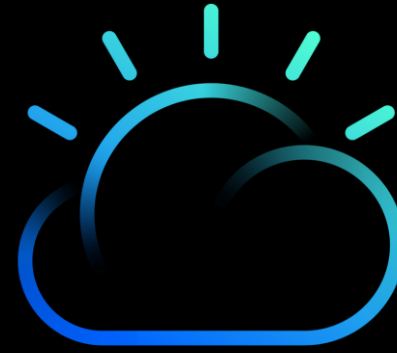


# Mission-critical cloud and virtualization solutions based on the POWER architecture

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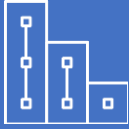
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Ian Robinson manages the Power Systems virtualization, private cloud and automation portfolio of hardware and software at IBM. He previously served in a variety of technology leadership roles at notable Silicon Valley companies that include VMware, Brio Software and Zone Labs. Most recently, he was CMO of cross-platform virtualization pioneer Transitive Corporation, prior to its acquisition by IBM in 2009.

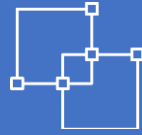
Ian's domain expertise spans virtualization/cloud, mobile/IoT, security, database/analytics, and software development (including Agile methodologies and DevOps). In addition to a Masters degree in Engineering and MBA from San Jose State University, he completed an MS in Information Systems at the University of San Francisco, where he also served as an adjunct professor.



# Why IBM Power Systems?



Compute for data-intensive and mission critical apps



Industry leading reliability, performance and security



Database

SAP

SAP



ERP, CRM, SCM

Business and data management workloads



IBM i



AIX



Linux

Unix, Linux and IBM i operating environments



Deployed by banks, telcos, retailers, government, etc.



Used in 3 of the world's top 10 fastest supercomputers



## Proven reliability

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IBM Power Systems ranked the most reliable for 10th straight year delivering 99.9996% uptime.\*



## Built-in security

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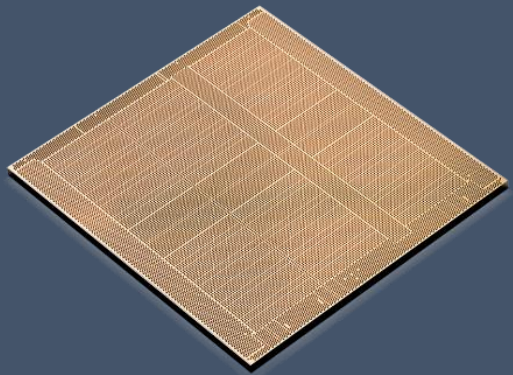
IBM Power Systems have security built in at all layers, from processor to the OS, designed to deliver end-to-end security.



## Affordably scales capacity and performance

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IBM POWER9 processor drives the world's fastest supercomputers and is ready to accelerate your enterprise.



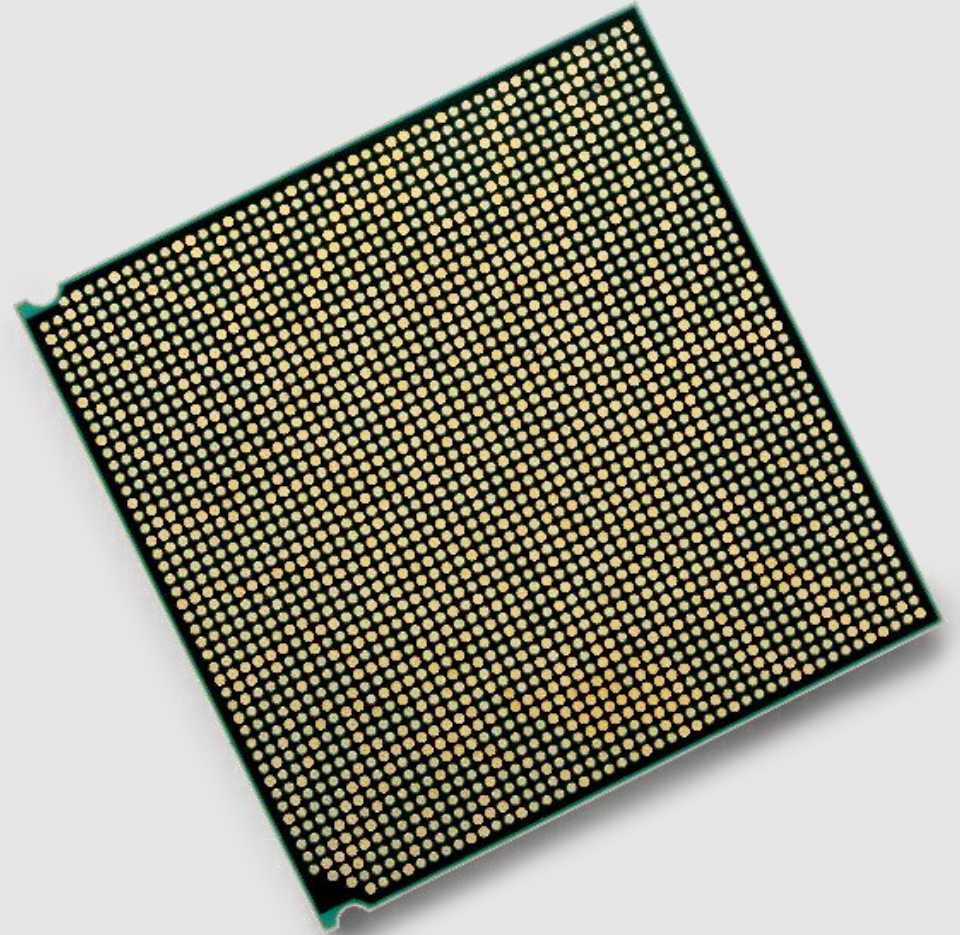
## Simple multicloud integration

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IBM Power Systems enable the most data intensive and mission critical workloads in private and hybrid cloud environments.

\* ITIC 2019 Global Server Hardware, Server OS Reliability Survey Mid-Year Update. The highest uptime of 99.9996% is calculated based on 2.0 minutes/server/annum unplanned downtime of any non-mainframe Linux platforms

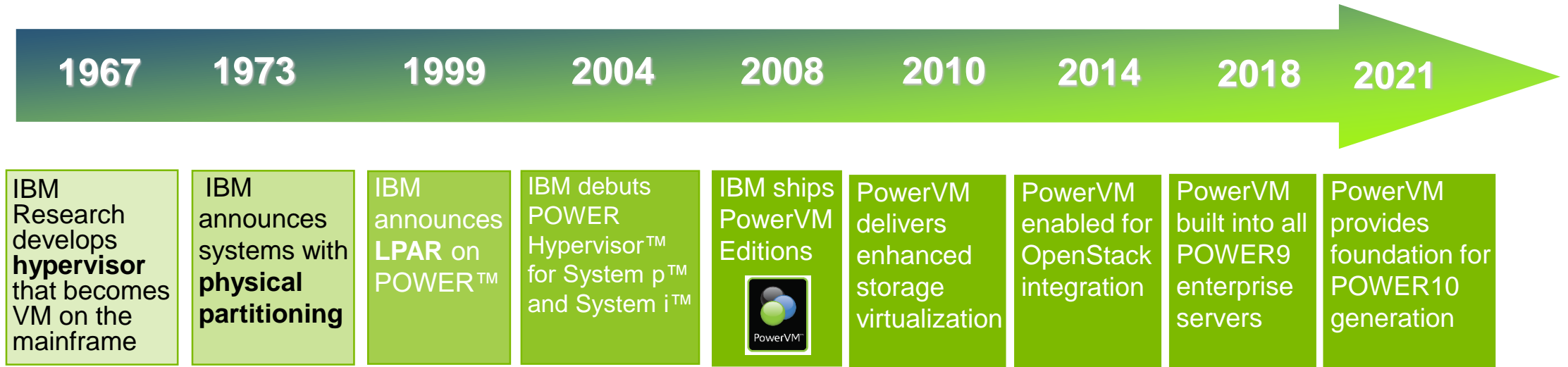
# POWER9 processor



**Innovation that makes a difference for mission critical applications**

# PowerVM builds upon IBM's virtualization heritage

A 50-year track record in virtualization and cloud innovation continues with PowerVM



**PowerVM**

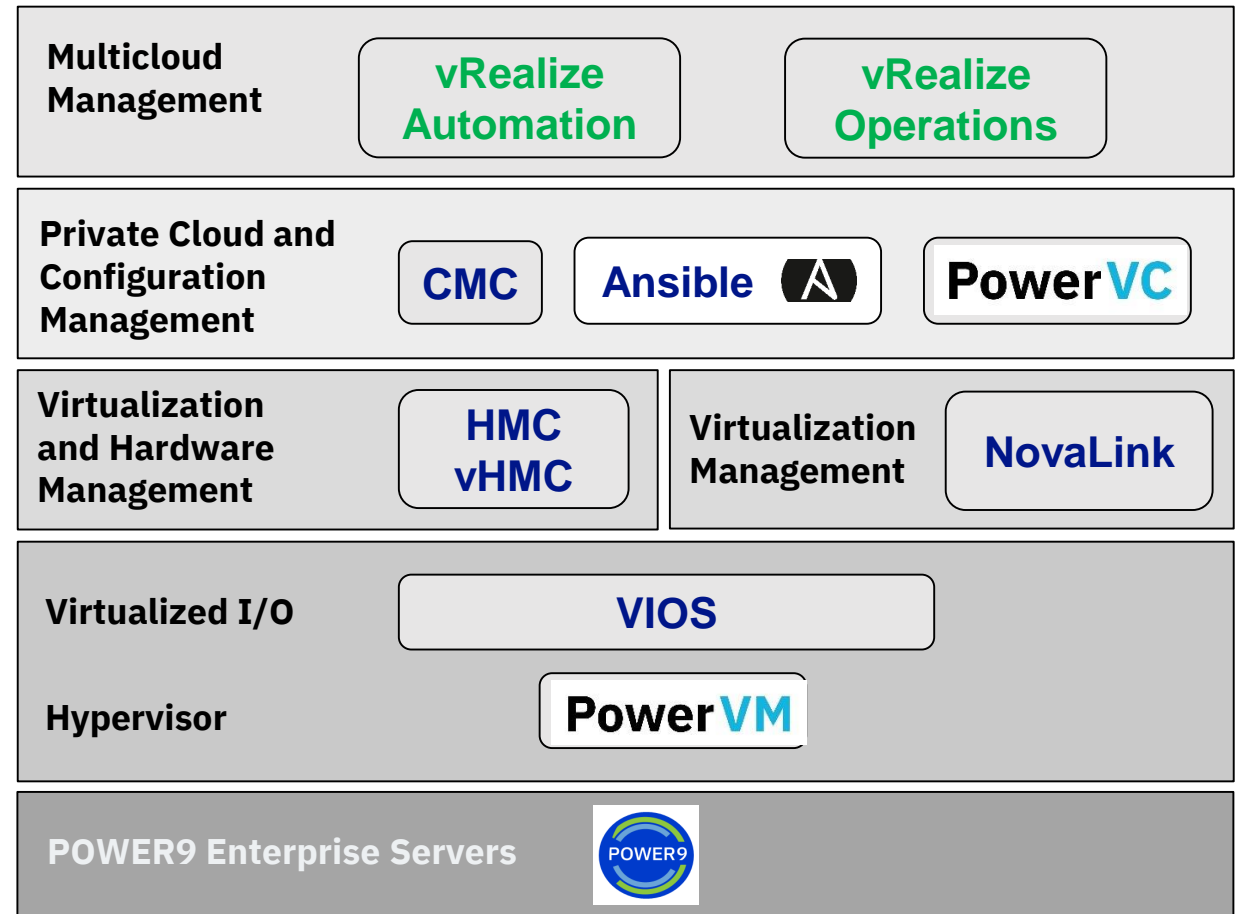


**PowerVM**

# Power Systems virtualization stack: Updated for a multicloud world

Throughout 2020, the entire POWER9 virtualization and private cloud stack has been refreshed to optimize support for multicloud architectures.

This stack forms the foundation of multiple POWER-based public cloud initiatives, as well as the thousands of mission-critical enterprise deployments worldwide.



# How PowerVM delivers virtualization benefits

Deploying a virtualized workload with PowerVM is simple:

- Create a new PowerVM virtual machine (VM)
- Install the operating system (AIX, IBM i or Linux) in the VM
- Install the workload application(s) in the VM
- Configure the operating system and applications as required

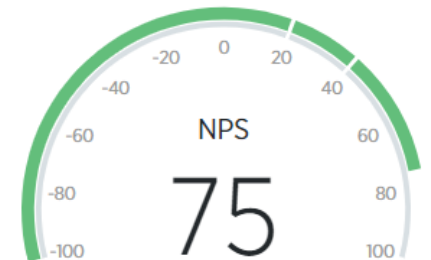
The VM can now be easily stored, moved, copied, archived or modified !

**PowerVM**



Benefits of virtualizing workloads with PowerVM include:

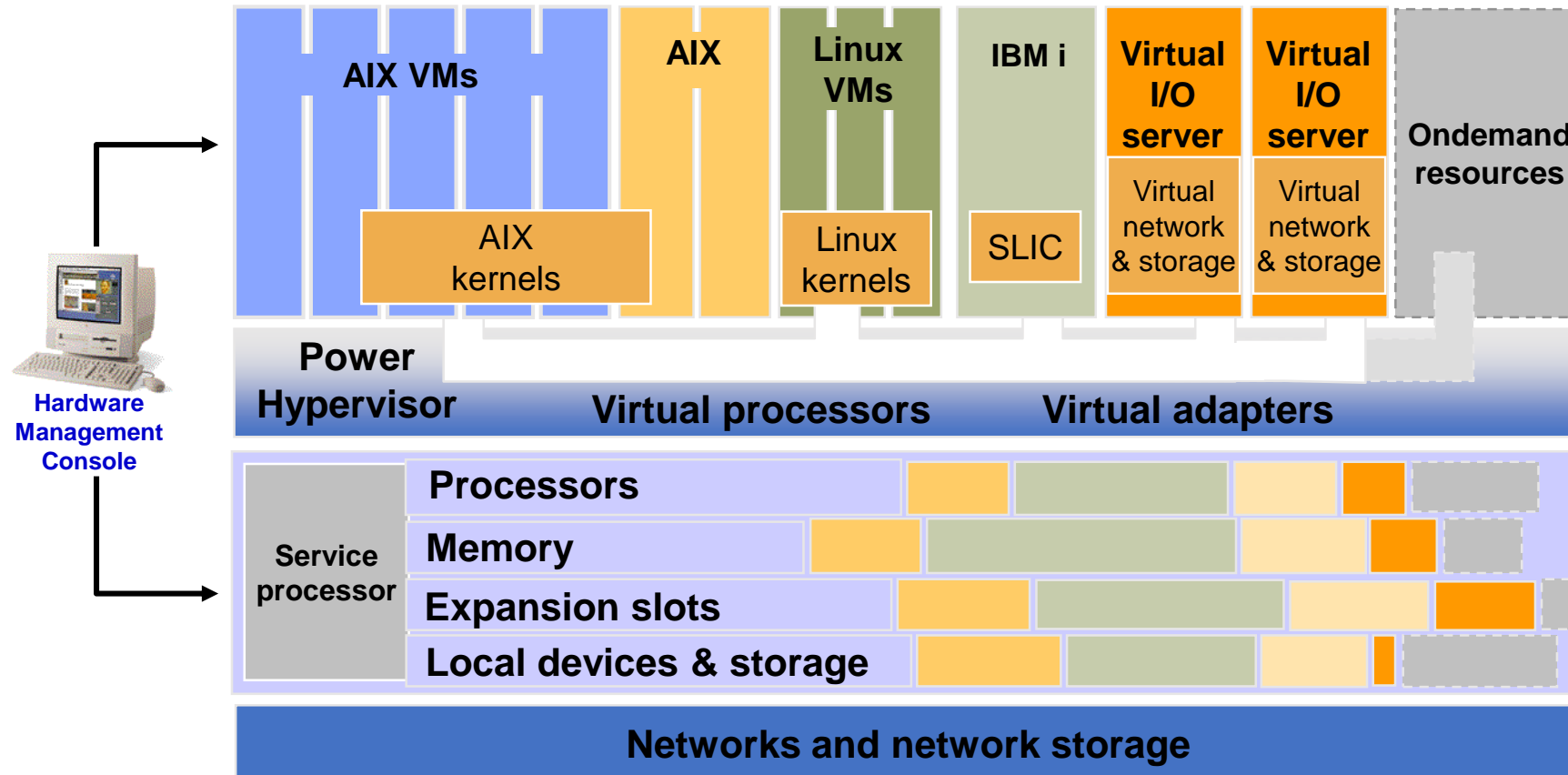
- **Extreme consolidation** – many diverse workloads can be hosted on one server
- **Rapid provisioning** – deploying a ready-to-run workload is quick and easy
- **High scalability** – deploying multiple copies of a workload type is simplified
- **Easy recoverability** – restoring a workload after an outage is fast and reliable





## PowerVM key design points

- Designed for high **efficiency** to provide high overall performance
- Designed for high **scalability** – linear from 1/20 to 256 cores
- Designed for **isolation** to provide security and “no compromise” consolidation
- Designed for maximum resource **granularity** to reduce wasting resources



# Power Hardware Management Console (HMC)

Management appliance for Power servers

Available as hardware appliance or vHMC

Driven by Web-based enhanced UI, CLI or API

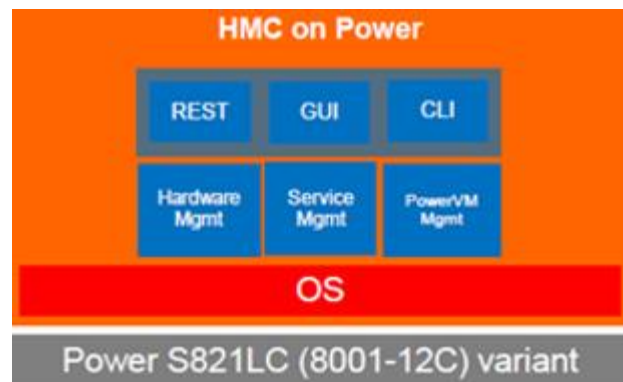
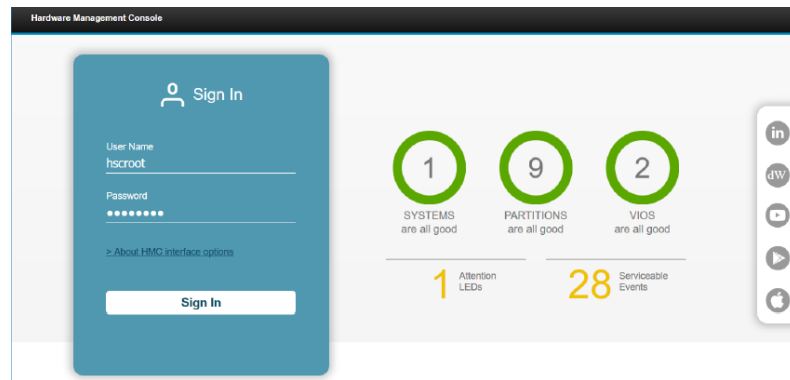


Table 1. Dimensions

Width	Depth	Height	Weight
437 mm (17.2 in.)	705.3 mm (27.76 in.)	43.0 mm (1.7 in.)	14.5 kg (32 lb)

Table 2. Electrical<sup>1, 2</sup>

Electrical characteristics	Properties
Maximum measured power	300 W
Maximum kVA	0.330
Maximum thermal output	1024 BTU/hr
Input voltage	100 - 127 V ac or 200 - 240 V ac
Frequency	50 or 60 Hz

1. Preliminary data is subject to change.  
2. Power consumption and heat output vary depending on the number and type of optional features that are installed and the power-management optional features that are in use.

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# IBM Cloud Management Console (CMC)



- The IBM Cloud Management Console (CMC) is a SaaS-based manager that provides a consolidated view of Power-based deployments, spanning multiple regions and datacenters.
- CMC provides a comprehensive inventory of systems and virtualized resources, consolidated performance data to optimize utilization and performance across multiple Power-based data centers, and aggregated logging information for additional insights.
- Delivered as a SaaS offering from the IBM Cloud, CMC offers convenient pay-as-you-go multi-cloud management. A one-year CMC entitlement is included with E950 and E980 servers.

The image displays four feature cards for the IBM Cloud Management Console, arranged horizontally. Each card has a white background with a teal footer containing a right-pointing arrow icon. The cards are:

- Patch Planning (PP):** Consolidated, easy-to-navigate views of code levels across your Power environment and available updates. Create and share patch plans with all stakeholders.
- Performance (Pe):** Monitor the performance of your Power environment. For systems, partitions and shared storage pools easily see utilization trends and monitor data center efficiency with energy metrics.
- Inventory (In):** Monitor the health status of all the resources in your Power infrastructure. Search your resource and hardware inventory to find what you need. Select any resource to filter the status information for that resource.
- Logging (Lo):** Use the Logging application to get insights into your data center PowerVM Virtualization actions such as Live Partition Mobility (LPM), Remote Restart (RR), and Partition Lifecycle.

# CMC connects HMCs to the Cloud



*Cloud-based microservices that can be accessed securely, anytime, anywhere for the entire enterprise*



- *As data centers scale out and up, the need increases for a complete view of the Power infrastructure*

## Inventory Aggregation



- View all Power Systems, HMCs, VMs, etc. across the entire enterprise
- See basic health & state

## Performance Monitoring



- Aggregated performance across Power enterprise
- Energy monitoring
- OS metrics

## Log Trends



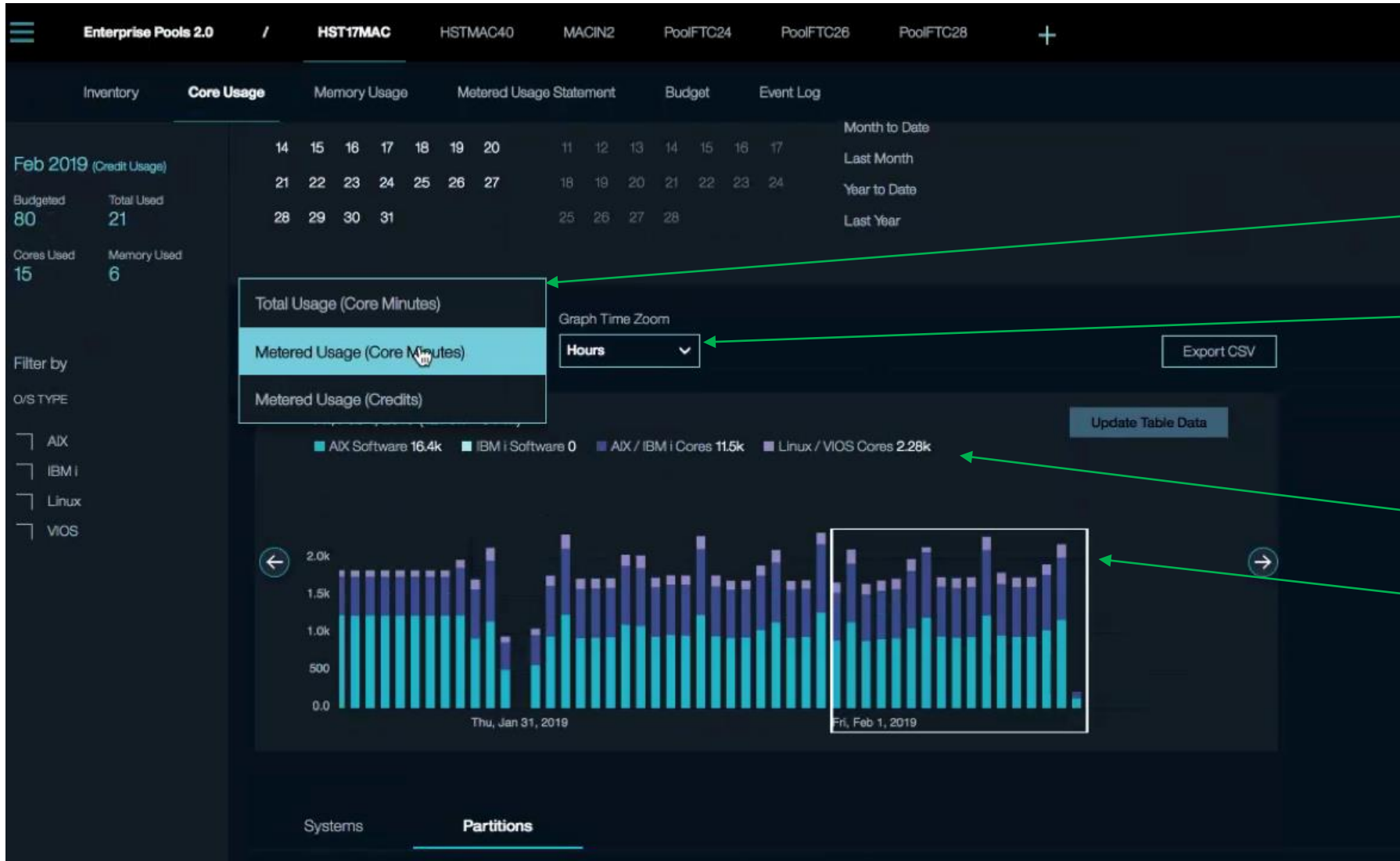
- Log aggregation
- Telemetry

## Patch Planning



- Patch compliance reports for firmware, HMC, NovaLink, VIOS, and OS
- Scheduled maintenance plan management

# CMC hosts the UI for Power Enterprise Pools 2.0

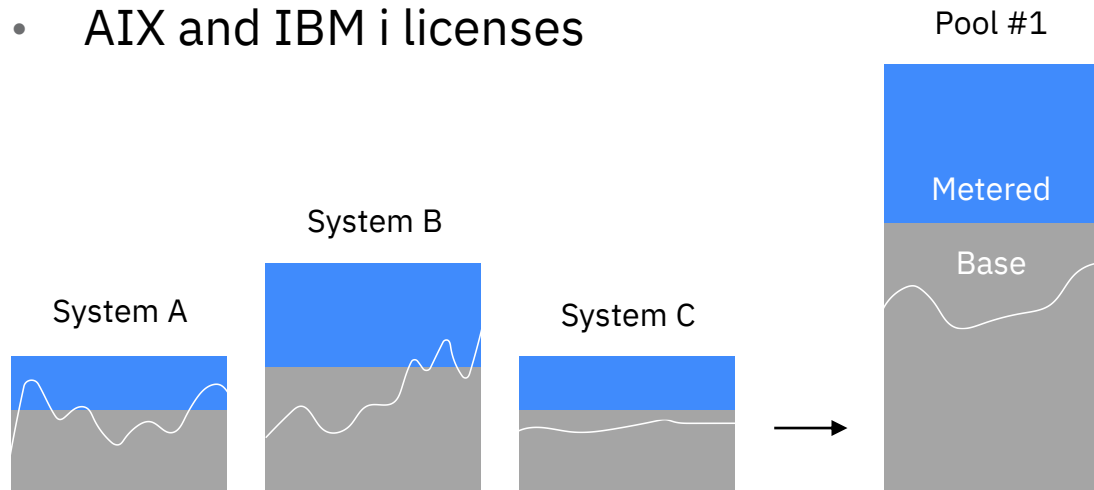


- Analyze Total or Metered Usage
- Change the Time Frame for analysis (Minute, Hour, Day, Week, Month)
- Usage by resource type
- Trending Analysis with ability to adjust time scale

# POWER Private Cloud Solution Enterprise Pools 2.0

Handle demand spikes across collections of POWER servers with Base and Metered Capacity, which includes:

- Processor activations
- Memory activations
- AIX and IBM i licenses



**Optimize costs with dynamic, pay for use pricing.  
All processor & memory resources are fully activated.**

## How it all works

Purchase servers with **Base** capacity.

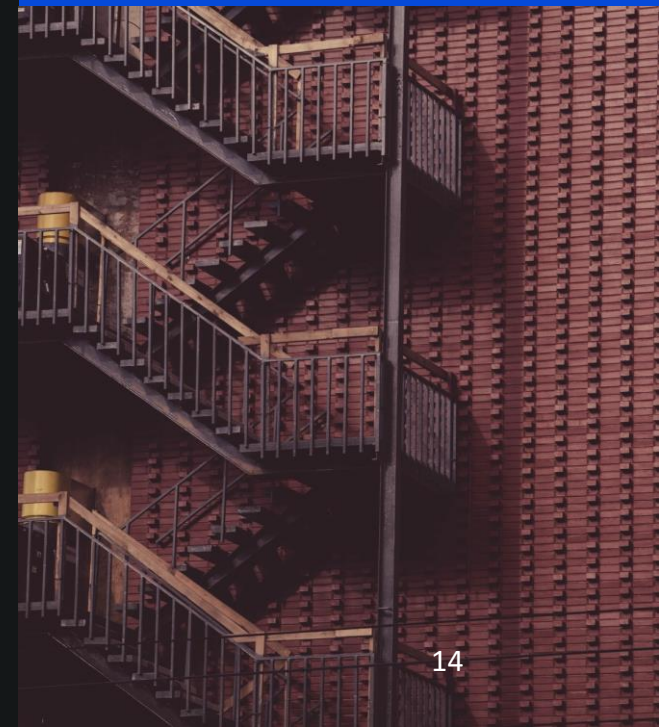
Variable demand addressed by buying Capacity Credits for **Metered** capacity.

**IBM Cloud Management Console with HMC** automatically monitors and debits against Capacity Credits for actual resource usage by the minute.

## Which servers?\*

Deploy across a pool of POWER E980 or POWER E950 systems.

\* As of 2Q20

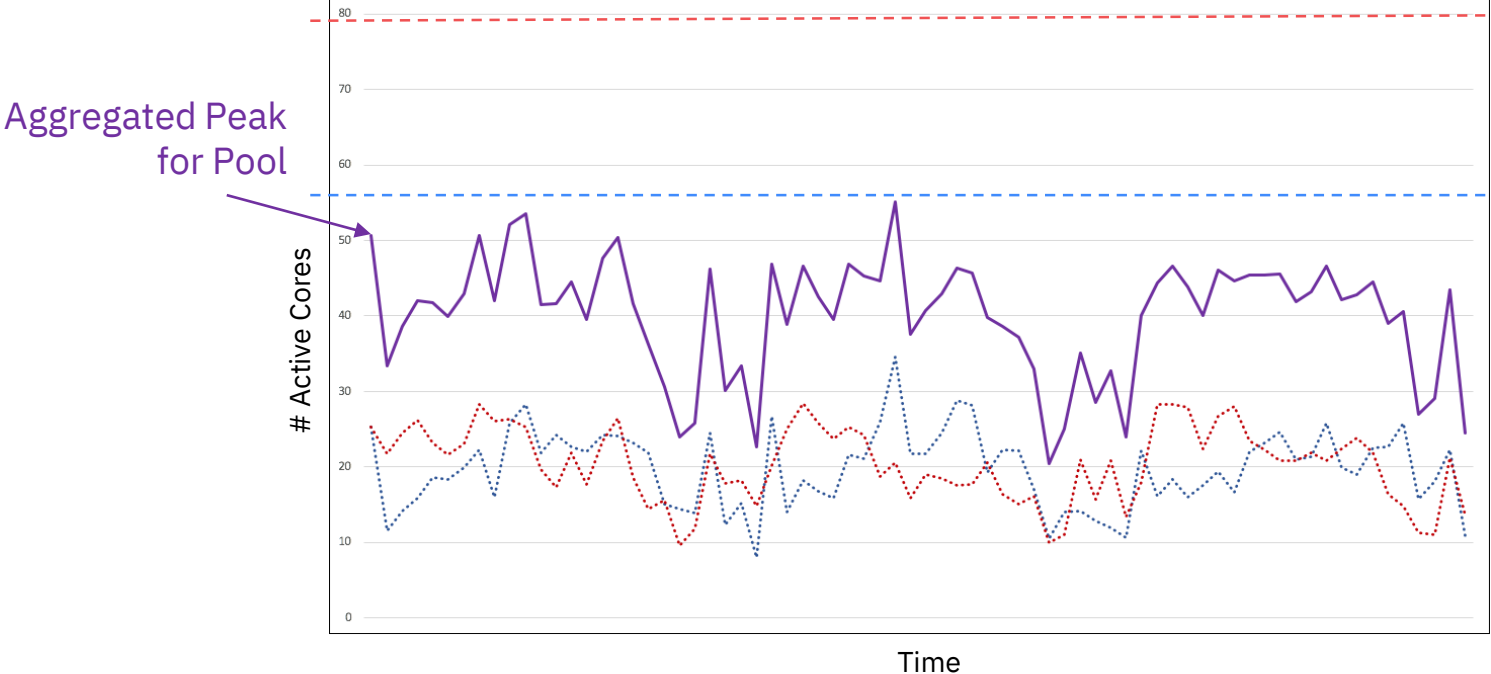


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IBM Cloud Management Console with HMC



Total of initially planned peak processor activations for System A + System B (**before Pools 2.0**)

Potential to leverage shared resources (**new for Pools 2.0**) to reduce capacity expenses

System A System B Pool 1

# PowerVC for virtualization management and private cloud

PowerVC API provides open standards-based integration with cloud ecosystem partners



## PowerVC

### Key Features:

1. Deploy VMs in minutes
2. Full lifecycle management of VMs
3. Automated VM recovery
4. Single-click host evacuation
5. Automated cloud optimization
6. Multi-tenancy and resource isolation
7. Software-defined networking
8. OpenStack API enablement
9. Open integration with multi-cloud managers

## PowerVC for Private Cloud

### Key Features:

1. ***EVERYTHING in PowerVC Standard Edition***
2. Self-service, single-click deployment for cloud users and developers
3. Policies, metering and quota management to govern how the private cloud operates
4. Import/export VMs to/from clouds



# PowerVC 2.0: Latest release

Refreshed Carbon user experience (from an extensive IBM Design Thinking project during 2019-2020)

Context-sensitive logs display

Scales up to manage **10,000** VMs and **20,000** Volumes

Migration of volumes with retype support

Multi-factor authentication (MFA)

Persistent Memory support

SLES certification for PowerVC Manager

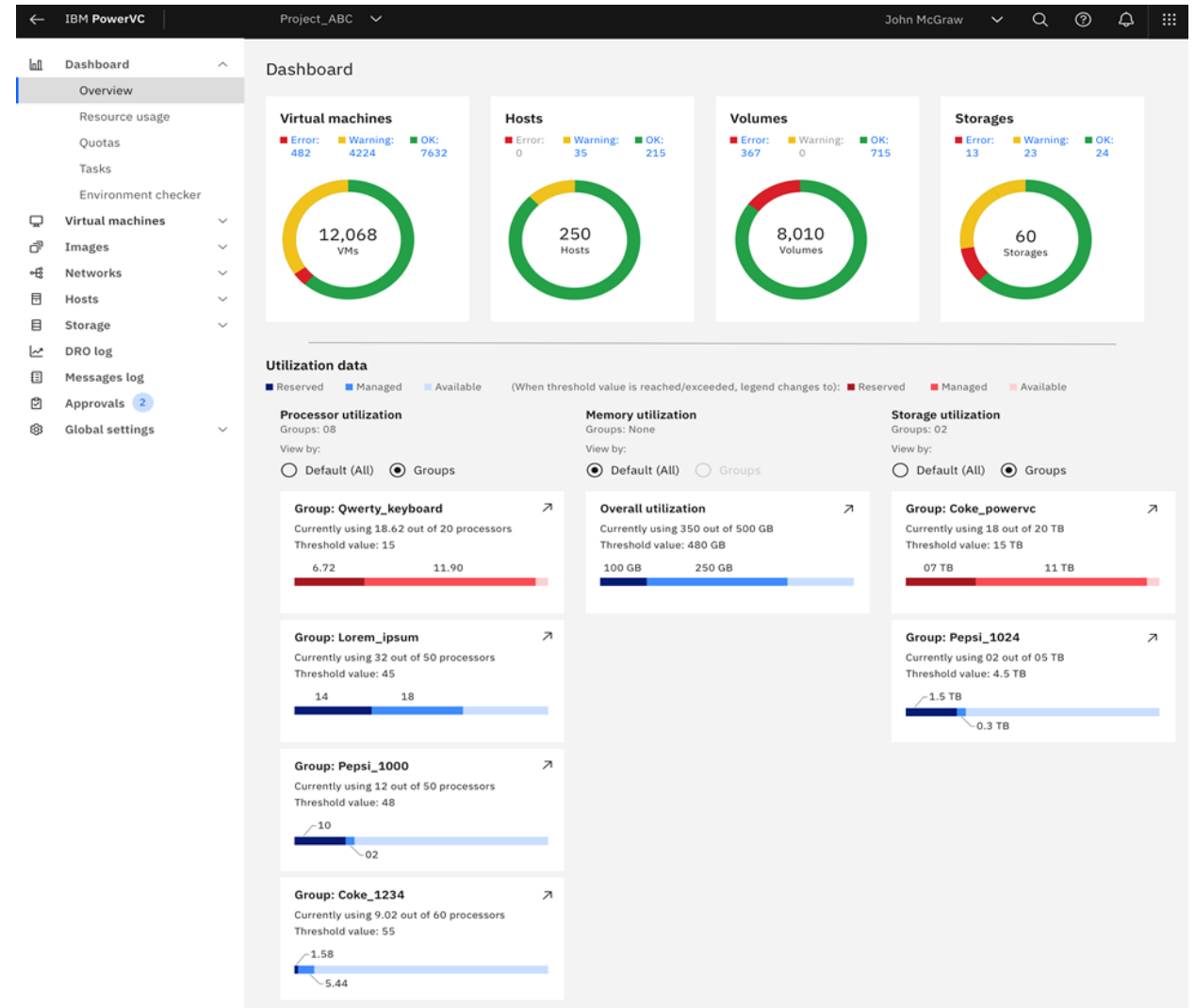
RHEL 8 support with full Python 3 compatibility.

Consistency groups, snapshot and restore

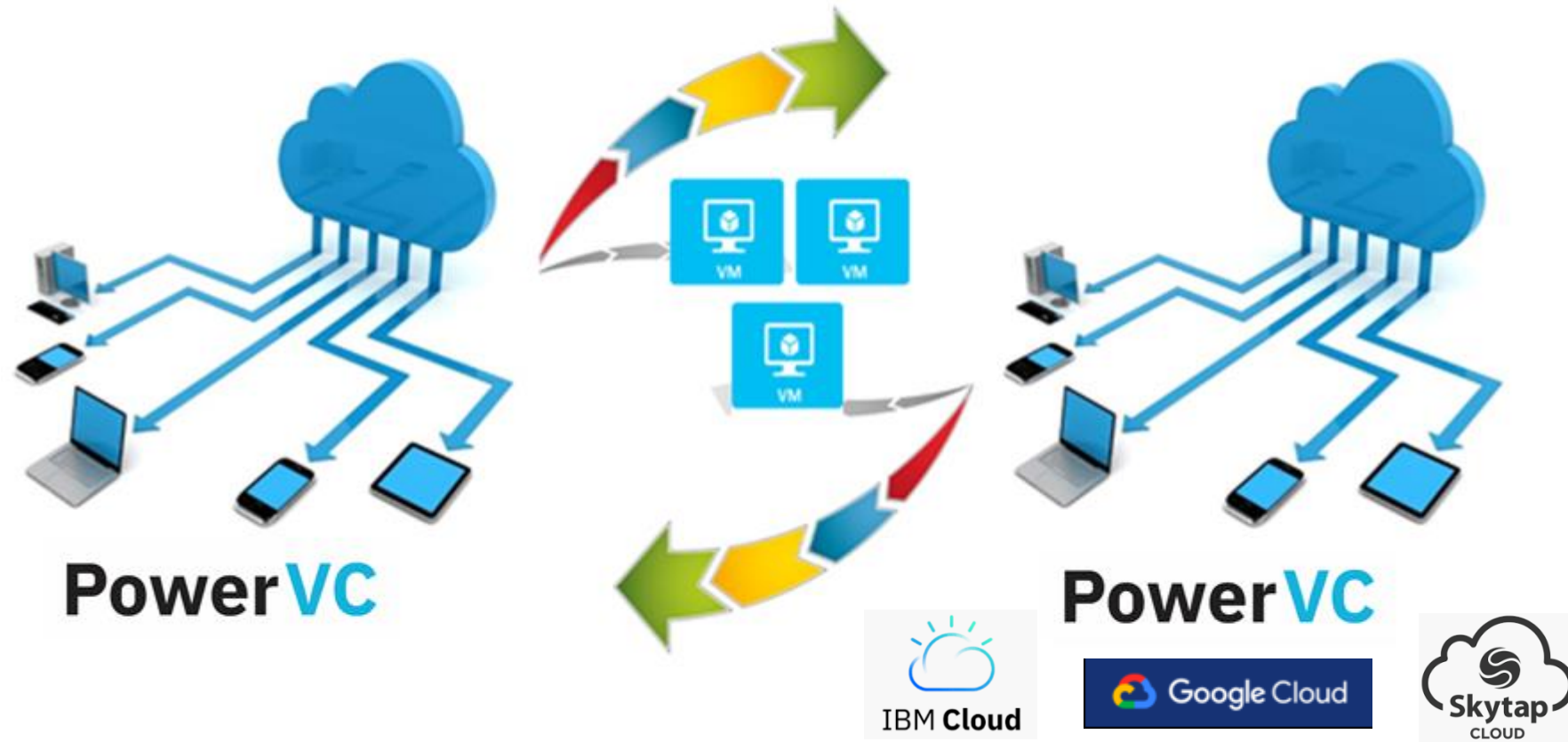
Volume clone for backup

VM clone to simplify redundant workload deployment

Global Mirror for IBM Storwize for enabling DR



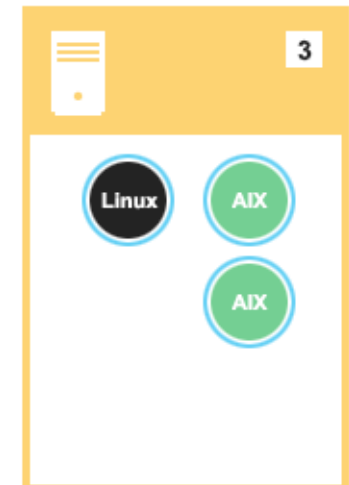
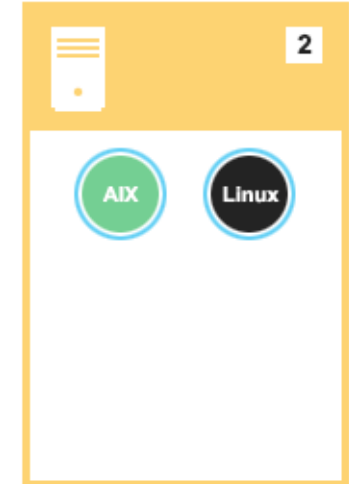
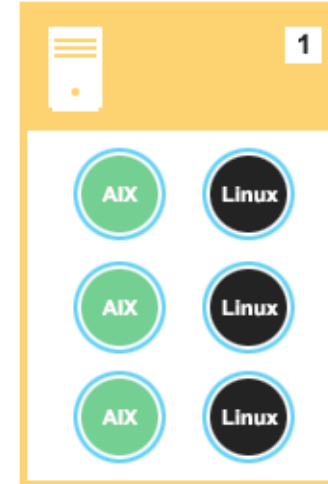
# PowerVC enables VM import/export for cloud mobility



Move any VM between clouds or data centers as needed, for seamless hybrid cloud agility

# PowerVC Dynamic Resource Optimizer (DRO)

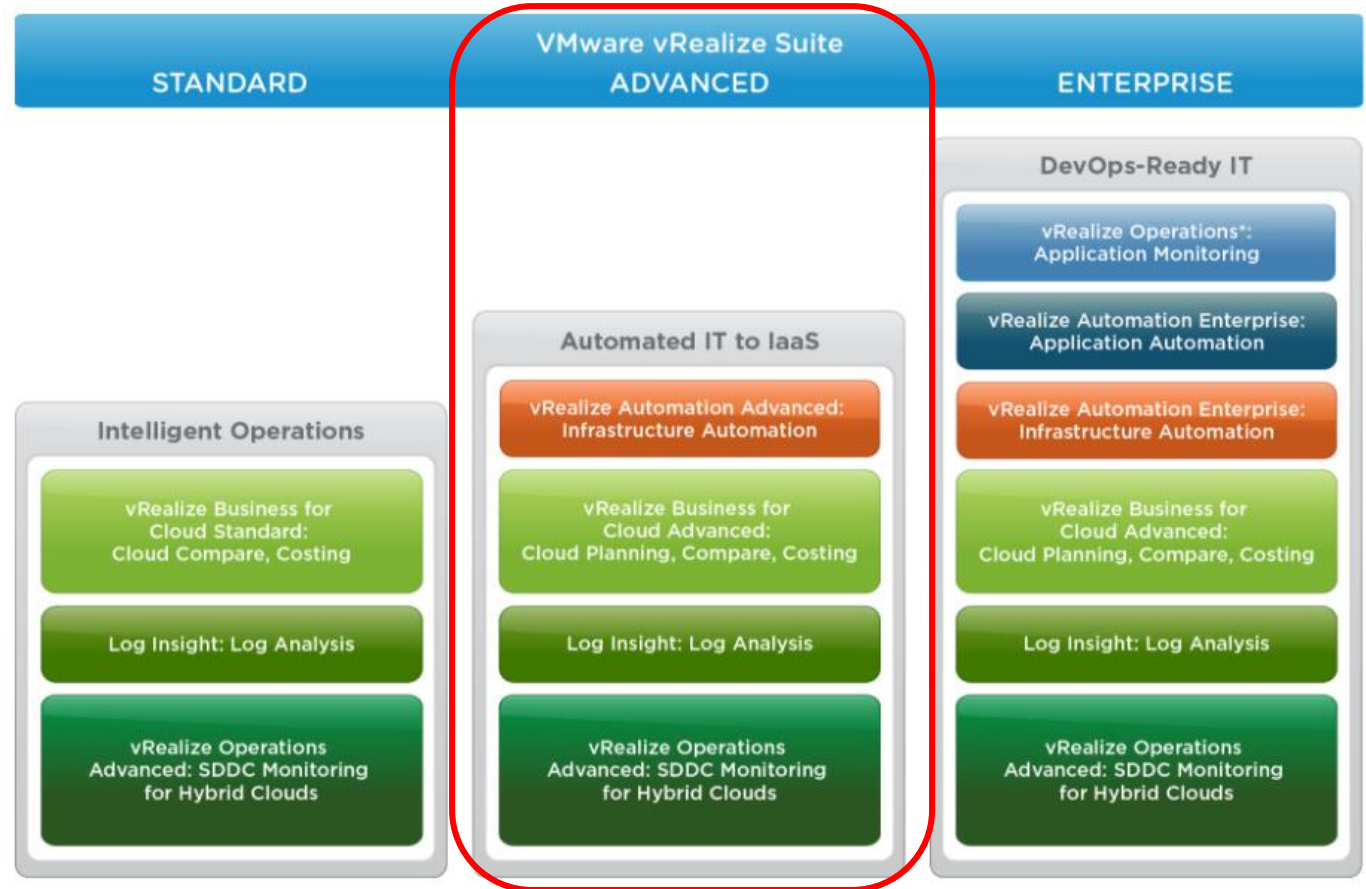
- **Example:** When a server exceeds its predefined utilization threshold, VMs from that server are migrated to less-burdened servers in the host group.
- In this case, three hosts are in a host group that has DRO enabled.
- When Host #1 becomes overburdened, the VMs are automatically migrated via LPM to other hosts in the host group.



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# VMware vRealize Suite and Power Systems

- VMware vRealize Suite is a multi-cloud manager that is sold in three Editions: Standard, Advanced and Enterprise
- Most Power customers with large x86 server deployments have vRealize Advanced Edition. which includes Automation and Operations
- vRealize Automation can manage PowerVM workloads, with integration provided by PowerVC northbound APIs
- The result is a consistent virtualization and cloud management experience across x86 and Power infrastructure



**PowerVC**

# vRealize Automation: Manages Power, x86 and Z virtualization

vRealize Automation provides an integrated multicloud management experience

The screenshot displays the vRealize Automation Service Catalog. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Catalog', 'Items', 'Requests', 'Inbox', 'Design', 'Administration', and 'Infrastructure'. The user is logged in as 'Administrator@SANFRAN.PBM.IHOST.COM'. The main content area shows a grid of service cards under the heading 'All Services (12)'. The cards include:

- AIX 7.1** Power Systems AIX 7.1 singleton
- AIX 7.1 w/vRO pattern** Power Systems AIX 7.1 w/vRO pattern
- IBM i 7.1** Power Systems IBM i 7.1 singleton
- RHEL 6.5 BE** Power Systems RHEL 6.5 Big Endian singleton with gugent for PowerVM
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- SLES for PowerVM** Power Systems SAP HANA for Power Systems

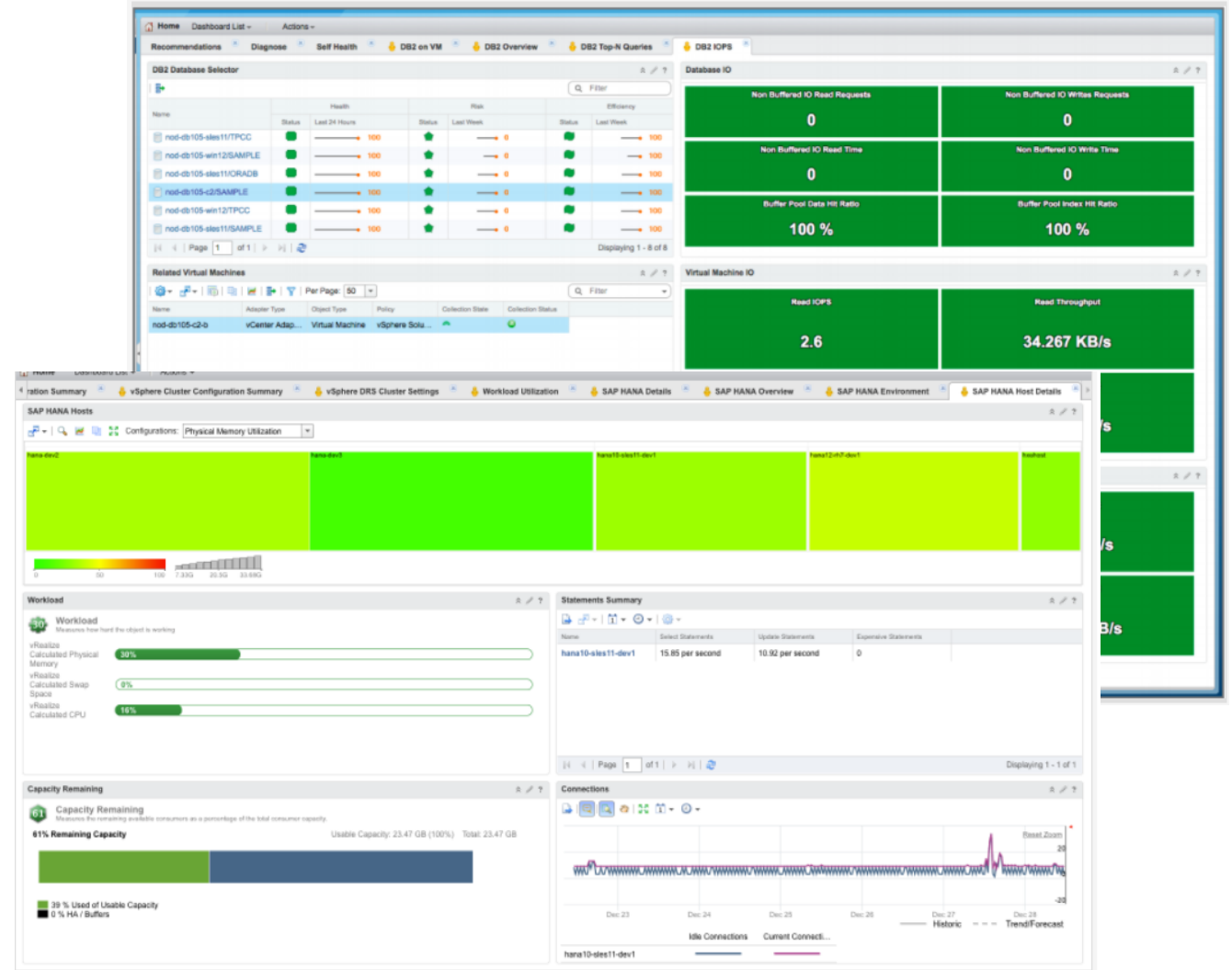
Two callout boxes provide additional context:

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) capability** with lifecycle management of VMs for AIX, IBM i and Linux on PowerVM or KVM and Linux on z/VM or KVM on z
- Platform as a Service (PaaS) capability** extended with IBM GTS patterns for implementing IBM and non-IBM application software

# VMware vRealize Operations for IBM Power

**VMware vRealize Operations for Power** delivers efficient capacity management, proactive planning and intelligent remediation, helping customers optimize, plan and scale multicloud deployments.

- **Full stack dashboard**
  - HMC data provider
  - PowerVC data provider
- **AIX OS agent (7.1 and 7.2)**
- **Linux OS agent (RHEL and SUSE)**
- **SAP HANA management pack**
- **DB2 management pack**
- **Oracle management pack**



# Ansible automates repetitive IT management tasks

- Rolling out system software updates
- Ensuring that all servers stay configured properly and meet compliance requirements
- Validate correct security baseline is in place
- Provisioning software stacks within SLAs

Automate deployment  
and management

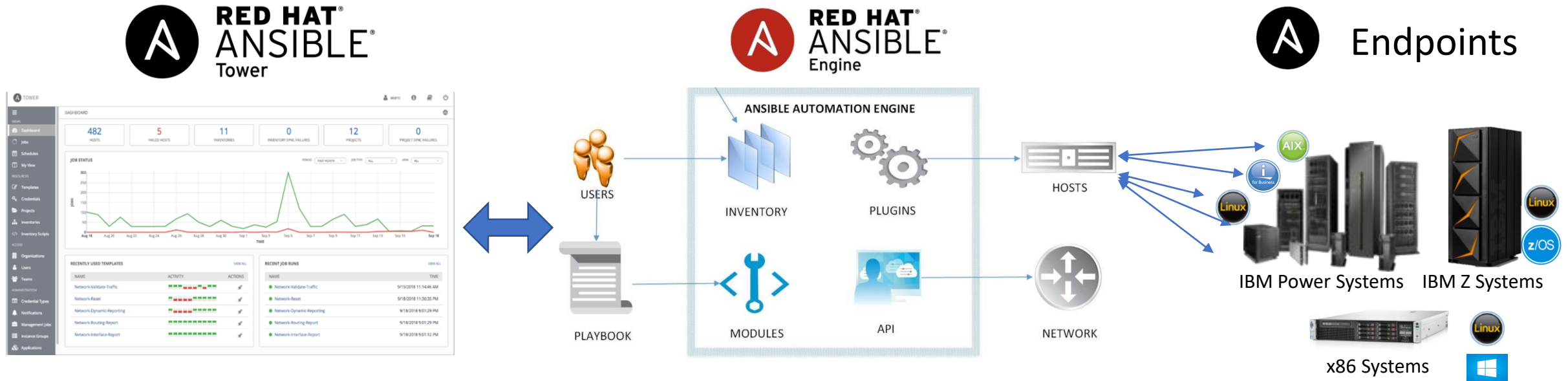


**Red Hat**  
Ansible Automation  
Platform

Increases productivity of AIX, IBM i and IBM Power Systems admins  
Extends consistent management across multiple platforms



# Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform for Power Systems



## 1 Red Hat Ansible Tower

- Enterprise-wide graphical control of Ansible estate



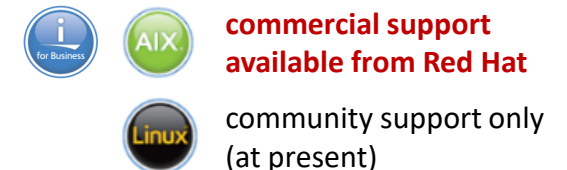
## 2 Red Hat Ansible Engine

- Enterprise-wide control – i.e., runs playbooks



## 3 Red Hat Ansible Endpoints

- Enterprise-wide automation; modules are executed here





# Ansible and Power Systems Cloud solutions



1. Ansible can automate anything—even cloud provisioning operations
2. From a POWER perspective, can automate both private cloud and public cloud infrastructure
3. **Private Cloud:** Ansible complements IBM PowerVC to automate VM provisioning—[see an example](#)
4. **Public Cloud:** Ansible complements IBM Power Virtual Server on IBM Cloud—[see an example](#)

# Cloud has reset expectations for IT

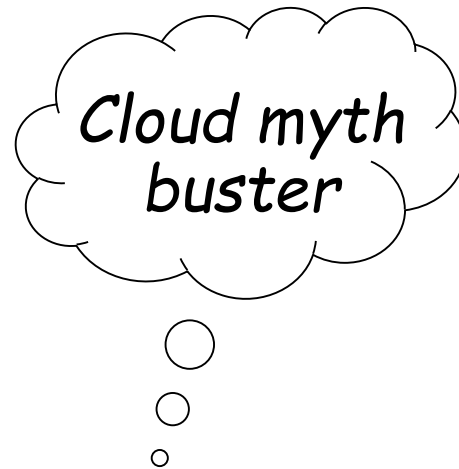


**94%** of organizations are using a mix of public & private clouds and are embracing a multicloud strategy\*

Pay as you go for what you use

Self-service experience, from anywhere

Rapid access to resources – compute, storage, GPUs, network bandwidth



Automate, simplify management & Dev/Ops

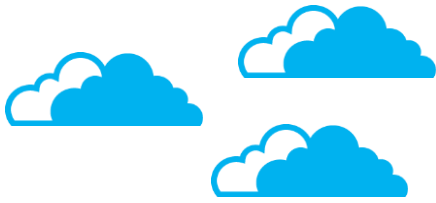
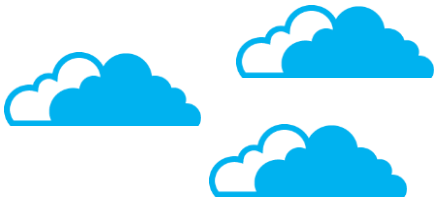
Deploy & scale apps rapidly – run anywhere

Continuous software, infrastructure innovation

## Cloud is a capability and not a place

\*IDC Cloud Forecast 2018-2020

# IT teams are defining how Power fits in multcloud plans



# Cloud placement considerations for Power workloads



Resilience – stateless or transactional?

Security – are the crown jewels locked down?

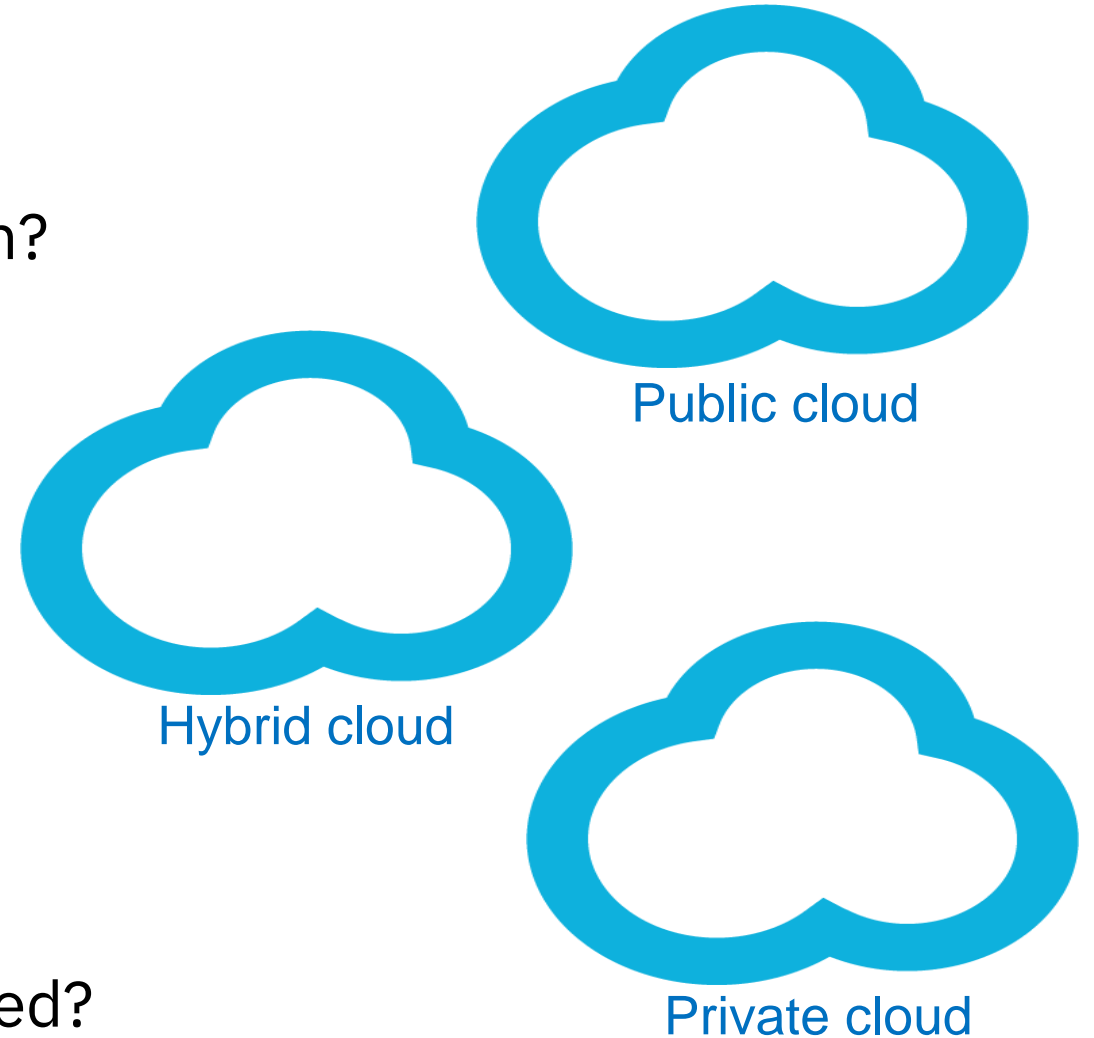
Performance – is it there when you need it?

Latency – is a dropped connection fatal?

Predictability – is activity spiky or stable?

Compliance – local/regional/global?

Data sources – publicly-available or protected?



Public cloud

Hybrid cloud

Private cloud

# Where do Power workloads belong?



## Public Cloud

Backup & archive

Front office/desktop

ERP

Big data & analytics

Disaster recovery

## Private Cloud

Workloads needing low latency to back ends

Existing database workloads

Applications with sensitive data

Risk & compliance services

Web applications/ e-commerce

Digital experience solutions

## Maintain & Evolve

Applications with complex processes and transactions

Highly customized applications

Not yet virtualized applications

Data sovereignty / residency

Regulation-intensive applications

Information-intensive applications

Batch processing

Customer service

Enterprise social solutions

Third-party applications

Mobile applications

Non-core business processes

Development and test workloads

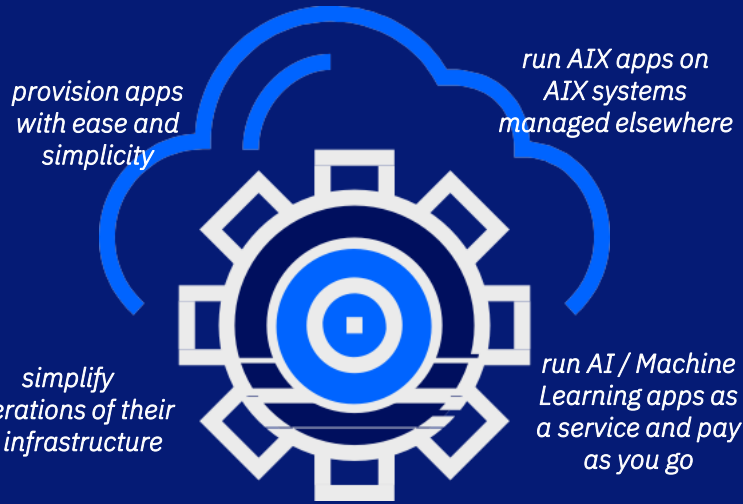
Enterprise transformation required for cloud adoption

\* IBM Institute for Business Value study, "Tailoring Hybrid Cloud" August 2016

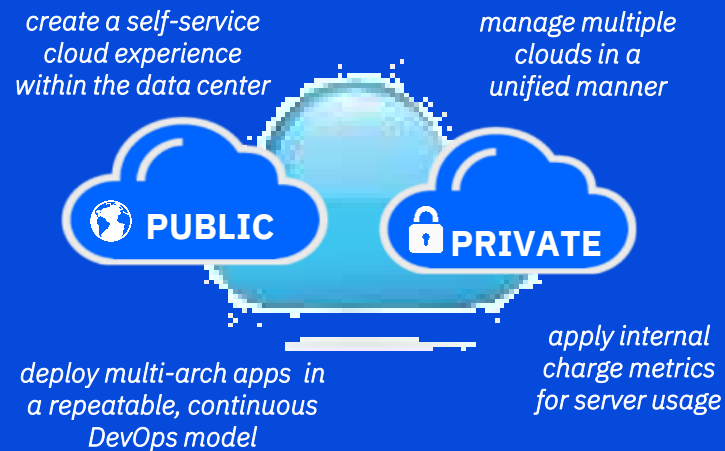
# Digital transformation by Power Systems clients includes...



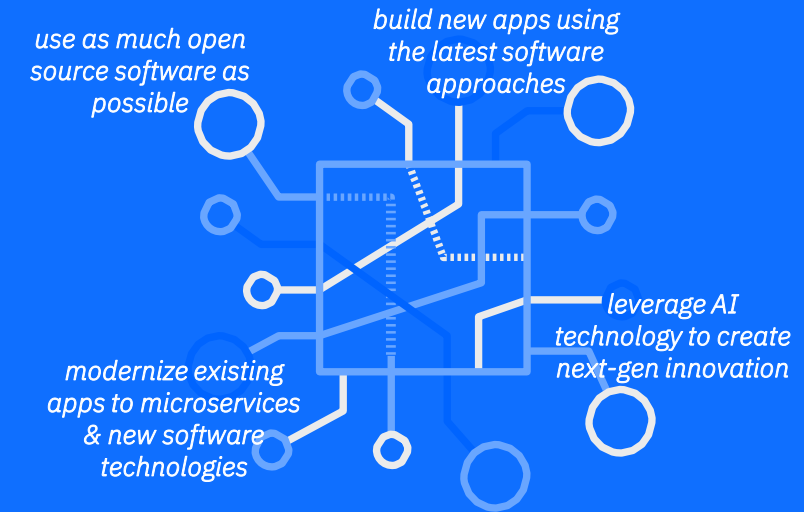
## Simplifying Infrastructure Management & Automation



## Delivering a Cloud Experience and Increasing Agility



## Providing an Innovation Fabric for the Business



On Premises (Private Cloud), Off Premises (Public Cloud) or Both (Hybrid Cloud)

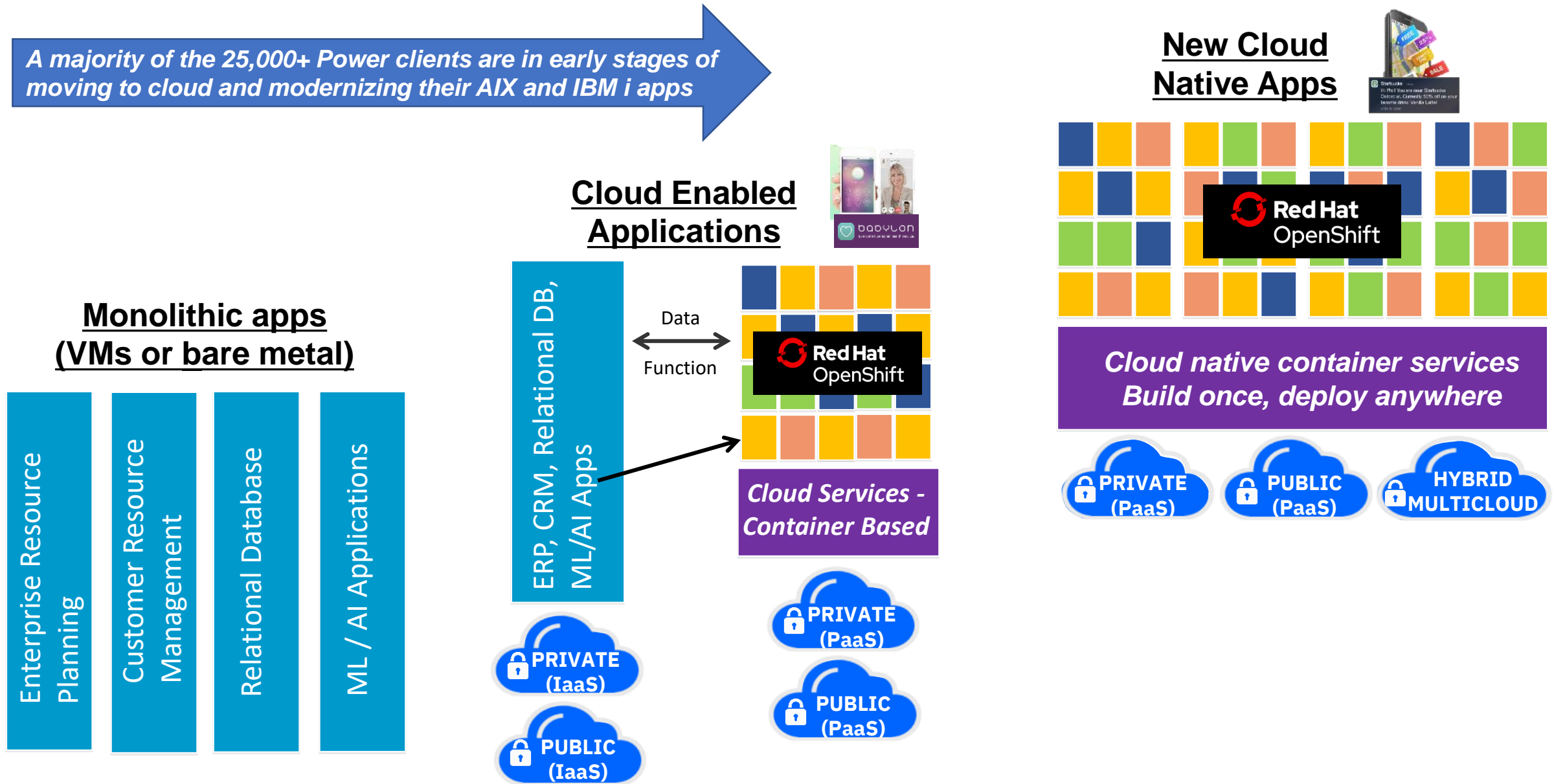


...IBM Power Systems have you covered!

# Cloud is changing how applications are built and delivered

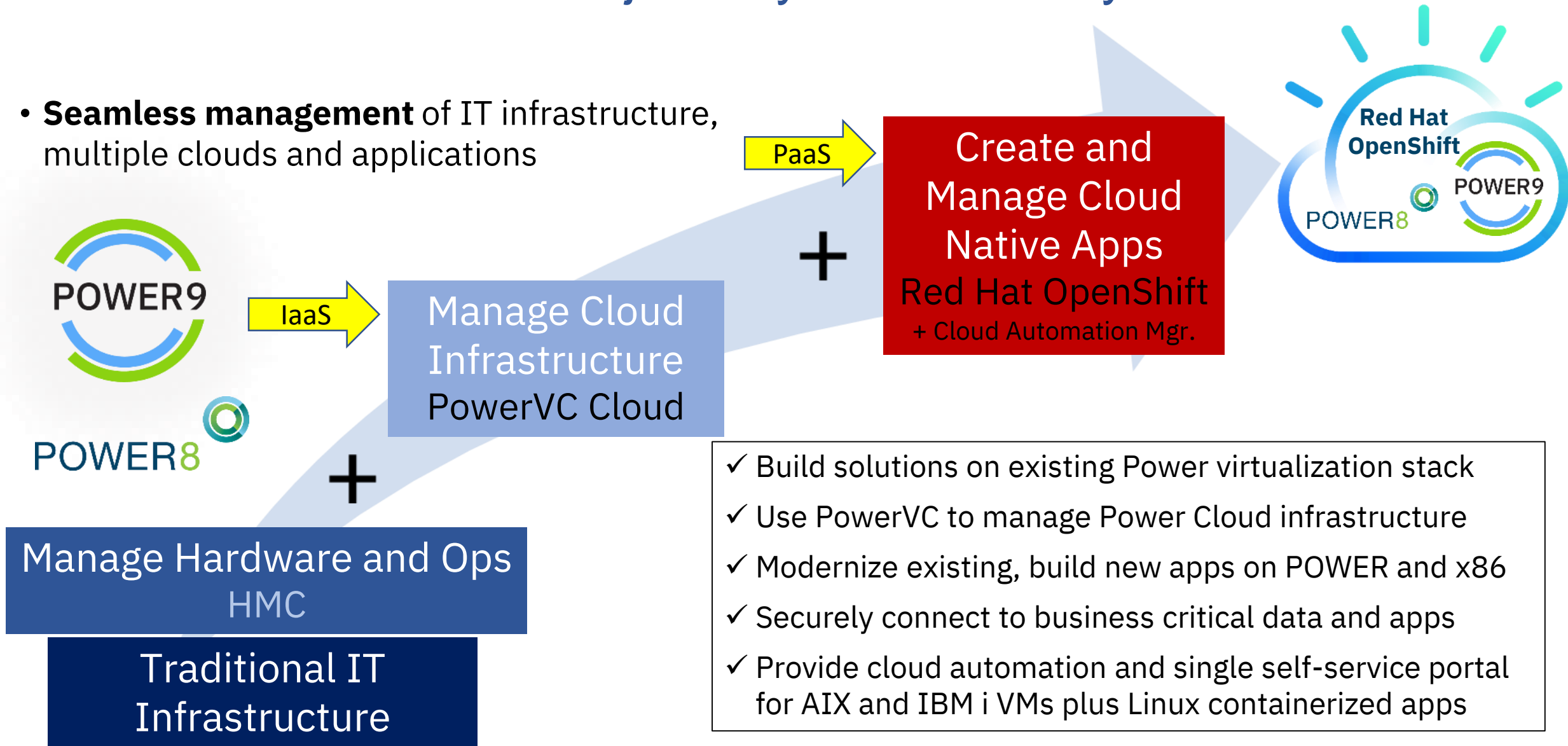


A majority of the 25,000+ Power clients are in early stages of moving to cloud and modernizing their AIX and IBM i apps



# Modernization and Cloud journey for Power Systems

- **Seamless management** of IT infrastructure, multiple clouds and applications



- ✓ Build solutions on existing Power virtualization stack
- ✓ Use PowerVC to manage Power Cloud infrastructure
- ✓ Modernize existing, build new apps on POWER and x86
- ✓ Securely connect to business critical data and apps
- ✓ Provide cloud automation and single self-service portal for AIX and IBM i VMs plus Linux containerized apps



# IBM Power Systems Virtual Server on IBM Cloud

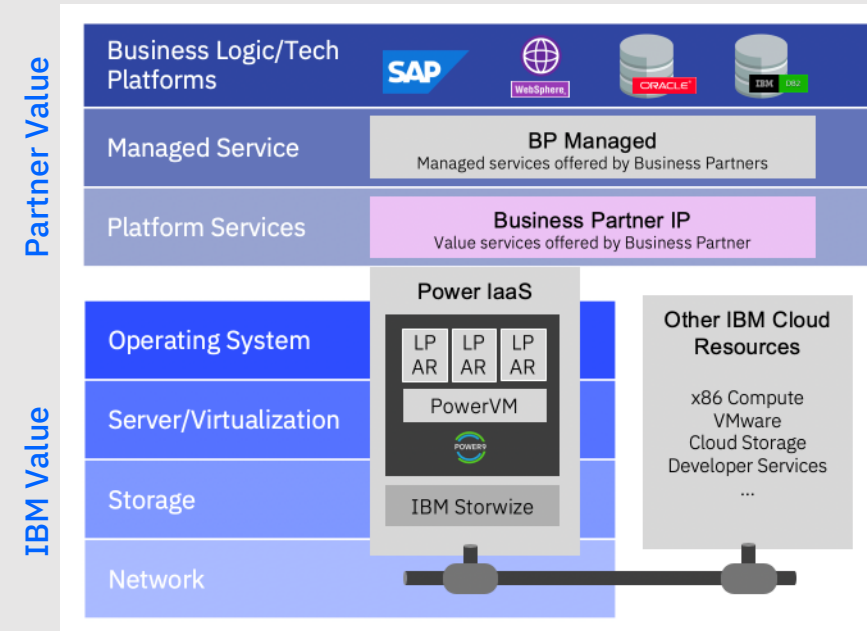


- Self-provision and purchase monthly subscription Power IaaS instances from IBM Cloud.
- Self-service VM management of pool of compute, memory, storage, network infrastructure.
- Secure access to PowerVM based VMs through client owned IBM Cloud resources.
- IBM manages IaaS resources and supports hardware/software up to OS deployment
- Client self-manages the Operating System and all software above the OS
- Client can bring their own OS images and add to available OS images.

## Power IaaS Details:

Systems:	S922 or E980
Compute:	0.25-153 cores (15 for S922, 153 for E980), <i>Dedicated or Shared option for Cores</i>
Memory:	8-64 GB per core
Storage Type:	Type: Tier 3 (SSD) or Tier 1 (NVMe)
Storage Quantity	10 GB minimum, 10 GB increments
Network:	Public and/or Private IP
OS:	AIX / IBM i / Linux

*Multi-tenant, self managed,  
Power Infrastructure-as-a-Service in IBM Cloud  
with consumption-based OPEX pricing*



## Pricing Methodology:

- Consumption based pricing:
  - Hourly pricing, monthly billing
- Pricing Calculator:
  - [Power Virtual Server Price Estimator](#)



# IBM Power Systems for Google Cloud

## Overview

Power infrastructure as a service

Capacity via monthly subscription

Complete Google Cloud user experience

Private, low-latency access to resources

IBM runs infrastructure, clients manage OS and up

One consolidated monthly bill from Google Cloud



IBM Power Systems for Google Cloud

VM Instances > Create an instance

Name: db-dev-1 Location: US East

Number of Instances: 1

Machine type: Customize to select cores, memory and GPUs.

Processor type:  
 Dedicated Processors  
 Shared Processors

CPU Platform: S922

Cores: 1 to 6 (set to 2)

Memory: 1 to 128 (set to 12 GB)

# IBM and Red Hat: Hybrid Cloud Architecture

## Open Platform for innovation and growth



### Business Requirements

Build with the latest tech on any cloud

Improve visibility & control across hybrid, multicloud

Ensure app & data portability with no lock in

Optimize on the best fit cloud model and vendor

**World-class public cloud**  
IaaS & advanced services on IBM's public cloud

**Hybrid multicloud platform**  
Consistent stack and management for multicloud

**Expertise** Advise on cloud | Build for cloud | Move to cloud | Manage on cloud

**Advanced Services** AI | Hyper Protect | IoT | Blockchain | Analytics | ML | Quantum

**Capabilities** Application | Data | Integration | Automation | Management | Security

**Foundation** Common Services | RHEL | RH OpenShift | Multi-cluster Management

### Business Outcomes

Innovate faster with greater agility

Create more insights from data

Improve ROI and competitive edge

### Infrastructure



IBM Cloud



AWS



Azure



Google



Edge



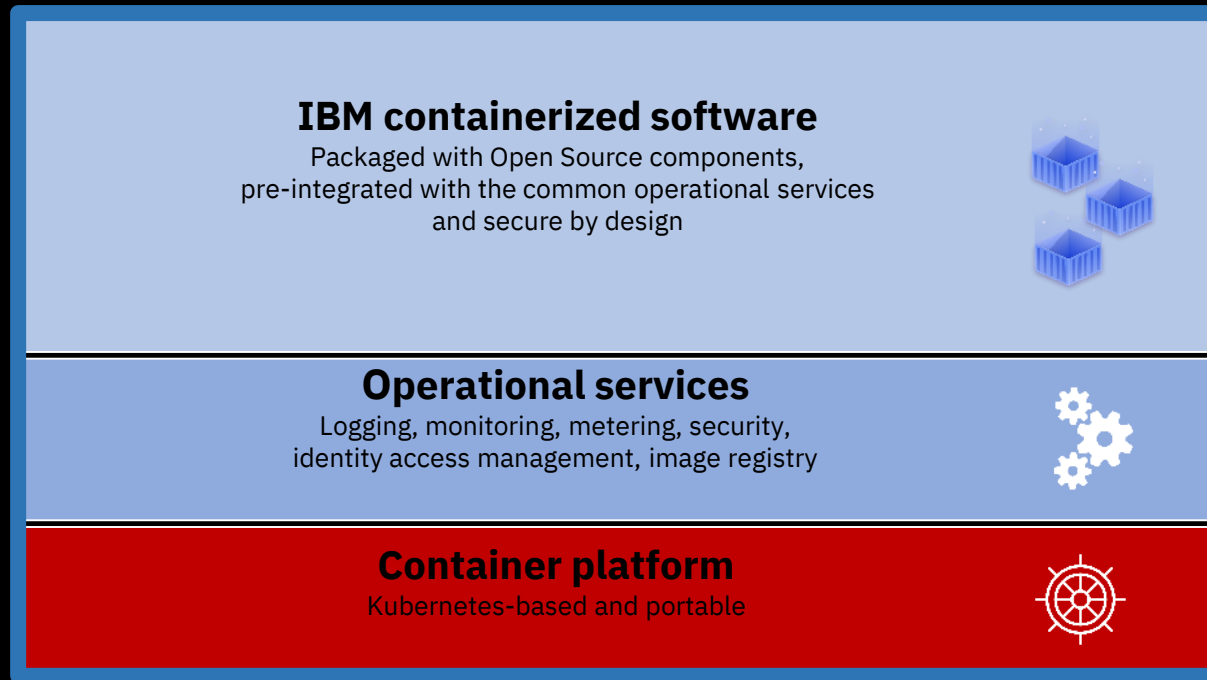
Private Cloud



IBM Power Systems  
IBM LinuxOne/z Sys.  
IBM Storage

# IBM Cloud Paks – Middleware Anywhere

*Enterprise-ready, containerized software solutions that give you an open, faster, more secure way to move core business applications to any 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*

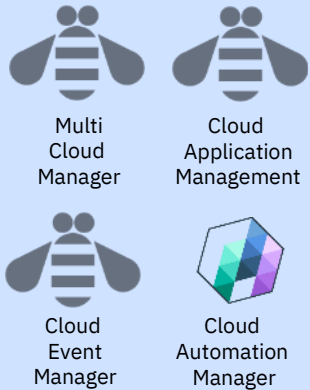
## **Run anywhere**

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



# Cloud Paks and Red Hat OpenShift on Power Systems

## Cloud Pak for Multicloud Management



Red Hat OpenShift

## Cloud Pak for Application



\*UrbanCode Deploy  
\*Developer Team Orch  
\*Dev Team Governance

Red Hat OpenShift

## Cloud Pak for Data

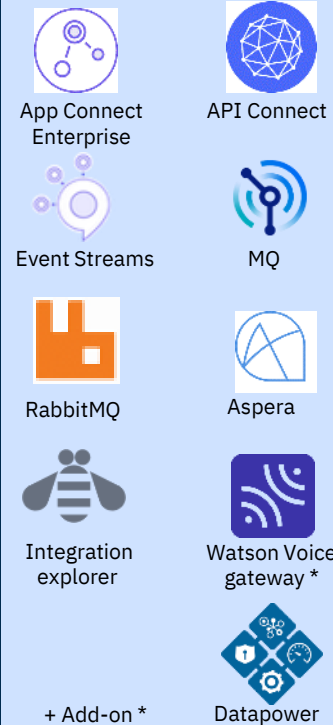


\* PostgreSQL  
\* NetApp Persistent Storage  
\* Wand Taxonomies and Ontologies  
\* Knowis for Banking  
\* Lightbend Reactive Microservices  
\* Prolifics Prospecting Accelerator

+ Add-on \* (including Watson AI, ...)

Red Hat OpenShift

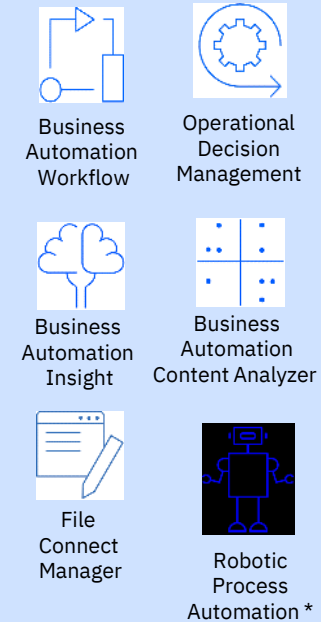
## Cloud Pak for Integration



+ Add-on \*

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## Cloud Pak for Automation



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## Cloud Pak for Security



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Runs on choice of IBM Power Systems Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS)

PowerVC  
PowerVM



Bare-metal



# POWER9 Servers: Optimized for a hybrid cloud world



Optimal solutions for private, public, hybrid and multi-clouds

- ✓ Built-in **PowerVM**, so every workload is virtualized with accelerated secure mobility
- ✓ Consistent multicloud management with **VMware vRealize Suite** integration
- ✓ Enterprise-wide IT automation with **Ansible**
- ✓ **PowerVC for Private Cloud** for virtualized resource optimization and a comprehensive private cloud portal
- ✓ Create new Power cloud-native container-based solutions alongside AIX and IBM i workloads with **IBM Cloud Paks**



Read the white paper:

<https://www.ibm.com/downloads/cas/G4DO3DJE>

## Additional POWER9 Cloud benefits

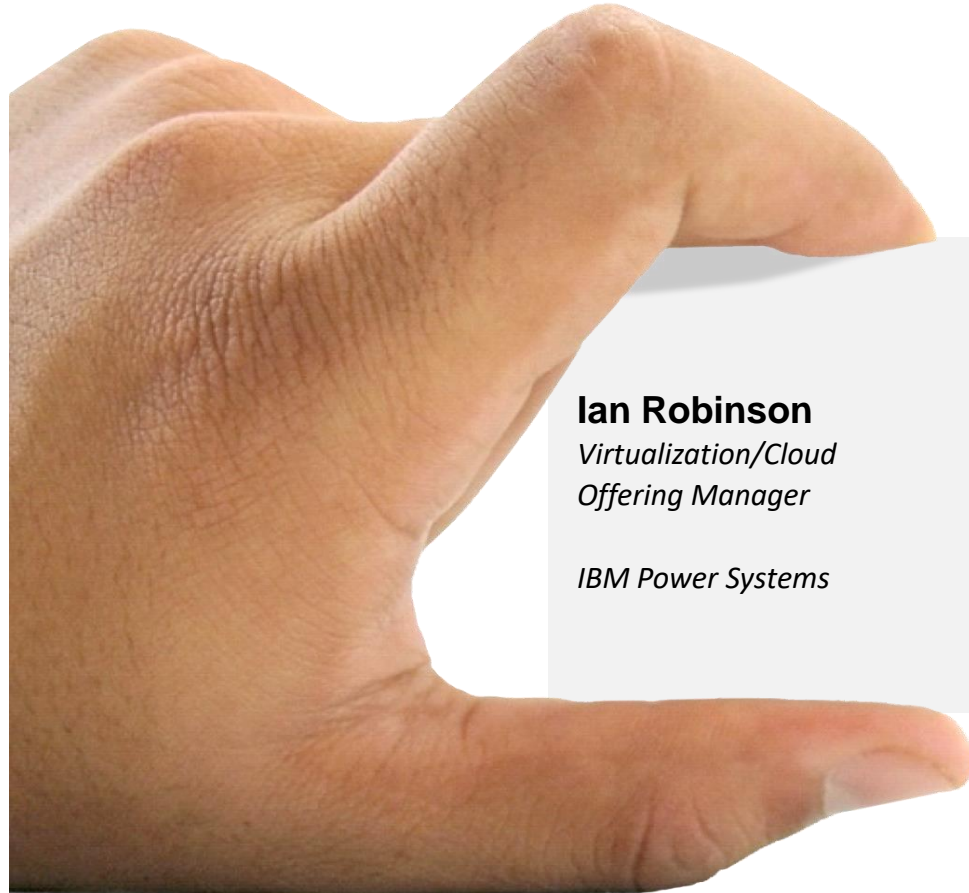
- Easy transfer of VMs between clouds
- Enterprise Pools for live resource reallocation
- Cloud-ready images for most Power software



- Broader term license and SaaS pricing options
- Mobility activation for legacy servers speeds migration
- Services: Power to Cloud Rewards Program



# Thank You



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