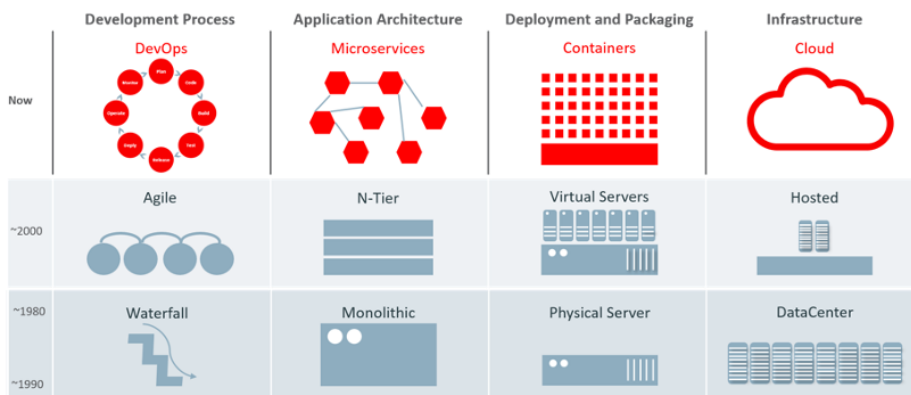


# Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment

Enterprises are looking for technologies that can help them achieve faster time to market and keep ahead of the competition. Moving to cloud native microservices-based applications can provide the agility and increased productivity needed.

## EVOLUTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT

The decomposition of applications into microservices, running on container infrastructure has occurred over the last several years. At the same time, developers and IT operations are more effectively collaborating using DevOps methodologies, to improve alignment. This has allowed cloud native computing to evolve rapidly and has proven to enable organizations to build modern cloud applications that are resilient, manageable, and scalable.



### Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment

Oracle offers an open integrated operating environment that is popular with developers and easy for IT operations to deliver:

- Containers and orchestration
- Management tools
- Development tools

### Key Benefits

- Accelerates time-to-value and delivers agility through modularity and developer productivity
- Modernizes applications and lowers costs by fully exploiting the economic advantages of cloud and open source
- Avoids vendor lock-in with standards-based software
- Certified by CNCF to accelerate the adoption of cloud native application development and deployment
- Accelerates creating and provisioning Open Container Initiative (OCI)-compliant containers
- Easily scales up and down Kubernetes clusters to manage peak workloads
- Increases availability with highly available Kubernetes clusters
- Can be deployed anywhere with multiple cloud and on-premises options
- Backed by enterprise class worldwide support
- Reduces DevOps costs with support included at no extra charge with Oracle Linux Premier Support

## Cloud Native Computing Foundation

Critical to this approach is the existence of an industry organization, the Cloud Native Computing Foundation or CNCF. The CNCF promulgates guidelines and defines certifications for cloud native microservices software. Oracle is a platinum member of CNCF as well as a platinum member of the Linux Foundation.

## Developing Cloud Native Applications

Building and deploying cloud native applications can be challenging due to the changing technology landscape. One option is to build your own cloud native environment from open source software. This requires dealing with the complexity of picking the right software and getting it all to work together, without any vendor support. Another approach is to use a stack or distribution from a software vendor. This option offers support but that could mean lock-in with that vendor.

Oracle offers a better alternative—one that can give you the best of both worlds by delivering software that supports the open standards promoted by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF), the Open Container Initiative, and other cloud-native projects, with enterprise-grade support and without lock-in.

## ORACLE LINUX CLOUD NATIVE ENVIRONMENT

With Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment, Oracle provides the components required by customers to develop microservices-based applications that can be deployed in environments that support open standards and specifications.

Oracle closely tracks CNCF and the Open Container Initiative projects and contributes to and abides by the standards defined by both. For example, Oracle Container Runtime for Docker is compliant with the Open Container Initiative image and runtime specifications and Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment has achieved Certified Kubernetes status as defined by the CNCF.

## Container Orchestration and Management

Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment simplifies the configuration and setup of Kubernetes with support for backup and recovery. This solution is for Oracle Linux and is installed and managed by an Oracle-developed open source platform. It provides a comprehensive container and orchestration environment for the delivery of microservices and next generation application development.

## Container Runtimes

Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment leverages the native Kubernetes runtime interface, CRI-O. CRI-O allows you to run containers directly from Kubernetes without any unnecessary code or tooling. As long as the container is compliant with the Open Containers Initiative specification, CRI-O can run it. This cuts out extraneous tooling and allows containers to do what they do best: fuel your next-generation cloud native applications.

Alongside CRI-O, Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment provides two runtime engines, runC and Kata Containers. runC is a container runtime based on the Linux Foundation's Runtime Specification (runtime-spec) and is developed by the Open Container Initiative.

Kata Containers is based on the upstream Kata Containers OpenStack Foundation project. Kata Containers delivers the framework for creating lightweight virtual machines that can easily plug into a container ecosystem. Kata Containers offers additional levels of security, while maintaining the same development and deployment speed of traditional containers. In fact, zero development changes are required.

### Related Products

- Oracle Linux
- Oracle VM VirtualBox

### Related Services

- Oracle Linux Premier Support
- Oracle Premier Support for Systems

## Service Mesh

Istio is an open source project that is included with Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment and which coordinates communication between services, providing service discovery, load balancing, security, recovery, telemetry, and policy enforcement capabilities. Istio uses a sidecar service mesh model powered by the Envoy proxy. The Istio sidecar service mesh frees developers from having to program these types of capabilities into application code and makes development and enhancement of applications in a microservice architecture much more efficient and rapid.

## Observability and Diagnostics

Prometheus is a powerful, flexible, instrumentation solution for monitoring container environments. It provides time-series dimensional data, powerful query tools, and alerting features to improve visibility across the environment. Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment includes an embedded version of Prometheus as part of the Istio service mesh, which incorporates an automatically configured instance of Grafana to provide both monitoring dashboards and alerting.

## Greater Value

Support for Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment is included with [Oracle Linux Premier support](#) at no additional cost. Components are made available via [Oracle Linux yum server](#) or [Oracle Container Registry](#).

## Getting Started

[Oracle Linux](#) is freely available to everyone with both [installation media](#) and updates available from [Oracle Linux yum server](#).

[Oracle VM VirtualBox](#) is the most popular cross-platform virtualization software for development environments. You can download a copy of Oracle VM VirtualBox to run Oracle Linux and the Oracle Linux Cloud Native Environment on your desktop.

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