

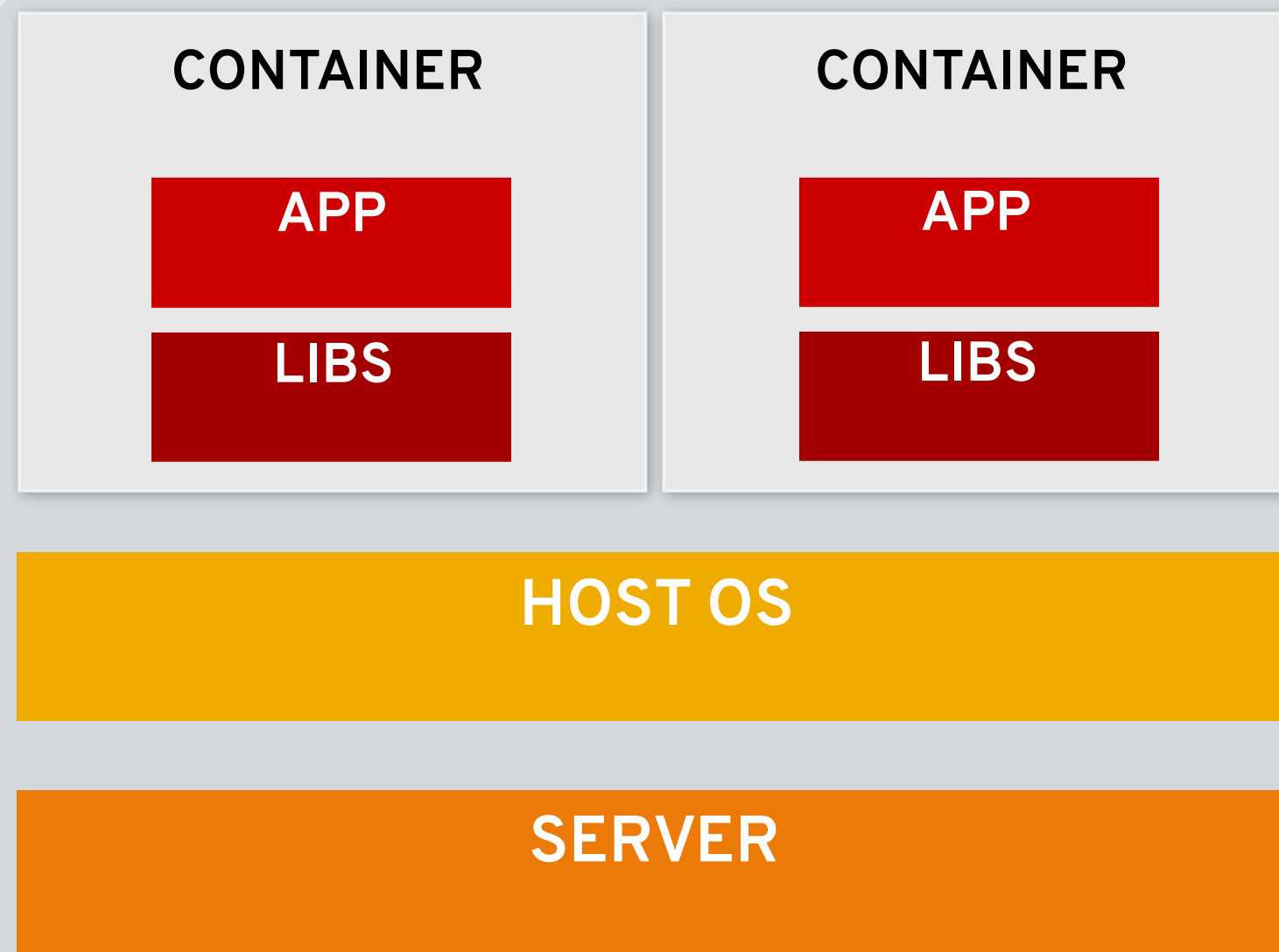


# STORAGE FOR OPENSIFT CONTAINERS feat. RED HAT GLUSTER STORAGE

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# LINUX CONTAINERS:

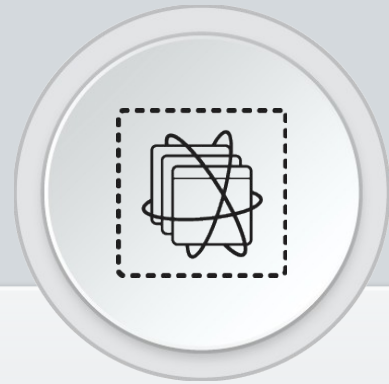
Software packaging concept that typically includes an application and all of its runtime dependencies



## BENEFITS

- **HIGHER** quality software releases
- **SHORTER** test cycles
- **EASIER** application management

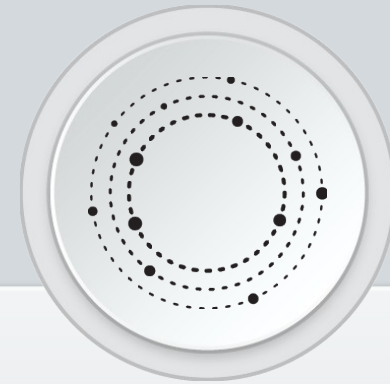
# CONTAINERS V.S. VIRTUALIZATION



## Containers

- Abstracts OS Kernel
  - Limited to Linux
- One CPU and memory mgr
  - Up in seconds
  - 100s or 1000s
- Multiple copies of single app

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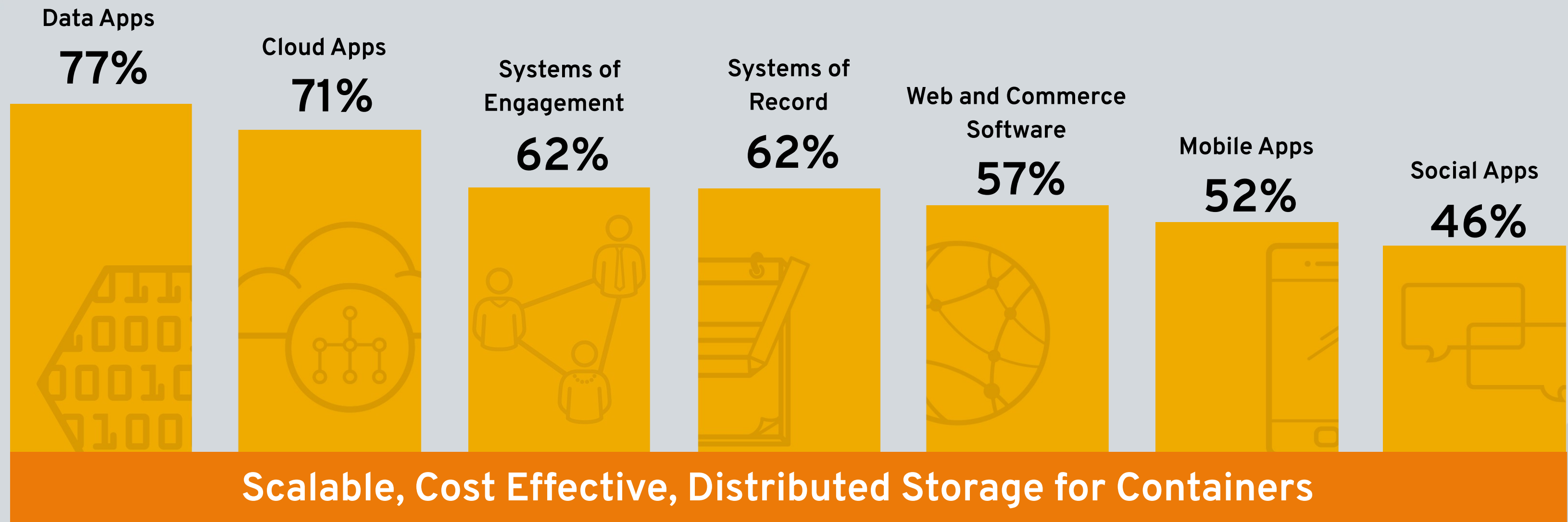


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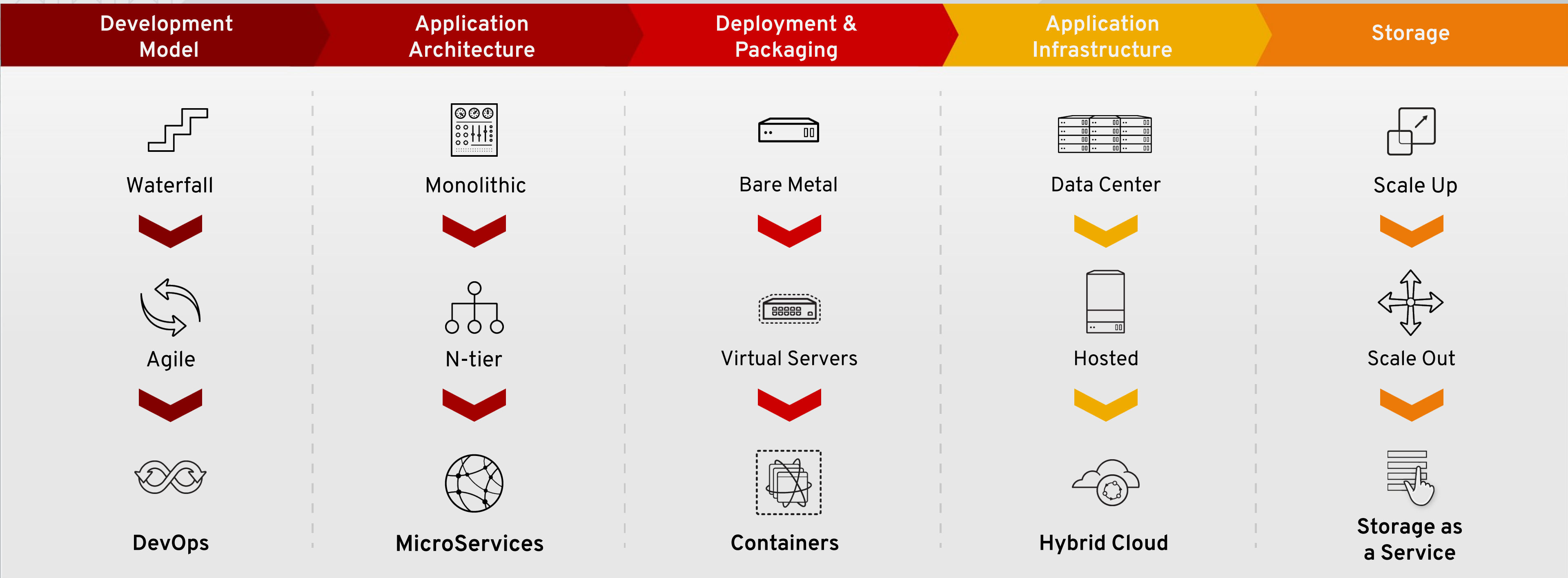
- Abstracts entire device
  - Any Operating System
- Two CPU and memory mgrs
  - Up in hours or days
  - 10s or 100s
- Multiple apps

# WHY PERSISTENT STORAGE FOR CONTAINERS?

“For which workloads or application use cases have you used/do you anticipate to use containers?”



# THE ROAD TO STORAGE AS A SERVICE



# STORAGE INNOVATION FOR CONTAINERIZED APPLICATIONS



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Ceph RBD

Amazon EBS

Fiber Channel

GCE

iSCSI

NFS

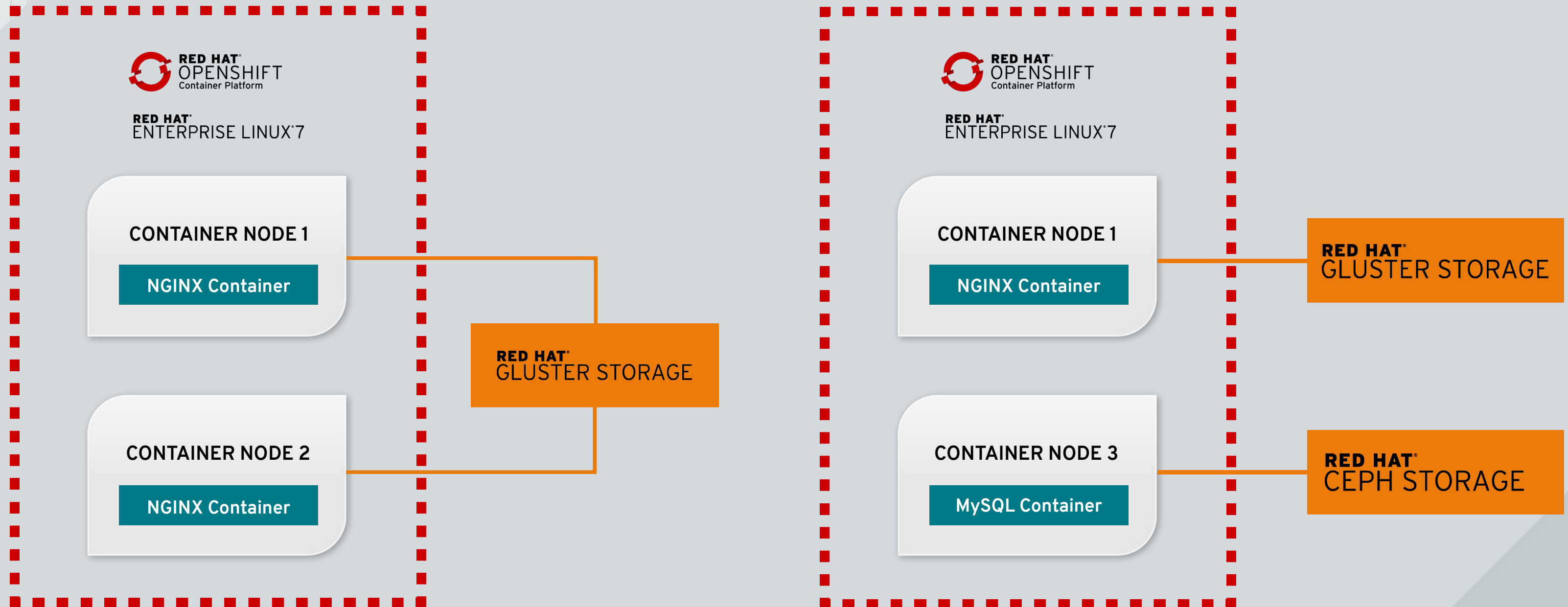
GlusterFS

AUTOMATED CONFIGURATION

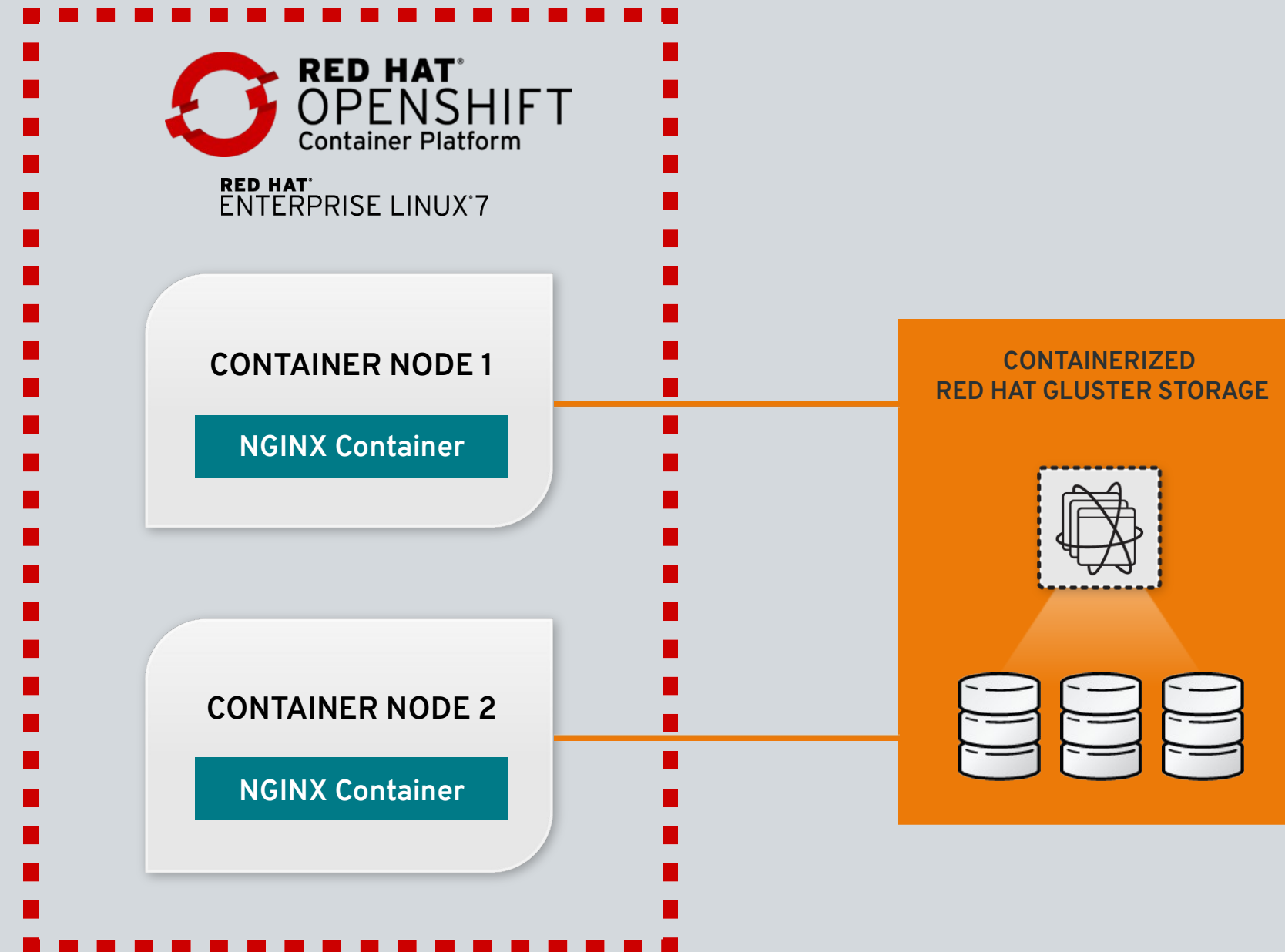
SINGLE CONTROL PANEL

CHOICE OF PERSISTENT STORAGE

# CONTAINER READY STORAGE

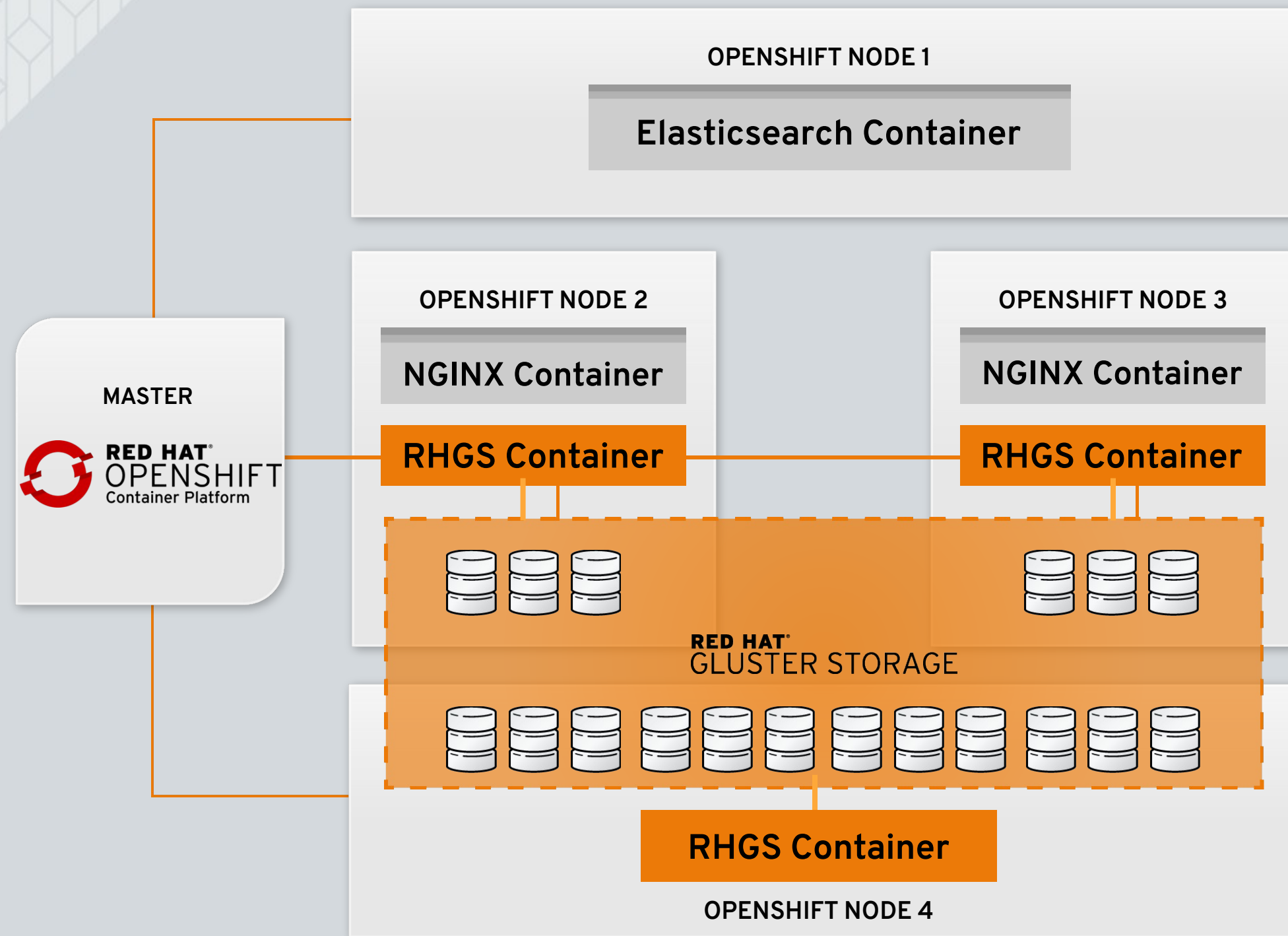


# CONTAINERIZED RED HAT GLUSTER STORAGE





# CONTAINER-NATIVE STORAGE



Lower TCO

Unified Orchestration

Ease of Use

Greater control

# THE RED HAT STACK – FROM PAAS TO STORAGE

 **OPENSHIFT**  
marketplace

**RED HAT® JBOSS®**  
MIDDLEWARE

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SATELLITE

**xPaaS**

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STORAGE

DevOps Tools and User Experience

Language Runtimes and Middleware

Databases and Other Services

Container Orchestration and Management

Container API

Container Host

Storage

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Container Platform

 **kubernetes**  
by Google

 docker

 **redhat**  
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# DRIVING THE FUTURE OF STORAGE

## CONTAINER READY STORAGE

### RED HAT® GLUSTER STORAGE

Nov 2015

- Dedicated storage cluster for containerized and PaaS environments
- Supported for OpenShift Enterprise

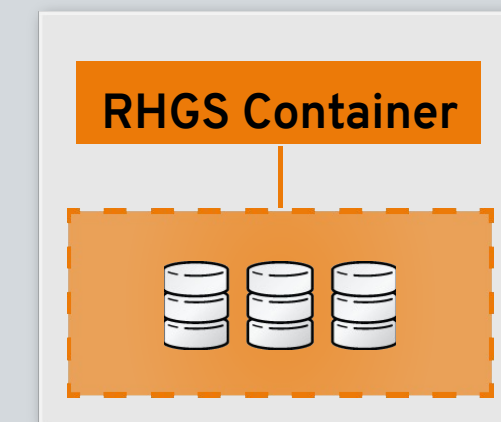
## CONTAINERIZED RHGS



Mar 2016

- Containerized Red Hat Gluster Storage serving storage from a dedicated storage cluster
- Optimized for applications running on RHEL 7, OpenShift Enterprise, and RHEL Container Host

## CONTAINER-NATIVE STORAGE



Summer 2016

- Containerized Red Hat Gluster Storage inside OpenShift Container Platform hyper converged with application containers
- Red Hat Gluster Storage cluster comprised of disks from multiple container cluster nodes

CONVERGENCE OF STORAGE AND COMPUTE

# RED HAT GLUSTER STORAGE ADVANTAGES

## OPEN

Open, software-defined distributed file and object storage system

- Based on GlusterFS open source community project
- Uses proven local file system (XFS)
- Data is stored in native format

## SCALABLE

No Metadata Server

- Uses an elastic hashing algorithm for data placement
- Uses local filesystem's xattrs to store metadata
- Nothing shared scale-out architecture

## ACCESSIBLE

Multi-Protocol the Same Data

- Global name space
- NFS, SMB, object, HDFS, Gluster native protocol
- Posix compliant

## MODULAR

No Kernel Dependencies

- GlusterFS is based on filesystem in userspace (FUSE)
- Modular stackable arch allows easy addition of features  
...without being tied to any kernel version

## ALWAYS-ON

High-Availability across data, systems and applications

- Synchronous replication with self-healing for server failure
- Asynchronous geo-replication for site failure

# HOW IS GLUSTER DEPLOYED?

## Red Hat Gluster Storage

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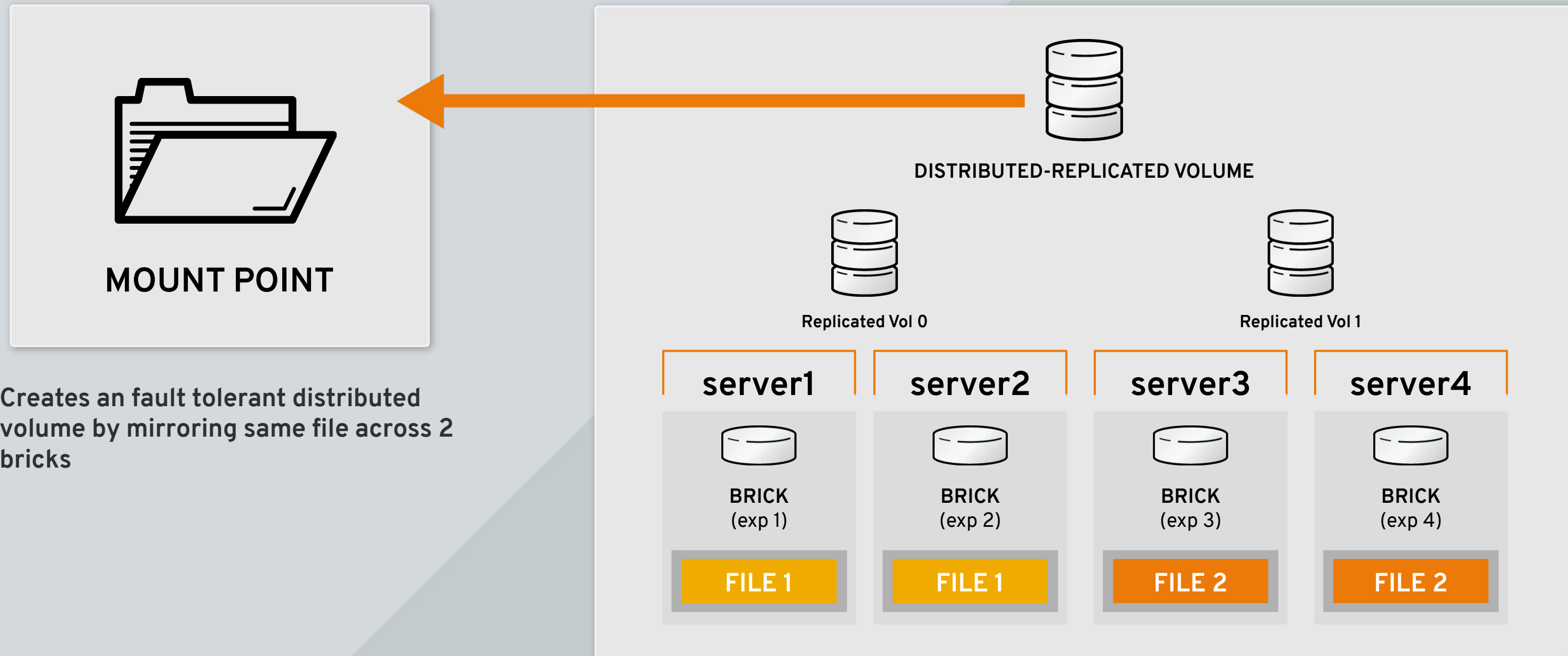
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# DATA PLACEMENT BEST PRACTICE

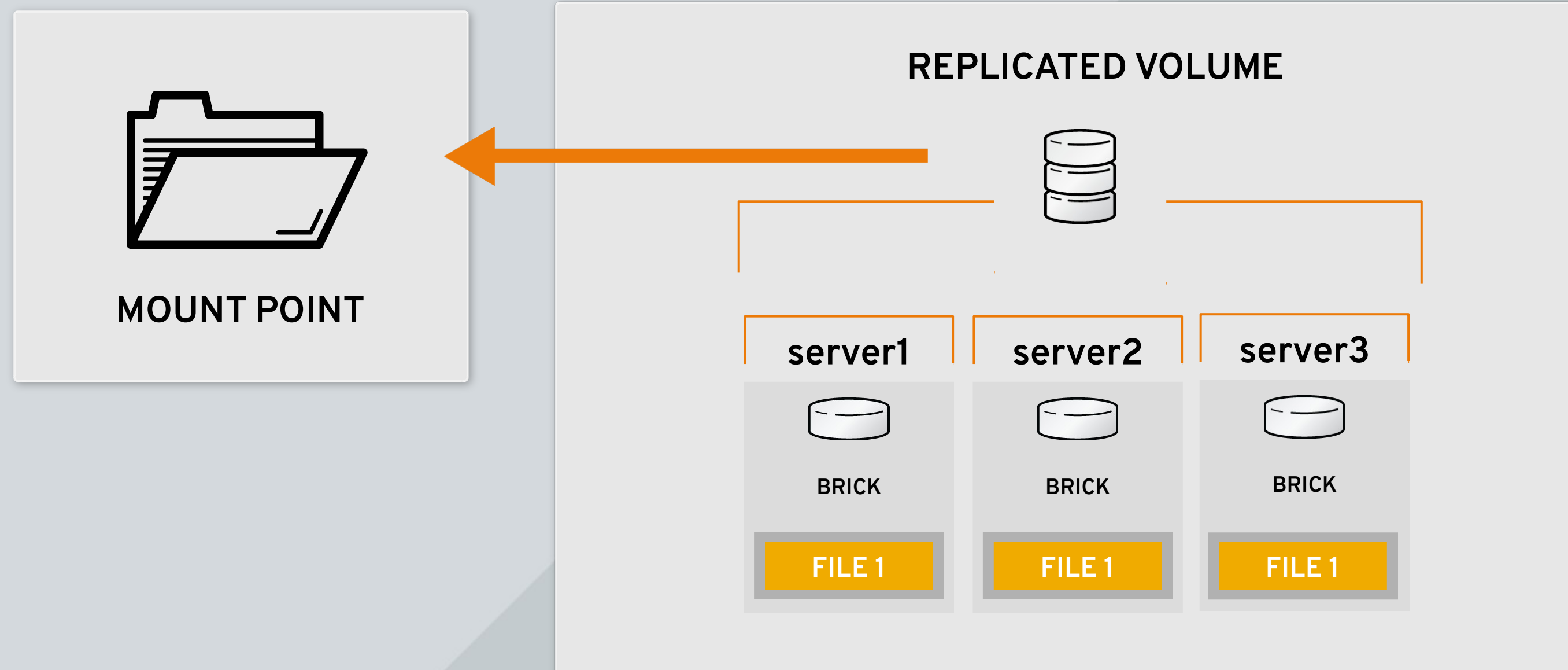
## Distributed-Replicated Volume



Creates an fault tolerant distributed volume by mirroring same file across 2 bricks

# DATA PLACEMENT FOR CONTAINER NATIVE

Replicated Volume



# GlusterFS NATIVE CLIENT

- **BASED ON FUSE KERNEL MODULE**, which allows the file system to operate entirely in userspace
- **SPECIFY MOUNT** to any GlusterFS server
- **NATIVE CLIENT** fetches volfile from mount server, then communicates directly with all nodes to access data

**Load inherently balanced across distributed volumes  
Recommended for high concurrency & high write performance**



# A PEEK OVER THE HORIZON

Community Innovation

Greater Integration



Storage as a Microservice



Storage Communities



[redhattechnicalseries.com/storage](https://redhattechnicalseries.com/storage)



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