

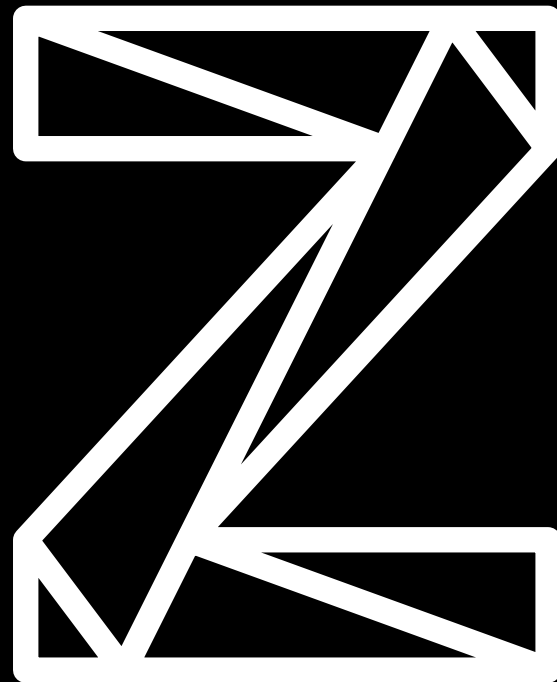
# Break-out Session on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform for IBM Z® & LinuxONE

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# Mainframe Break-out

Speaker Introduction

Why and benefits of  
Hybrid Multi-Cloud  
environments on IBM  
Z & LinuxONE?

What does RH OCP  
look like on IBM Z &  
LinuxONE?

Open Discussion

# Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform for IBM Z & LinuxONE



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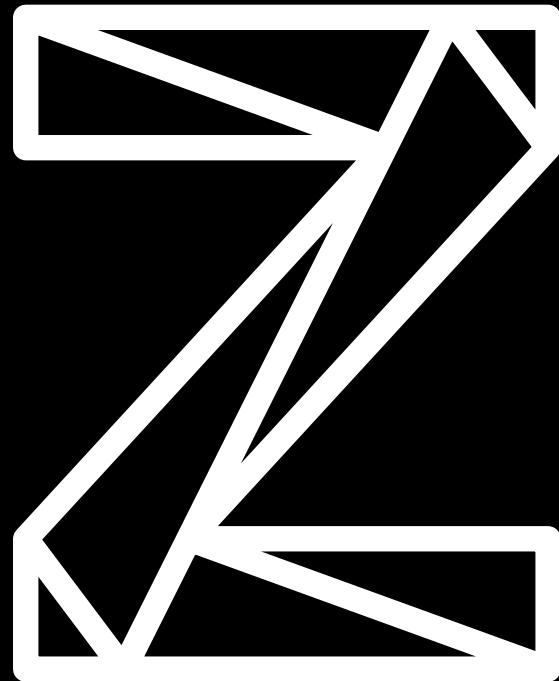
## Red Hat

### OpenShift Container Platform for IBM Z® & LinuxONE

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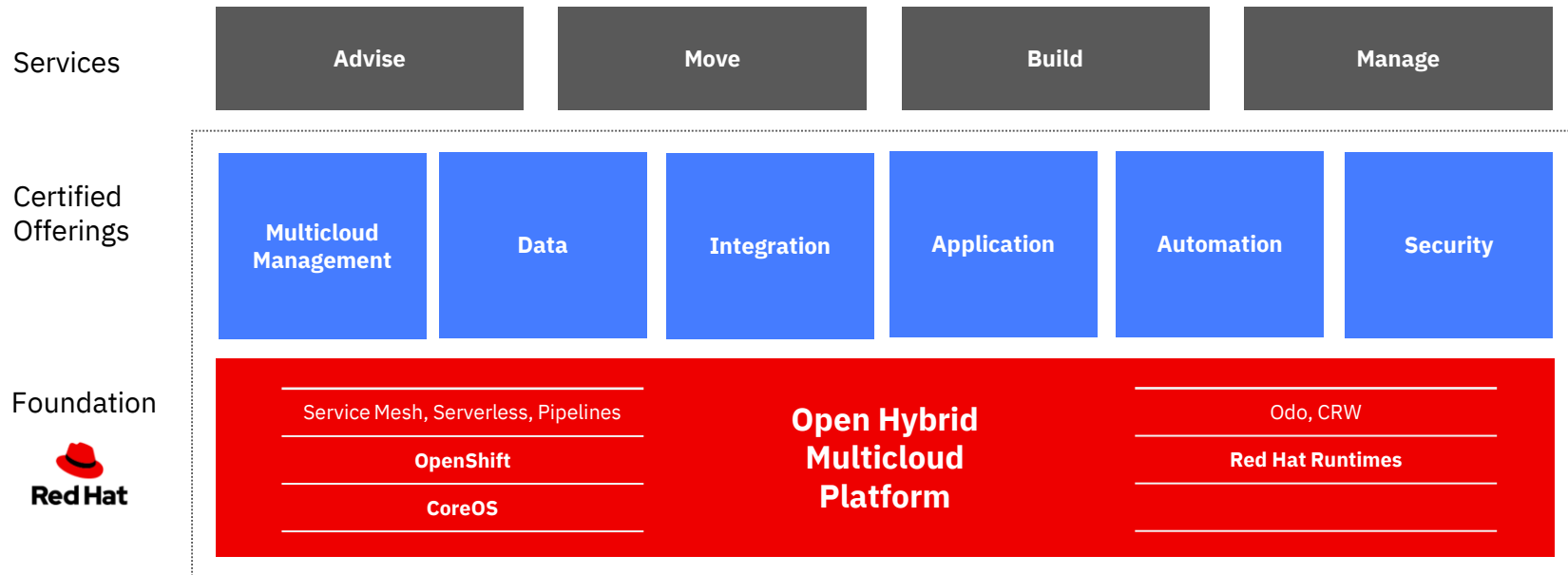
IBM's  
Hybrid Multicloud  
Strategy for IBM Z &  
LinuxONE

IBM Cloud Paks for  
IBM Z & LinuxONE

Overview of  
**Red Hat OpenShift  
Container Platform for  
IBM Z & LinuxONE**

# Creating the world's leading hybrid cloud provider

## IBM® Hybrid Multicloud Strategy



Infrastructure

IBM Z®  
IBM LinuxONE™

IBM Power Systems™

IBM Cloud™

AWS™  
Azure™  
Google Cloud™

# Why Hybrid Multi-Cloud with IBM Z & LinuxONE

## Benefits on IBM Z

Low Latency and Large Volume **Data Serving** and **Transaction processing**

Enterprise class infrastructure – **Elastic, Scalable, Available and Resilient**

Highest levels of **Security and Compliance**



## Adoption Patterns

Enterprise scale **Private Cloud-in-a-Box**

**Digital Transformation and Modernization** for Apps

Built-in secure enclaves for **Zero Trust Cloud Native**

Extreme consolidation and scalable **Data Serving**

Scale-out to **2,4 million containers** on a single system

Reducing data-center footprint by **4:1** and power by **2:1**

Process over **1 Trillion** encrypted transactions per day

Fully encrypt container data (at-rest, in-flight) and apps with **ZERO code changes**

**Enterprise** grade. **Open** by design. **Secured** by IBM LinuxONE



# Integrate existing and new services across hybrid IT

## Offerings designed for **Cloud Native Development** on IBM Z & LinuxONE

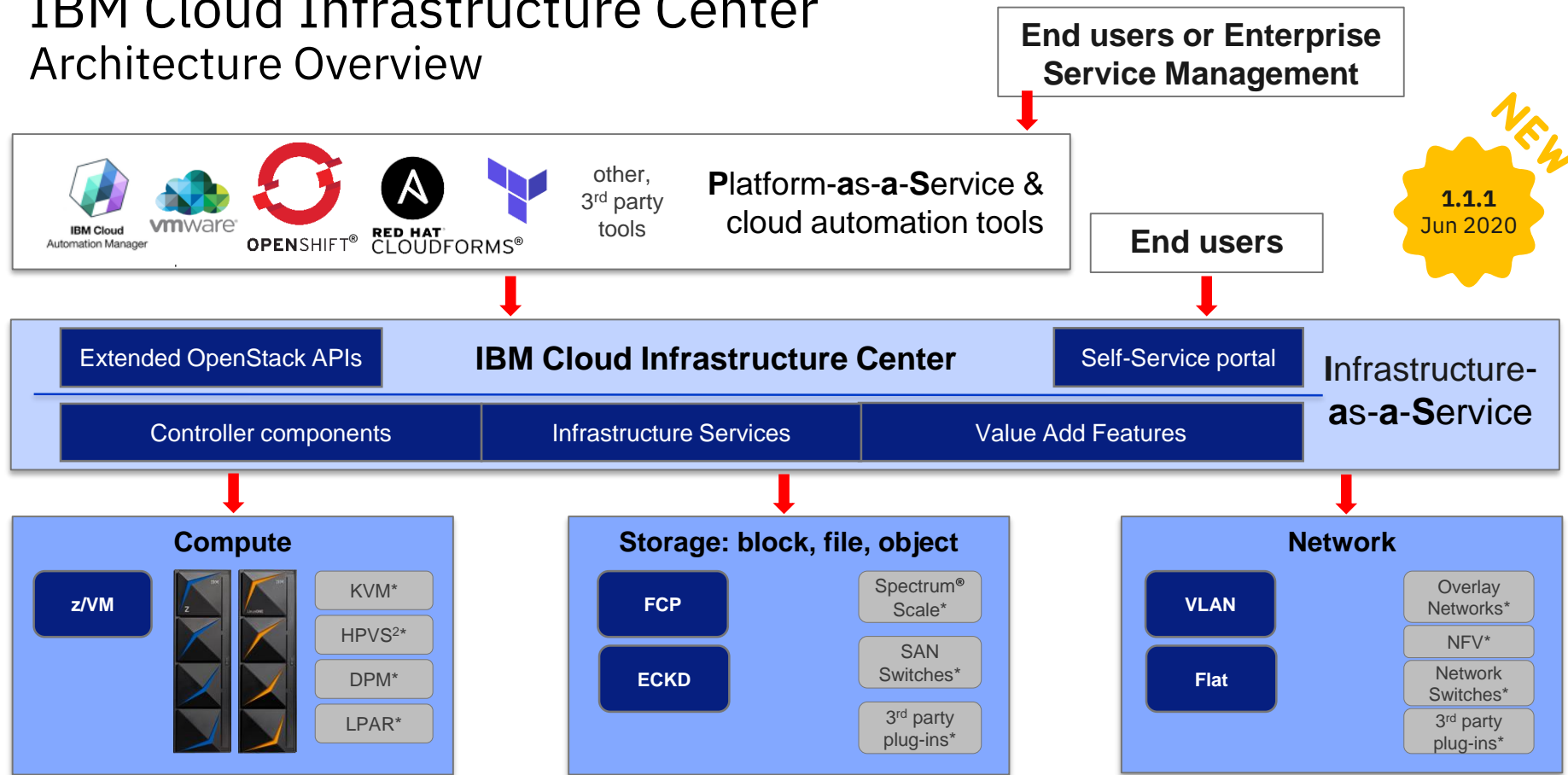
- IBM z15 & IBM LinuxONE III
- IBM z/VM 7.1
- IBM Cloud Infrastructure Center
- Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform
- IBM Cloud Paks
- IBM z/OS Cloud Broker
- IBM Hyper Protect Virtual Servers
- IBM Blockchain Platform SW



### **IBM Cloud Paks**

enterprise-ready,  
containerized  
software solutions

# IBM Cloud Infrastructure Center Architecture Overview



<sup>1</sup> IBM Hyper Protect Virtual Server

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# IBM Software as Cloud Paks – *Middleware anywhere*

*A faster, more secure way to move your core business applications to any cloud through enterprise-ready containerized software solutions*

## **IBM containerized software**

Packaged with Open Source components, pre-integrated with the common operational services, and secure by design



## **Container platform and operational services**

Logging, monitoring, security, identity access management



## **Infrastructure**

IBM Z®  
IBM LinuxONE™

IBM Power Systems™

IBM Cloud™

AWS™  
Azure™  
Google Cloud™

## **Complete yet simple**

*Application, data and AI services, fully modular and easy to consume*

## **IBM certified**

*Full software stack support, and ongoing security, compliance and version compatibility*

## **Run anywhere**

*On-premises, on private and public clouds, and in pre-integrated systems*

# IBM Cloud Paks on IBM Z and LinuxONE - Roadmap

*All Cloud Paks are coming to IBM Z and LinuxONE in Various Phases!*

Available except  
Accelerator for Teams  
Full release – 1Q 2021\*

Phase 1 - 4Q 2020

Phase 1 – GA 9/25  
Next Release - 4Q 2020\*

Manage-to-Z (MCM) – GA 8/07  
Manage-to-Z (RHACM) – 1Q 2021  
Manage from-Z – 2H 2021

Phase 1 (target)  
in 1H 2021

Target – TBD

## Cloud Pak for Applications

Build, deploy and run applications

IBM containerized software



Operational services



Container platform



RH OpenShift 4.x

## Cloud Pak for Data

Collect, organize, and analyze data

IBM containerized software



Operational services



Container platform



RH OpenShift 4.x

## Cloud Pak for Integration

Integrate applications, data, cloud services, and APIs

IBM containerized software



Operational services



Container platform



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## Cloud Pak for Multicloud Management

Multicloud visibility, governance, and automation

IBM containerized software



Operational services



Container platform



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## Cloud Pak for Automation

Transform business processes, decisions, and content

IBM containerized software



Operational services



Container platform



RH OpenShift 4.x

## Cloud Pak for Security

Connect security data, tools, and teams

IBM containerized software



Operational services



Container platform



RH OpenShift 4.x

**Runs on choice of Linux on IBM Z (z13 or later) and LinuxONE**



**IBM z/VM  
IBM Cloud Infrastructure Center – IaaS (optional)**



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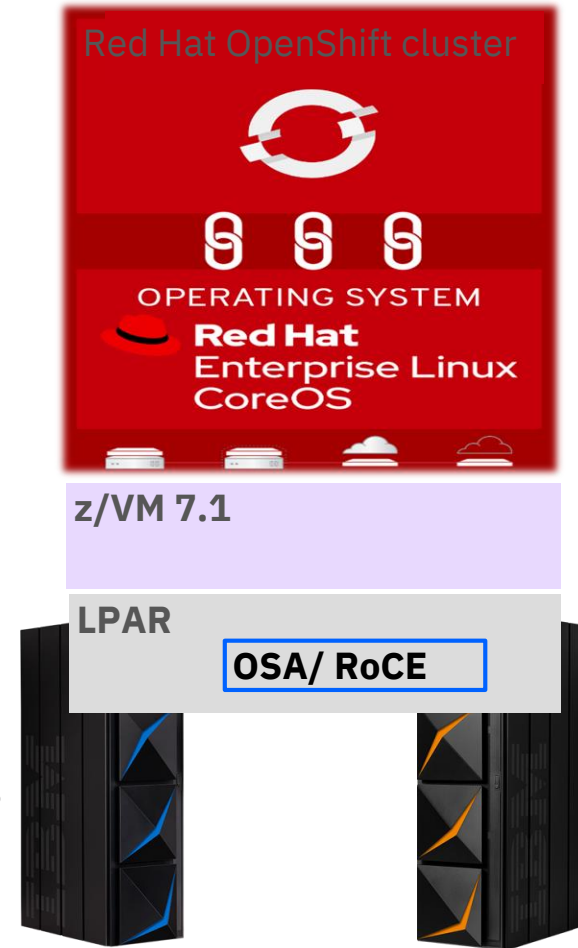
# **Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform 4.x for IBM Z & LinuxONE**

# Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform (RHOCP) V4 on IBM Z and LinuxONE

- takes advantage of the underlying enterprise capabilities
  - grow to **thousands of Linux guests**
  - and **millions of containers**
- non-disruptively grow, vertical and horizontal scalability
  - including advanced security
  - **confidential Cloud Computing**,  
including **FIPS 140-2 Level 4** certification

These capabilities were highlighted with the recent announcement of the [IBM z15](#) and [IBM LinuxONE III](#). Running Red Hat OpenShift on IBM Z and LinuxONE also enables cloud native applications to easily integrate with existing data and applications on these platforms, reducing latency by avoiding network delays.

<https://www.ibm.com/blogs/systems/get-ready-for-red-hat-openshift-on-ibm-z-and-linuxone/>

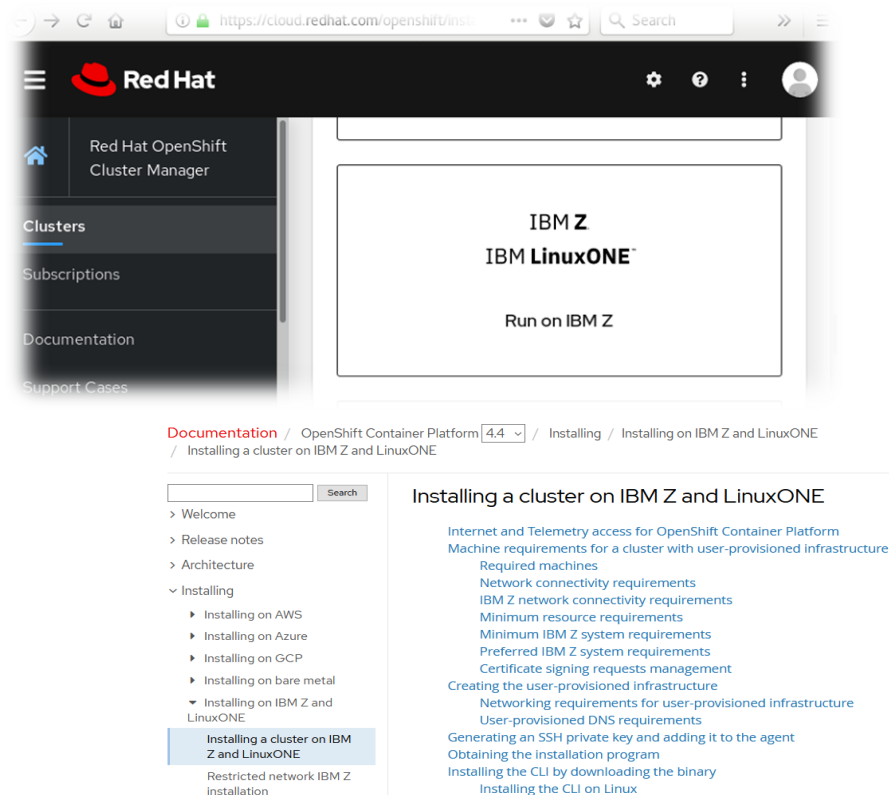


# Where can you download RHOC P?

[try.openshift.com](https://try.openshift.com)  
[cloud.redhat.com](https://cloud.redhat.com)

OCP 4.5 on Z was released on 7/30/20  
OCP 4.4 on Z was released on 6/22/20  
OCP 4.3 on Z was released on 4/30/20  
OCP 4.2 on Z was released on 2/11/20

[https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/installing/installing\\_ibm\\_z/installing-ibm-z.html](https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/installing/installing_ibm_z/installing-ibm-z.html)  
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# Red Hat Runtimes for RHOCP on Z & LinuxONE

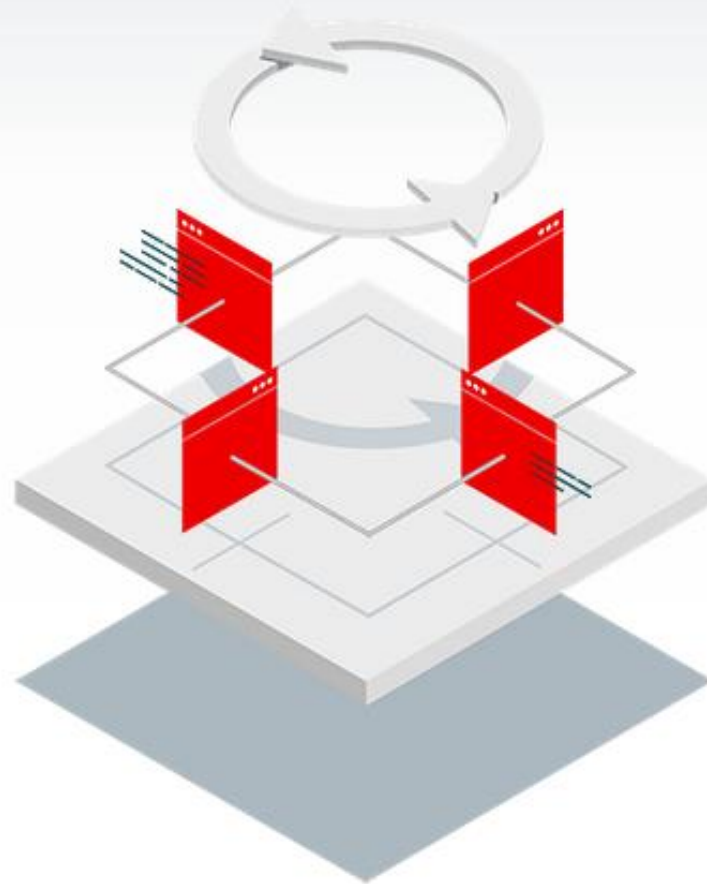
Lightweight  
middleware runtimes  
and frameworks for  
developing cloud-  
native applications on  
RHOCP

**RH Runtimes are  
available for RH OCP  
on Z/LinuxONE on  
06/15/20**

- JBoss Enterprise Application Platform (EAP) 7.3
- JBoss Web Server 5.3
- Red Hat Single Sign-on (SSO) 7.4
- Red Hat Data Grid 7.3
- AMQ (Broker) 7.5
- Quarkus 1.3.4
- Vert.x 3.9.1
- Thorntail 2.5.1
- Spring Boot 2.2.6
- Node.js 10 & 12

<https://catalog.redhat.com/software/containers/search?p=1&architecture=s390x>

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# Developer Experience for RHOCP on Z & LinuxONE

## Developer CLI – OpenShift do (odo)

- You can use odo for creating applications on OpenShift Container Platform and Kubernetes
- **odo 1.2.6 available for IBM Z & LinuxONE on 9/23/20**
- [https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/cli\\_reference/developer\\_cli\\_odo/installing-odo.html#installing-odo-on-linux-on-ibm-z](https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/cli_reference/developer_cli_odo/installing-odo.html#installing-odo-on-linux-on-ibm-z)

What's next? .... CodeReady Workspaces



# Red Hat

# OpenShift Container Platform *on IBM Z/LinuxONE*

## Day 1 – Installation and Setup

### Planning & Installation tasks

*User-Provisioned Infrastructure* (UPI) – Platform administrator has to pre-provision infrastructure components

- Planning for required services
- Planning for cluster network
- Planning for storage

## Day 2 – Operation and Management

### Operational tasks

- (Optionally) Setting up infrastructure nodes
- Establishing etcd backup procedure
- Adding additional worker nodes
- Configuring monitoring and logging
- Integrating and authenticating with LDAP



Operator  
Framework

# Red Hat OpenShift V4 Installation Options

On IBM Z and  
LinuxONE

## OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM

## HOSTED OPENSIFT

### Full Stack Automated (IPI)

Simplified opinionated “Best Practices” for cluster provisioning

Fully automated installation and updates including host container OS.



### Pre-existing Infrastructure (UPI)

Customer managed resources & infrastructure provisioning

Plug into existing DNS and security boundaries



### Red Hat OpenShift on IBM Cloud \*

Deploy directly from the IBM Cloud console. An IBM service, master nodes are managed by IBM Cloud engineers.

### Azure Red Hat OpenShift \*\*

Deploy directly from the Azure console. A MSFT service, jointly managed by Red Hat and Microsoft Azure engineers.

### OpenShift Dedicated \*\*

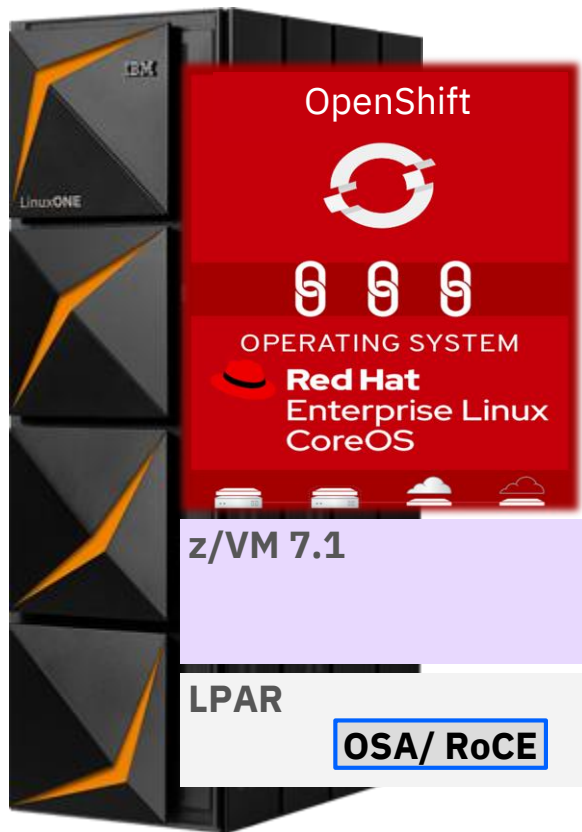
Get a powerful cluster, fully managed by Red Hat engineers and support; a Red Hat service.

\* Based on RHOCV v4.3 GA slated for March; public beta available now

\*\* Entitlements of RHOCV obtained through a Cloud Pak purchase are not transferable to these environments

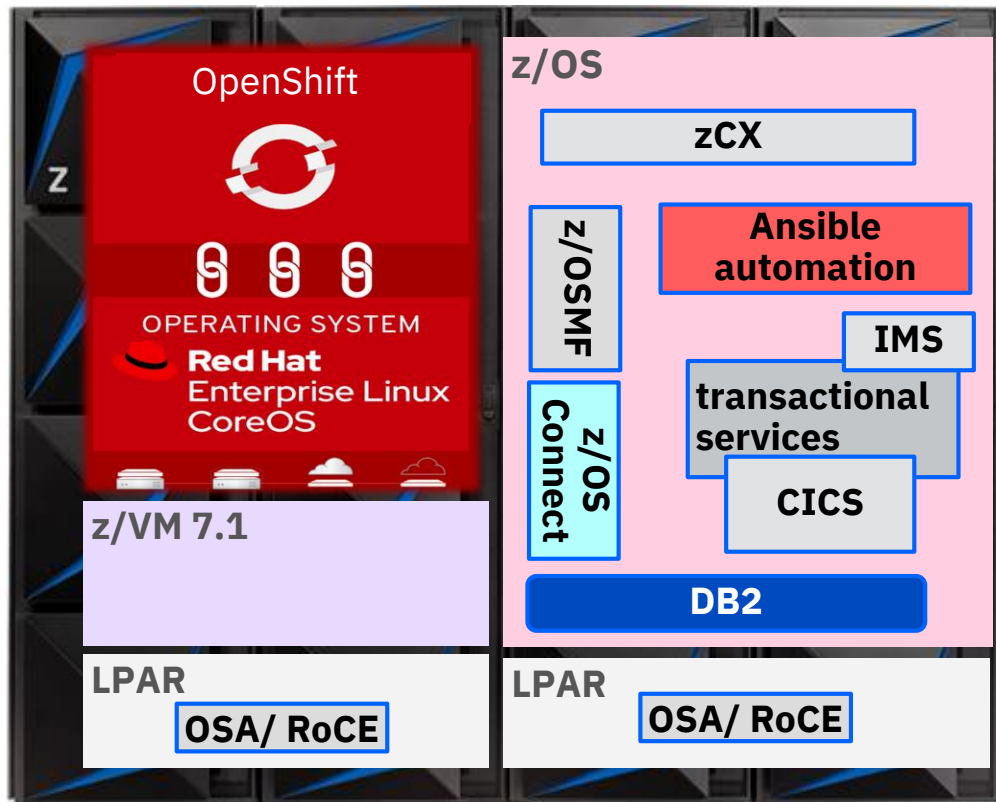
# Planning: RHOCP on LinuxONE or IBM Z co-located with z/OS

## IBM LinuxONE



**RHOCP standalone**

## IBM Z

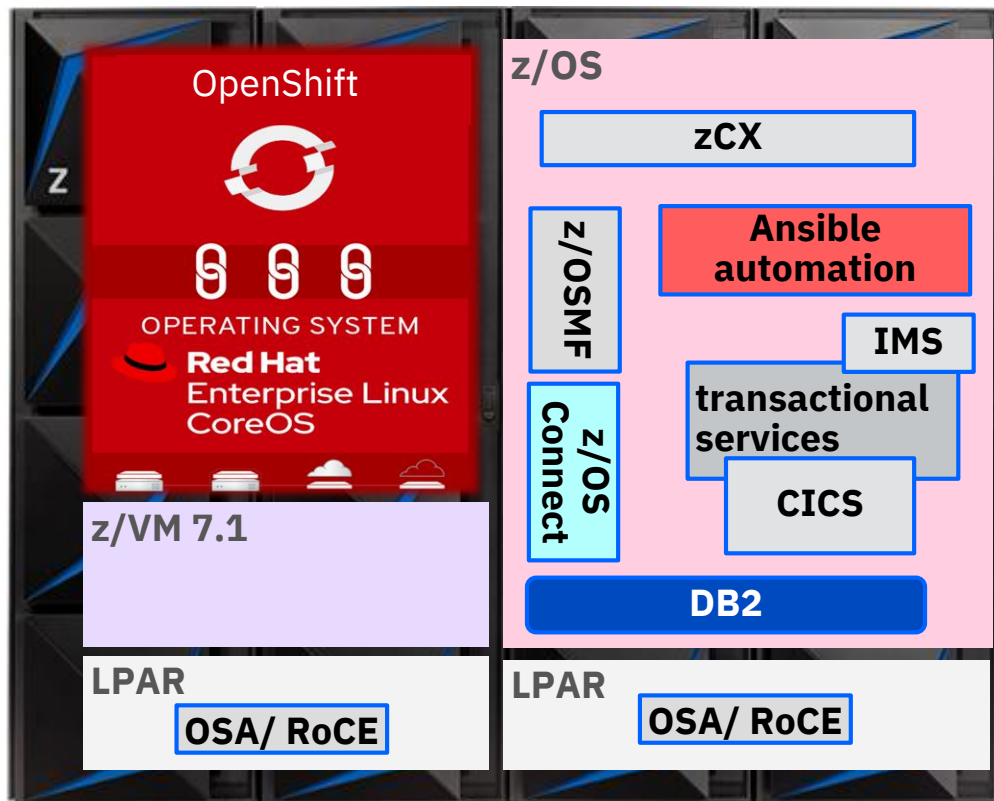


**RHOCP co-located with z/OS**

# RHOCP co-location environment with z/OS

## RHOCP co-location to z/OS major use cases:

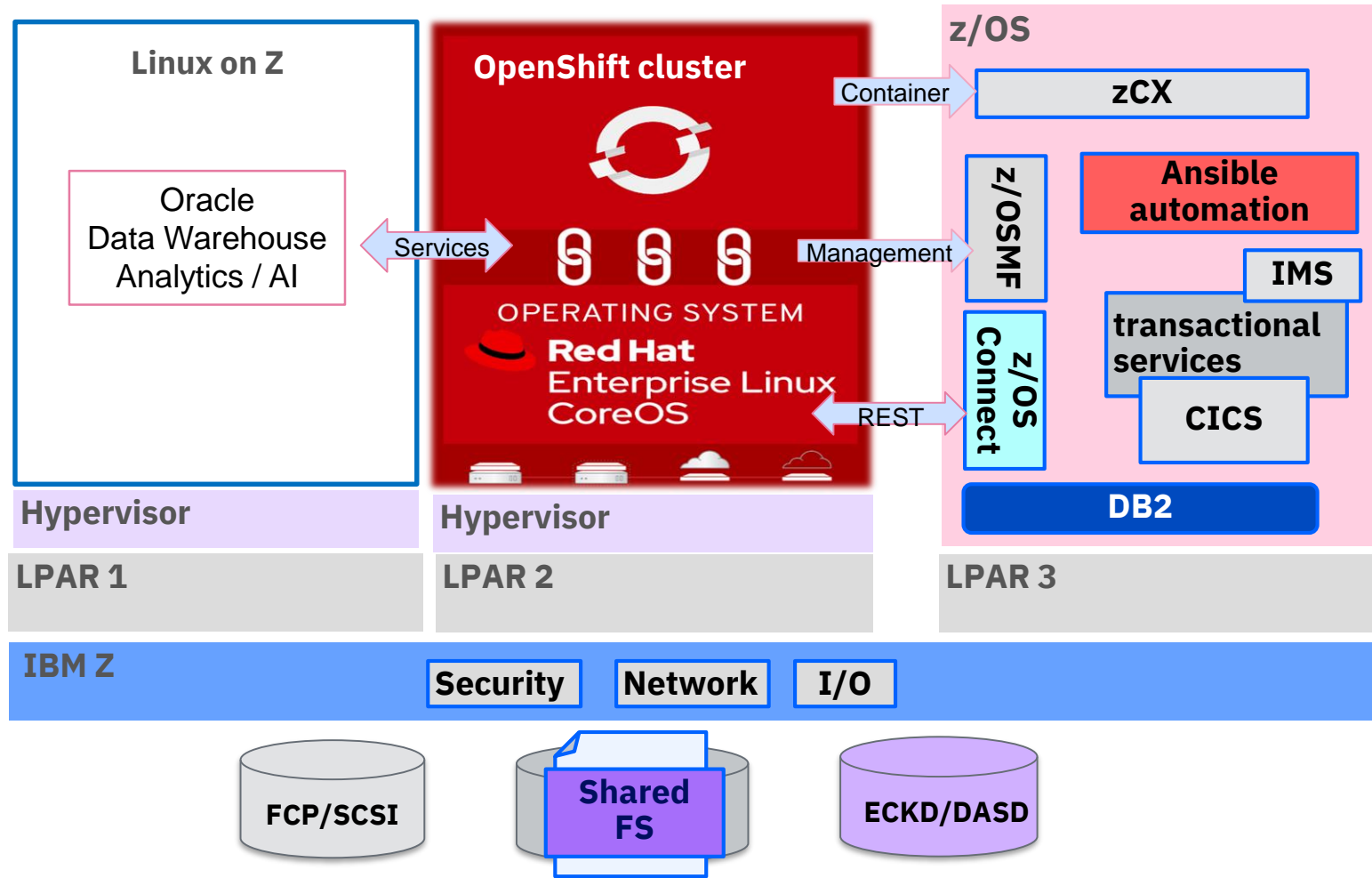
- Dynamic workload in RHOCP accesses z/OS services
- RHOCP logic access to DB2 z/OS
- RHOCP uses z/OS Cloud Broker to provision z/OS subsystems
- RHOCP Web environment integrates with z/OS transactional services
- RHOCP running Open Source technologies extends z/OS services
- Batch workload executed in RHOCP with z/OS data



## Network options:

- Shared OSA
- Hipersockets (HS) with VSWITCH Bridge (VB)

# Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on IBM Z



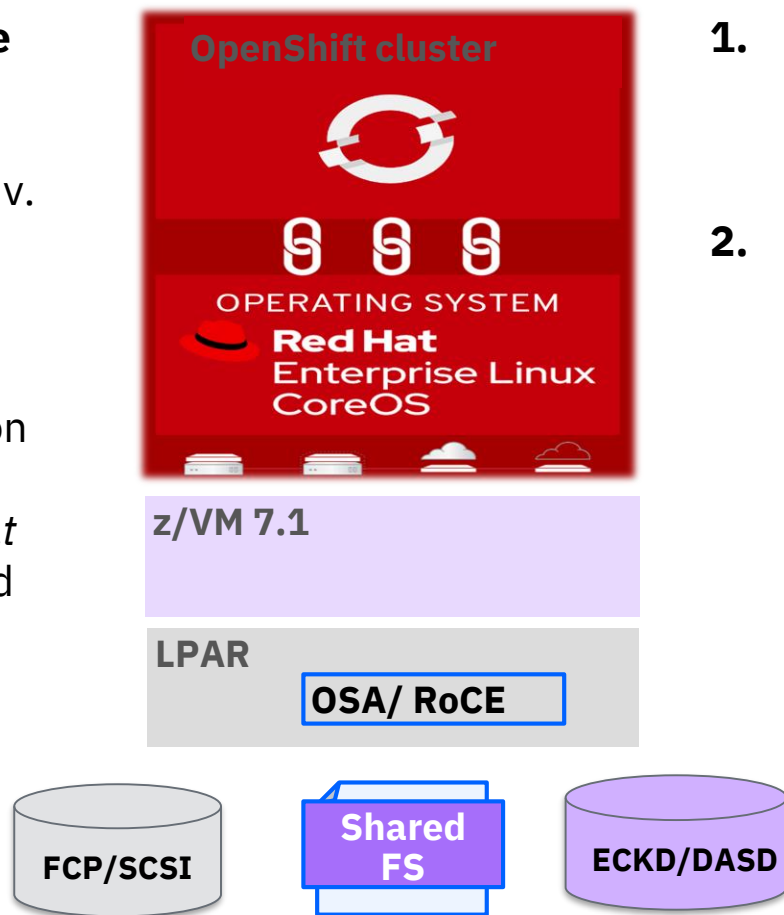
# Planning: RHOCP on IBM Z & LinuxONE implementation topology

## A) What is the Use Case

- PoC environment
  - *less resources*
- Productive like env.
  - *SLA based,*
  - *HA / DR*

## B) What are SLAs

- DevOps integration
  - *automation*
  - *shared content*
- Transactional load
  - *performance*
- HA variants
  - *availability*
  - *resiliency*



## 1. Deployment topology

- *RHOCP Standalone*
- *Co-located with z/OS*

## 2. HW topology

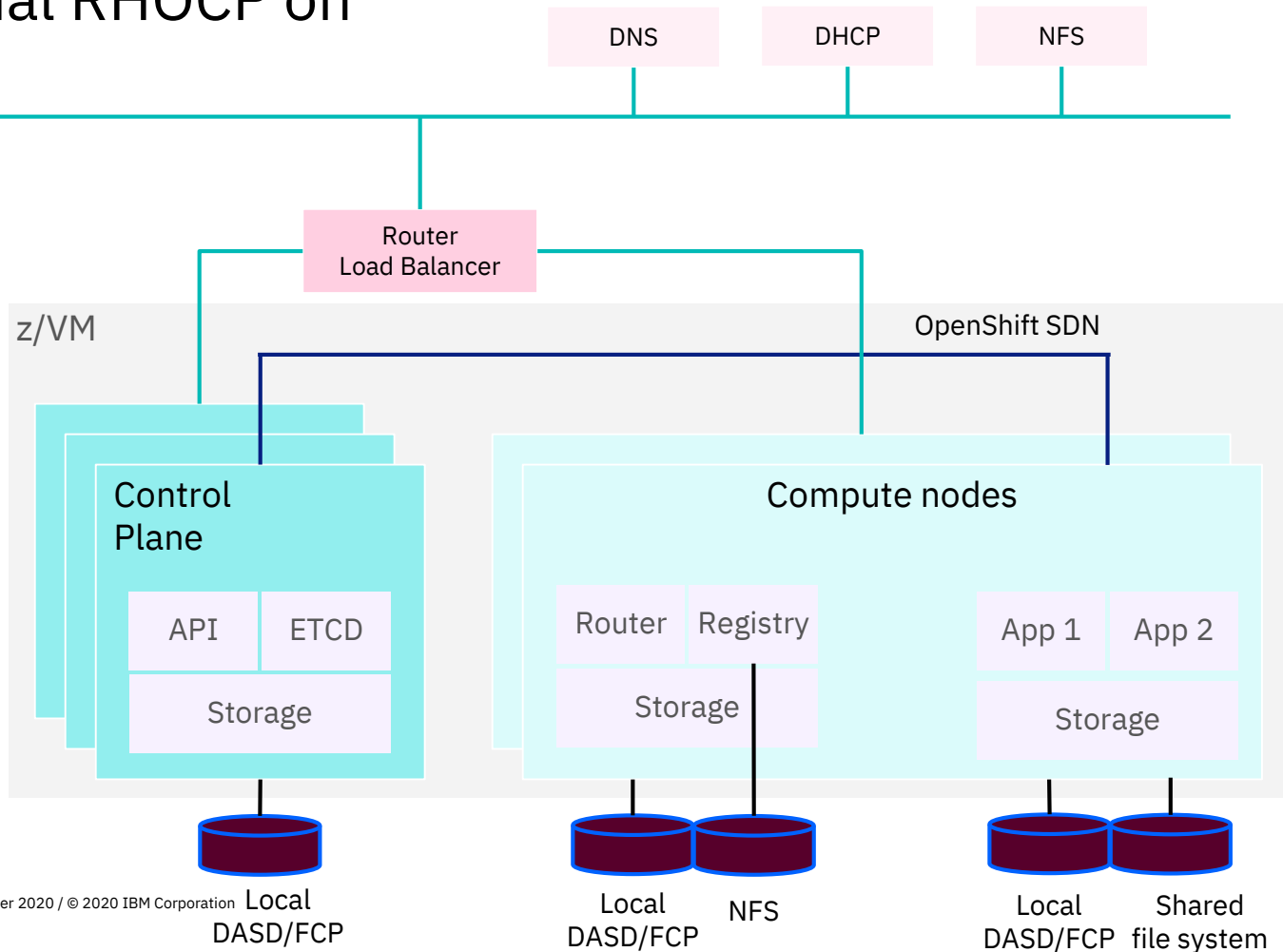
- On one HW machine
  - *One cluster / 1LPAR (PoC)*
  - *multiple LPARs*
- Multiple HW machines
  - *in same DC*
  - *across DC ( with synchronous replication only)*

# **What does Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on IBM Z & LinuxONE look like?**



# Sample operational RHOCPP on z/VM Layout

External network



## Notes

- DHCP server/relay is not required for static IP configurations.

# Technical Fact Sheet for RHOCP 4.x on Z & LinuxONE

## Feature Overview

- RHEL CoreOS
- User-provisioned infrastructure (UPI)
- Disconnected / air-gapped installation
- Shared persistent storage with NFS or IBM Spectrum Scale (Beta)

## Minimum System Requirements

- IBM z13/z13s and later, and IBM LinuxONE
- 1 LPAR with z/VM 7.1 using 3 IFLs, 80+GB
- FICON or FCP attached disk storage
- OSA, RoCE, z/VM VSwitch networking

## Preferred Systems Requirements for High-Availability

- 3 LPARs with z/VM 7.1 using 6 IFLs, 112+GB

# What are the hardware and software requirements?

# Minimum System Requirements

## Hardware Capacity

- 1 LPAR with 3 IFLs supporting SMT2
- 1 OSA and/or RoCE card

## Operating System

- z/VM 7.1
  - 3 VMs for OCP Control Plane Nodes
  - 2 VMs for OCP Compute Nodes
  - 1 VM for temporary OCP Bootstrap Node

## Disk storage

- FICON attached disk storage (DASDs)
  - Minidisks, fullpack minidisks, or dedicated DASDs
- FCP attached disk storage

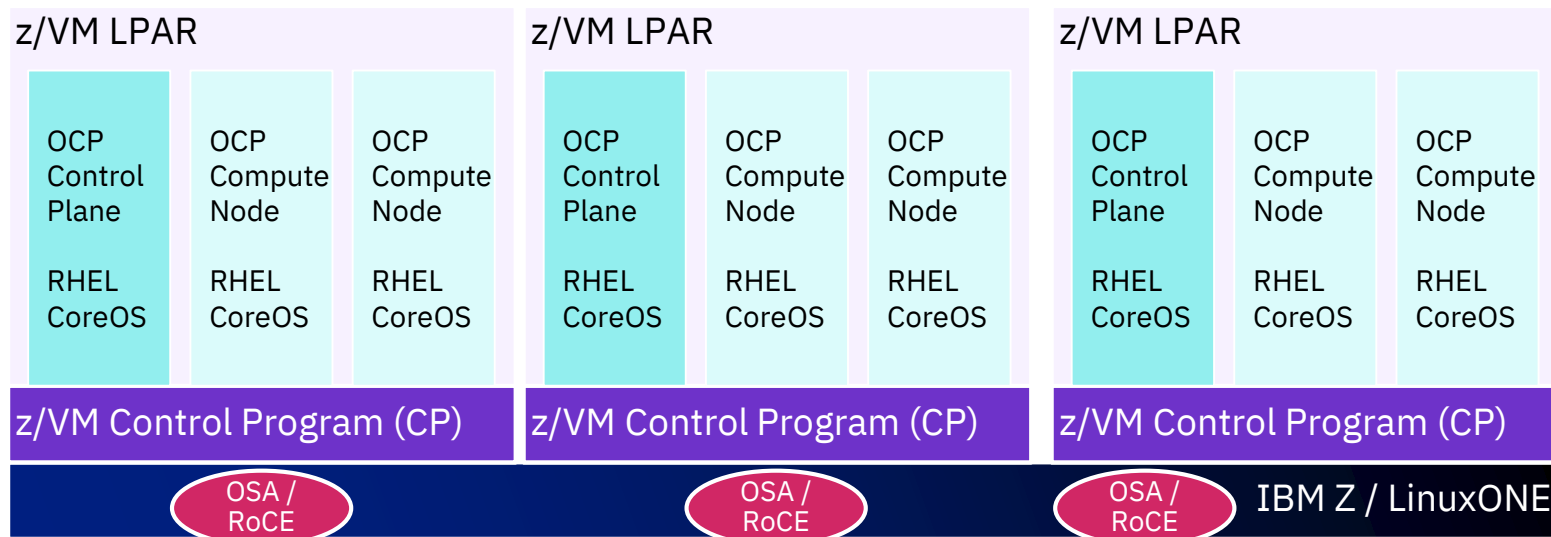
## Network

- Single z/VM virtual NIC in layer 2 mode, one of
  - Direct-attached OSA, HiperSockets, or RoCE
  - z/VM VSwitch

## Memory

- 16GB for OCP Control Plane Nodes
- 8GB for OCP Compute Nodes
- 16GB for OCP Bootstrap Node (temporary)

# Preferred Architecture Overview



## Notes

- Distribute OCP control planes to different z/VM instances on one or more IBM Z / LinuxONE servers to achieve HA and cover service outages/windows

# Preferred System Requirements

## Hardware Capacity

- 3 LPARs with 6 IFLs supporting SMT2
- 1-2 OSA and/or RoCE card

## Operating System

- z/VM 7.1 – 3 instances for HA purposes
- 3 VMs for OCP Control Planes (one per instance)
- 6+ VMs for OCP Compute Nodes (across instances)
- 1 VM for temporary OCP Bootstrap Node

## Disk storage

- FICON attached disk storage (DASDs)
- Minidisks, fullpack minidisks, or dedicated DASDs
- FCP attached disk storage

## Network

- Single z/VM virtual NIC in layer 2 mode, one of
  - Direct-attached OSA or RoCE
  - z/VM VSwitch (using OSA link aggregation to increase bandwidth and high availability)

## Memory

- 16+ GB for each OCP Control Plane Node
- 8+ GB for each OCP Compute Node
- 16GB for the OCP Bootstrap Node (temporary)
- For sizing details, see also [https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/scalability\\_and\\_performance/recommended-host-practices.html#master-node-sizing](https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/scalability_and_performance/recommended-host-practices.html#master-node-sizing)

# Software Configuration for OpenShift Container Platform

## Infrastructure Services (Pre-requisites)

- DHCP server or static IP addresses
- DNS server
- Load balancers (optional but preferred)
- Deployment server for installation (temporary)
- Internet connectivity

## Operating System

- RHEL CoreOS for Control Plane and Bootstrap Nodes
- RHEL CoreOS only for Compute Nodes

## Persistent Storage

- NFSv4 server with >100GB disk storage
  - 100GB for internal registry at minimum

## Bootstrap and Master Nodes (Control Planes)

- 4 vCPUs
- 16+ GB main memory
- 120GB disk storage

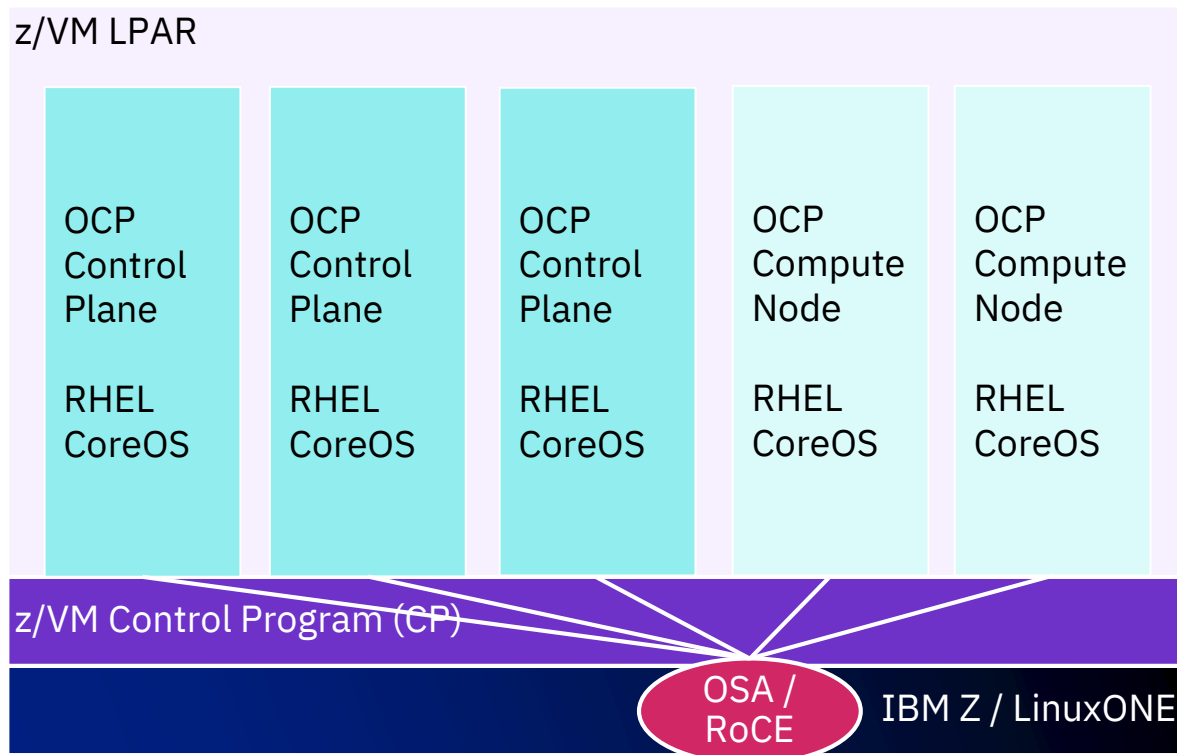
## Worker Nodes (+ depending on workload)

- 2+ vCPUs (1+ IFLs with SMT2 enabled)
- 8+GB main memory
- 120GB disk storage

## Reference about OCP cluster limits

- [https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/scalability\\_and\\_performance/planning-your-environment-according-to-object-maximums.html](https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/scalability_and_performance/planning-your-environment-according-to-object-maximums.html)

# Minimum Architecture Overview – Network Option 1



Use single vNIC for z/VM guest virtual machines

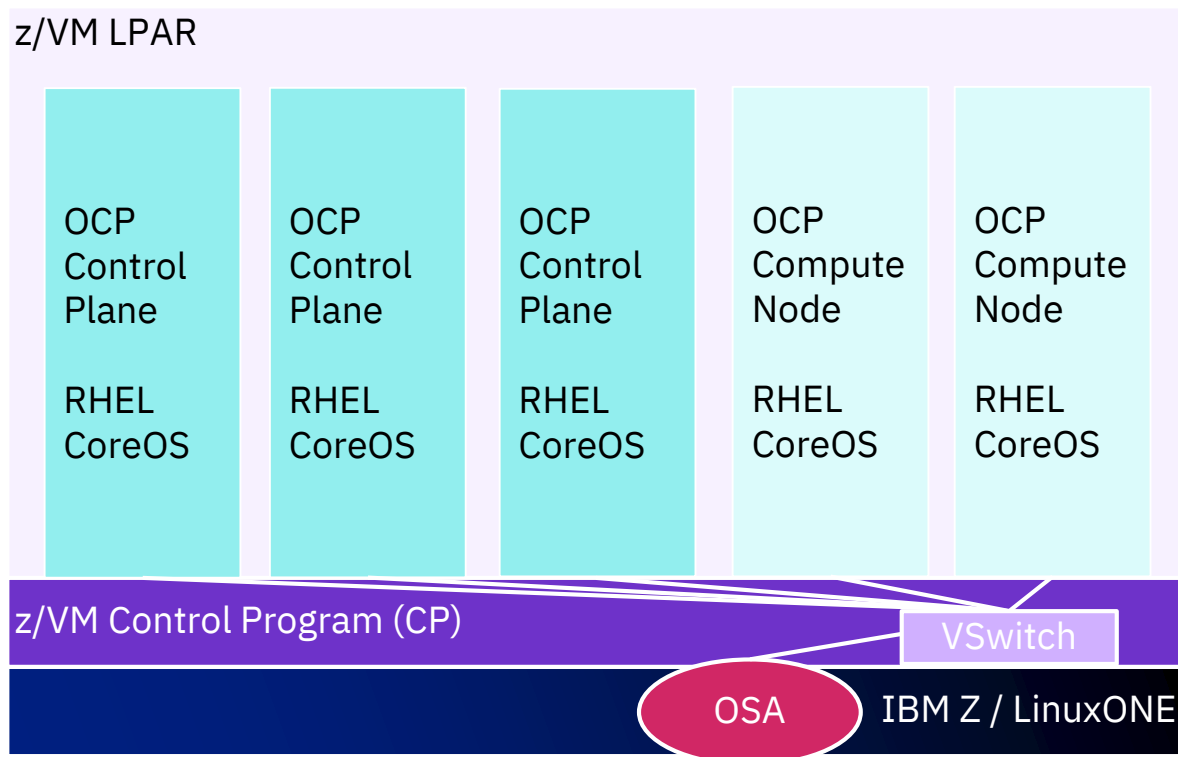
- Direct-attached OSA or RoCE to each guest virtual machine

**RHOCP uses this 1 vNIC for two networks**

- External communication
- Internal communication – software-defined network for Kubernetes pod communication



# Minimum Architecture Overview – Network Option 2



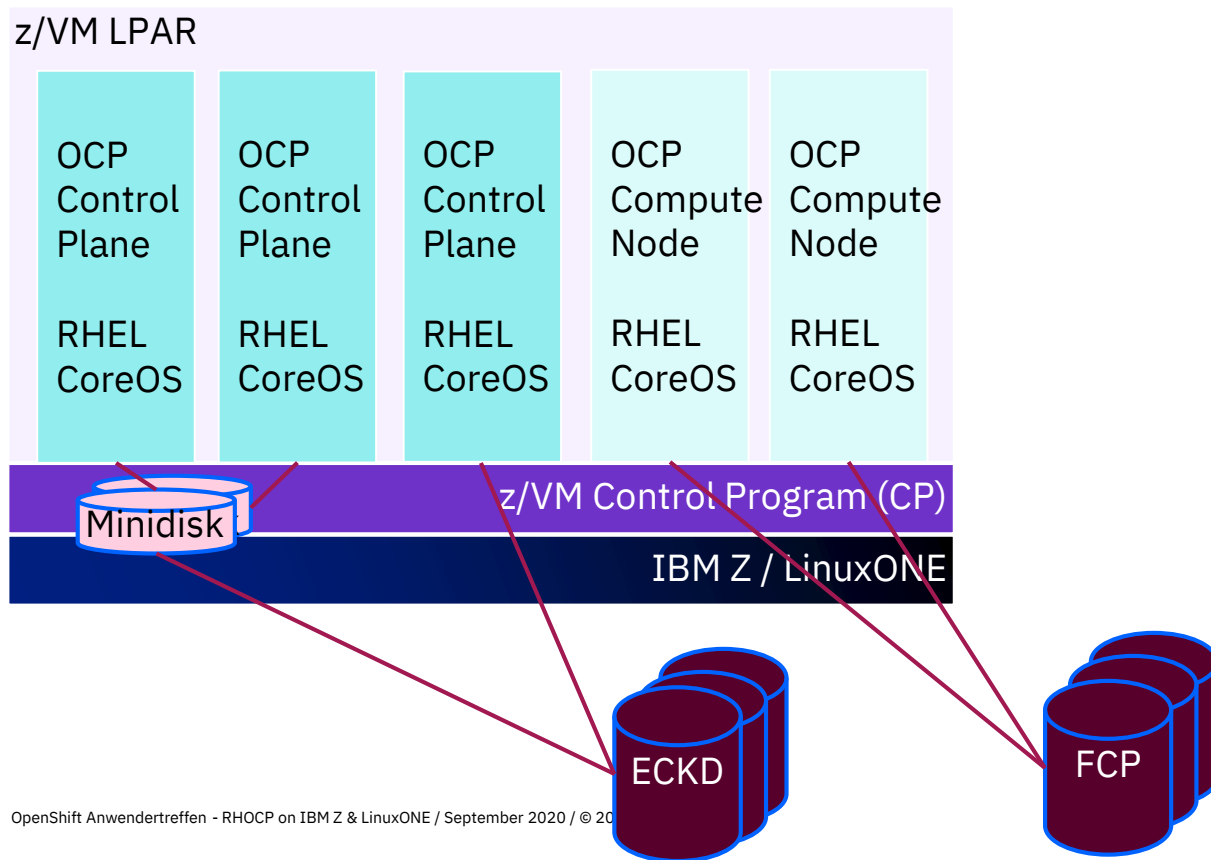
Use single vNIC for z/VM guest virtual machines

- z/VM VSwitch with OSA (optionally, using link aggregation)

**RHOCP uses this 1 vNIC for two networks**

- External communication
- Internal communication – software-defined network for Kubernetes pod communication

# Minimum Architecture Overview – Disk Storage Options for Installation



## Disk storage considerations

- Minidisks are a z/VM virtual resources and represent smaller chunks on a DASD; Linux sees them as individual disks (DASDs)
- Consider HyperPAV for ECKD storage
- DASDs/FCP devices can be dedicated to a z/VM guest ("pass-through")
- Consider using FCP multipath installations (future)

# Shared disk storage considerations

## Required shared disk storage

- Internal registry (container images)

## Use cases for shared disk storage

- Shared data pool for container instances (persistent container storage)
- Application or workload specific use cases

## Shared disk storage options in the initial release

- NFS only

## Shared disk storage options in future releases

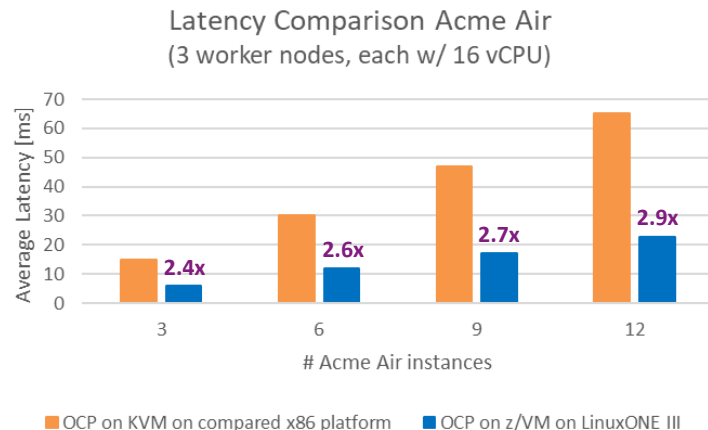
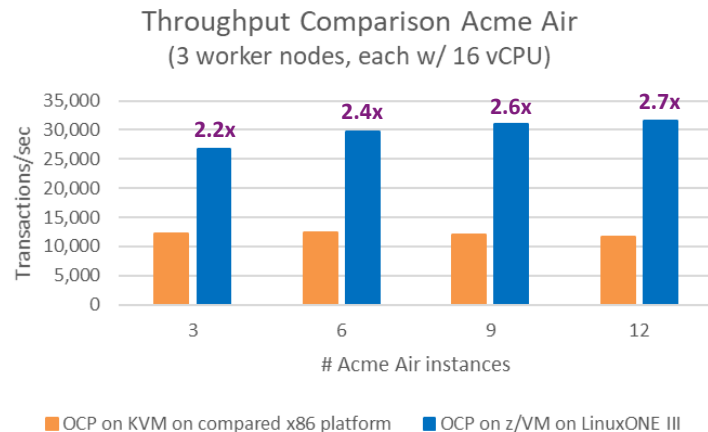
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# **News on RHOC P 4.x Performance on IBM LinuxONE III LT1**

# Acme Air Performance on OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 on LinuxONE III LT1 vs. x86 Skylake

**Achieve up to **2.7x more throughput** per core and up to **2.9x lower latency** on OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 on LinuxONE III using z/VM versus on compared x86 platform using KVM, when running 12 Acme Air benchmark instances on 3 worker nodes**

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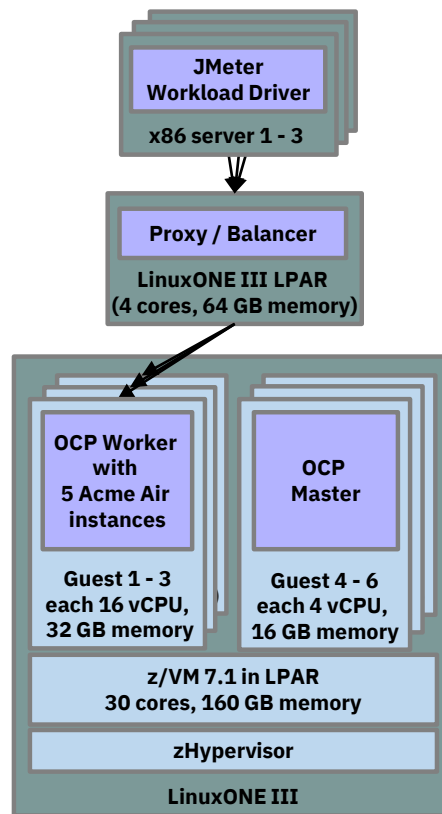
OpenShift Container Platform (OCP)

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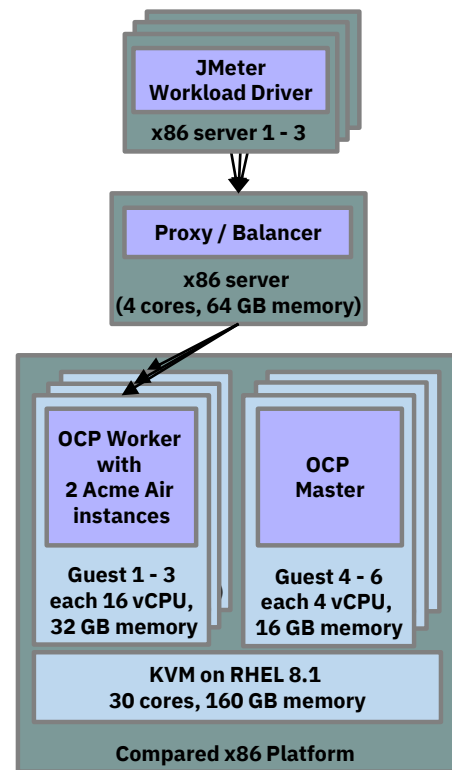
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30.6K transactions/sec in total,  
2K transactions/sec per instance



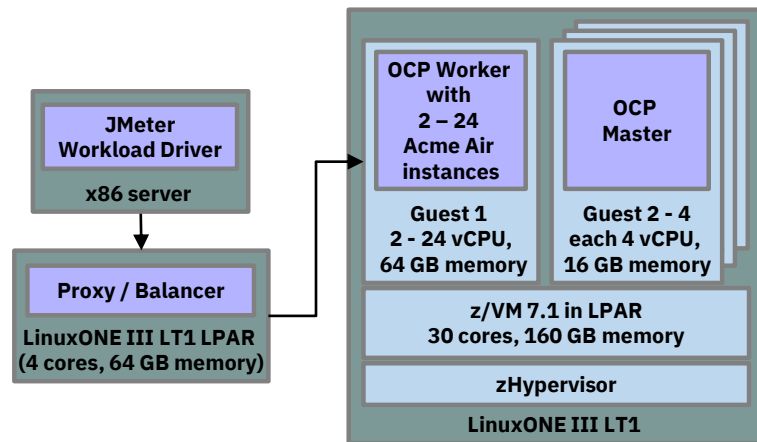
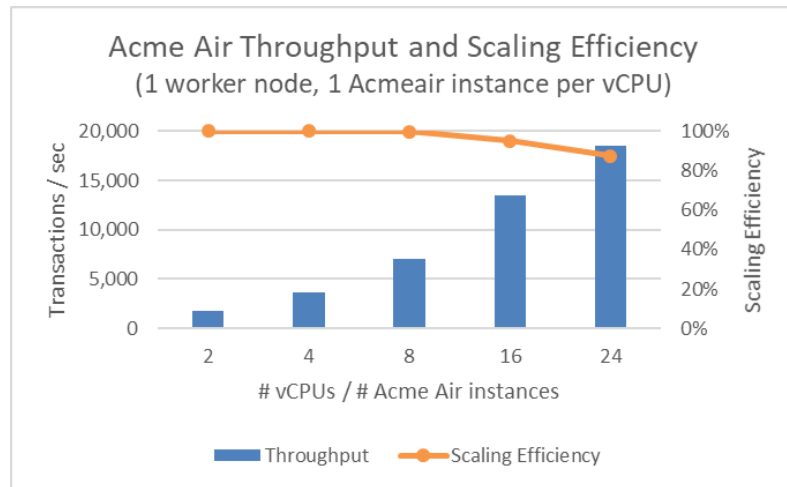
12.4K transactions/sec in total,  
2K transactions/sec per instance



# Acme Air Scaling on OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 on LinuxONE III LT1

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# What's next?



# What could be next\*...?

## Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform

- RHOCP release cadence with x86
- Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh (istio) to connect, secure, control, and observe services
- Red Hat OpenShift Pipelines and Serverless
- CodeReady Workspaces

## Storage Support

- IBM Spectrum Scale
- Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage (OCS) based on Ceph, Rook, and Noobaa

# Questions?

# Thank you

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# More Information

**IBM LinuxONE Community Cloud – Free access to virtual servers on LinuxONE**

<https://developer.ibm.com/components/ibm-linuxone/gettingstarted/>

**Red Hat OCP portal**

[cloud.redhat.com](https://cloud.redhat.com)

**Install OCP on IBM Z**

[https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/installing/installing\\_ibm\\_z/installing-ibm-z.html](https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/installing/installing_ibm_z/installing-ibm-z.html)

Step by step sample installations and environment setup

<https://www.openshift.com/blog/installing-ocp-in-a-mainframe-z-series>

<https://www.openshift.com/blog/red-hat-openshift-installation-process-experiences-on-ibm-z-linuxone>

**Ross Mauri's Blog**

<http://www.ibm.com/blogs/systems/red-hat-openshift-now-available-ibm-z-linuxone>

**IBM Systems Magazine Article**

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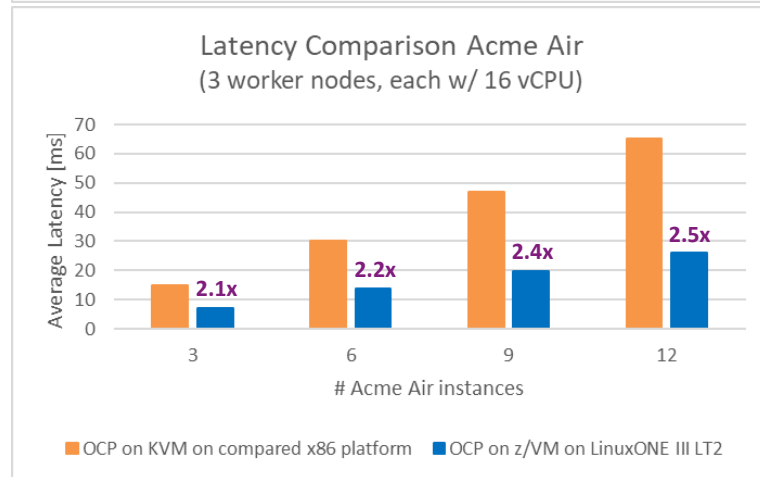
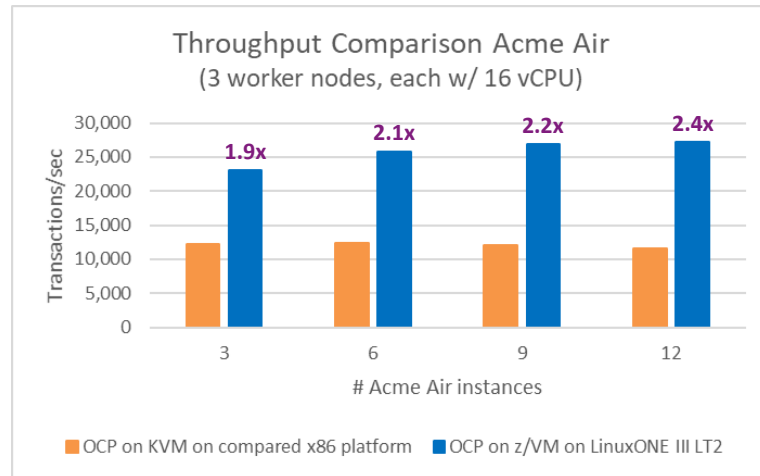
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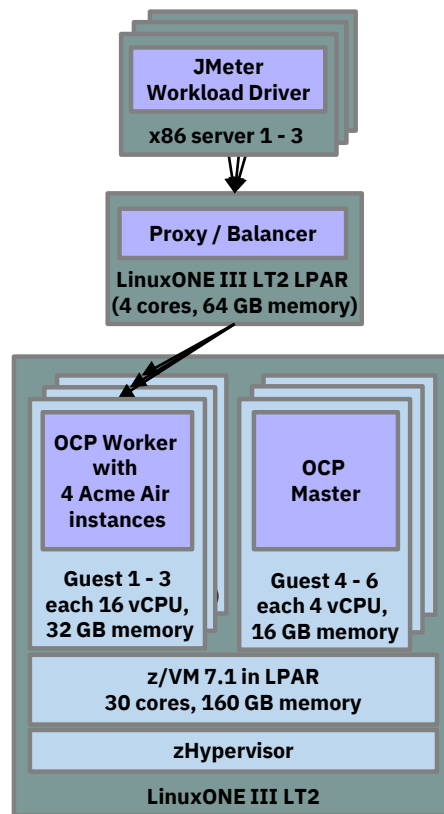


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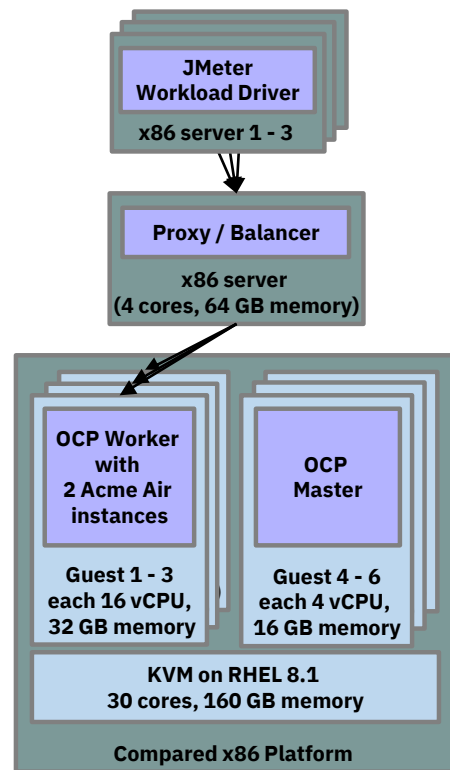
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27.3k transactions/sec in total,  
2.3k transactions/sec per instance



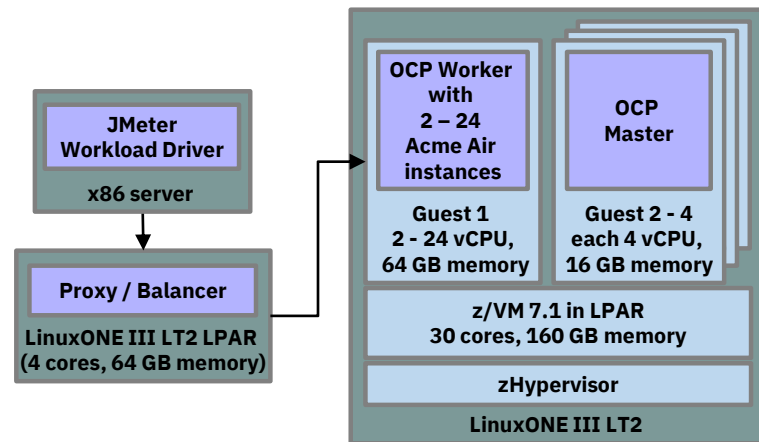
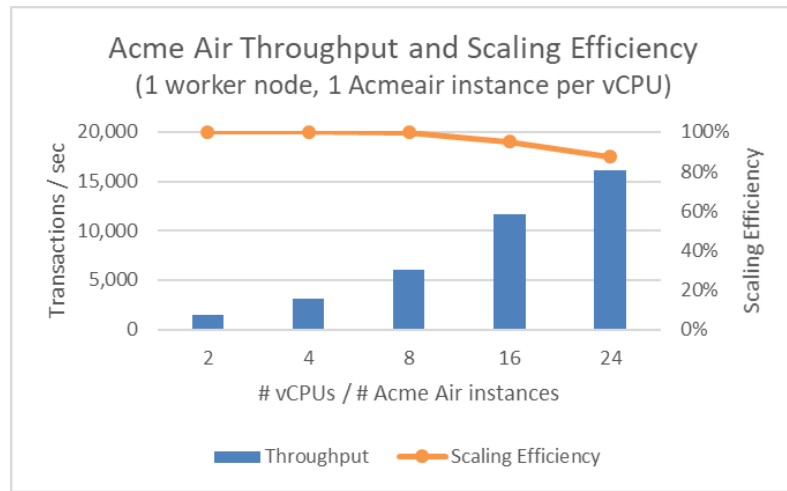
12.4k transactions/sec in total,  
2.1k transactions/sec per instance



# Acme Air Scaling on OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 on LinuxONE III LT2

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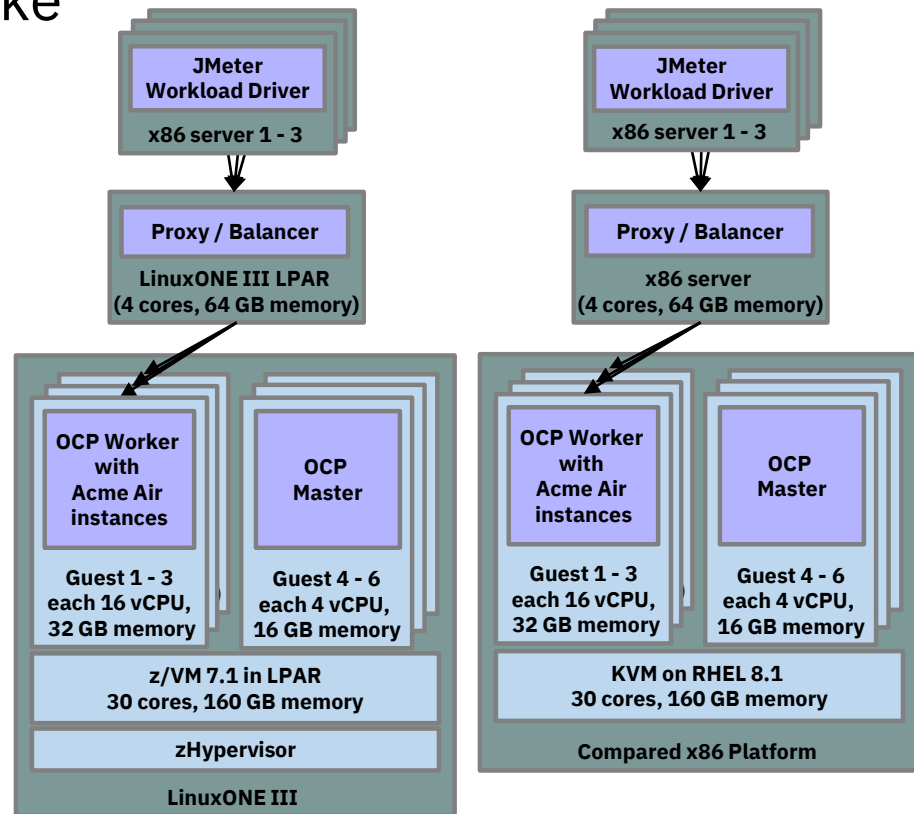
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## Benchmark Setup

- 3 OpenShift Container Platform (OCP) Master and 3 Worker nodes on LinuxONE III under z/VM versus on x86 under KVM
- Acme Air microservice benchmark (<https://github.com/blueperf/acmeair-main-service-java>) instances placed manually on the OCP Worker nodes such that each OCP Worker node ran the same number of instances
- Acme Air instances were driven remotely from 3 x86 servers running JMeter 5.2.1

## System Stack

- LinuxONE III
  - LPAR with 4 dedicated cores, 64 GB memory, RHEL 8.1 (SMT mode), running the OCP Proxy server
  - LPAR with 30 dedicated cores, 160 GB memory, DASD storage, running z/VM 7.1
    - 3 guests with 4 vCPU, 16 GB memory, each running an OCP Master
    - 3 guests with 16 vCPUs, 32 GB memory, each running an OCP Worker
- x86
  - 4 Intel® Xeon® Gold 6126 CPU @ 2.60GHz w/ Hyperthreading turned on, 64 GB memory, RHEL 8.1, running the OCP Proxy server
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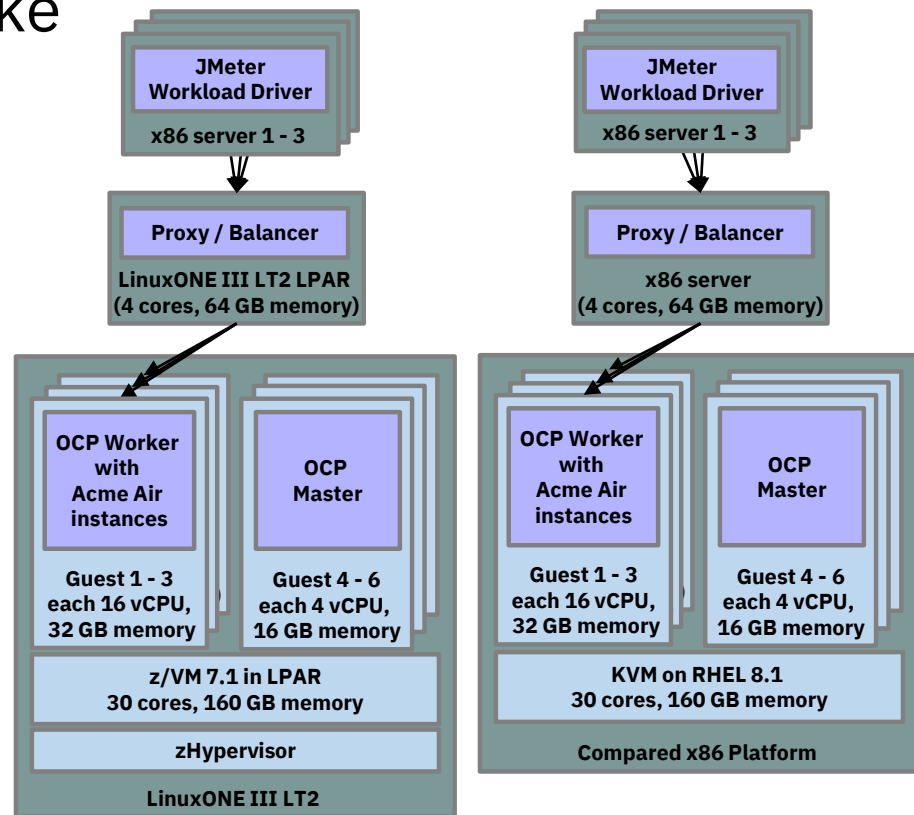
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## Benchmark Setup

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  - OpenShift Container Platform (OCP) 4.2.19



# Minimum System Requirements

## Hardware Capacity

- 1 LPAR with 3 IFLs supporting SMT2
- 1 OSA and/or RoCE card

## Operating System

- z/VM 7.1
  - 3 VMs for OCP Control Plane Nodes
  - 2 VMs for OCP Compute Nodes
  - 1 VM for temporary OCP Bootstrap Node

## Disk storage

- FICON attached disk storage (DASDs)
  - Minidisks, fullpack minidisks, or dedicated DASDs
- FCP attached disk storage

## Network

- Single z/VM virtual NIC in layer 2 mode, one of
  - Direct-attached OSA, HiperSockets, or RoCE
  - z/VM VSwitch

## Memory

- 16GB for OCP Control Plane Nodes
- 8GB for OCP Compute Nodes
- 16GB for OCP Bootstrap Node (temporary)