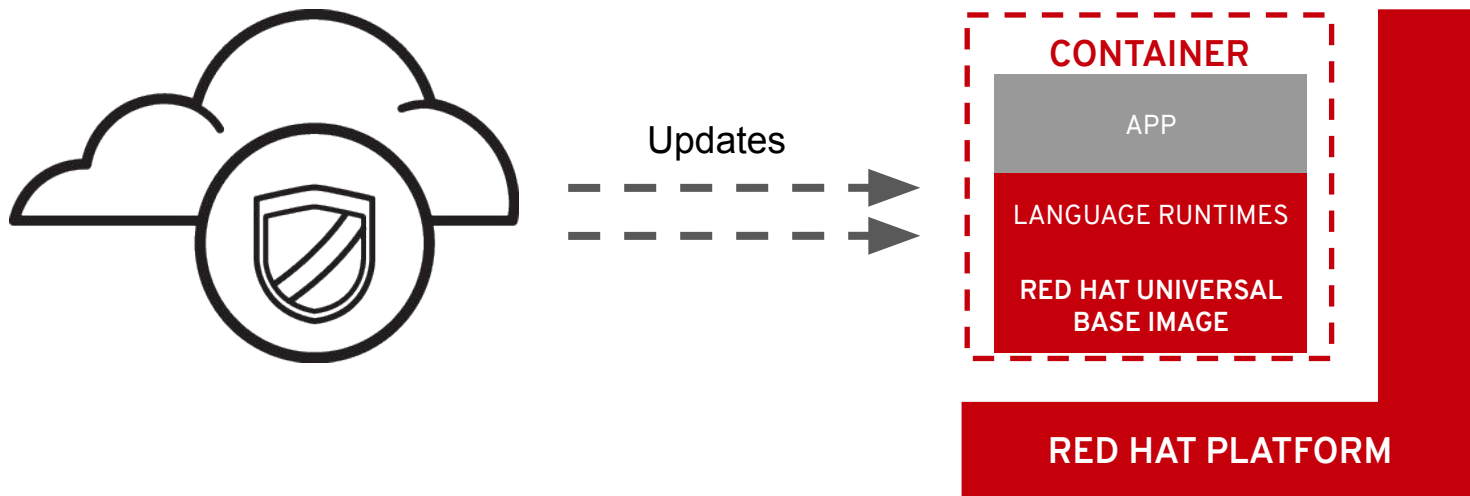
Certified Applications

Collaborative support with Red Hat and ISVs



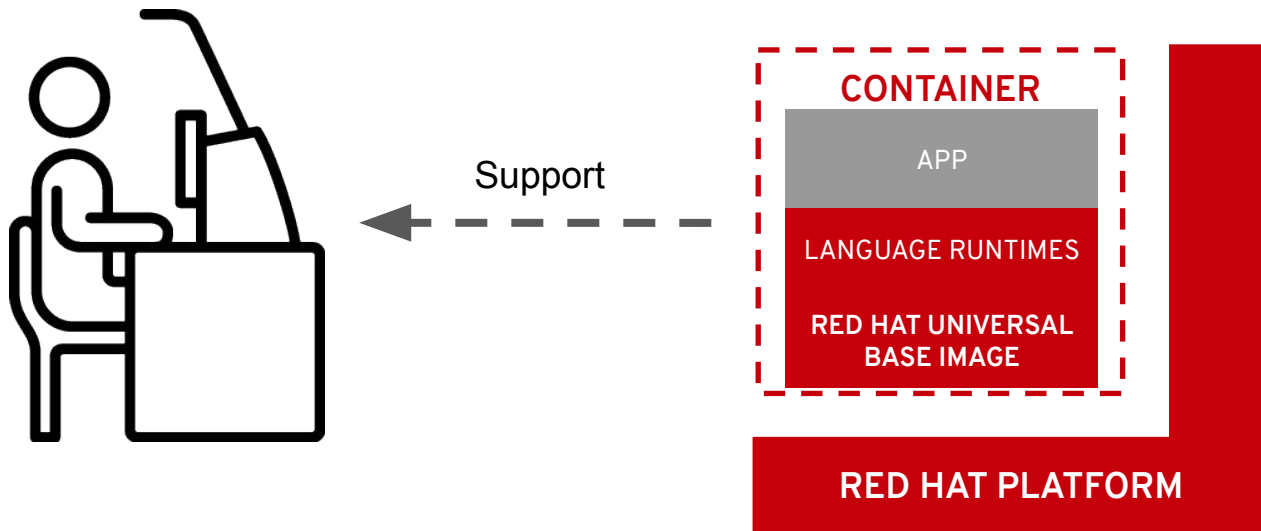
Deployed on A Red Hat Platform

Red Hat Universal Base & RHEL packages when registered



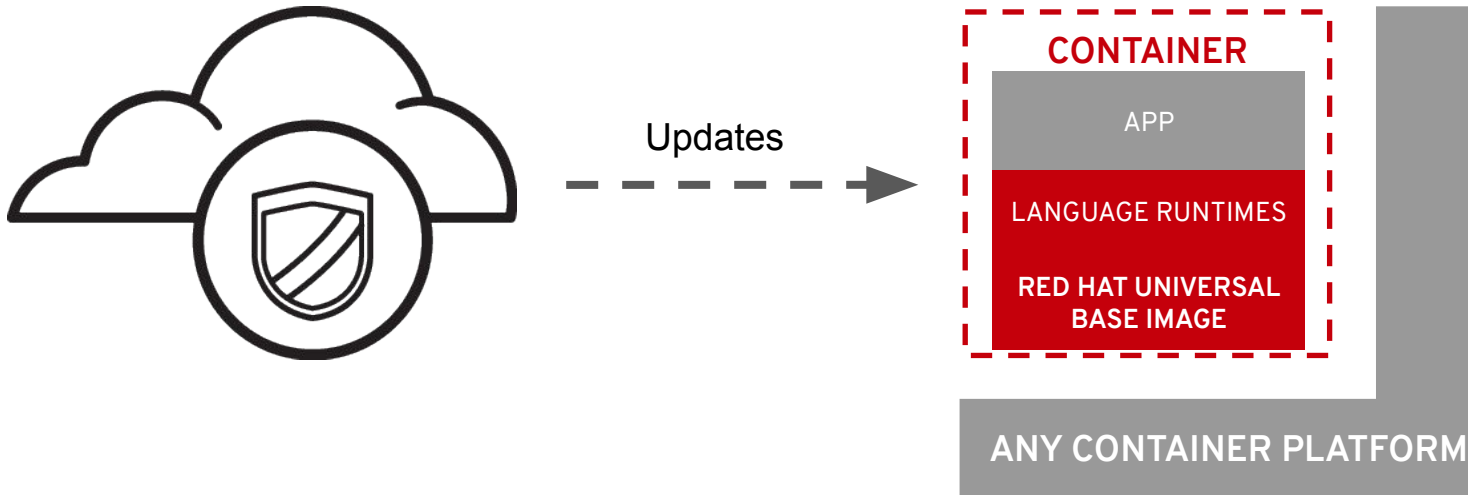
Deployed on A Red Hat Platform

Call Red Hat Support to resolve any issue, request patches, etc



Deployed on Other Platforms

Updates like any other Linux distribution, but no Red Hat support



Container Tools

RHEL 8 delivers a new set of container tools including Podman, Buildah, Skopeo packaged in a way that is easy to consume

Container Standards Are Open



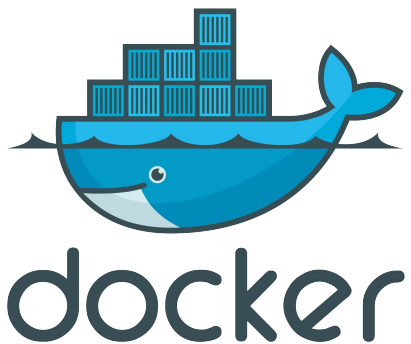
Established in June 2015 by Docker and other leaders in the container industry, the OCI currently contains three specifications which govern, building, running, and moving containers.

Container Standards Are Open



- Governed by The Linux Foundation
- Ecosystem includes:
 - Vendors
 - Cloud Providers
 - Open Source Projects
- Does not govern of Linux binaries and libraries in container images

Container Standards Are Open: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server



podman



skopeo



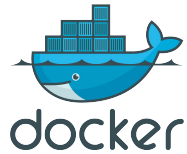
buildah



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OCI Project & Technology Evolution

Mapping technologies to offerings



docker



kubernetes



cri-o



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podman



skopeo



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podman

Experience

- Provides a familiar command line experience compatible with the docker cli
- Great for running, building, and sharing containers outside of OpenShift
- Can be wired into existing infrastructure where the docker daemon/cli are used today
- Simple command line interface, no client-server architecture, so more agile in many use cases

Roadmap:

- GA in RHEL 7.6 & RHEL 8
- Run containers as non-root (enhanced user namespaces)
- Docker compatible health checks
- Atomic run label support



buildah

Experience

- Will be embedded in OpenShift build strategies, mostly transparent (except custom build strategy)
- OCI Container images compatible with Docker format
- Multi-stage builds supported with and without dockerfiles
- Customizable image layer caching
- Shares the underlying image and storage components with CRI-O

Roadmap :

- GA support with RHEL 7.5
- User namespace enablement
- Working towards unprivileged, non-root container builds
- Future integrations with Ansible (new work on Ansible Builder), and OSBS



cri-o

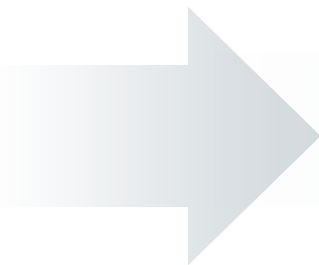
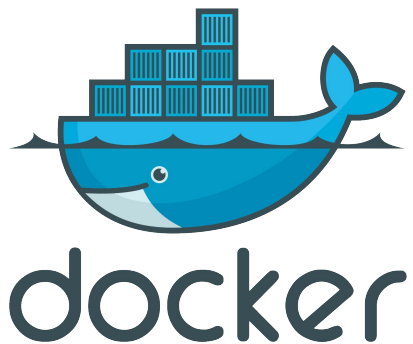
Experience:

- A lightweight, OCI-compliant container runtime designed for Kubernetes
- Runs any OCI compliant, Docker compatible container images
- Focus on stability and life cycles *with* the Red Hat CoreOS in OpenShift Container Platform
- Improve container security & performance at scale

Roadmap

- Now [running in production](#) under OpenShift Online clusters
- Permanent Kubernetes project
- Continues to track and release with upstream Kubernetes
- On track to become the default container engine for nodes
- Converting node troubleshooting documentation to use crictl for human interface to CRI-O
- Adding user namespace support
- Integrating libpod for better CLI integration with Podman

Container Standards Are Open: CoreOS/OpenShift



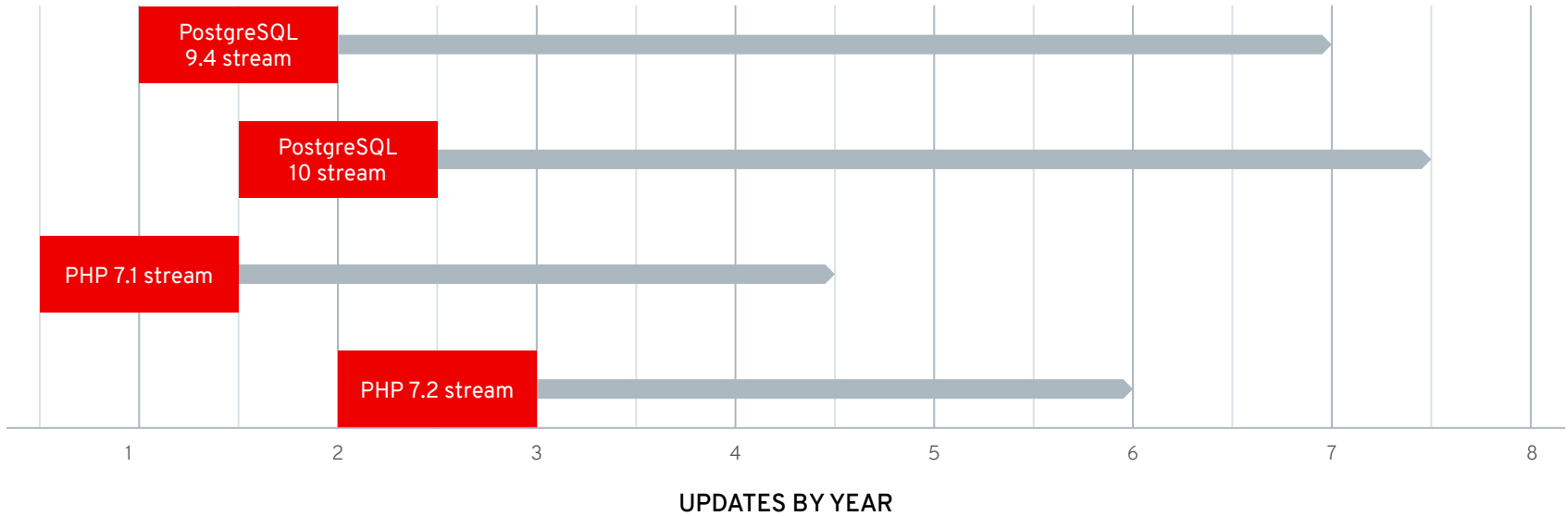
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Application Streams Use Modules

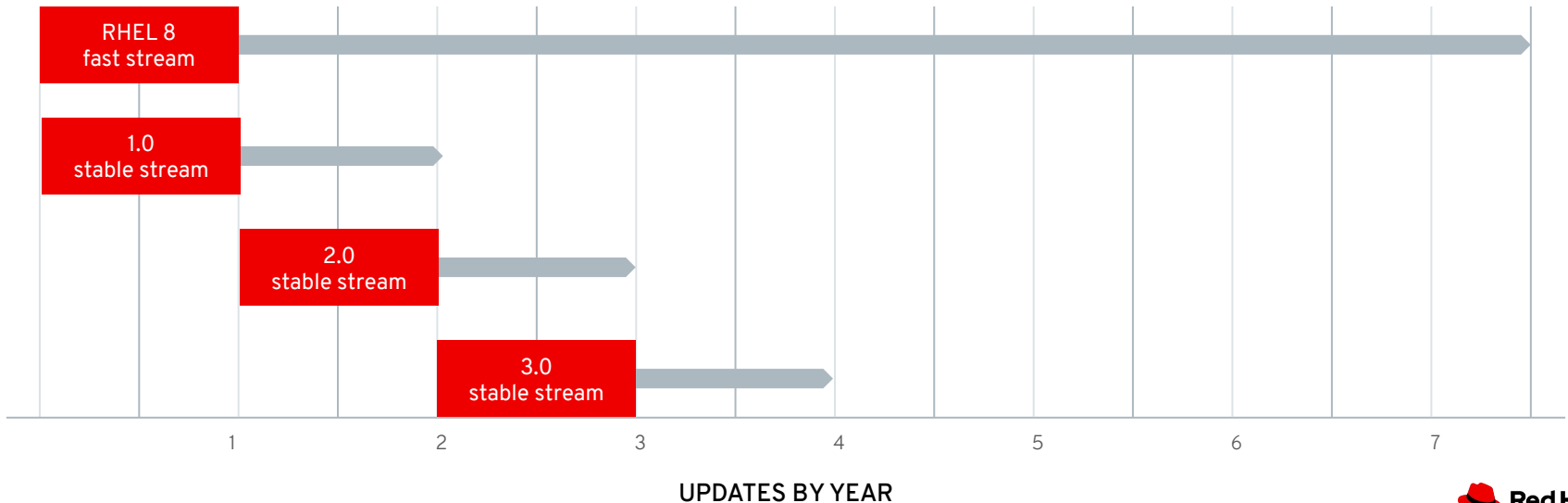
Each module defines its own life cycle, which is closer to the natural life of the application rather than the Red Hat Enterprise Linux life cycle.



The Container Tools Module

One module delivered with multiple application streams based on different use cases:

- The Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 stream delivers new versions for developers
- The versioned, stable streams provide stability for operations



Deployment Options

Product	Red Hat Enterprise Linux		OpenShift Container Platform 4		
Deployment	RHEL 7 Server	RHEL 8 Server	CoreOS* Worker	RHEL 8 Worker	RHEL 7 Worker
Run Containers	Podman or Docker	Podman	CRI-O	CRI-O	CRI-O
Build Containers	Podman, Buildah or Docker	Podman or Buildah	Buildah in Container	Buildah in Container	Buildah in Container

Containers Roadmap

Tody, this roadmap
covers Red Hat
Enterprise Linux 6, 7, and
8

Containers Roadmap 8.4

8.3

Podman API V2

Provide Docker compatible REST API through systemd socket activation.

Container Images for Buildah, Skopeo & Podman

Tech preview version of Podman, and GA versions of Buildah and Skopeo in containers. Useful for CI/CD systems, and on Workstations.

Podman Manifest Support

Create OCI compliant manifests, inspect them, and push them to Registry Servers.

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UBI Micro

Tiny distroless container base image weighing in at 13MB compressed and 38MB uncompressed

Container Images for Buildah, Skopeo & Podman

GA versions of Podman, Buildah and Skopeo in containers. Useful for CI/CD systems, and on Workstations for testing new versions easily.

Secure Short Names

Safely search multiple registry servers for container images, while preventing spoofing attacks.

Automatic Image Updates

Podman can automatically monitor and update an application when a new image is published to a registry server.

Podman Volume Plugins

All partners to bring existing Docker plugins to RHEL 8 with Podman

Future

Containerized Podman Generally Available

Use newer (or older) versions of podman anywhere by deploying it in a container.

Centralized Management of Rootless Users

Using IdM, administrators can manage subuids/subguids

Expand UBI Micro

Expand to include container images for httpd, nginx, and openssl

Containerized Virtual Environments

Toolbox will provide developers, admins, and architects with a simple VM-like experience with containers

Cgroups V2 Support with crun

Better resource management in containers.

Containers Roadmap 7.9+

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Container Tools

Podman 1.4.2 with tech preview rootless support

Container Images

Go toolset released as part of UBI. Users can now access and redistribute Golang build containers.

RHEL Workstation

Receives podman, buildah and skopeo to be used as a development platform for UBI containers (no subscription content available)

Rootless Tech Preview

Users can try out rootless container with Podman on RHEL Server and Workstation using the VFS driver

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Container Tools

Last update to podman. Podman version 1.6.4 with full rootless support.

Container Images

Rebuilds of all container images.

Rootless GA

Users are now supported to use rootless on RHEL Server and Workstation using OverlayFS for fast starting containers.

Future (no new features)

Container Tools

No new features or versions. RHEL 7.9 will have podman 1.6.4 until end of maintenance in 2024. RHEL 7 is in [Maintenance Phase II](#), so only limited security errata and bug fixes will be provided

Container Images

Images will continue to be rebuilt during Maintenance Phase II until Extended Life Phase. Then, users will need to update to a later release or a subscription to ELS in order to update their own images

Containers Roadmap 6.10+

6.10

Container Tools

No container tools have ever been provided on RHEL 6 hosts

Container Images

Supported on RHEL 7 and RHEL 8 container hosts

Future (no new features)

Container Tools

No container tools have ever been provided on RHEL 6 hosts

Container Images

Images will cease being rebuilt with the Extended Life Phase. Users will need an ELS subscription - they will need to use 6.11 images as a base and run their own updates using ELS channels

Kernel Separated Containers

- Lots of interest from customers in this area
- All of these solutions have limitations, compatibility issues, and are not mature enough to support
- Customers seem to get less excited as they learn about the gaps
- Not mature enough to be on our product roadmaps
- Kata seems to be the most promising solution and community
 - We are engaged upstream and currently bringing kata into Fedora



gVisor

Reference Information

All of this information is
publicly available

RHEL 8 Blogs

- 8.4: [What's new in RHEL Container Tools?](#)
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RHEL 8 Documentation

How To

- [Building, running, and managing containers](#)
 - [Getting started with Podman](#) (Docker to Podman)
 - [Getting started with UBI](#)
- [Red Hat Universal Base Image FAQ](#)
- [RHEL 8 Katacoda Tutorials](#)
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Policies

- [Container Support Policy](#)
- [Container Compatibility Matrix](#)
- [UBI Content Availability](#)
- [Container Tools Appstream Content Availability](#)

RHEL 7 Blogs

- 7.8: TBD
- 7.7: [Three New Container Capabilities in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.7](#)
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- 7.5: [Container-related Changes in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.5](#)
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