

# RED HAT CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE

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Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure named IaaS/PaaS Product of the Year.

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## OVERVIEW

Red Hat® Cloud Infrastructure helps you build and manage a private Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) cloud based on datacenter virtualization and management technologies for traditional workloads. It also provides an on-ramp to a highly scalable, public-cloud-like infrastructure based on OpenStack®. With Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure, you can implement an integrated infrastructure to deliver services faster, increase your IT department's value, reduce total cost of ownership (TCO), and improve manageability.

Built upon the trusted and enterprise-hardened Red Hat Enterprise Linux® platform, Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure helps you implement an open private cloud to deploy and efficiently manage traditional enterprise workloads and the new class of cloud-architected workloads.

Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure is a single-subscription offering that integrates the following products:

**Red Hat CloudForms:** An open hybrid cloud management platform that provides visibility and control over existing heterogeneous virtual infrastructures. With it, you can deploy, monitor, and manage cloud services across multiple virtualization platforms (e.g., Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization and VMware vSphere), Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform, and an increasing number of public cloud providers.

**Red Hat Satellite:** A system management platform that provides lifecycle management for Red Hat Enterprise Linux for both host and tenant operating systems within Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure. This includes provisioning, configuration management, software management, and subscription management. Working in concert with CloudForms, it ensures lower cost of ownership (TCO), reduced complexity, and greater control.

**Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization:** A complete datacenter virtualization product for Linux and Windows workloads that lets you build an agile, secure, and highly scalable virtualization foundation with the features needed for traditional enterprise application workloads.

**Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform:** A massively scalable IaaS product that delivers an open, flexible, and enterprise-ready private cloud foundation of OpenStack—optimized for and integrated with Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

**Red Hat Enterprise Linux:** Forms the basis of Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform and Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization at the host operating system layer. In addition, a customer can opt to purchase Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure with unlimited guests.

## YOUR CLOUD, YOUR WAY, YOUR TIMETABLE

### WITH CHALLENGES COME OPPORTUNITIES

Like many organizations, you're probably faced with infrastructure challenges on several fronts, all acting in concert to threaten IT's organizational relevance. For one, you're probably paying too much for virtualization or cloud infrastructure solutions. You probably also have several expensive or homegrown management tools for these topologies, and they still don't cover all of your virtualization, cloud, and public cloud infrastructure needs.

You likely have multiple lines of business (LOBs) demanding that you deliver services more rapidly. This includes meeting user demand with faster application performance and greater scalability when needed, but also faster time to market for the ever increasing amount of new workloads that



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## RED HAT CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE AT A GLANCE

- Use one solution as your needs evolve – from traditional virtualization to private cloud, hybrid cloud, and public cloud.
- Build a private cloud based on datacenter virtualization, traditional workloads, and hybrid deployment models.
- Migrate workloads and applications easily and dynamically across all infrastructures.
- Get choice and interoperability without vendor lock-in.
- Add scalable cloud capabilities inside your datacenter to bring public cloud workloads back in house.
- Rely on top virtualization benchmarks for performance and scalability.<sup>1</sup>
- Oversee and orchestrate your entire cloud infrastructure from a single console.
- Use integrated life cycle management that ensures automated provisioning, configuration management, and software management of Red Hat Enterprise Linux and any RPM-based application.

LOBs need for competitive advantage. And when virtual machines (VMs) can't be provisioned quickly enough, developers and LOBs frequently turn to Amazon or other public cloud providers to build and host their workloads. At the very least, this shadow IT isn't centrally managed, proves costly over time, and may violate IT security policies.

To help combat this, you're probably intrigued by OpenStack and its potential to massively scale at a cost far lower than you are paying current proprietary vendors year in and year out. But you've also spent years building your current infrastructure and don't want to rip and replace these investments and start over.

If any of this sounds familiar, Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure can help – with a robust cloud management platform for managing heterogeneous clouds and virtualization topologies; a system management tool for life cycle management; a low-cost, high-performance virtualization solution; and Red Hat's supported, enterprise-ready OpenStack product. With this solution, you have the flexibility to deploy any combination of these fully integrated components the way you need them today with the choice to change them in the future. Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure is far less expensive, yet far more comprehensive than alternative solutions. It's designed to work with your existing infrastructure investments, offering you choice and full control of your strategic direction – free from vendor lock-in.

### HETEROGENEOUS DATACENTER VIRTUALIZATION

The solution can address all of your virtualization and private cloud needs. Need more virtualization capacity and better heterogeneous management, but wary of paying steep proprietary prices? The combined strength of Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization and Red Hat CloudForms provides a highly secure, full-featured virtualization solution with a heterogeneous management tool that spans not just Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization, but VMware vSphere and Microsoft Hyper-V as well.

Red Hat Satellite allows for lifecycle management of Red Hat Enterprise Linux within the Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure deployment. For example, hypervisors within Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization or compute nodes within Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack platform can be automatically updated based on an organization's lifecycle management policies using Red Hat Satellite. Similarly, Red Hat Enterprise Linux guests hosted can be automatically provisioned or updated as well.

### PRIVATE CLOUD BASED ON VIRTUALIZATION TECHNOLOGIES

Looking to move to an enterprise private cloud or expand your existing cloud infrastructure? For your high SLA workloads that demand maximum uptime, Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization, with its high availability features, can be combined with CloudForms and its broad cloud management functionality, as well as the life cycle management offered by Red Hat Satellite. This combined solution can be used to create and extend a cloud infrastructure consisting of multiple heterogeneous virtualization technologies, and even public cloud providers.

### OPENSTACK-BASED CLOUD ARCHITECTURE

For cloud-enabled applications, Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform, CloudForms, and Satellite provide a massively scalable, public-cloud-like infrastructure with management, self-service provisioning, chargeback, configuration management, and more. This solution lets you regain control of shadow IT applications built on Amazon, by either migrating them to Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform or providing visibility and management over them with CloudForms.

Use cases for OpenStack are broad. You might elect to move portions of your applications to the platform, provision VMs to developers or technicians across your organization for data modeling and collaboration, or build modular customer-facing applications that can be quickly updated to your

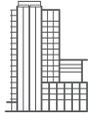
<sup>1</sup> All benchmark comparisons based on benchmark addressing performance evaluation of datacenter server used in virtualized server consolidation at [www.spec.org/virt\\_sc2010/](http://www.spec.org/virt_sc2010/) as of November 1, 2013. SPEC © and the benchmark name SPECvirt\_sc © are registered trademarks of the Standard Performance Evaluation Corporation.

competitive advantage. Because Red Hat is a founding member of the OpenStack Foundation and a top corporate contributor<sup>2</sup> for the past four community releases, you can confidently rely on technology that is created and supported by Red Hat. And because Red Hat is the world's leading provider of open source solutions, you can confidently rely on technology that is created and supported by the company with the broadest expertise available.

## USE CASES

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<b>Cost-effective managed virtualization</b>	
Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers choice and interoperability with no proprietary lock-in</li> </ul>
Leading performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers top virtualization benchmarks for performance and scalability on the SPECvirt_sc2010 benchmark</li> </ul>
Hybrid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unifies life cycle management for multiple hypervisor and cloud technologies through a centralized administration console</li> </ul>
Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage the complete life cycle of host and tenant operating systems at scale from a single console</li> </ul>
<b>Foundation for an open, private cloud</b>	
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets private cloud use cases based on datacenter virtualization, traditional workloads, and hybrid deployment models</li> </ul>
Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerates your private cloud environment's capacity using open virtualization technologies at a much lower cost, unifying with your existing proprietary virtualization capacity</li> </ul>
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows for deployment of an OpenStack, standards-based private cloud, built on enterprise-grade Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform</li> <li>Provides enterprise support from Red Hat for Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform</li> </ul>
<b>Foundation for an open hybrid cloud</b>	
Hybrid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manages hybrid capabilities across vendors and between a public and private cloud</li> </ul>
<b>Foundation for a private cloud in the future</b>	
Future-proof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides support for and the ability to adopt OpenStack technology on your timeline, when your applications and workloads are ready</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> [www.bitergia.com](http://www.bitergia.com)



### ABOUT RED HAT

Red Hat is the world's leading provider of open source solutions, using a community-powered approach to provide reliable and high-performing cloud, virtualization, storage, Linux, and middleware technologies. Red Hat also offers award-winning support, training, and consulting services. Red Hat is an S&P company with more than 70 offices spanning the globe, empowering its customers' businesses.

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## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- **Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization Manager:** Recommended 1-2 quad core x86\_64 processors, 16GB RAM, 50GB disk, 1 Gbps Ethernet NIC
- **Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization Hypervisor:** 1 CPU with Intel® 64 or AMD64 CPU extensions, and AMD-V™ or Intel VT® hardware virtualization extensions, 2GB RAM, 10GB local disk storage, 1GB Ethernet NIC
- **Red Hat CloudForms 3.1:** Delivered as a virtual appliance in Open Virtual Format (OVF) for either Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization 3.0 or later, or VMware vSphere
- **Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform compute nodes:** 64-bit x86 processor with support for the Intel® 64 or AMD64 CPU extensions, and the AMD-V™ or Intel VT® hardware virtualization extensions enabled. 2GB RAM, 50GB available disk space, 2 x 1 Gbps Network Interface cards
- **Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform controller nodes:** 64-bit x86 processor with support for the Intel® 64 or AMD64 CPU extensions, and the AMD-V™ or Intel VT® hardware virtualization extensions enabled. RHEL 6.5 or later, 2GB RAM, 50GB available disk space, 1 Gbps Network Interface cards
- **Red Hat Satellite 6:** 64-bit architecture, RHEL 6.5 or later, a minimum of two CPU cores, minimum of 8GB memory but ideally 12GB. During installation, any additional yum repositories other than those specified in the Red Hat Satellite installation documentation MUST be disabled.