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Network Security for Containerized Applications



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Agenda

Kubernetes and SDN Choices

OpenShift and OpenShift SDN

Typical network security questions on an Enterprise Cluster

- Restricting traffic across tiers
- Handling network zones and isolation
- Securing Egress
- Securing Ingress
- Securing communications between Nodes
- Application Network Security



Kubernetes is a clear winner in the world of Container
Orchestration and Management

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE K8S **ENTERPRISE** **READY?**

How do I support my K8S cluster? version upgrades, fixes/patches etc

You'll need a lot more on your cluster than Kubernetes itself..



Kubernetes

K8S REQUIRES A **SECURE ENTERPRISE GRADE** LINUX CONTAINER HOST

Kubernetes

Red Hat Enterprise Linux or Red Hat CoreOS

K8S CLUSTER REQUIRES NETWORKING AND STORAGE SOLUTIONS

Software Defined Network, Storage Solution

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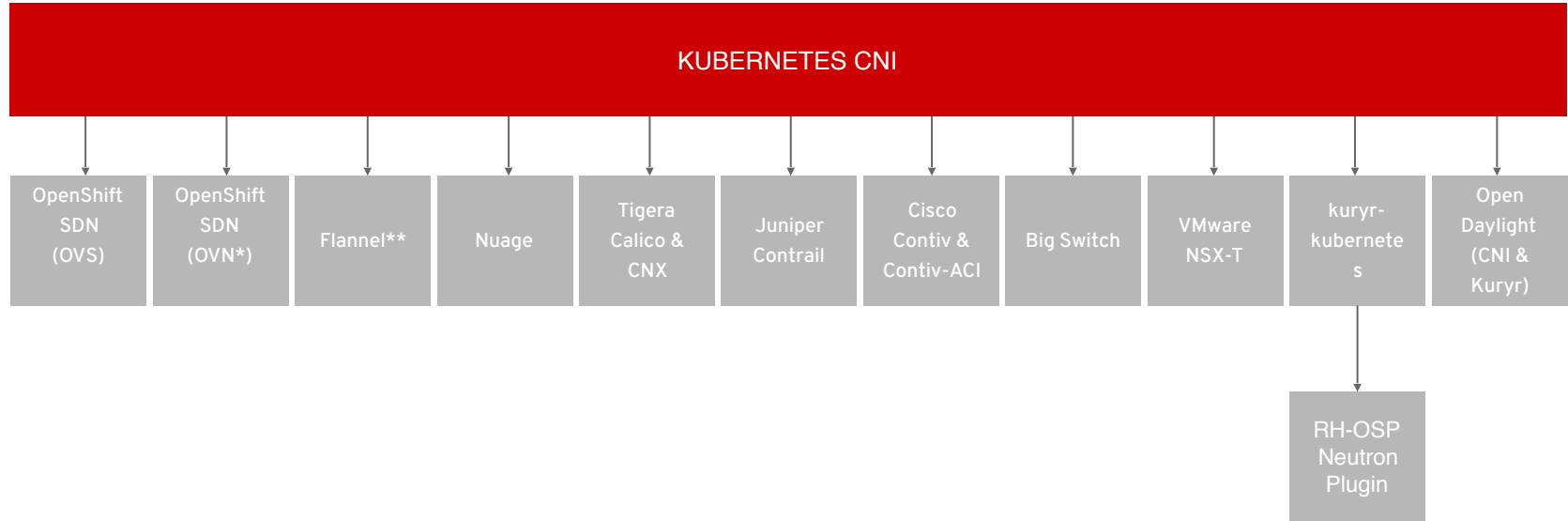
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Software Defined Network Choices

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For Network solution, K8S uses CNI



K8S CLUSTER REQUIRES **LIFECYCLE MGMT** FOR **DEVELOPERS AND OPERATORS**

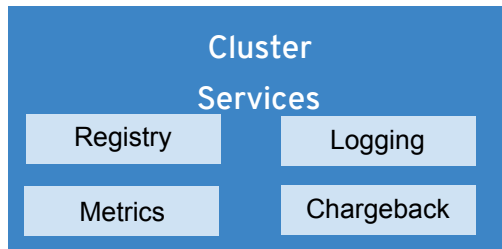
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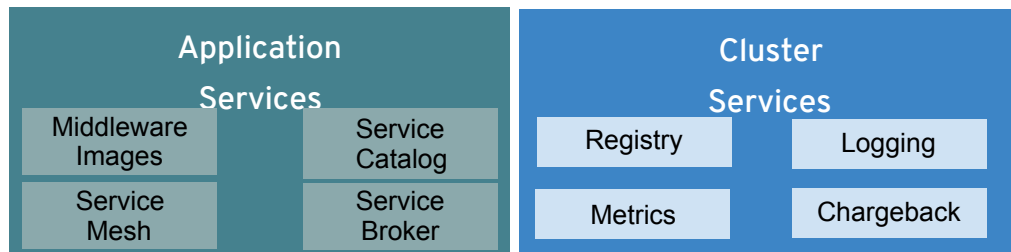
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YOU'LL NEED TO **STANDARDIZE** ON MIDDLEWARE, A SERVICE CATALOG, AND MICROSERVICE MGMT



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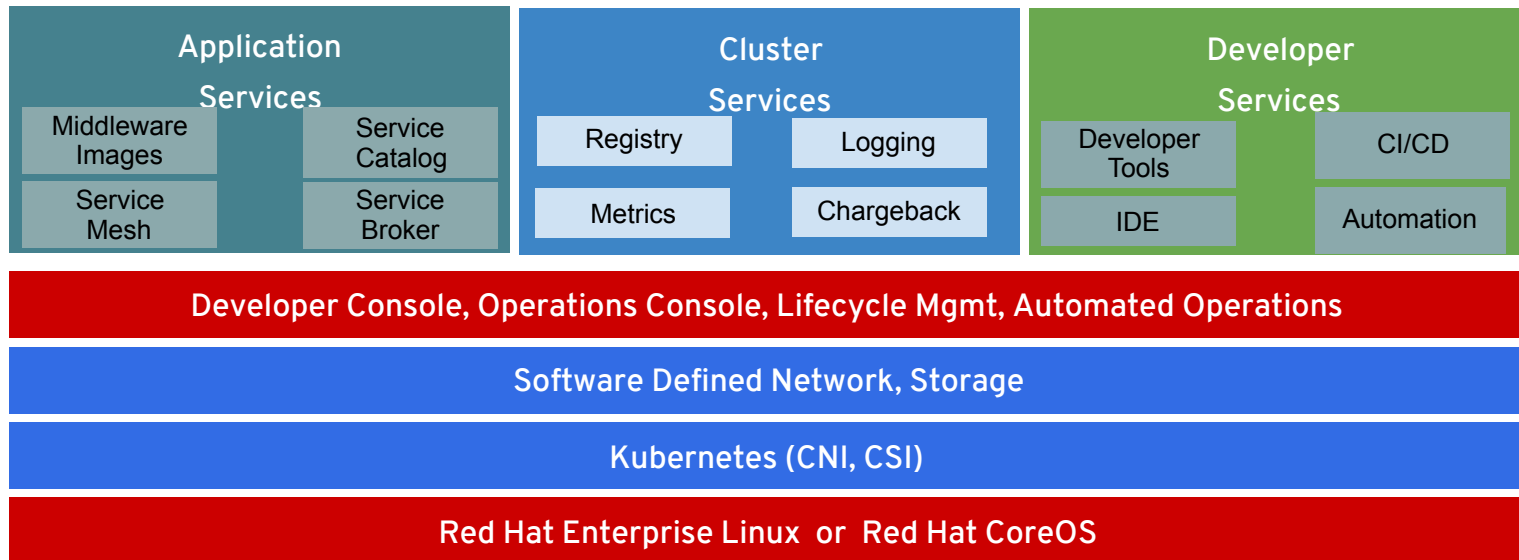
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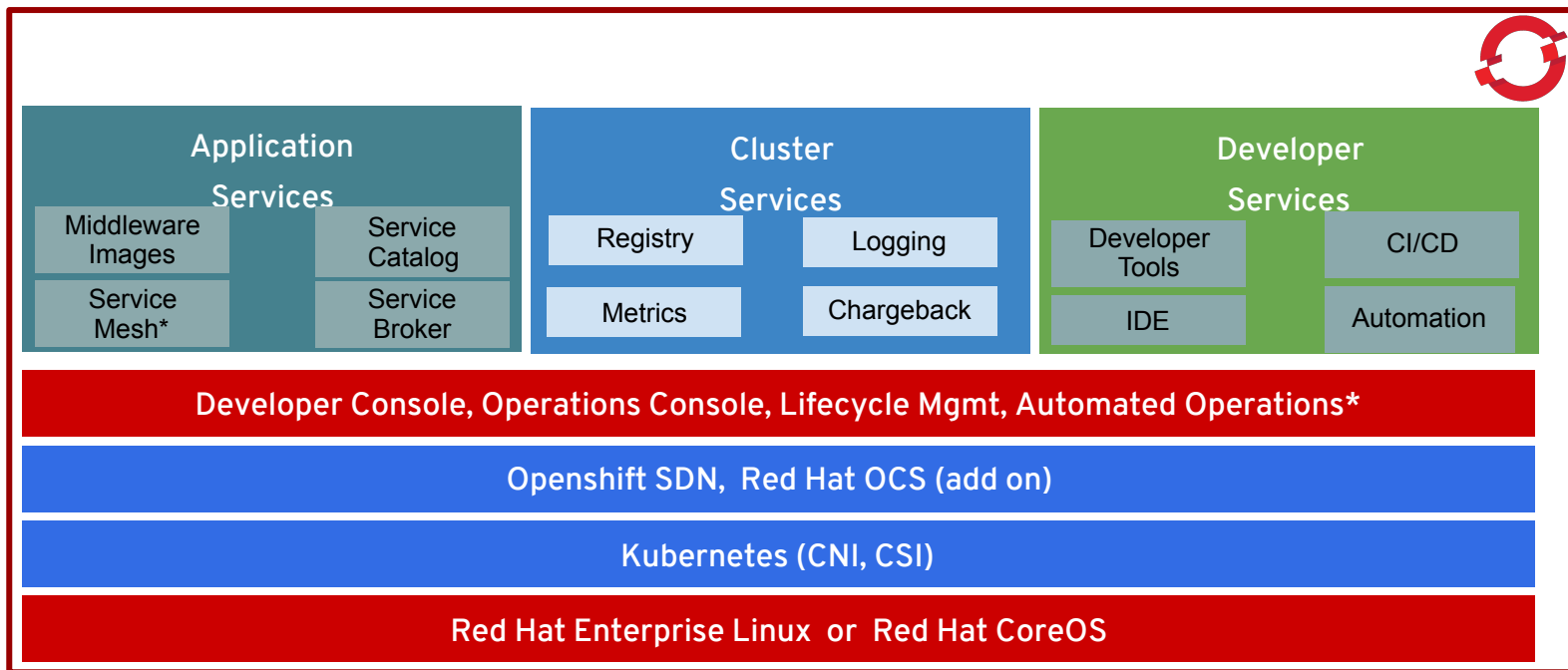
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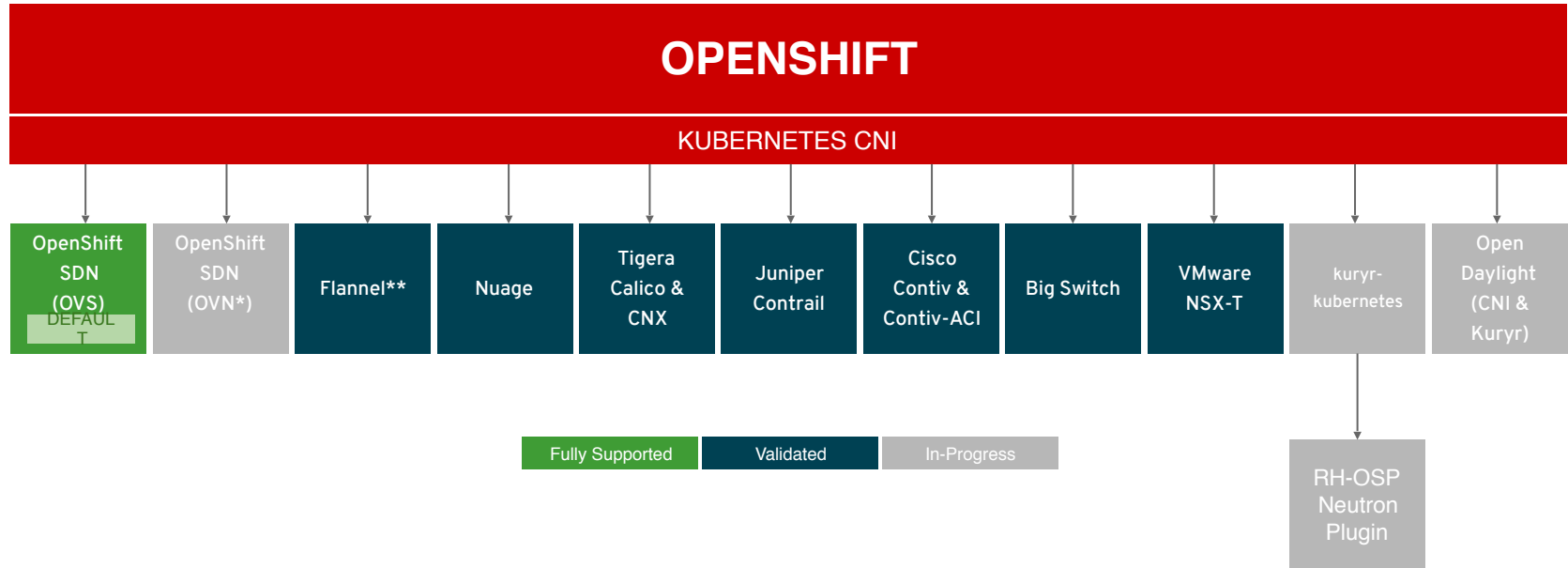
DEVELOPERS NEED IDEs, BUILD MGMT, CICD, DEBUGGING FEATURES AND MORE..



THIS MAKES A **REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE** FOR ENTERPRISE KUBERNETES **aka OPENSIFT**



OPENSHIFT NETWORK PLUGINS



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Typical Network Questions

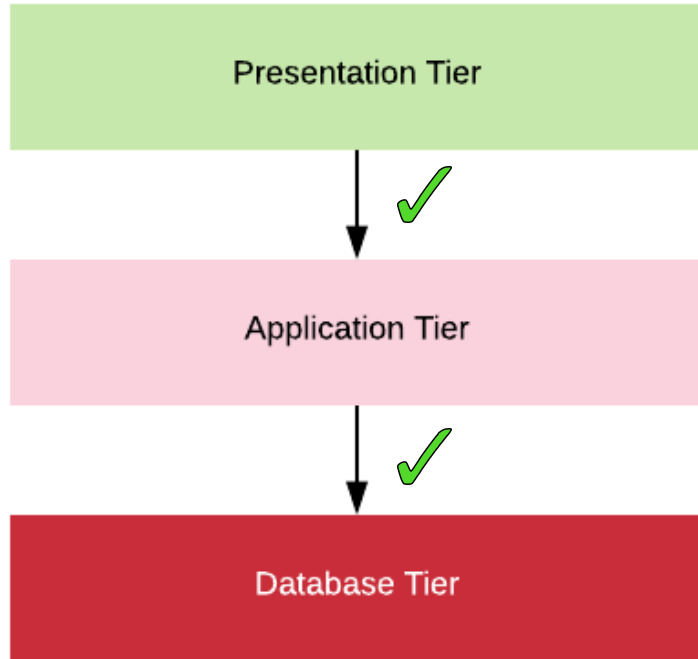
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1. Restricting traffic across tiers

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Traffic Restrictions Across Application Tiers



Allowed connections

Disallowed connections

How can we restrict traffic across
Application Tiers?

Network Policy Objects

Enables **Microsegmentation**

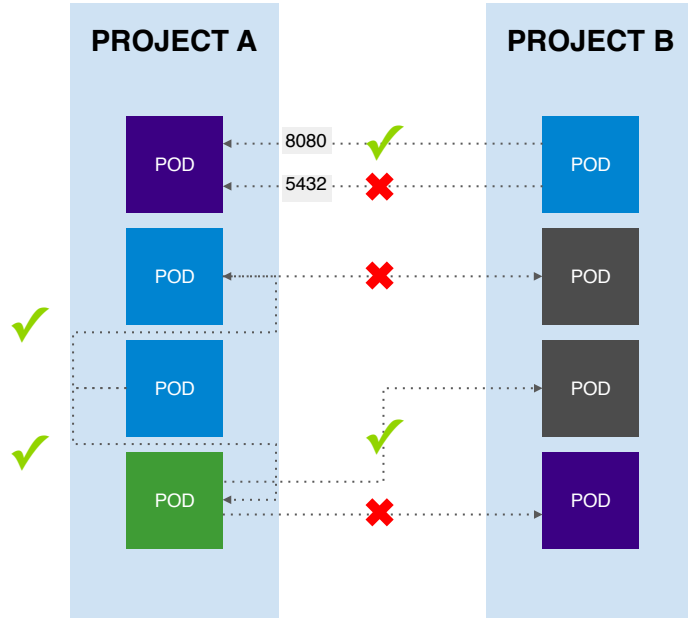
Allows configuring individual policies at the Pod Level

Apply to ingress traffic for pods and services

Allows restricting traffic between the pods within a project/namespace

Allows traffic to specific pods from other projects/namespaces

Network Policy Objects



Example Policies

- Allow all traffic inside the project
- Allow traffic from green to gray
- Allow traffic to purple on 8080

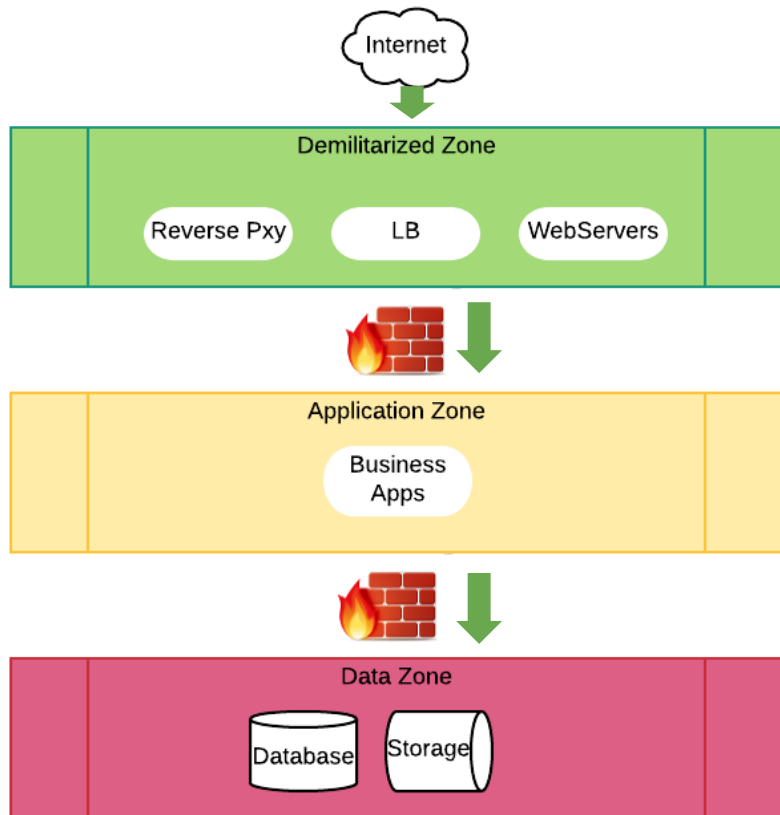
```
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: allow-to-purple-on-8080
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      color: purple
  ingress:
    - ports:
        - protocol: tcp
          port: 8080
```



2. Isolating zones

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Network Zones separated by Firewalls

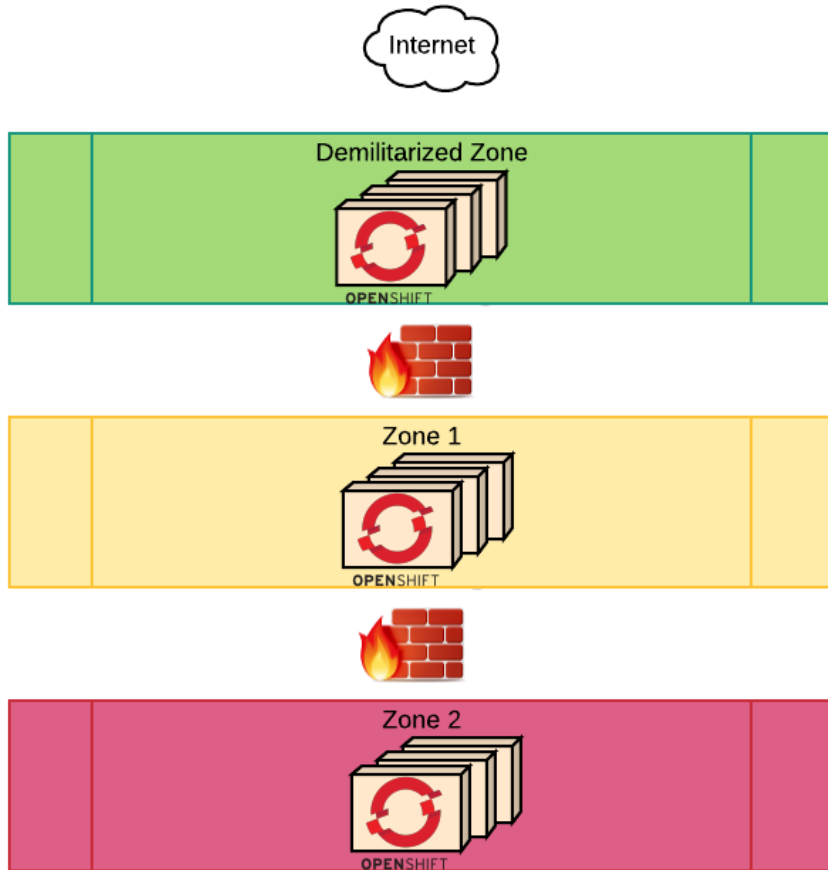


External traffic allowed to touch DMZ

Holes punched in firewalls to allow specific traffic from
DMZ to Application Zone
and from

How do I setup K8S/OpenShift
here?

Option 1: OpenShift cluster per Zone

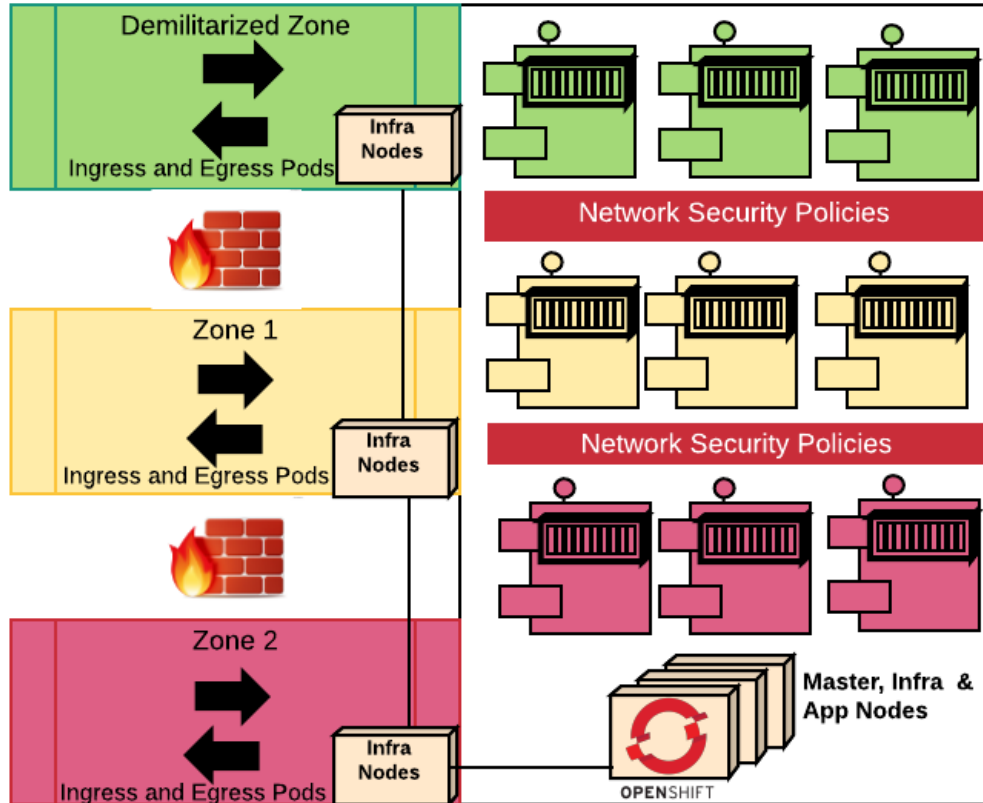


Useful to demonstrate compliance with Security Standards and Regulations

Additional actions needed to protect Master APIs, and other URLs in DMZ that are not supposed to be exposed to Internet

Cost of maintenance is high

Option 2: OpenShift Cluster covering Multiple Zones



Application pods run on one Cluster. Microsegmented with Network Security policies.

Infra Nodes in each zone run Ingress and Egress pods for specific zones

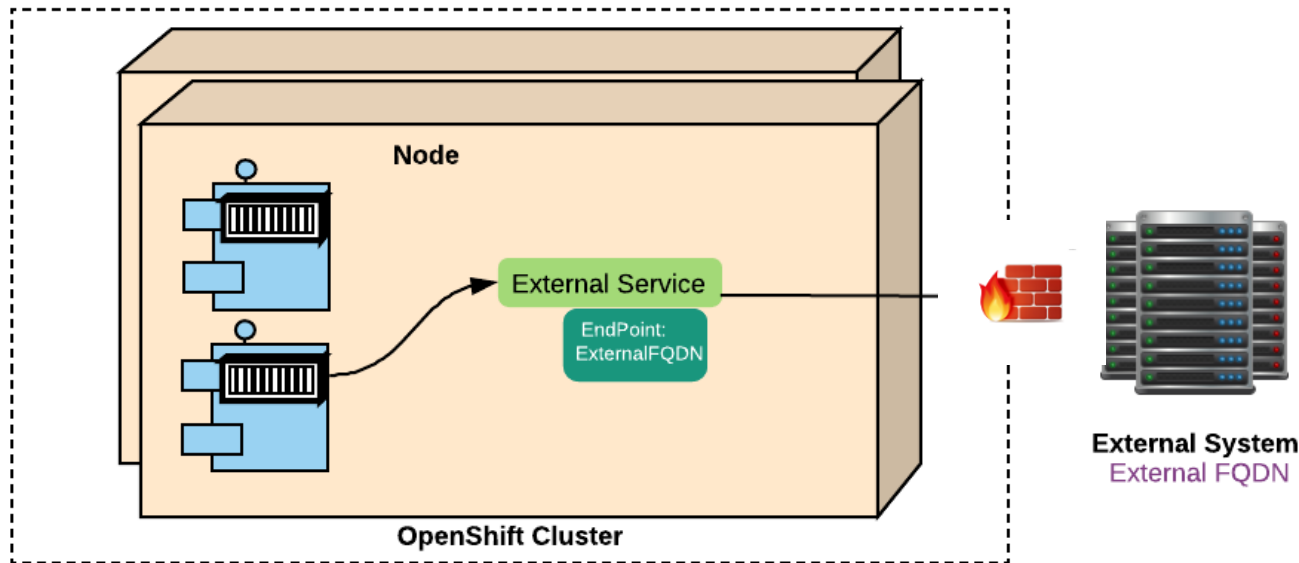
If required, physical isolation of pods to specific nodes is possible with node-selectors. But that defeats the purpose of a shared cluster. Microsegmentation with SDN is the way to go.



3. Securing Egress

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Connecting via External Service

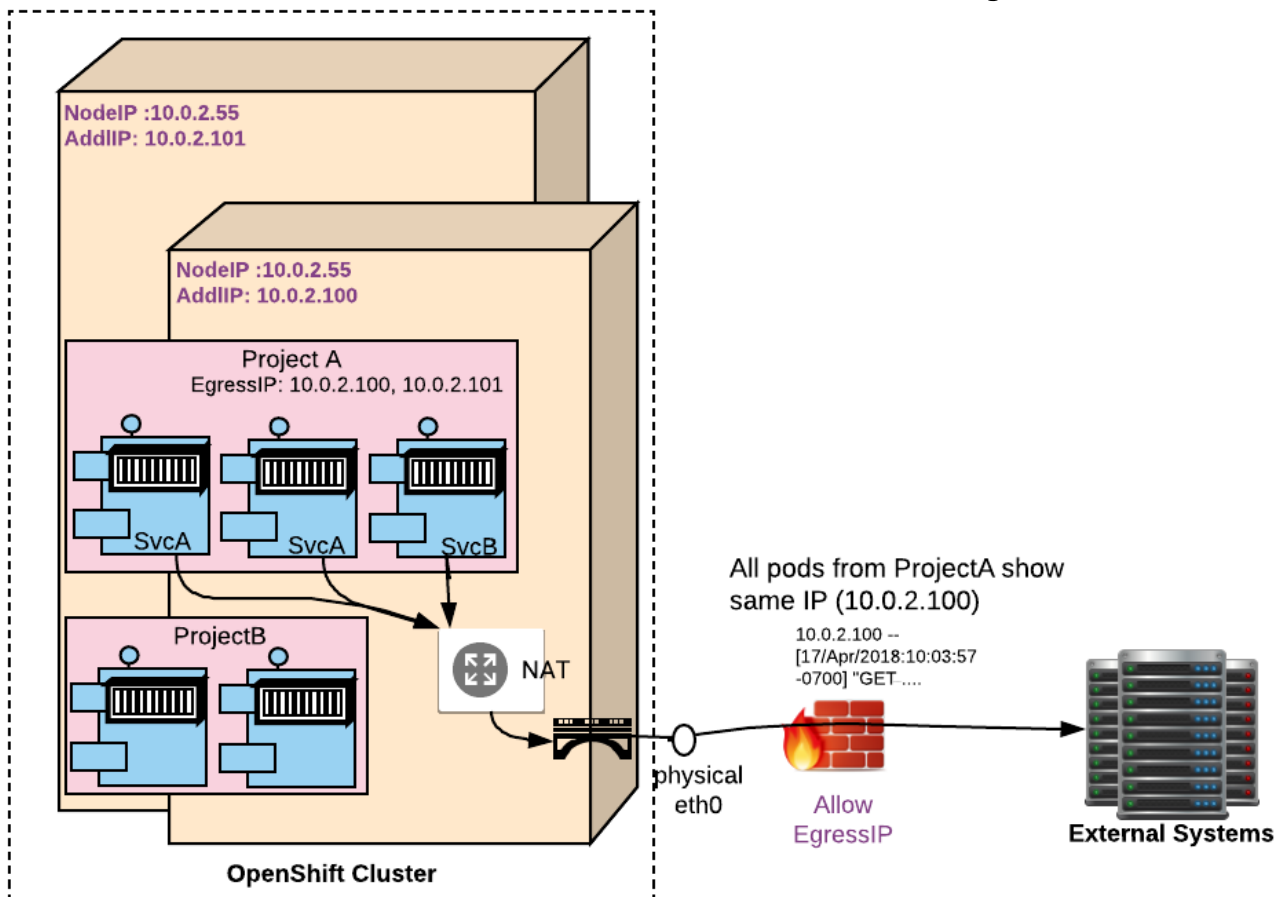


Application connecting to External System talks to an External Service whose Endpoint is set as Destination IP & Port

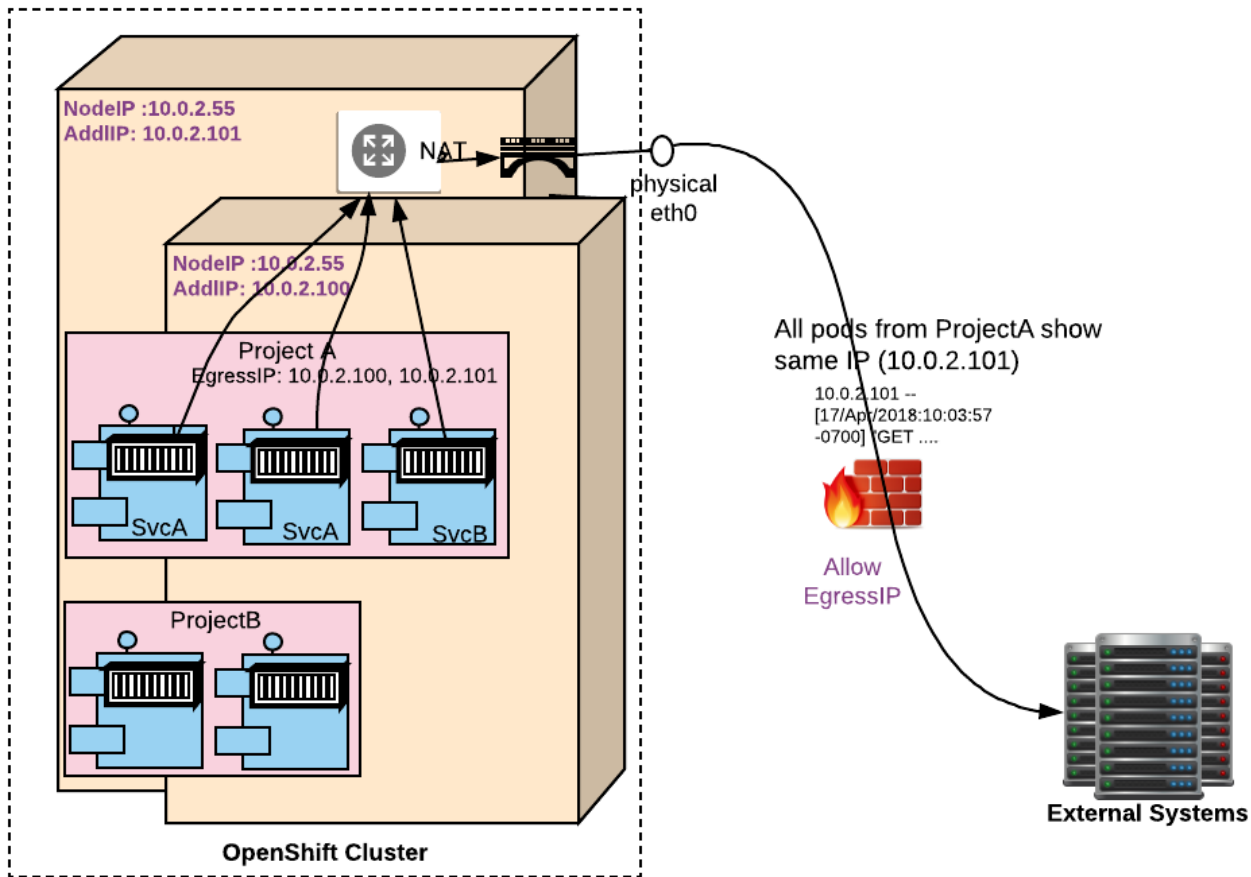
Or a Fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the external system and port

But, what if we have a firewall in front of the External System that allows only Specific IPs?

Static IP for all traffic from a Project



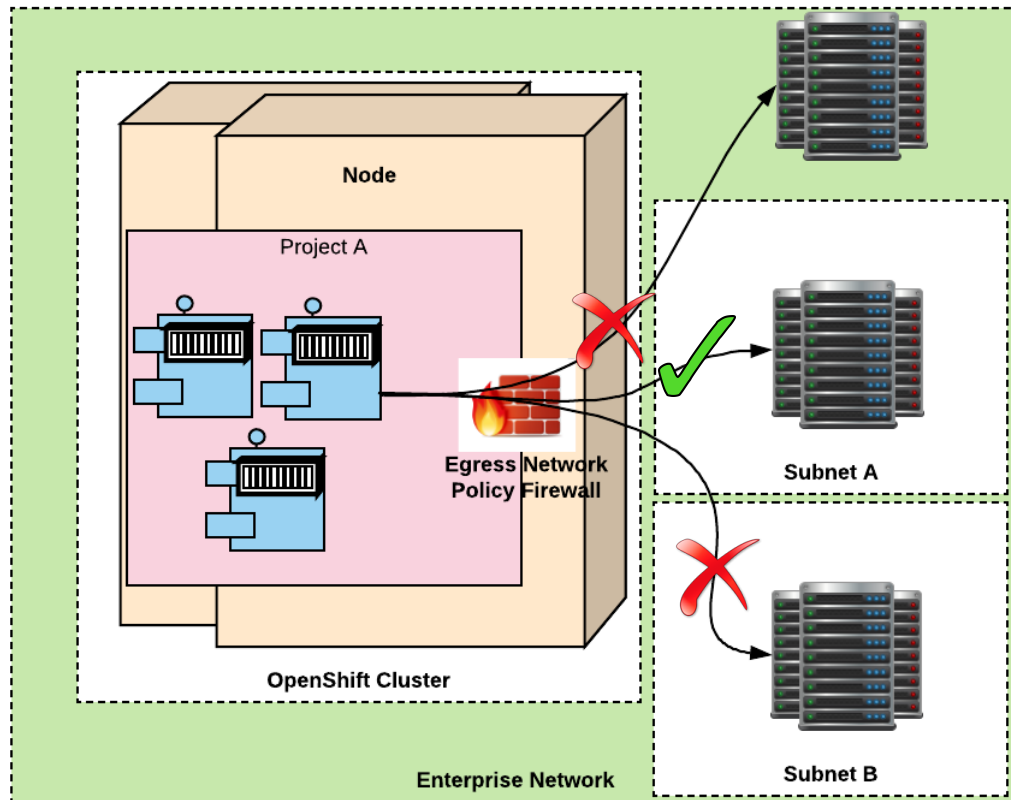
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High availability
scenario

Egress Firewall to Limit Access

Cluster admin can limit the external addresses accessed by some or all pods



Examples:

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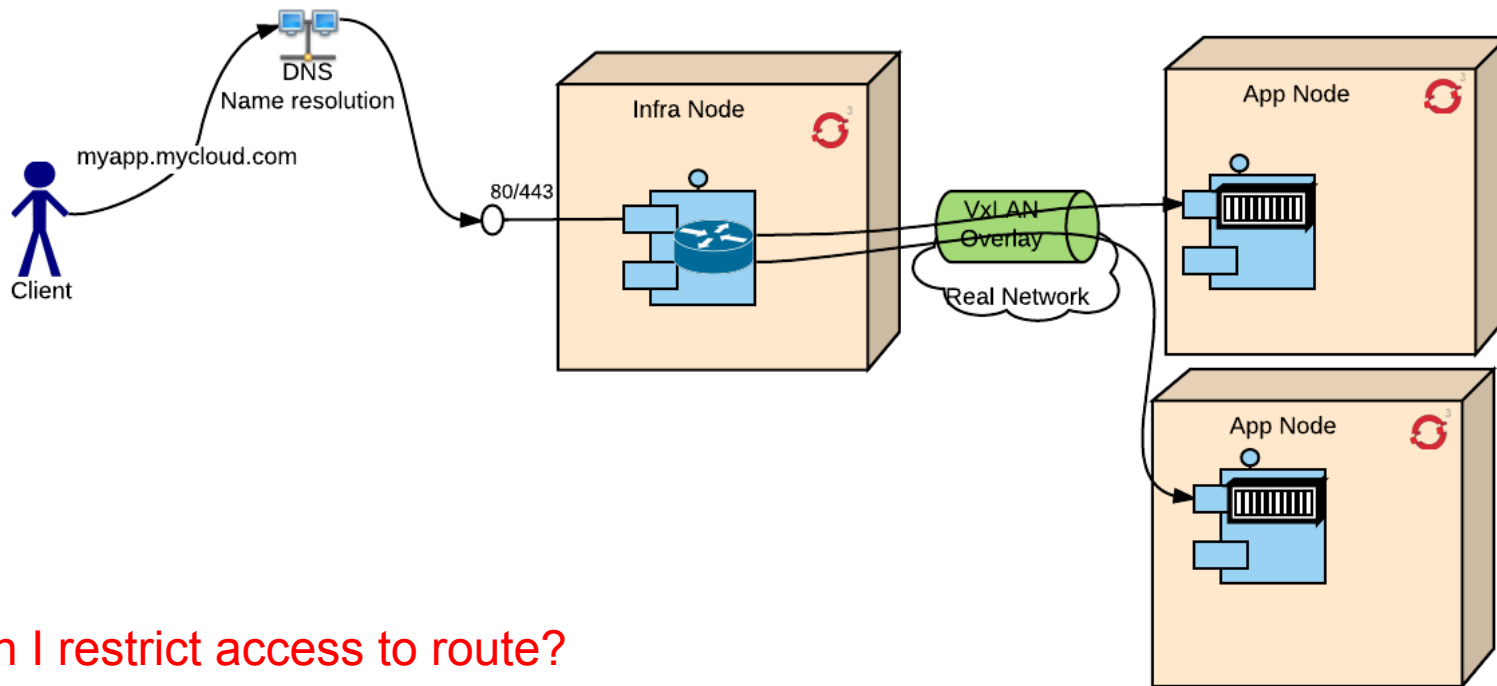
A pod cannot reach specific subnets/hosts



4. Securing Ingress

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OpenShift Router as Ingress



Can I restrict access to route?

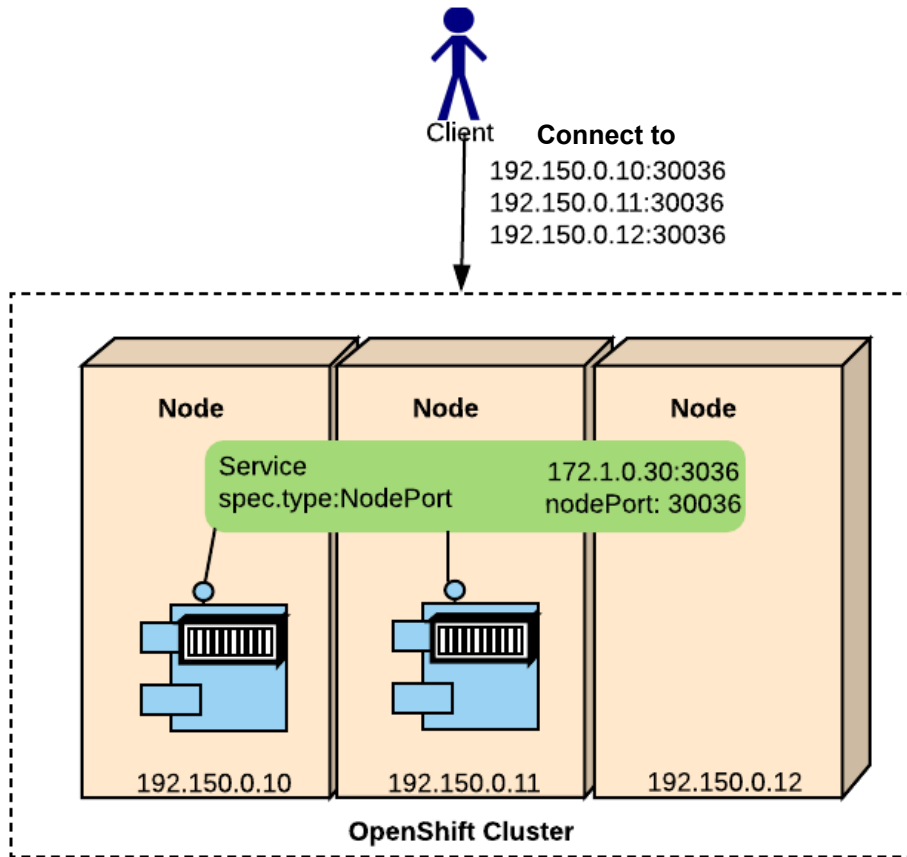
Route Specific IP Whitelists

- Restrict access to a route to a select IP address(es)
- Annotate the route with the whitelisted/allowed IP addresses
- Connections from any other IPs are blocked

```
metadata:  
  annotations:  
    haproxy.router.openshift.io/ip_whitelist: 192.168.1.10 192.168.1.11
```

What about ingress traffic on ports that are not 80 or 443?

Using NodePort as Ingress to Service



Binds service to a unique port on every node in the cluster

Port randomly assigned or optionally picked from port range 30000-32767

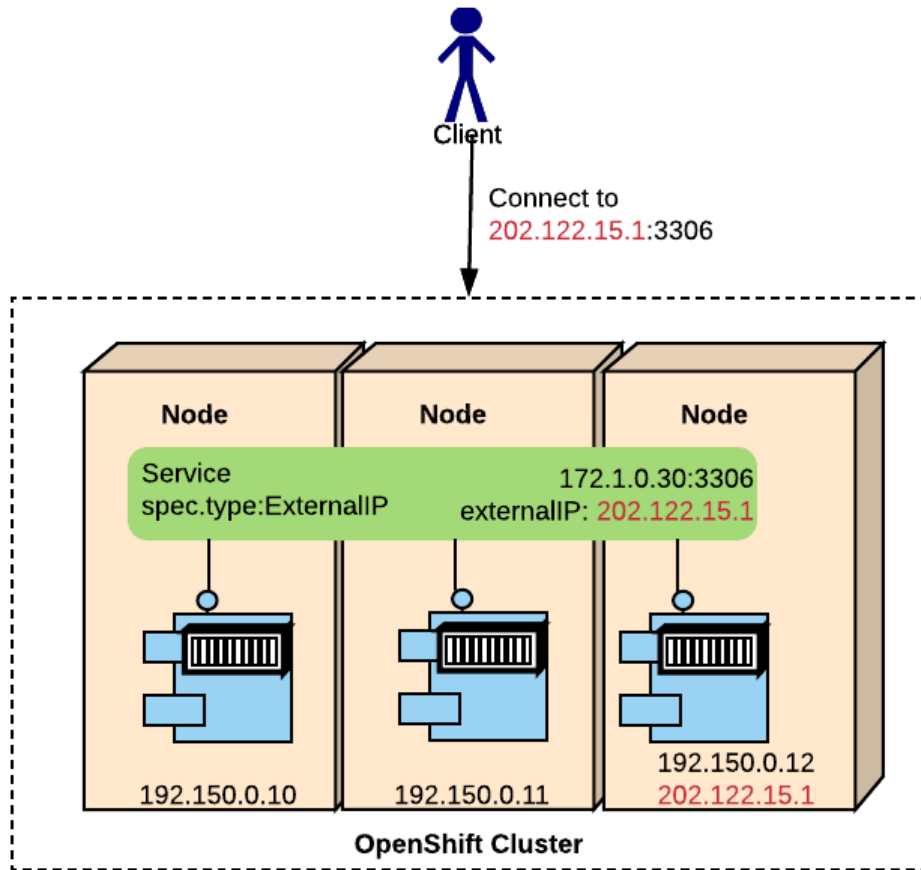
All nodes act as ingress point at the port assigned

Every node in the cluster redirects traffic to service service endpoints even if a corresponding pod is not running on that node

Firewall rules should not prevent nodes listening on these ports

Every exposed service uses up a port on all the nodes in a cluster. Are there alternatives?

Assigning External IP to a Service with Ingress



Admin defines ExternalIP address range.
Assigns these extra IPs to nodes.

OpenShift assigns both internal IP and external IP to a service. Or a specific External IP can be chosen.

Node to which ExternalIP is assigned acts as the ingress point to the service.

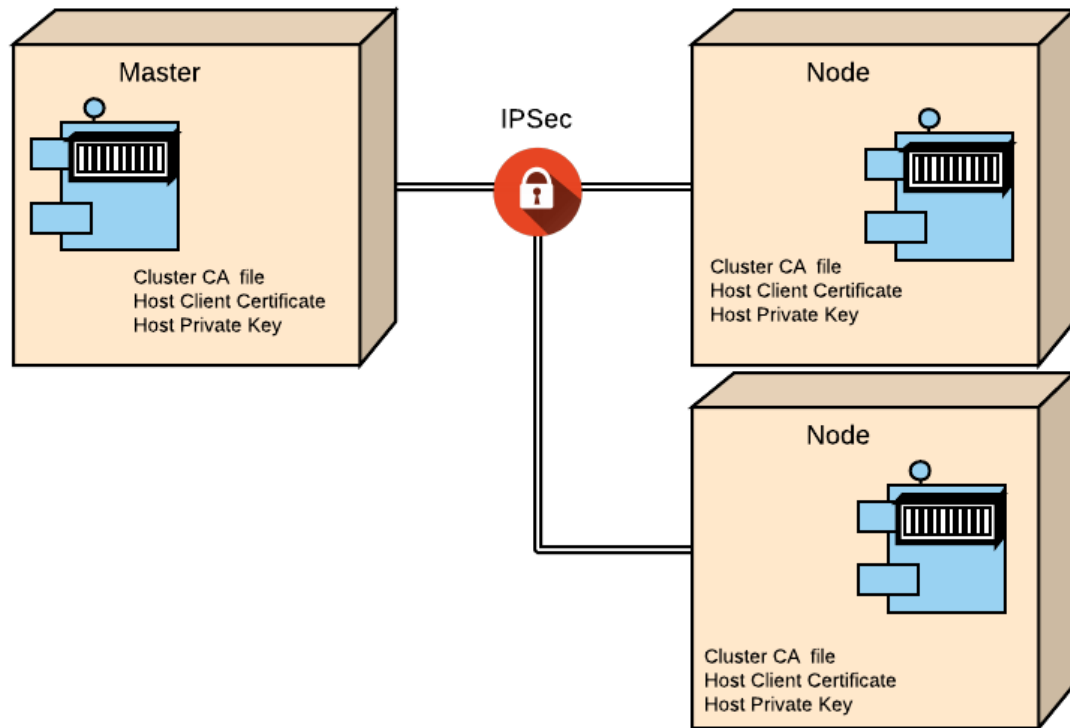
ExternalIP can be a VIP. You can set up ipfailover to reassign VIP to other nodes. Ipfailover runs as a privileged pod and handles VIP assignment.



5. Securing communications between nodes

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Secured Communications between Hosts



Secures cluster communications with IPsec

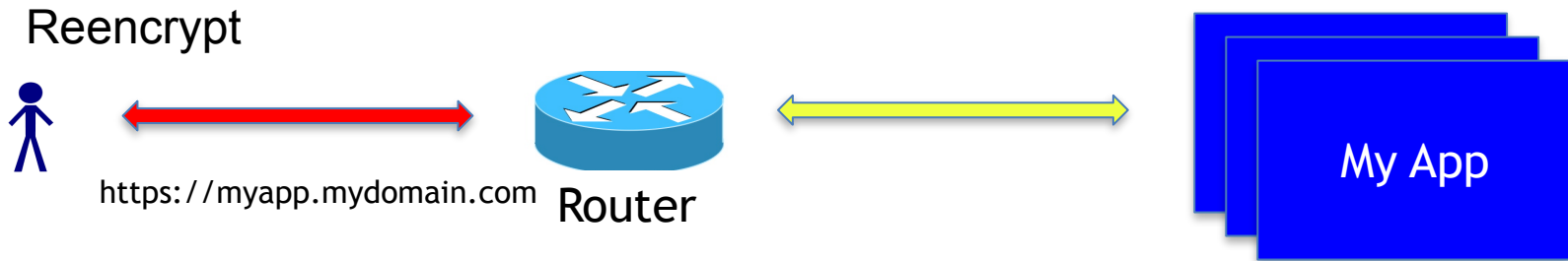
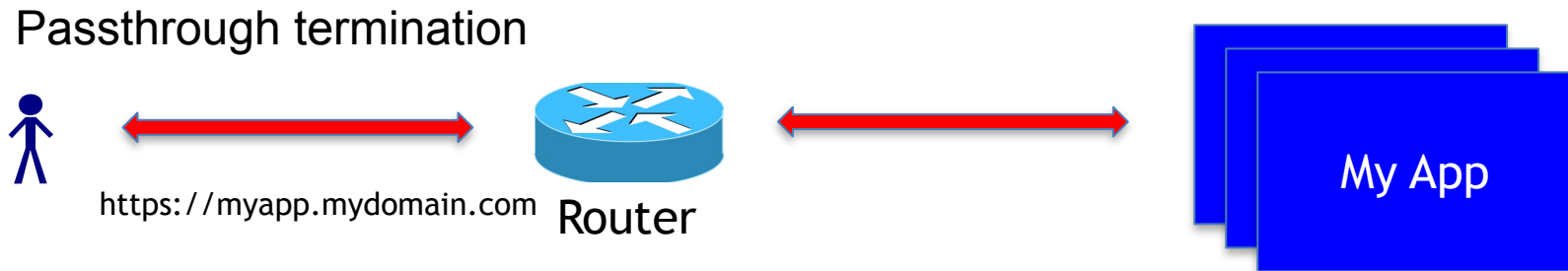
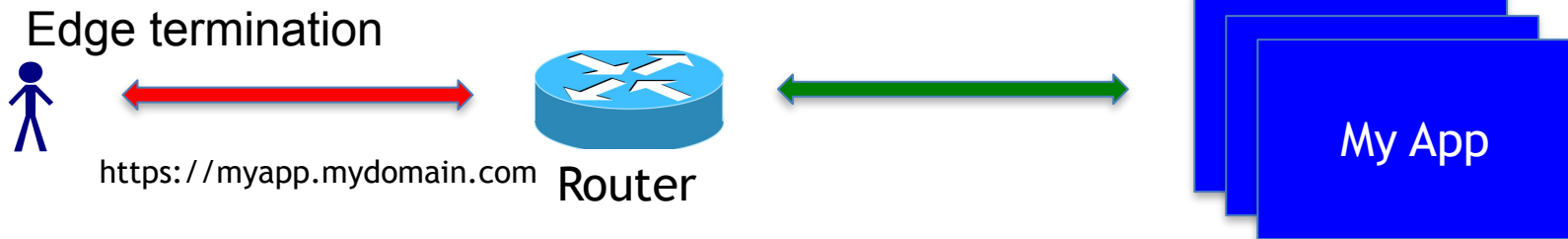
- Encryption between all Master and Node hosts (L3)
- Uses OpenShift CA and existing certificates
- Simple setup via policy defn
 - Groups (e.g. subnets)
 - Individual hosts



6. Security at Application Level

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SSL at Ingress (with OpenShift Routes)



Layer 7 Application Security

Application specific monitoring East-West
container traffic

Web Application Firewalls

Granular traffic control, Packet Inspections

Denial of Service, Ransomware, Viruses
Detection and Mitigation

Runtime Security, Forensics, Incident
capture, Audits, Alerts

Container runtime monitoring

Partner Solutions



NeuVector



Sysdig



Twistlock



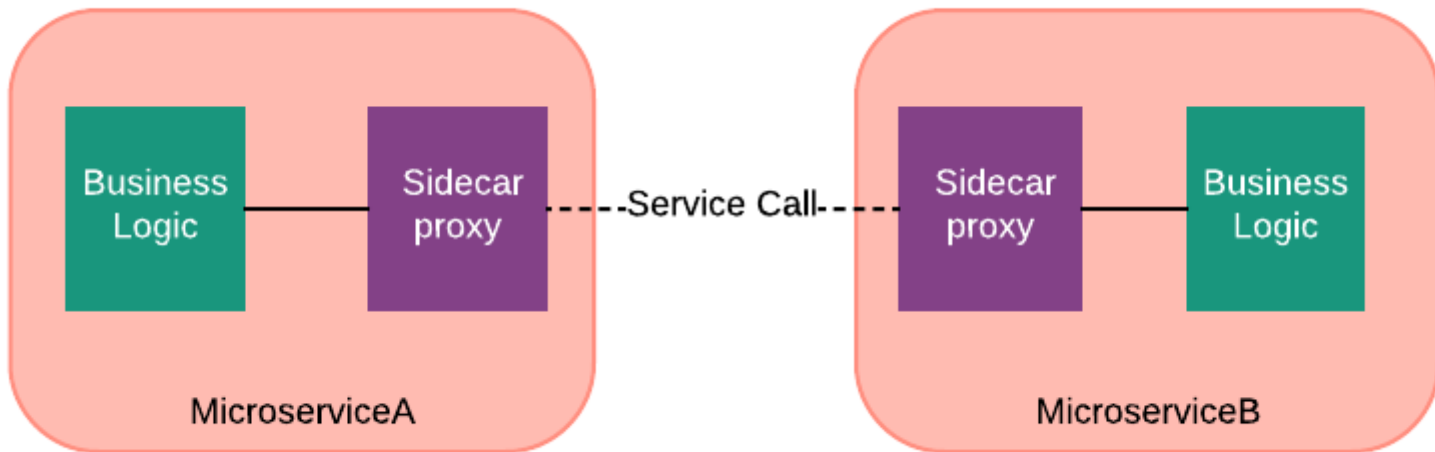
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7. (Tech Preview) Application network security with Istio

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Istio Concepts - Sidecar Proxy

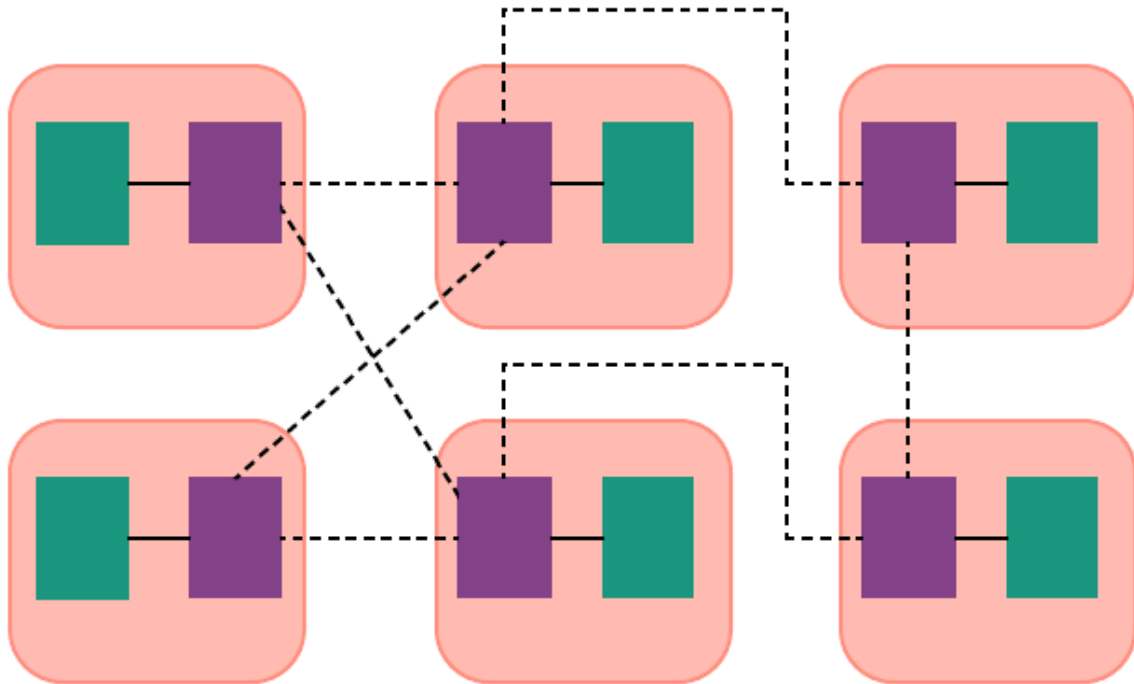


SideCar Proxy

- Intercepts all network communication between microservices
- Encapsulates Service Infrastructure code
- Application code (business logic) unaware of Sidecar proxy
- Examples - Linkerd, Envoy

Istio Concepts - Service Mesh

Network of Microservices

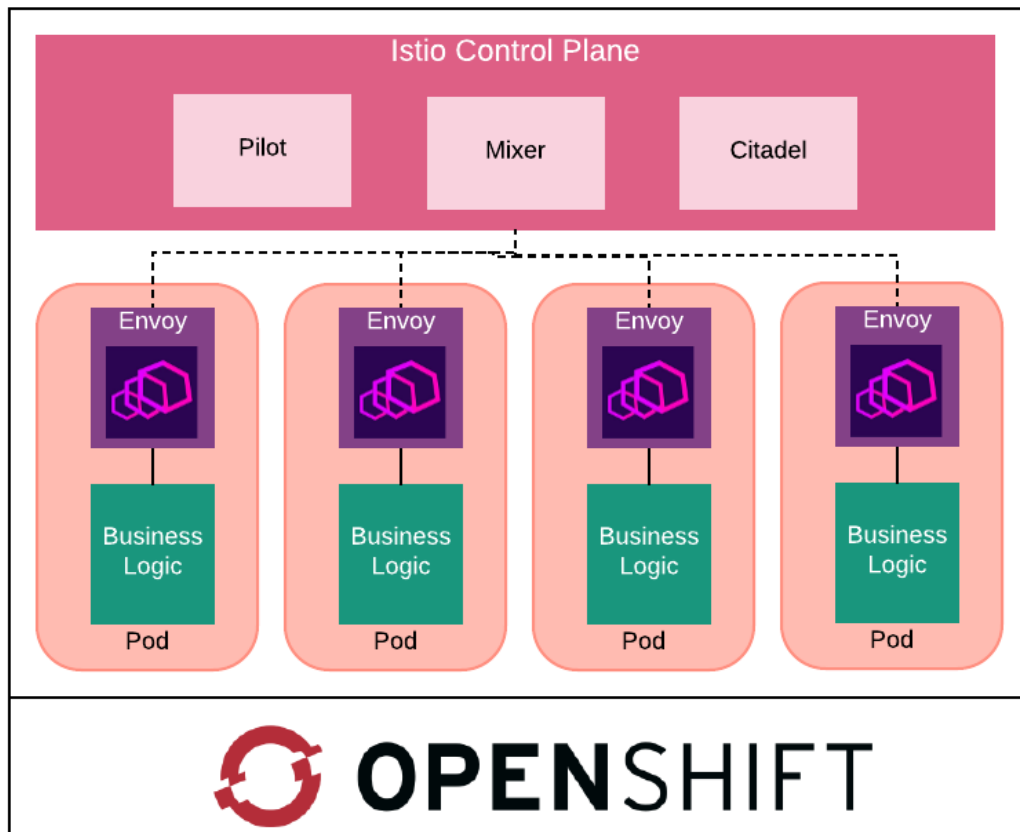


Service Mesh is a dedicated infrastructure layer to handle service-service communications

Typically implemented as an array of lightweight network proxies deployed alongside application code

Interconnected Proxies form a mesh network

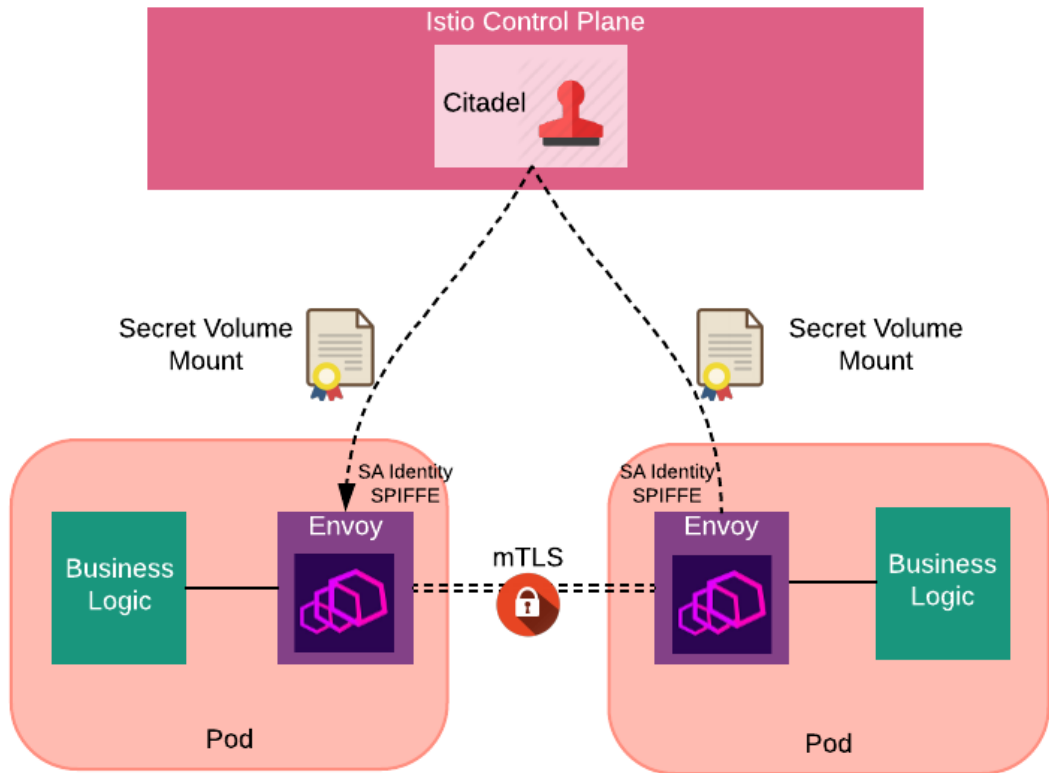
Istio Service Mesh on OpenShift



Connect, Manage, and Secure
Microservices, transparently

- Intelligent Routing
- Load Balancing
- Service Resilience
- Telemetry and Reporting
- **Policy Enforcement**
- **Content based Filtering (Layer 7)**
- **mTLS between services**
- **East-West traffic control**

Application Traffic Encryption with Istio Auth (Future)



Uses Service Account as Identity.
SPIFFE Id format

`spiffe://<domain>/ns/<namespace>/sa/<serviceaccount>`

Mutual TLS between sidecars

Istio CA

- Generate cert pair and SPIFFE key for each SA
- Distribute key and cert pairs
- Rotate keys and certs periodically
- Revoke key and cert when need



Questions?

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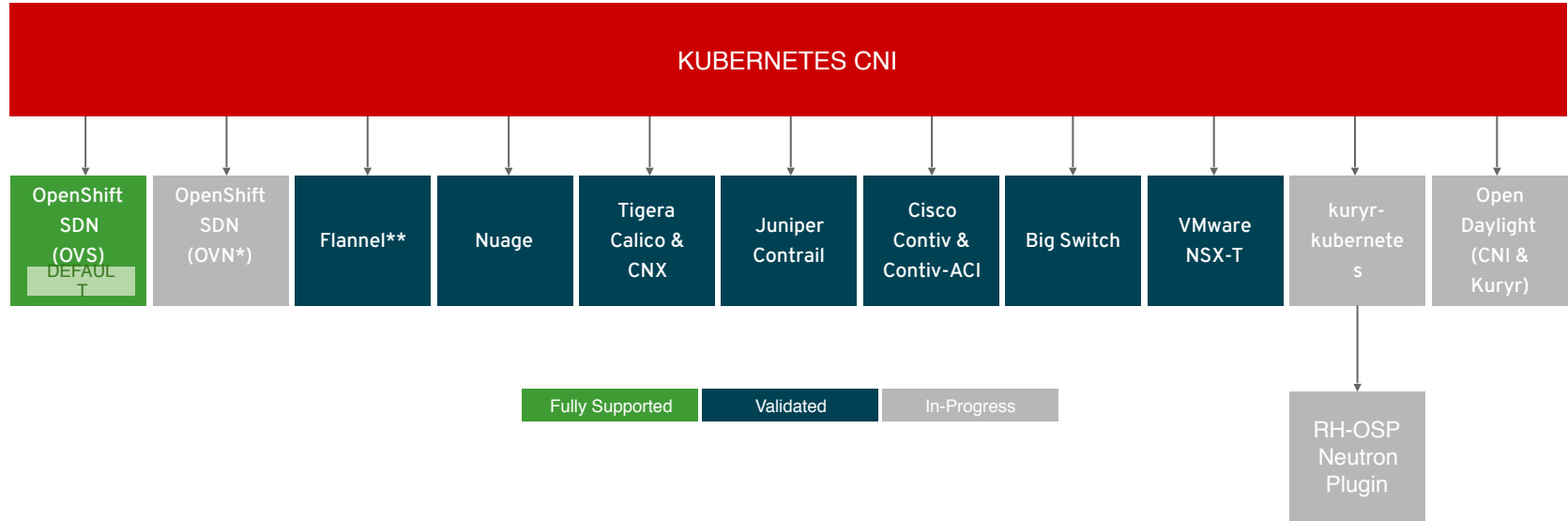
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OpenShift Networking

Software Defined Networking (SDN) for pod-pod communication

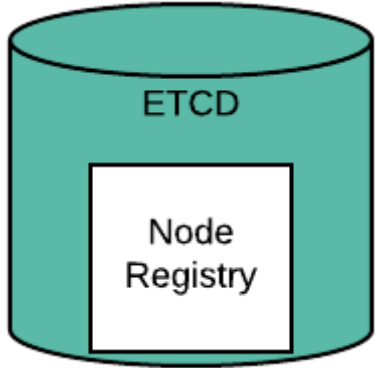
- Configures overlay network using Open vSwitch (OVS)
- Three types of plugins
 - **ovs-subnet** : flat network every pod can talk to every other pod
 - **ovs-multitenant**: project level isolation for pod-pod communication.
Unique VNID per project

You can join projects to get them the same VNID

'default' project (VNID 0) privileged to communicate with other pods

- **ovs-networkpolicy**: fine-grained isolation using network policy objects

OpenShift SDN manages Node Registry



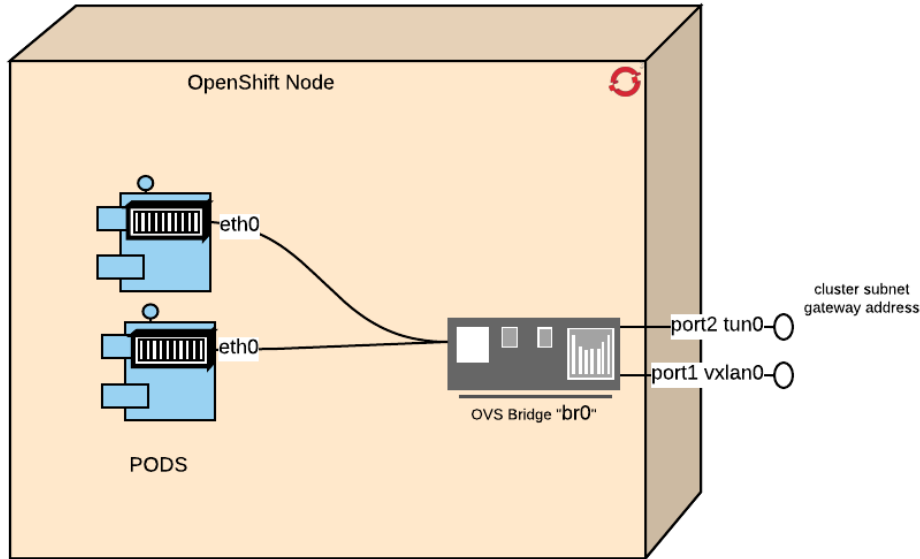
Master allocates a subnet to the node.

Node creation - Allocated subnet added to Node Registry

Node deletion - subnet removed from the Node Registry

On node creation,SDN registers the host with the SDN master

OpenShift SDN configures network devices on Node



br0 Pod containers attached to this ovs bridge device. Non subnet specific flow rules on br0

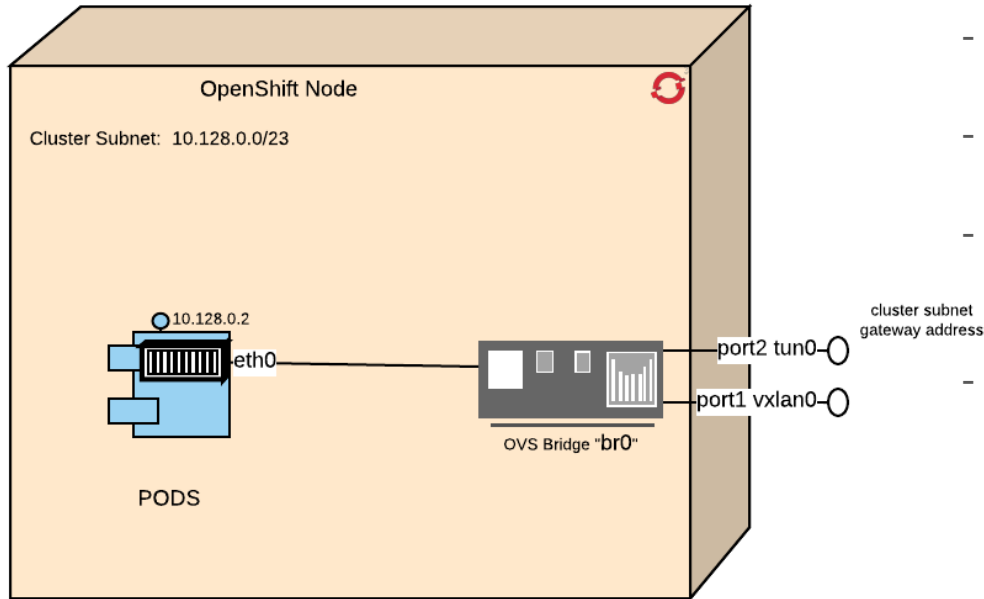
tun0 For external network access via NAT. Cluster subnet gateway address assigned. Configures netfilter and routing rules.

vxlan0 Access to other nodes. OVS VxLAN device

additional node added:

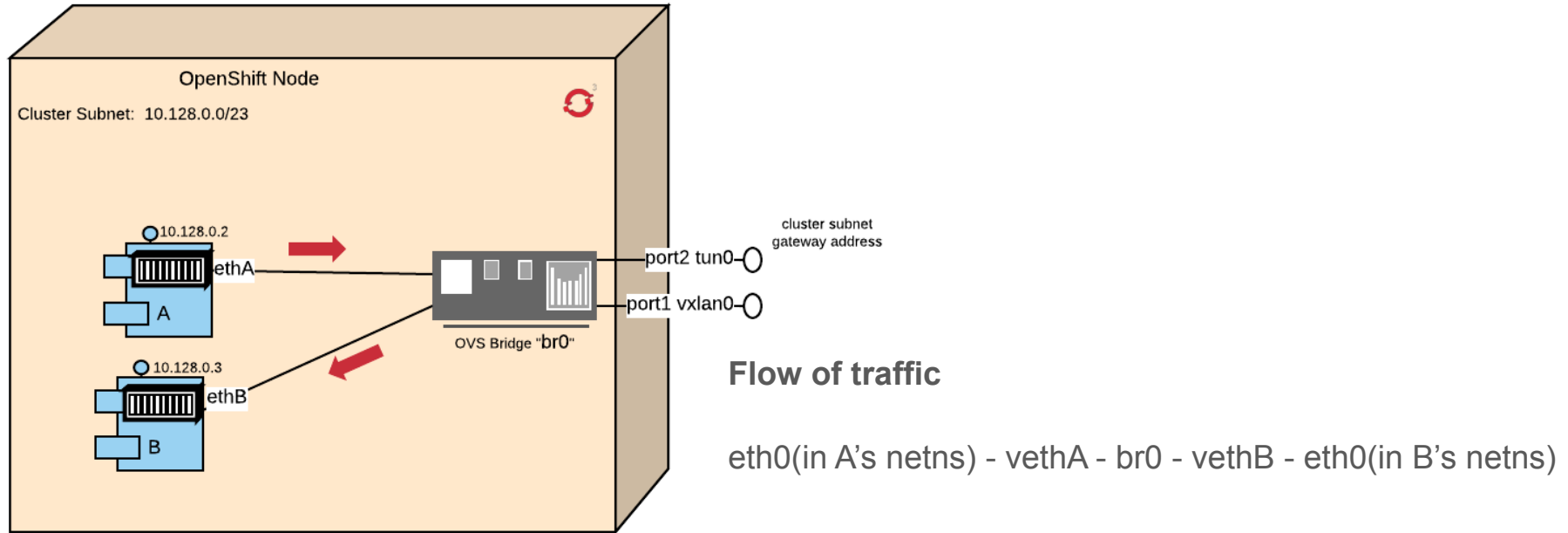
- Watch subnet updates from master
- Add OpenFlow rules on br0 to push traffic to the newly added subnet go to vxlan0

OpenShift SDN Pod Creation



- Assigns an available ip address from the node's cluster subnet to the pod
- Attaches host side of pod's veth interface pair to br0
- Adds OpenFlow rules to OVS DB to route traffic addressed to the new pod to correct OVS port
- For ovs-multitenant, adds OpenFlow rules
 - to attach pod's VNID to outgoing traffic
 - allow traffic to pod when VNID matches

Pod to Pod Traffic - Both pods on the same Node

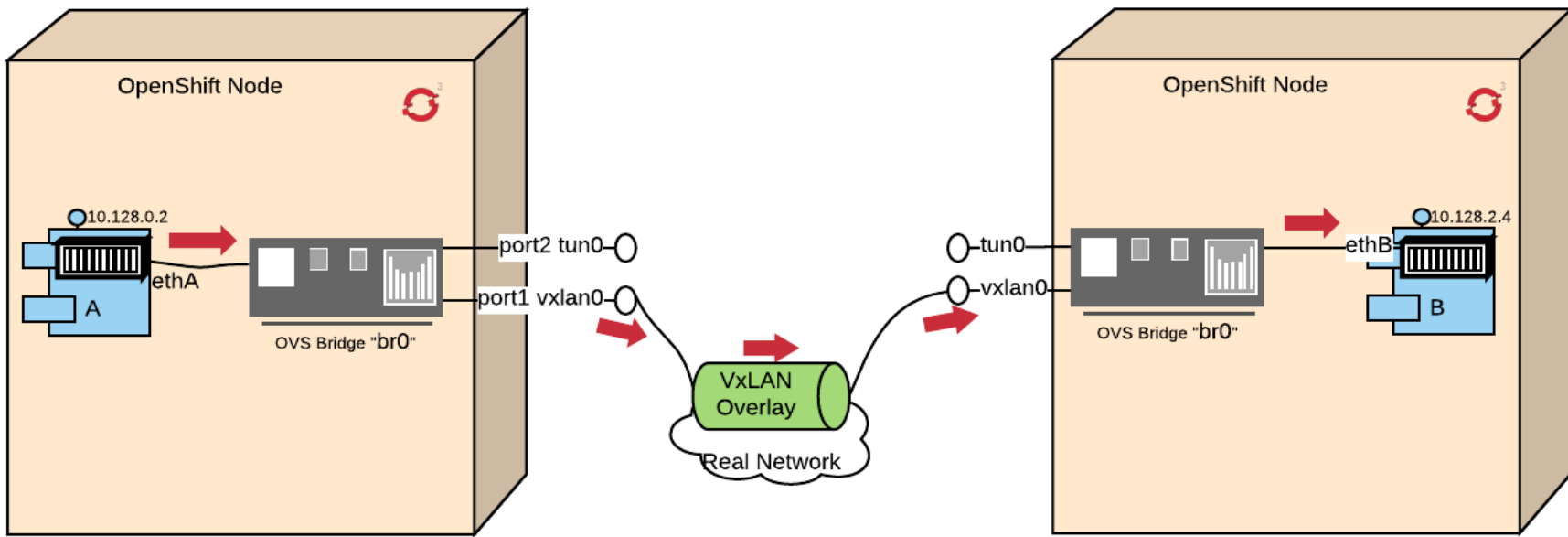


* Peer vEthernet device for container A is named `ethA` and for container B is named `ethB`

Pod to Pod Traffic - Pods on two different Nodes

Flow of traffic

eth0(in A's netns) - vethA - br0 - vxlan0 - network - vxlan0 - br0- vethB - eth0(in B's netns)



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Pod to External Systems outside OpenShift

Flow of traffic

eth0(in A's netns) - vethA - br0 - tun0 - (NAT) - eth0(physical device) - Internet

