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# From Concept to Scale: Design & Implementation Insights from adopting OpenShift Virtualization

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# Portworx and Red Hat Accelerate Modern Application Adoption Across Enterprises



#### **Cost Avoidance:**

Lower TCO for enterprises vs. traditional application stack



#### **Operational Efficiency:**

Streamlined app & data management workflows for VMs & Containers



#### **App & Data Flexibility:**

Run VMs & Containers on-prem, on public cloud, or hybrid deployment

"[Portworx and Red Hat OpenShift]
hit all the marks—low cost of
ownership, works on-prem, in the
cloud, or at the edge. It's an
integrated ecosystem, and from a
storage point of view, it just fits."

— Nate Mason,
Director of Platform Ops, SiriusXM

### Portworx: Your Storage & Data Strategy for Kubernetes

Automate, Protect and Unify Modern Applications and Data Anywhere

Modern Apps or DBs







































#### **Automate**

Self-service storage & DBs Automated capacity management Kubernetes-native data management

#### Protect

Enterprise business continuity Container-granular backups Ransomware protection

#### Unify

Cloud operating model for data Manage VMs and containers



#### Virtualization

Unified application platform Standardized set of tools and processes Modernize at any pace

#### Infrastructure

Scalable foundation Standardize on custom HW Minimize application downtime

#### Modernization

Migration toolkit for virtualization Enhanced workload portability Simplified legacy app environment

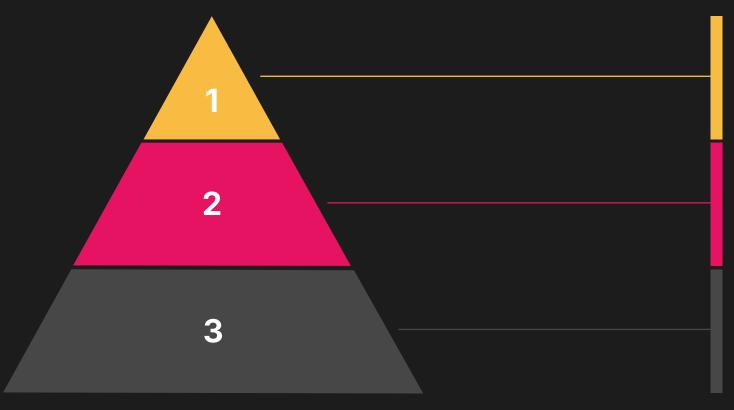
Infrastructure

**Enterprise SAN** 

**Hyperconverged** 

**Public Cloud** 

# Portworx & RH are delivering a joint vision for a single modern, application platform for all workloads



#### **Modern AI & MLOps Platform**

Highly performant, scalable platform for modern, data intensive applications

#### **Modern Application Platform**

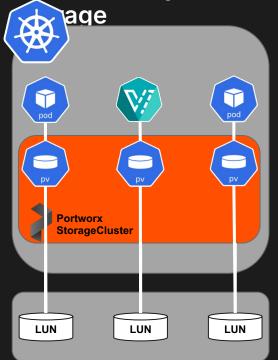
**Streamlined storage and data** management for VMs and Containers

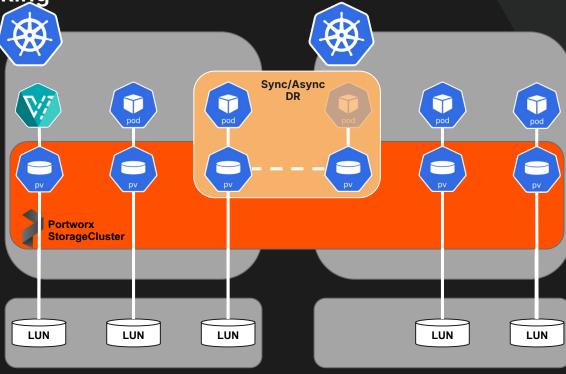
#### **Modern Virtualization Platform**

Cost-effective, modern approach to managing VMs on Kubernetes

### Portworx Abstracts Storage

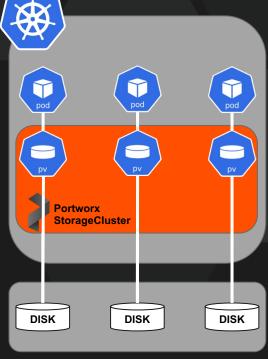
**Feature Parity Across Backing** 













Site 1

Site 2

Site 3

NetApp

Site 4



# Portworx provides the enterprise-grade services customers require for their VM environment









#### **Performance**

Highly performant, scalable storage for VMs with built-in high availability

#### **Disaster Recovery**

Flexible disaster recovery policies based on application criticality

#### **Backup & Migration**

Live migration and Kubernetes Aware backups for easy migration and recovery

#### **Ecosystem**

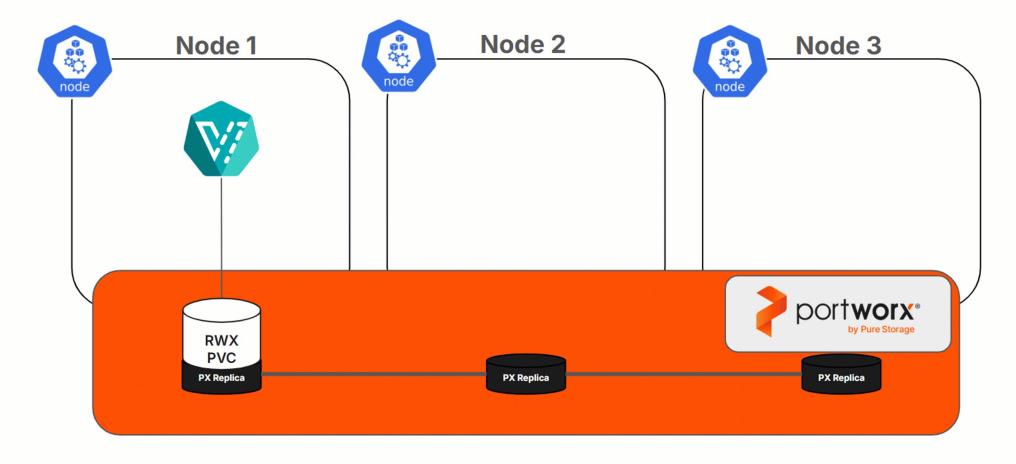
Deep ecosystem of partners, supporting KubeVirt across any on-prem or public cloud storage



# Portworx delivers key enterprise storage and data capabilities to run VMs on Kubernetes

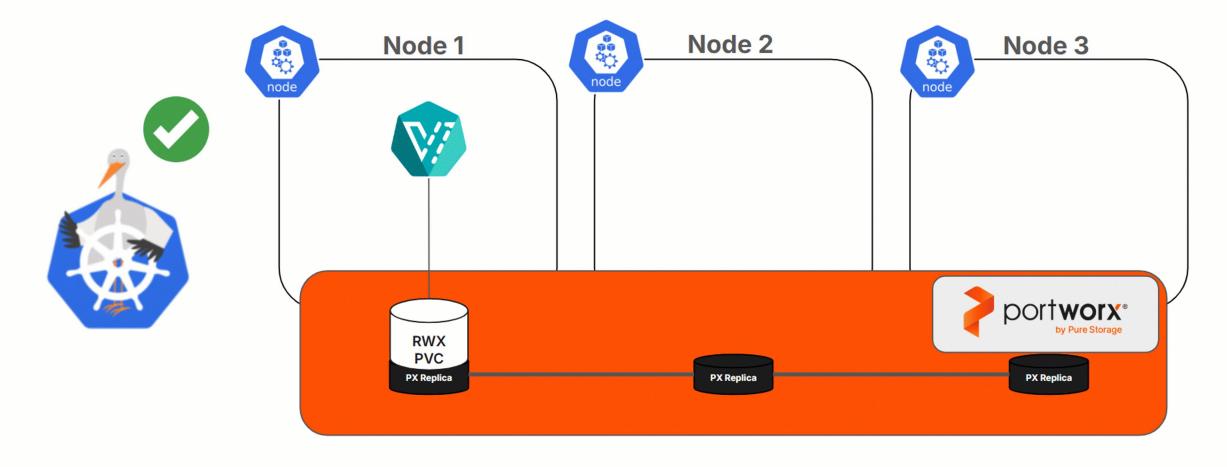
| Benefit/Feature                           | VMware Capability            | KubeVirt Virtualization Capability      | KubeVirt +<br>Portworx Enterprise Capability        |
|---|------------------------------|---|---|
| Application Availability                  | vSphere HA                   | Deployments / Services                  | Deployments / Services                              |
| Application Deployment                    | VMware Templates             | Pod Deployments                         | Pod Deployments                                     |
| Application Resource Utilization          | Resource Pools / Limits      | Kube Scheduler, Requests / Limits       | Kube Scheduler, Requests / Limits                   |
| Storage Infrastructure                    | VASA/VAAI/SPBM/vVols         | Storage Classes, CSI Provisioner        | Storage Classes, CSI Provisioner                    |
| Application Portability                   | vMotion                      | Delete/Redeploy with Load Balanced Apps | Live Migration                                      |
| Data Availability                         | Shared Storage or vSAN FTT   | X                                       | Portworx Storage Cluster (Replication factor 1,2,3) |
| Storage Quality of Service                | VMware Storage I/O Control   | x                                       | Portworx Application I/O control                    |
| Regional Disaster Recovery                | VMware Site Recovery Manager | x                                       | Portworx AsyncDR                                    |
| Zero RPO Disaster Recovery                | VMware Metro Storage Cluster | x                                       | Portworx SyncDR                                     |
| Encryption                                | Volume Encryption            | X                                       | Portworx Encryption, Authorization                  |
| Data Protection                           | VM-aware Backups (Partner)   | Partner Solutions                       | Kubernetes Aware Portworx Backup                    |
| Data Portability                          | Storage vMotion              | x                                       | Portworx Backup / Portworx Migrate                  |
| Capacity Management                       | Thin Provisioning            | x                                       | Thin Provisioning / AutoPilot                       |
| Kubernetes Aware Storage Array<br>Support | Any                          | Partner / Bolt-on Solutions             | Any Block or Cloud Storage                          |

### **Live Migration - vMotion Equivalency**



- Move running VMs between Kubernetes nodes
- ReadWriteMany (RWX) volume mode required
- Memory footprint and VM state transferred to new VM pod on destination node

### Node Failure Restart - vSphere HA Restart Equivalency



- Portworx' STORK (Storage Orchestrator Runtime for Kubernetes) decreases VM restart time
- STORK makes the Kubernetes scheduler "storage-aware" for faster rescheduling
- Restart/reattach in 60-120s instead of minutes with other solutions

### **Key Learnings from Customer Engagements**









#### **General**

- There will be issues. **Set expectations**
- Have a complete project plan.
- "Everyone Fights, No one Quits!"
- Can we support an edge deployment?

#### Manufacturing

- Leave room for revisiting previous sites
- Do we have our vendors connected?
- How easy is it to manage 50+ sites?

#### Media

- Build (2) environments; (1) for test & (1) for control.
- Are our current runbooks / SOPs up-todate?
- How do we handle plan deviations?

#### Healthcare

- Is CSI good enough?
- Do we need to change back-up vendors?
- How do we handle vendor provided VMs?

# Driving App Modernization with a single platform for VMs and containers across 100s of manufacturing plants

US-based, multinational automotive manufacturing company

#### **Challenge:**

Moving away from VMware using Red Hat OpenShift and couldn't afford downtime across their 100+ manufacturing plants

#### **Solution:**

PX provided a single platform for container and VMs, supporting a hybrid architecture with operational simplicity and data protection at scale.

#### **Benefits:**

- Single platform for VMs and containers
- HA via FlashArray ActiveCluster
- Secure and recoverable data via PX-Backup



### Lessons Learned & Key Takeaways

**Top 10 Things You Can Do Today** 

- Don't Wait!
- Pick Your Advisors
- Review Your Risk Exposure
- Build a Lab
- Document Your Environment

- Start Training
- Plan for Automation
- Identify your Quick Response Team
- Review Existing Policies & Procedures
- Set (Reasonable) Expectations

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