# Leveraging Trusted Execution Environments to protect containers and data

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## Containers

**Containerized Applications** 





## Understanding the problems



Using per container administration does not scale

# O2 Shell scripts or more robust platforms (ansible, chef, etc.) does not fix the issue either



Using containers at scale needs a mindset change!!!







## some inherited "issues"



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#### Container runtime

## Kubernetes + containerd





#### A few kubernetes runtimes









#### Kata Containers





#### Proposed Kata Runtime solution







#### Kubernetes architecture





#### Recap

#### Kube + Kata runtime







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Image registry semi-private or worst case scenario, public



#### Confidential Containers





## **Confidential Containers**

- Allow cloud native application owners to enforce application security requirements
- Transparent deployment of unmodified containers
- Support for multiple TEE and hardware platforms
- A trust model which separates Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) from guest applications
- Least privilege principles for the Kubernetes Cluster administration capabilities which impact delivering Confidential Computing for guest application or data inside the TEE



#### Confidential Containers, video demo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1v1hxAWwHDo

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