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Up and Running: Windows Containers with OpenShift

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Messaging and the need for Windows Containers

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Background

- Windows Server still enjoys significant presence amongst server operating systems in the data center
- .NET has been and continues to be used widely for application development
- Traditionally Windows ran largely independent of Linux
- Adoption of microservices and containers requires Windows to embrace open source and Linux-based technologies
- To fully embrace containers and microservices Windows-based machines must now:
  - Lift legacy workloads
  - Containerize legacy Windows workloads
  - Strangle the monolith and support hybrid deployments

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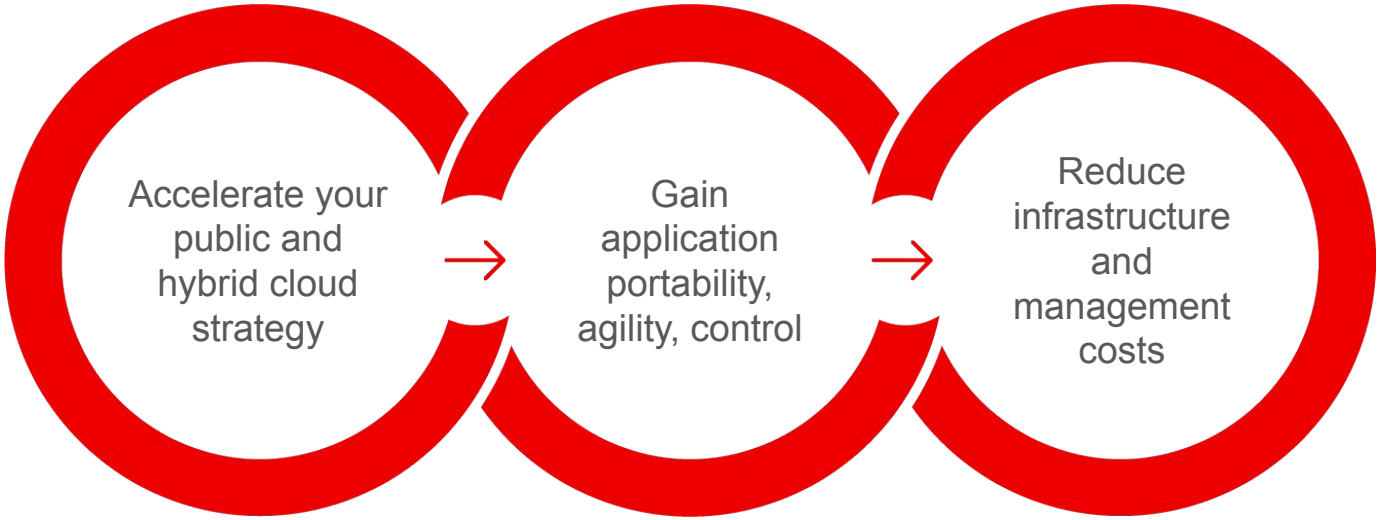
Why run Windows in containers?



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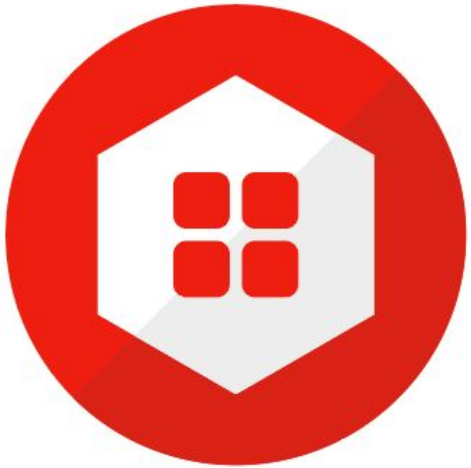
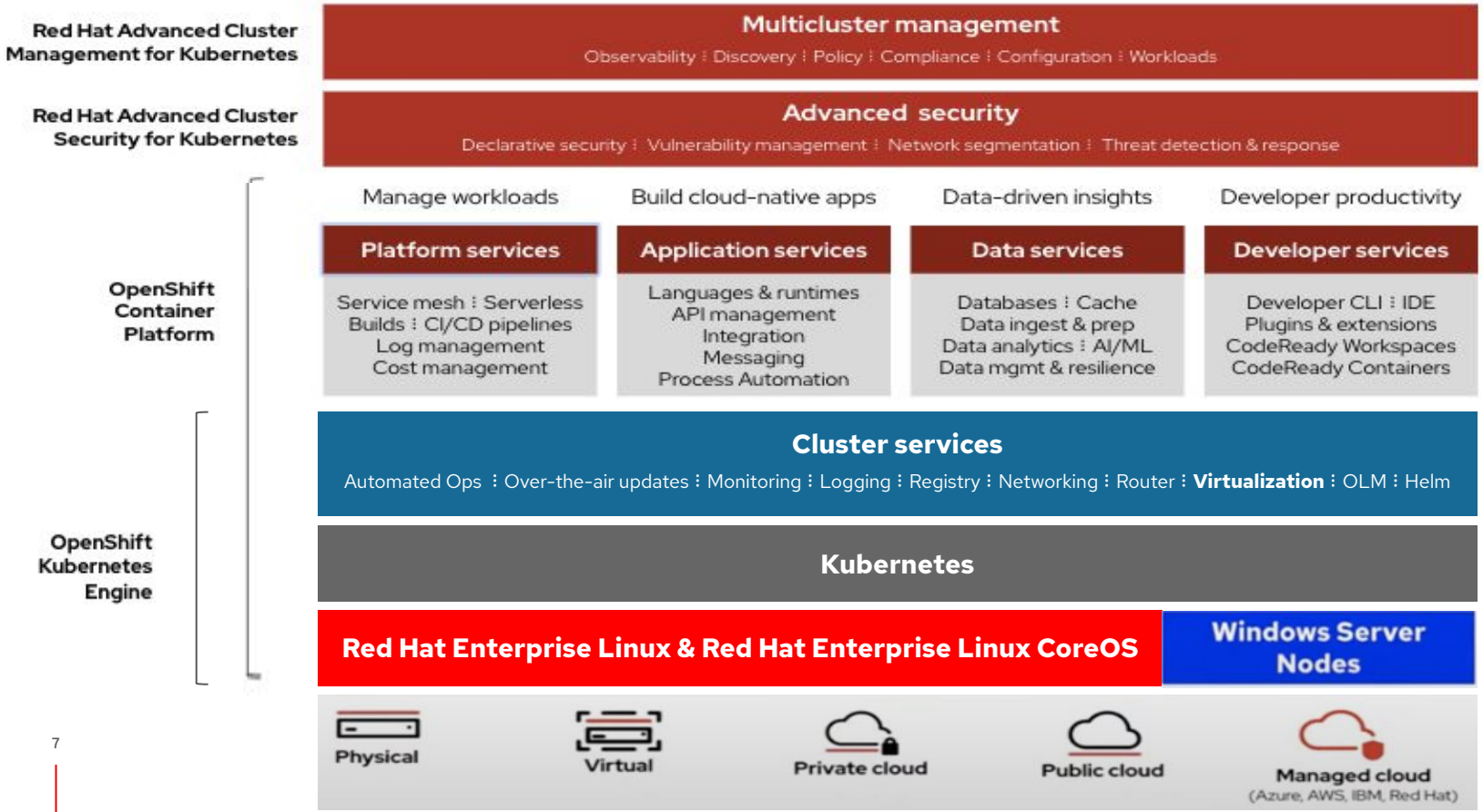


Realize the benefits of containers
Application portability, speed, flexibility

Modernize and gain efficiencies
Support legacy workloads efficiently

Developer Productivity
Get exposure to Kubernetes without having to rebuild applications

OpenShift Container Platform complete Stack



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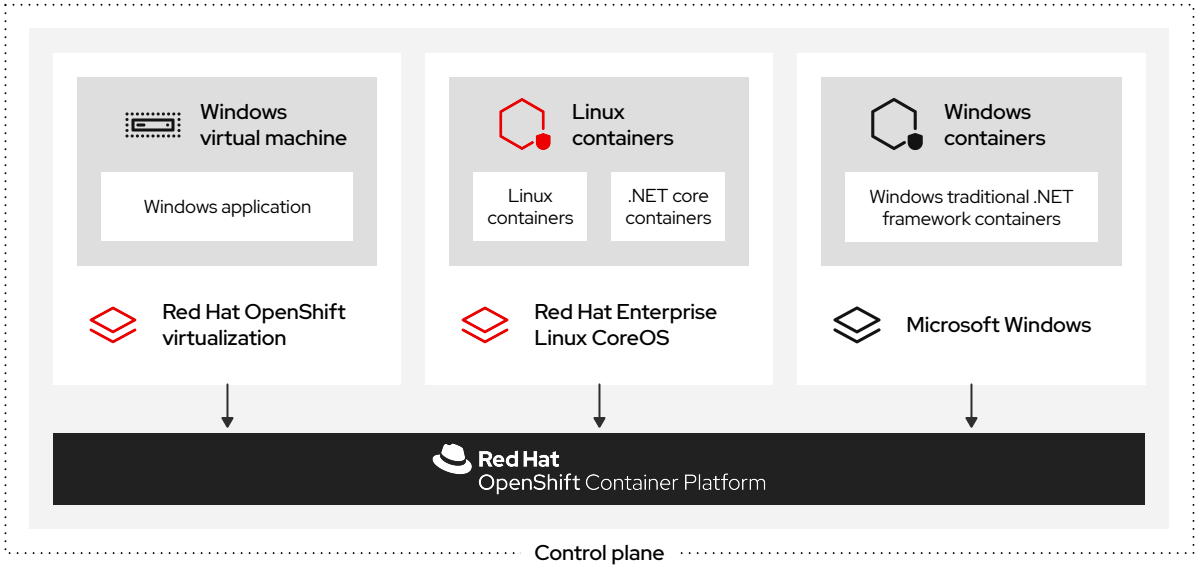

Mixed Windows and Linux workloads

- Run Linux containers on RHEL
- Run .NET core containers on RHEL
- Run traditional **.NET framework containers on Windows**
- Run **Windows VMs with CNV** (Container Native Virtualization)
- All scheduled and managed by Red Hat OpenShift

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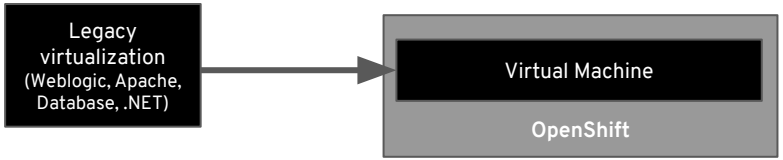
Windows for Containers or Virtualization?

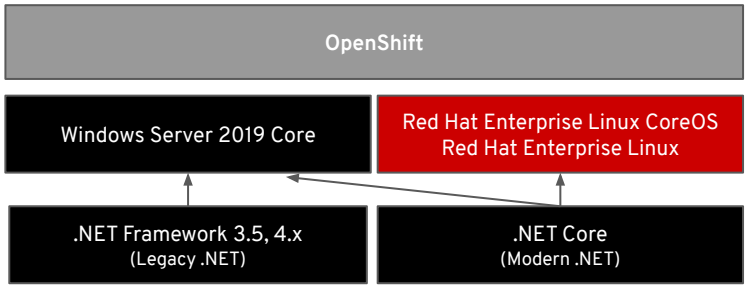
OpenShift Virtualization

- **Rehost** existing virtual machines within OpenShift with the goal of modernizing applications over time without having to rebuild



Windows for Containers

- **Refactor** traditional .NET applications on Windows Server Containers and deploy to Windows nodes on OpenShift



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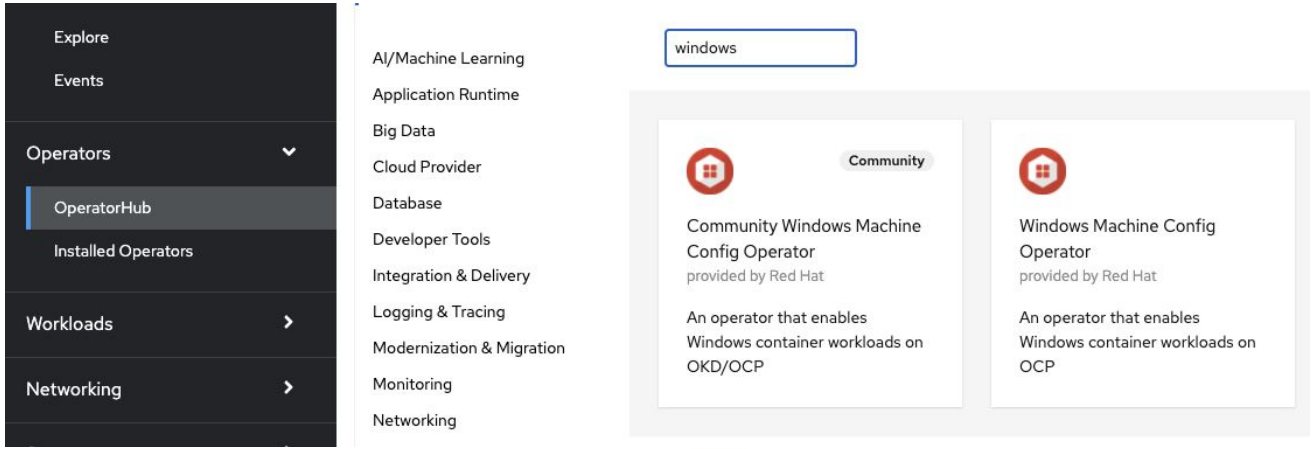
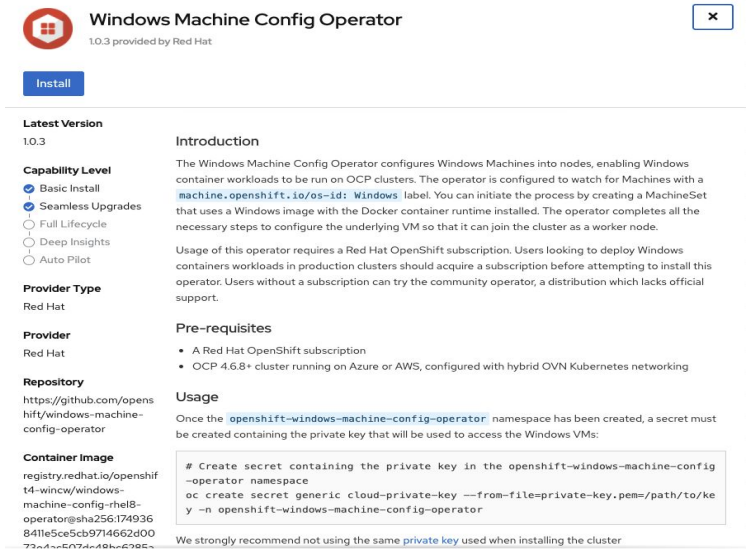
Use cases for Windows container workloads on OpenShift

Step	OpenShift Feature	Use case	Advantages	Trade Offs
Rehost	OpenShift Virtualization	Lift & Shift Windows VMs to OpenShift	Easy and low friction	No benefits of containerization
Refactor	Windows Machine Config Operator	Containerize and run traditional .Net framework apps on Windows Server Containers and deploy to Windows worker nodes on OCP	Benefits of containerization & OpenShift	Evolving Windows container ecosystem, supported only for newer version of Windows including Windows Server 2019
Rearchitect	RHEL/RHCOS containers	Migrate traditional .Net frameworks apps to .Net Core and deploy to RHEL containers in OpenShift.	Full benefit of containerization and OpenShift, highly evolved community	Migration effort involved, time consuming
Rebuild	RHEL/RHCOS containers	Build Cloud Native apps using Linux containers and deploy to RHEL/RHELCoreOS on OpenShift.	Full benefit of containerization and OpenShift highly evolved community	Net new development may not be an option for customers running in maintenance mode

Technique

Windows Machine Config Operator: Available in Cluster Operator Hub





Entry Point

The Windows Machine Config Operator (WMCO) is the entry point for OpenShift customers who want to run Windows workloads on their clusters.

Day 2 Operations

The intent of this feature is to allow a cluster administrator to add a Windows worker node as a day 2 operation with a prescribed configuration to an installer provisioned OpenShift 4.6+ cluster and enable scheduling of Windows workloads.

OVN-Hybrid

The Prerequisite is an OpenShift 4.6+ cluster configured with hybrid OVN Kubernetes networking.

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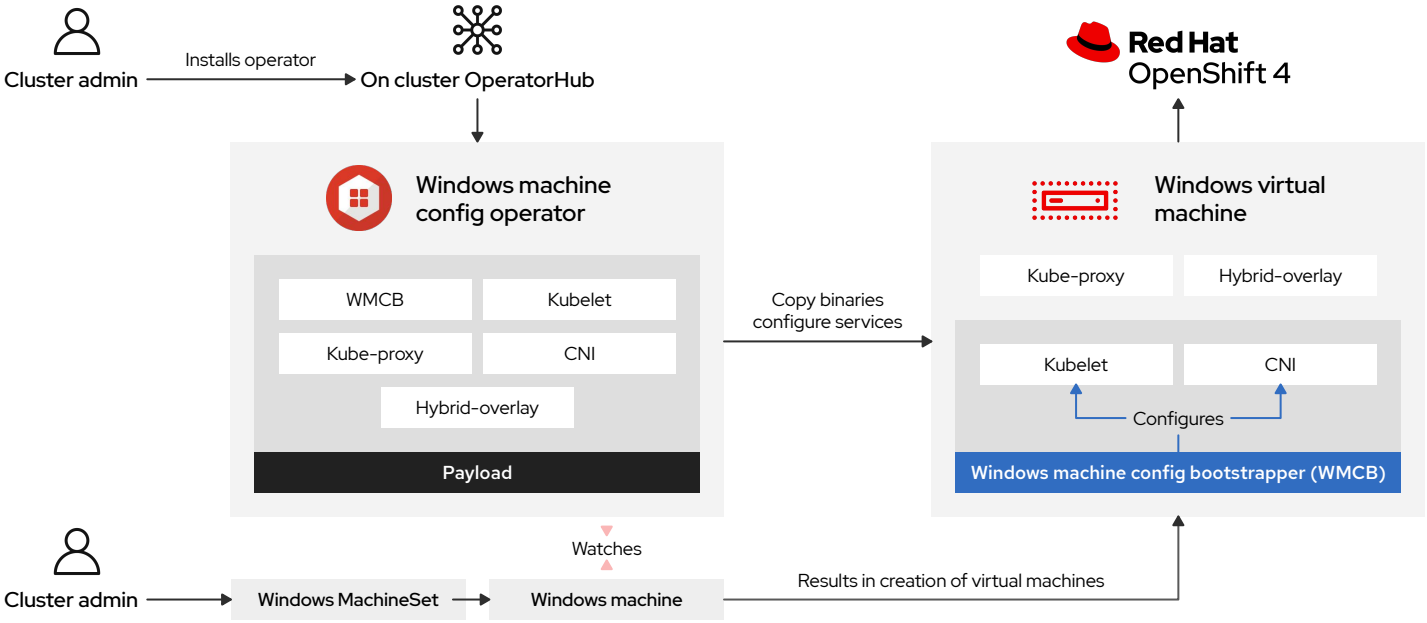
Windows Machine Config Operator Architecture



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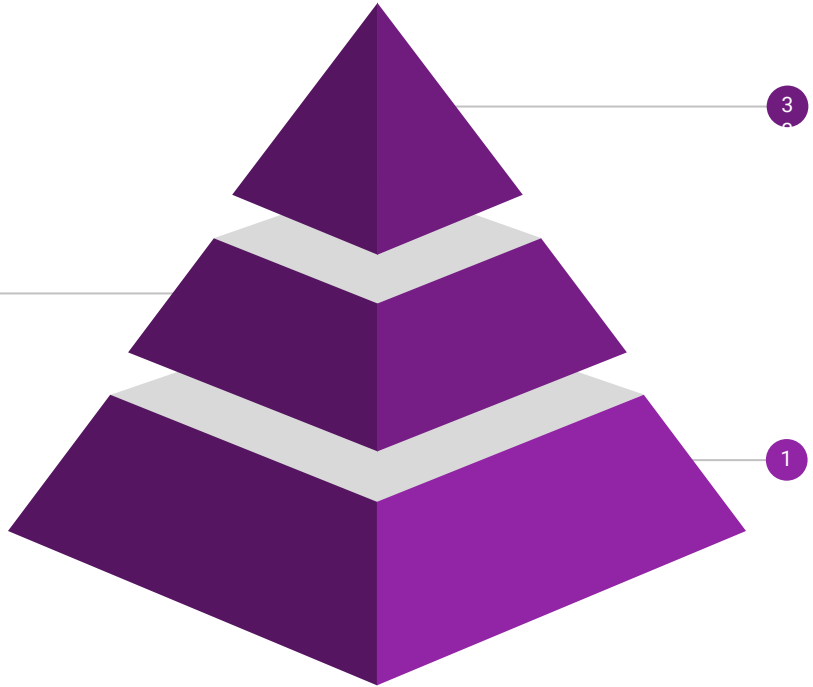

Operator configures machines to worker nodes

- The operator is configured to watch for Machines with a **machine.openshift.io/os-id**: Windows label.
- The operator will do all the necessary steps to configure the underlying VM so that it can join the cluster as a worker node.

Install Operator

Navigate to the in-cluster Operator Hub and search for the Windows Operator and Click Install

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Windows Machine Config Operator (WMCO) Workflow

Transfer binaries

Includes Windows machine config bootstrapper

Configure kubelet

Remotely execute WMCB to configure kubelet

Run hybrid-overlay

Create Red Hat Openshift HNS network

Configure CNI

Configure kubelet for CNI plugin

Set up kube-proxy

Maintains network rules on nodes allowing outside communication

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Red Hat OpenShift for Windows Containers Supported Platforms

Platform	Supported	Coming Soon
Azure	Yes	
AWS	Yes	
vSphere	Yes (OCP 4.7)	
Bare metal	No	Yes
Red Hat Virtualization	No	Yes
OpenStack	No	Yes
Host Offerings (Azure Red Hat OpenShift etc)	No	Yes

Supported Operating Systems for Windows Worker Nodes

The following Windows Server operating systems are supported in the initial release of the WMCO: Windows Server Long-Term Servicing Channel (LTSC): **Windows Server 2019***

** Has to be on version 10.0.17763.1457 or older*

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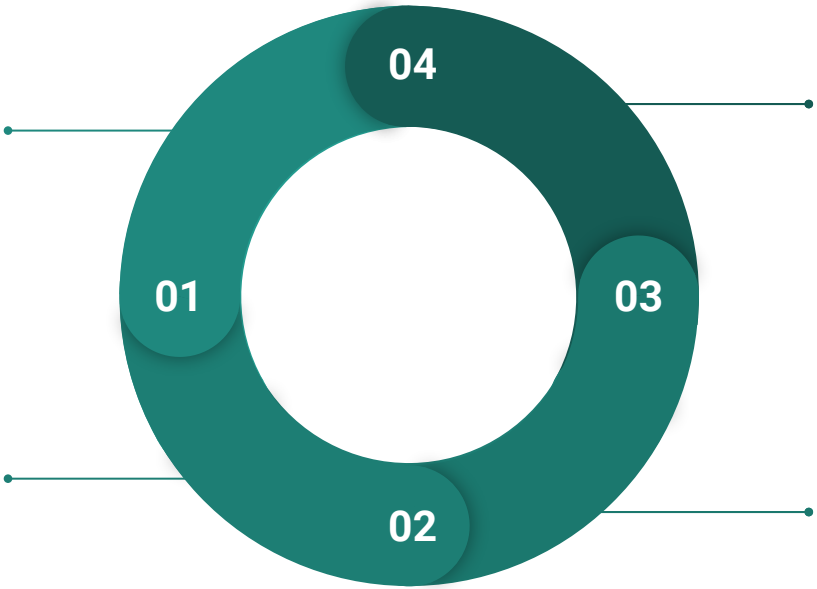
Windows Machine Config Operator Upgrade Process

New Version Released

If the current cluster version fulfills the minimum Kubernetes version requirement, OLM upgrades WMCO. If the cluster version is not high enough, the WMCO upgrade will occur once it is.

Annotate

The new WMCO reconciles as usual, ensuring that all unconfigured Windows Machines are configured and join the cluster as a node. Each of them are given an annotation indicating the WMCO version that configured them.



Detect Replacement

When a replacement Machine is created by the Machine API Operator, WMCO will reconcile again and configure the VM. This will repeat until all Windows nodes have been configured by the upgraded WMCO.

Verify Annotation

Each Windows node is checked for the WMCO version annotation, if the annotated version of a Windows node does not match the WMCO version, and the number of unavailable Windows nodes is less than maxUnhealthy value, the associated Machine is deleted.

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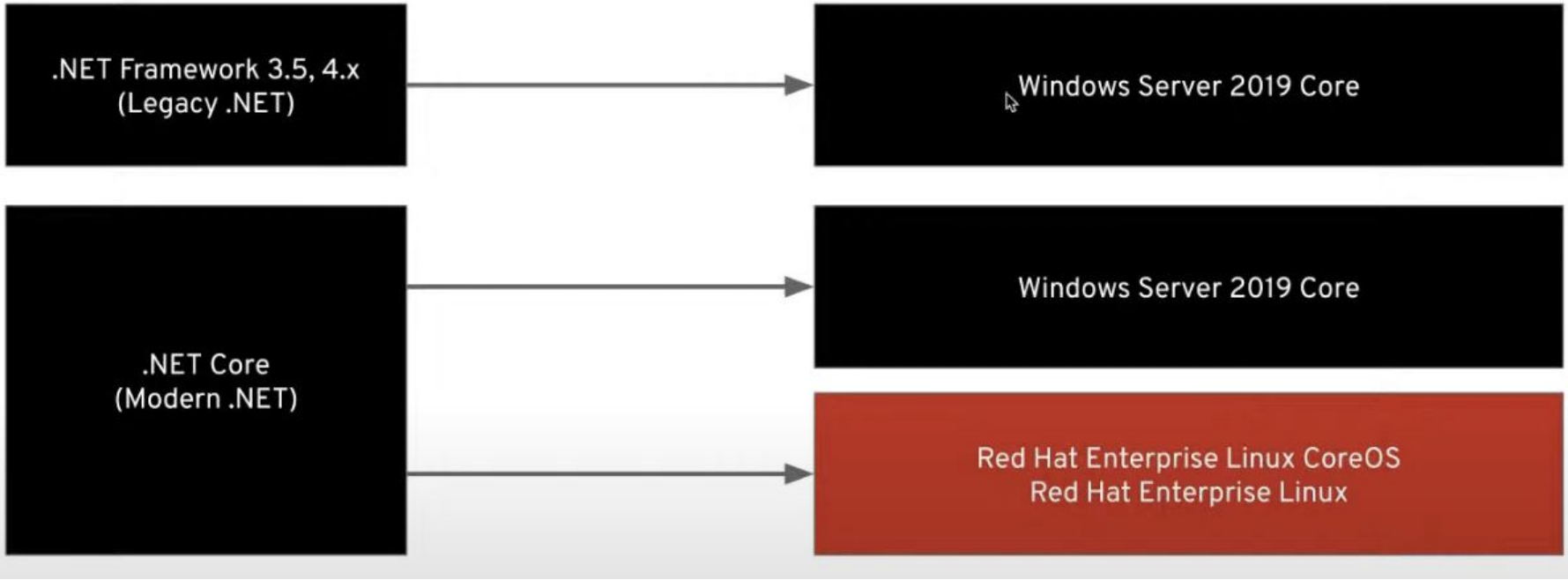
What OS to target with .NET OpenShift Containers?



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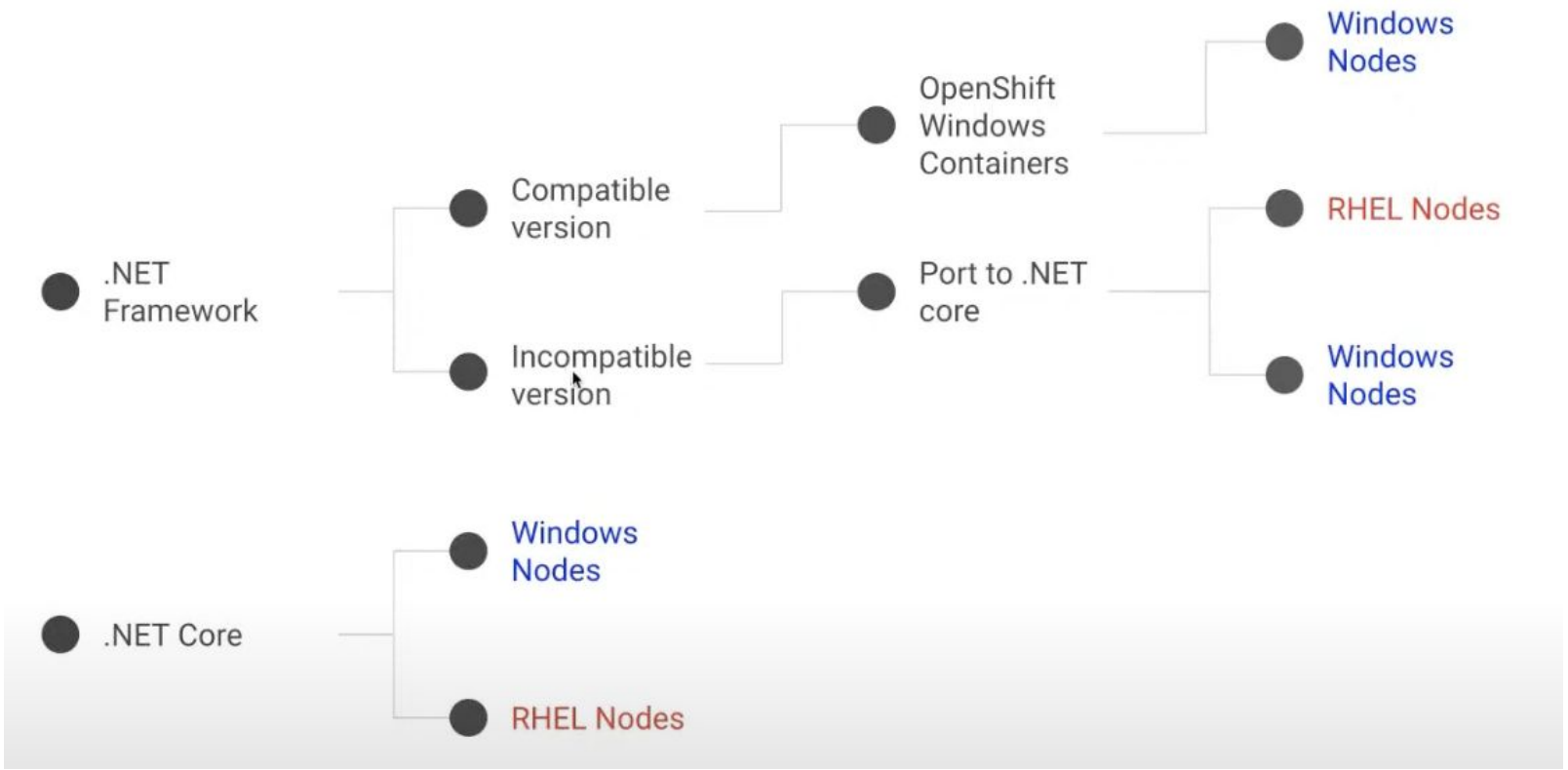
Decision Tree for .NET workloads in OpenShift



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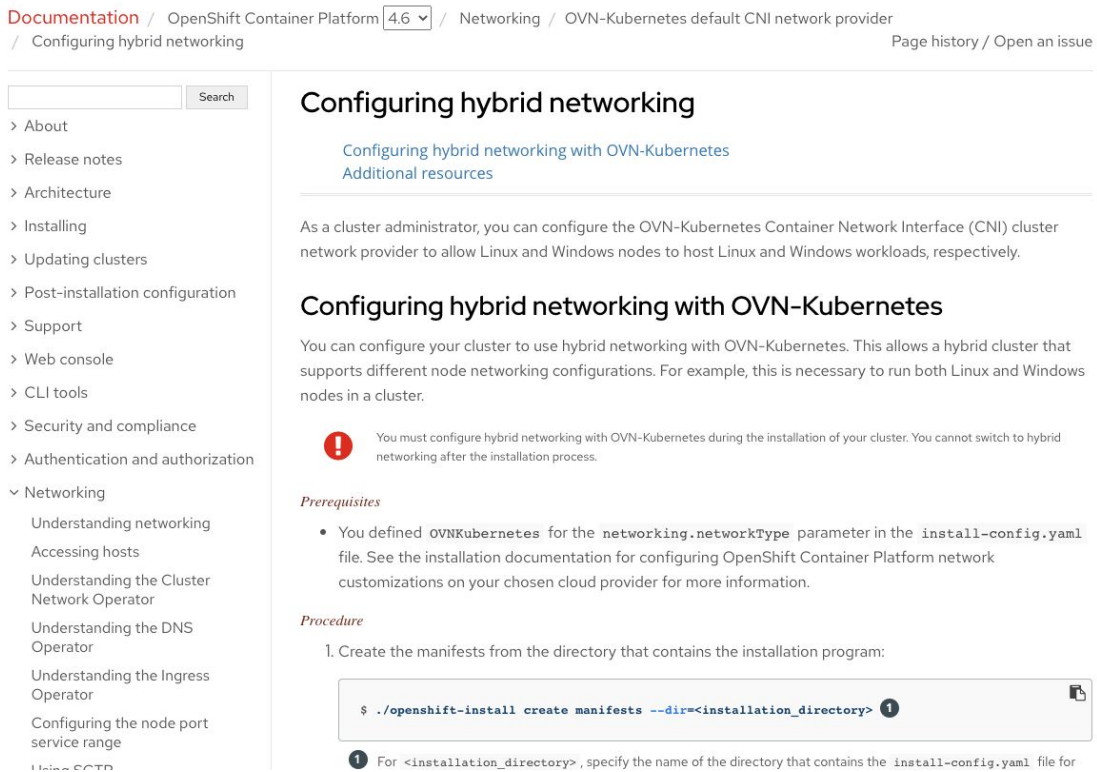
Demo #1 OpenShift IPI installation PreRequisites

PreRequisite Setup Customization

OpenShift IPI Installation - Change OpenShift SDN to OVN Hybrid Networking



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Configuring hybrid networking

Configuring hybrid networking with OVN-Kubernetes
Additional resources

As a cluster administrator, you can configure the OVN-Kubernetes Container Network Interface (CNI) cluster network provider to allow Linux and Windows nodes to host Linux and Windows workloads, respectively.

Configuring hybrid networking with OVN-Kubernetes

You can configure your cluster to use hybrid networking with OVN-Kubernetes. This allows a hybrid cluster that supports different node networking configurations. For example, this is necessary to run both Linux and Windows nodes in a cluster.

You must configure hybrid networking with OVN-Kubernetes during the installation of your cluster. You cannot switch to hybrid networking after the installation process.

Prerequisites

- You defined `OVNKubernetes` for the `networking.networkType` parameter in the `install-config.yaml` file. See the installation documentation for configuring OpenShift Container Platform network customizations on your chosen cloud provider for more information.

Procedure

1. Create the manifests from the directory that contains the installation program:

```
$ ./openshift-install create manifests --dir=<installation_directory> 1
```

1 For `<installation_directory>`, specify the name of the directory that contains the `install-config.yaml` file for

- https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.6/networking/ovn_kubernetes_network_provider/configuring-hybrid-networking.html

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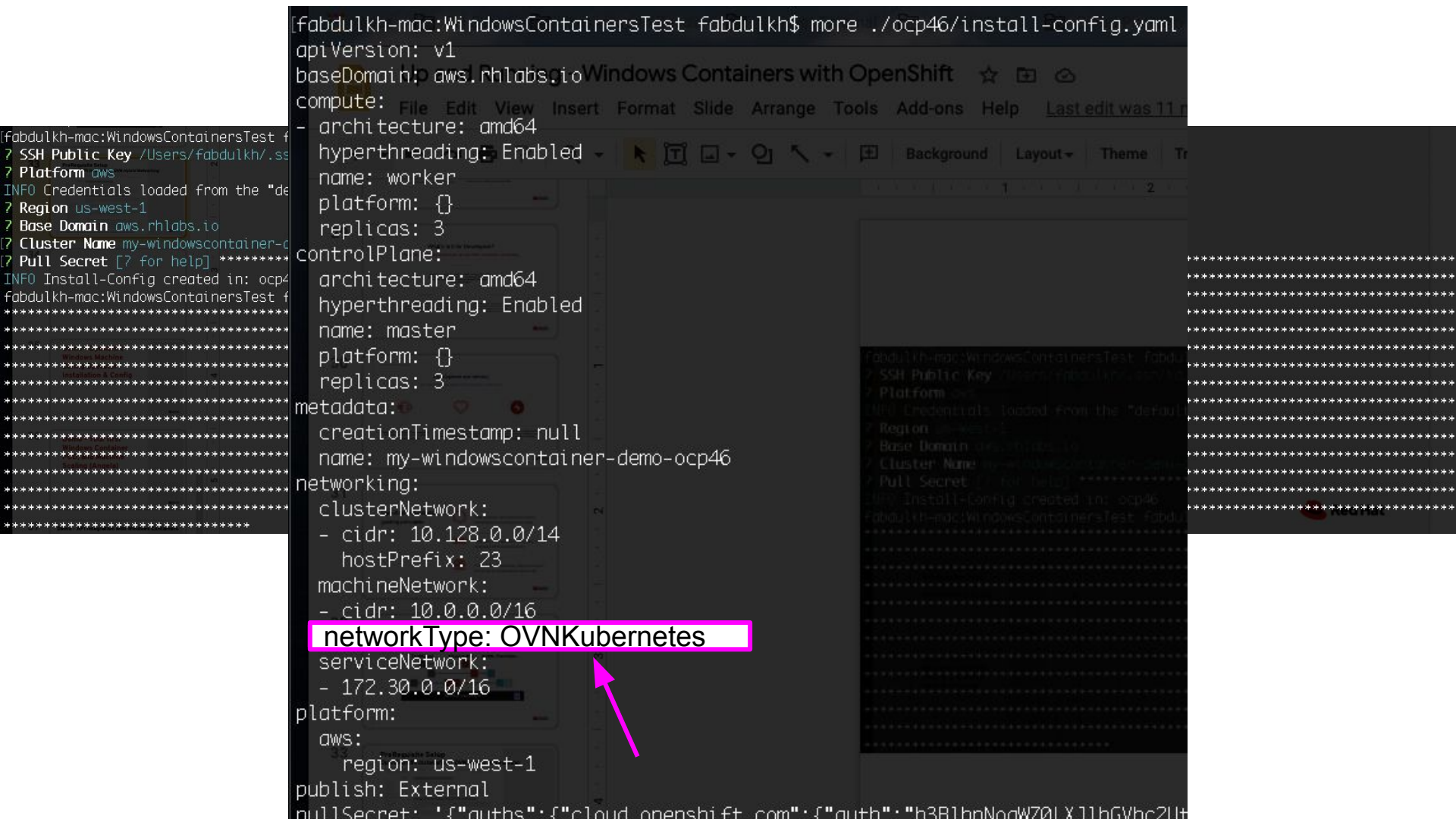
fabdulkh-mac:WindowsContainersTest fabdulkh$ more ./ocp46/install-config.yaml
apiVersion: v1
baseDomain: aws.rhlabs.io
compute:
- architecture: amd64
  hyperthreading: Enabled
  name: worker
  platform: {}
  replicas: 3
controlPlane:
  architecture: amd64
  hyperthreading: Enabled
  name: master
  platform: {}
  replicas: 3
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  name: my-windowscontainer-demo-ocp46
networking:
  clusterNetwork:
  - cidr: 10.128.0.0/14
    hostPrefix: 23
  machineNetwork:
  - cidr: 10.0.0.0/16
  networkType: OVNKubernetes
  serviceNetwork:
  - 172.30.0.0/16
platform:
  aws:
    region: us-west-1
publish: External
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```
fabdulkh-mac:WindowsContainersTest fabdulkh$ openshift-install create manifests --dir=ocp46
INFO Credentials loaded from the "default" profile in file "/Users/fabdulkh/.aws/credentials"
INFO Consuming Install Config from target directory
INFO Manifests created in: ocp46/manifests and ocp46/openshift
fabdulkh-mac:WindowsContainersTest fabdulkh$ tree ocp46
ocp46
├── manifests
│   ├── 04-openshift-machine-config-operator.yaml
│   ├── cluster-config.yaml
│   ├── cluster-dns-02-config.yml
│   ├── cluster-infrastructure-02-config.yml
│   ├── cluster-ingress-02-config.yml
│   ├── cluster-network-01-crd.yml
│   ├── cluster-network-02-config.yml
│   ├── cluster-proxy-01-config.yaml
│   ├── cluster-scheduler-02-config.yml
│   ├── cvo-overrides.yaml
│   ├── etcd-ca-bundle-configmap.yaml
│   ├── etcd-client-secret.yaml
│   ├── etcd-metric-client-secret.yaml
│   ├── etcd-metric-serving-ca-configmap.yaml
│   ├── etcd-metric-signer-secret.yaml
│   ├── etcd-namespace.yaml
│   ├── etcd-service.yaml
│   ├── etcd-serving-ca-configmap.yaml
│   ├── etcd-signer-secret.yaml
│   ├── kube-cloud-config.yaml
│   ├── kube-system-configmap-root-ca.yaml
│   ├── machine-config-server-tls-secret.yaml
│   └── openshift-config-secret-pull-secret.yaml
└── openshift
    ├── 99_cloud-creds-secret.yaml
    ├── 99_kubeadmin-password-secret.yaml
    ├── 99_openshift-cluster-api_master-machines-0.yaml
    ├── 99_openshift-cluster-api_master-machines-1.yaml
    ├── 99_openshift-cluster-api_master-machines-2.yaml
    ├── 99_openshift-cluster-api_master-user-data-secret.yaml
    ├── 99_openshift-cluster-api_worker-machineset-0.yaml
    ├── 99_openshift-cluster-api_worker-machineset-1.yaml
    ├── 99_openshift-cluster-api_worker-user-data-secret.yaml
```

3. Open the `cluster-network-03-config.yml` file and configure OVN-Kubernetes with hybrid networking. For example:

```
apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1
kind: Network
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  name: cluster
spec: (1)
  clusterNetwork: (2)
  - cidr: 10.128.0.0/14
    hostPrefix: 23
  externalIP:
    policy: {}
  serviceNetwork:
  - 172.30.0.0/16
  defaultNetwork:
    type: OVNKubernetes (3)
    ovnKubernetesConfig:
      hybridOverlayConfig:
        hybridClusterNetwork: (4)
        - cidr: 10.132.0.0/14
          hostPrefix: 23
status: {}
```

```
fabdulkh-mac:WindowsContainersTest fabdulkh$ cat > ./ocp46/cluster-network-03-config.yml
apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1
kind: Network
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  name: cluster
spec:
  clusterNetwork:
  - cidr: 10.128.0.0/14
    hostPrefix: 23
  externalIP:
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Demo #2 OpenShift Windows Machine Config Operator Installation & Config (Hanvitha)

Windows Machine Config Operator Workflow

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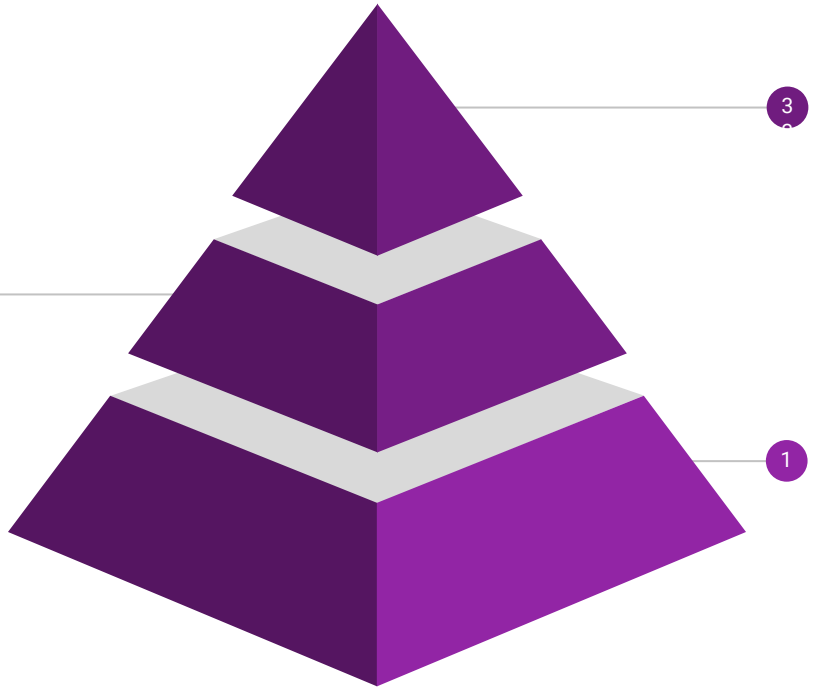

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Demo #3:
Build a Windows Container/Application and Machine Scaling

Openshift MachineSets

MachineSets help define configurations for node deployments (e.g. availability zones, node name, labels, etc.)

To view current machines:

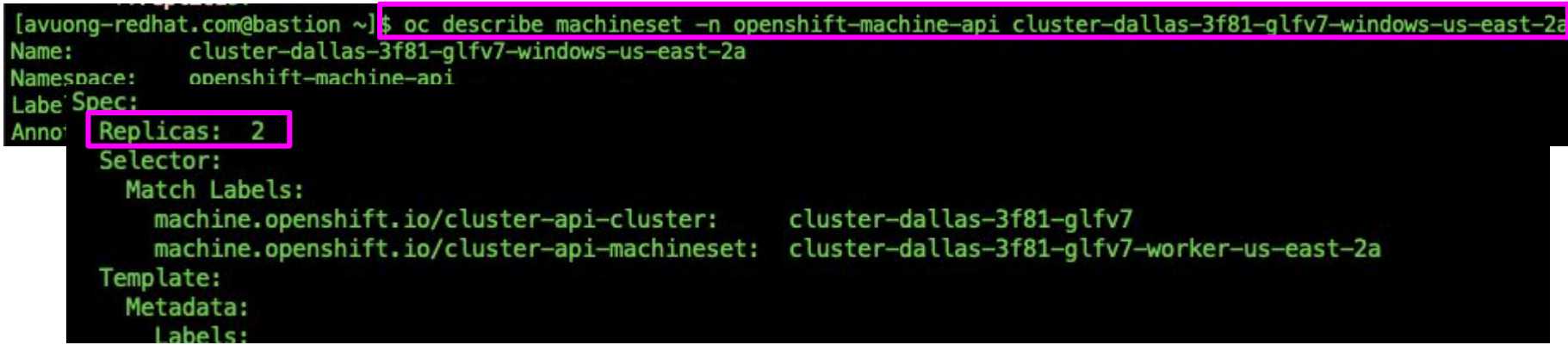
```
$ oc get machines -n openshift-machine-api
```

To view MachineSet configuration of machine:

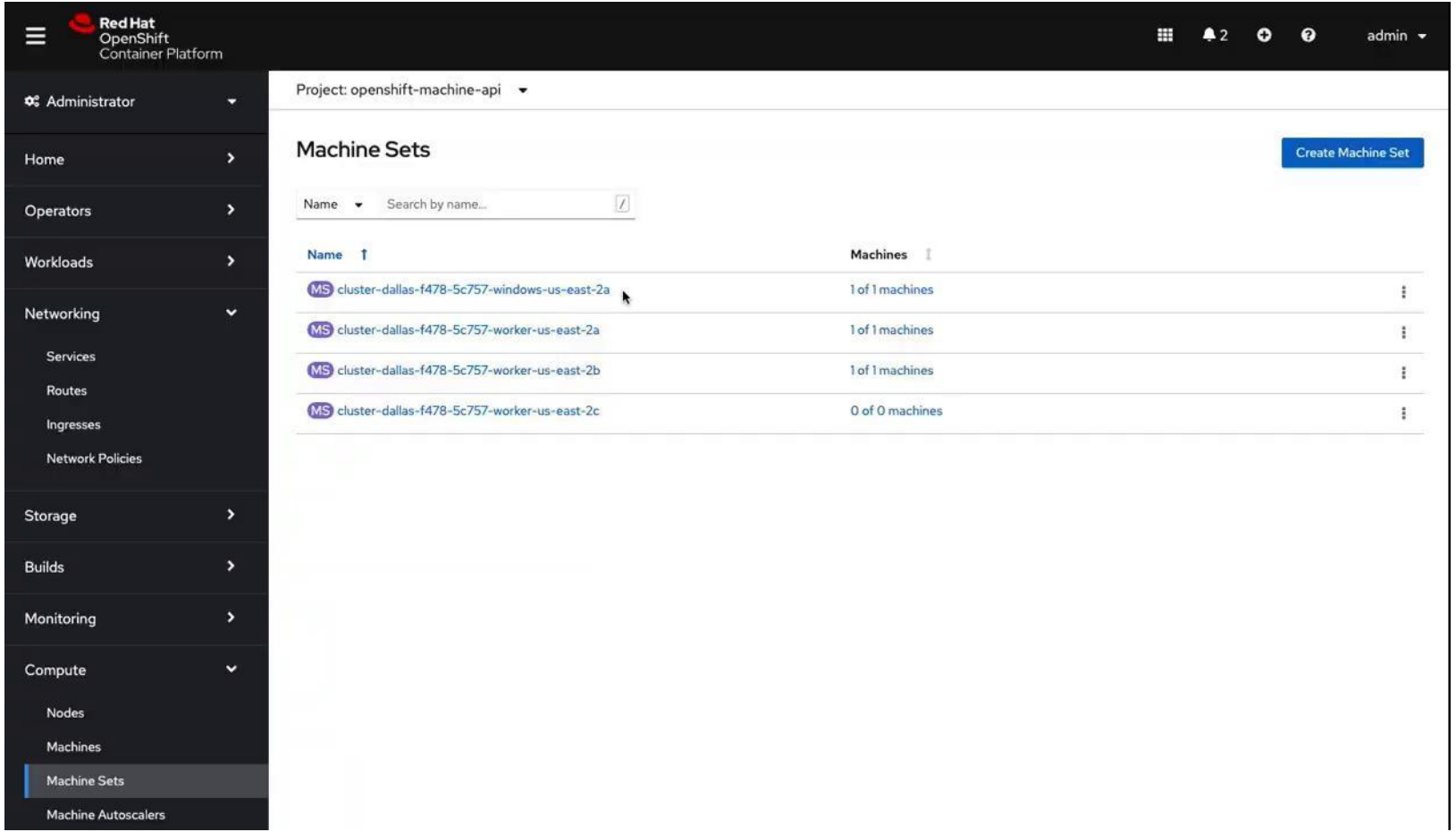
```
$ oc describe machineset -n openshift-machine-api <machine-name>
```

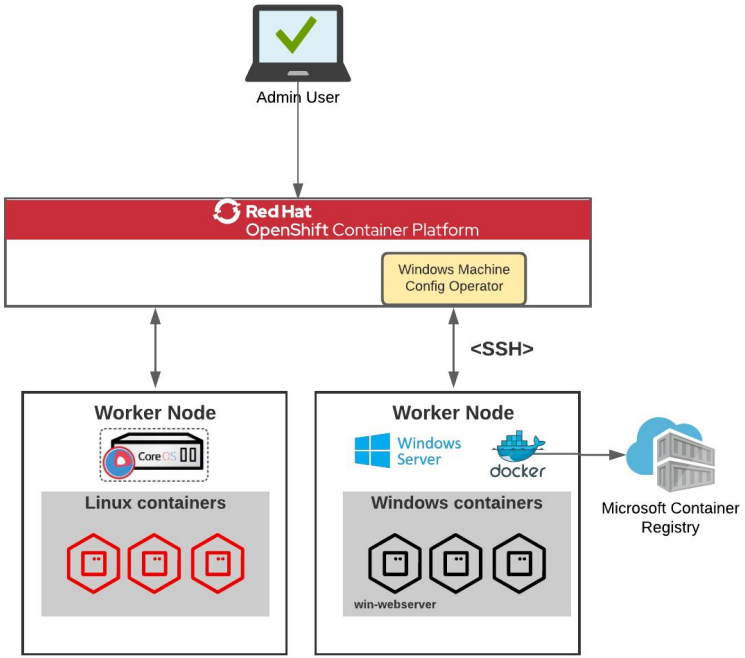
To scale MachineSet:

```
$ oc scale machineset -n openshift-machine-api <machine-name> --replicas=2
```



Scaling up Machines in OCP





In this demo:

We will deploy a **Windows Web Server application** on the Windows node in Openshift.

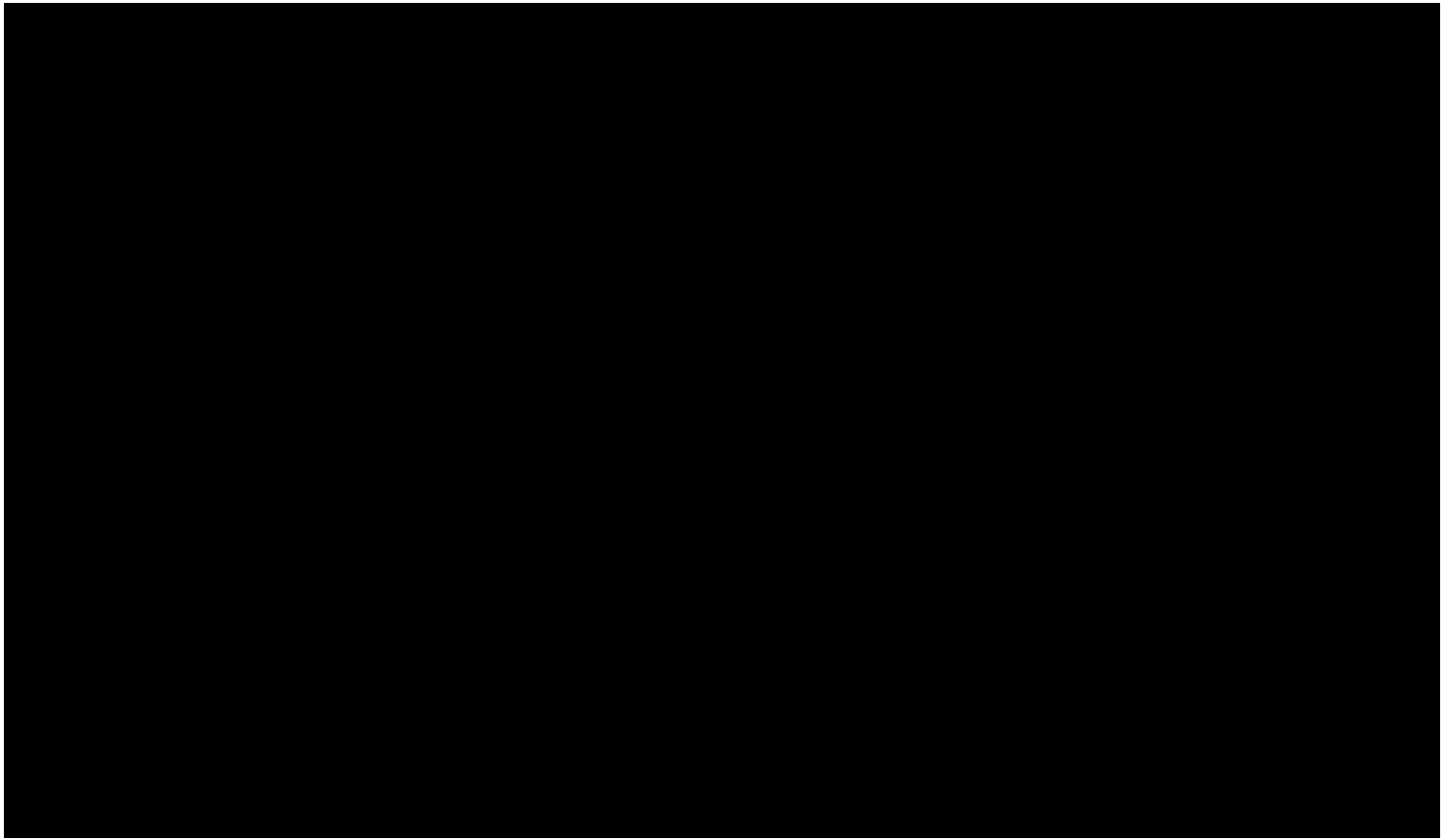
Procedure:

1. Pull a Windows Server 2019 base image from mcr.microsoft.com repository using docker
2. Deploy the Windows Web Server application container on Openshift (using 'oc' command)
3. Verify a Windows Web Server pod was created for the application
4. Create a route for the Windows Web Server service
5. Verify we can access the Windows Web Server application externally

Win-WebServer configuration files:

https://github.com/angelavuong/ocp4-windows-containers

Building Windows Server app on OCP



Important ‘oc’ Commands

To view OCP clusters:

```
$ oc get nodes -o wide
```

To remote shell into WMCO pod:

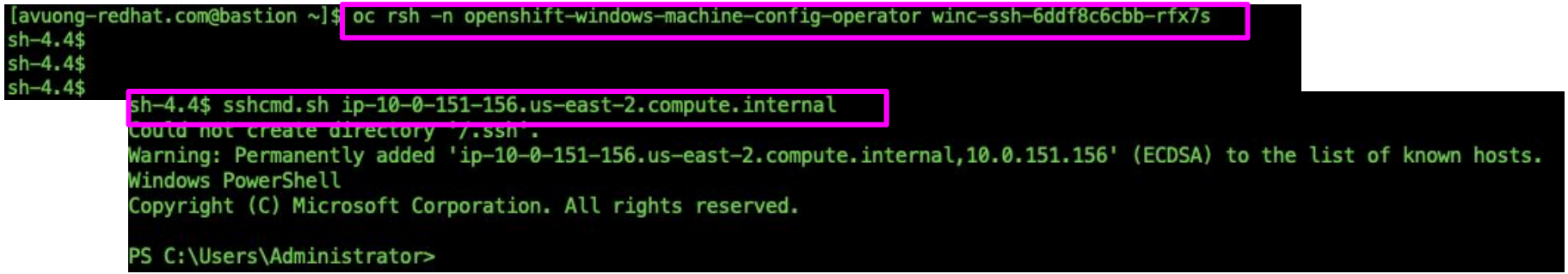
```
$ oc -n openshift-windows-machine-config-operator rsh $(oc get pods -n
openshift-windows-machine-config-operator -l app=winc-ssh -o name)
```

To remote shell into Windows node (from WMCO pod):

```
$ sshcmd.sh <windows-wmco-pod>
```

To access Windows application pod:

```
$ oc exec -it $(oc get pods -l app=win-webserver -o name) powershell
```



Demo #4:
API Integration between Linux and Windows Containers

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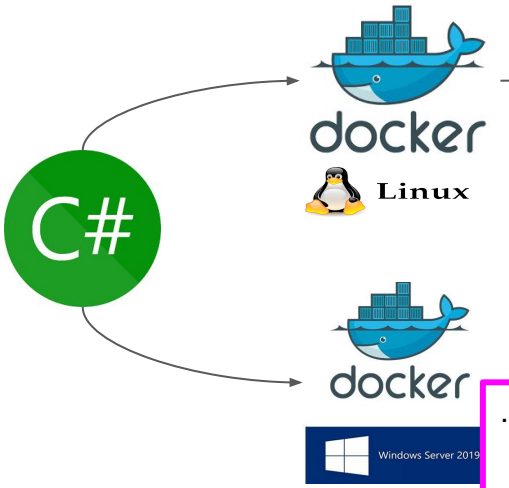


```
FROM mcr.microsoft.cor
WORKDIR /app

# copy csproj and restor
COPY *.csproj .
RUN dotnet restore

# copy everything else a
COPY . .
```

```
……..
   spec:
     Containers:
……..
     nodeSelector:
       kubernetes.io/os: windows
……..
     tolerations:
       - key: os
         value: Windows
……..
```

```
fabdulkh-mac:cross-plat-docker-test fabdulkh$ oc create -f
crossplat-app-linux.yaml
deployment.apps/crossplat-app-linux created
service/crossplat-app-linux created
route.route.openshift.io/crossplat-app-linux created

fabdulkh-mac:cross-plat-docker-test fabdulkh$ oc create -f
crossplat-app-windows.yaml
deployment.apps/crossplat-app-windows created
service/crossplat-app-windows created
route.route.openshift.io/crossplat-app-windows created
```

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FAQ

- What happens without a OVN Hybrid set at the OpenShift Cluster?

- Where to locate machine set examples
  https://github.com/openshift/windows-machine-config-operator
- **What's the difference between Linux and Windows Server containers?**

  Linux and Windows Server both implement similar technologies within their kernel and core operating systems. The difference comes from the platform and workloads that run within the containers.

  When a customer uses Windows Server containers, they can integrate with existing Windows technologies, such as .NET, ASP.NET, and PowerShell.