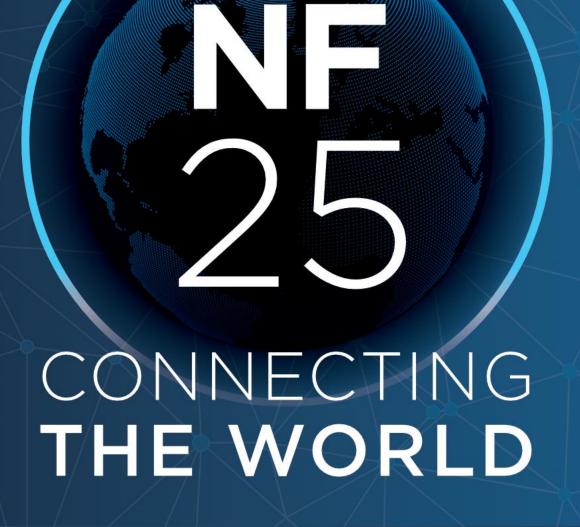
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# Containerised Niagara Explained

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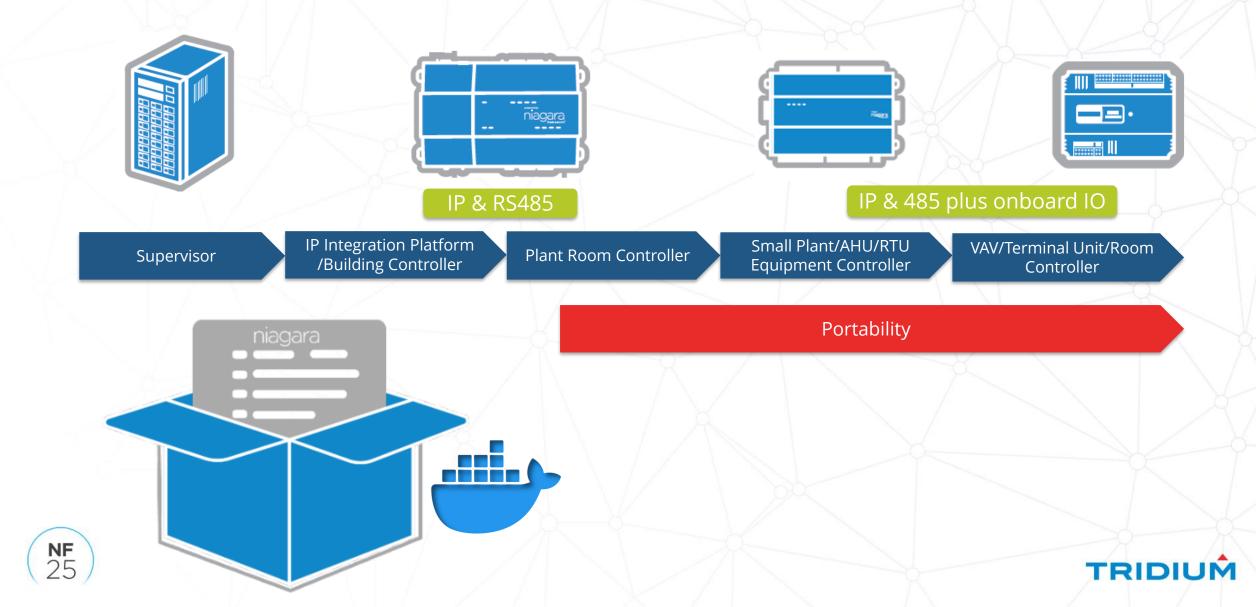


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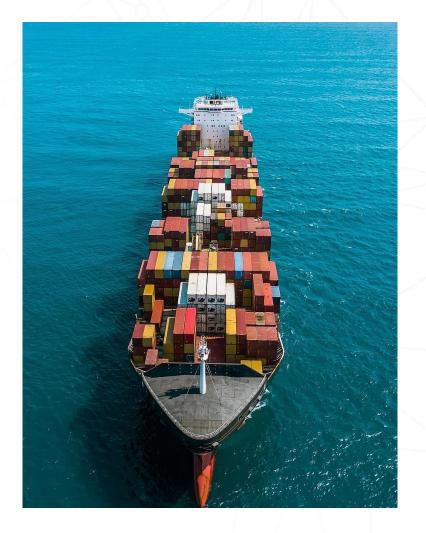




# Niagara Deployment Platforms



### What is a container?



 Containers are technologies that allow the packaging and isolation of applications with their entire runtime environment and all of the files necessary to run.

 This makes it easy to move the contained application between environments (dev, test, production, etc.) while retaining full functionality.\*



\*Source redhat.com



### Where can Containerized Niagara be utilised?

#### **EMBEDDED HARDWARE**

- For OEMs managing connected devices such as routers and hubs using a container management system, containers can facilitate easy remote deployment and updating of Niagara
- Portability alternative embedded deployment whereby a Niagara development partner deploys Niagara containers on its own proprietary or a third-party commercial device



Connected Container Orchestration Platform

#### CONTAINERIZED PORTABLE NIAGARA (NCC-CPN)



## Where can Containerized Niagara be utilised?

#### CLOUD

• Supervisor deployment in a cloud service

#### **ON PREMISE**

• Supervisor deployment on a server device housed locally

#### CONTAINERIZED SUPERVISOR (NCC-SUP)









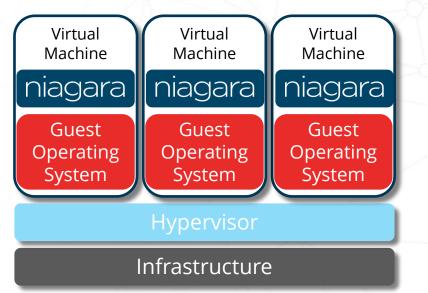
## Benefits of a Container?





# Benefits of containers over VMs?

#### **Virtual Machines**



Formerly Popular for Virtualization

#### Containers



#### Containerization Engine

**Guest Operating System** 

Infrastructure

#### Now Popular for Virtualization

#### Lightweight:

- Shares the host's OS system kernel
- Does not require an OS per application
- Driving higher server efficiencies
- Reduces server and licensing costs

#### Secure:

Applications are safer in containers and provides the strongest default isolation capabilities in the industry

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Containers are less resource intensive and more portable than Virtual Machines. Can ease development, deployment and upgrades.



### **Containerised** Niagara

- Niagara Framework supplied in a Docker<sup>™</sup> container
- Support for AMD\_x86 and Arm64 architecture
- Partner OEMs can add their own applications as required prior to the deployment of their container
- As the container is commissioned, it will contact the Tridium Entitlement Server to authorize install, deploy license, and stay activated
- Containerized Niagara was launched with N4.13 as a subscription only service





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- OPex rather than CAPex
- Less outlay Less commitment

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SMA included in subscription

#### **More purchasing flexibility!**

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# **Containerised** Niagara

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# What about containerized Niagara?

#### **Supported Architectures**

AMD

x86

- ARM favors simplicity and fast execution of single instructions.
- Uses less power and produces less heat.
- Ideal for embedded devices.



- The x86 processors allow you to perform several activities at the same time from a single instruction.
- Used predominately in servers and PCs.





# What about containerized Niagara?

- The File Domain Authentication (FDA) version is similar to how JACE is managed today
- Connect with Workbench client using default platform credentials
- Use the wizard to change the default platform credentials and passphrase similar to how a JACE is provisioned out of the box.
- Workbench client can be used to manage the passphrase and platform credentials using the platform administration view





- The Native Domain Authentication (NDA) based version requires configuring the passphrase and platform credentials using either environment variables passed into the container runtime or using platform\_password and system\_passphrase files which are located under a volume which the container has access to
- This uses tools such as Kubernetes Secrets to manage all credentials

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 Ideal for large scale deployments of Niagara



# Worth noting

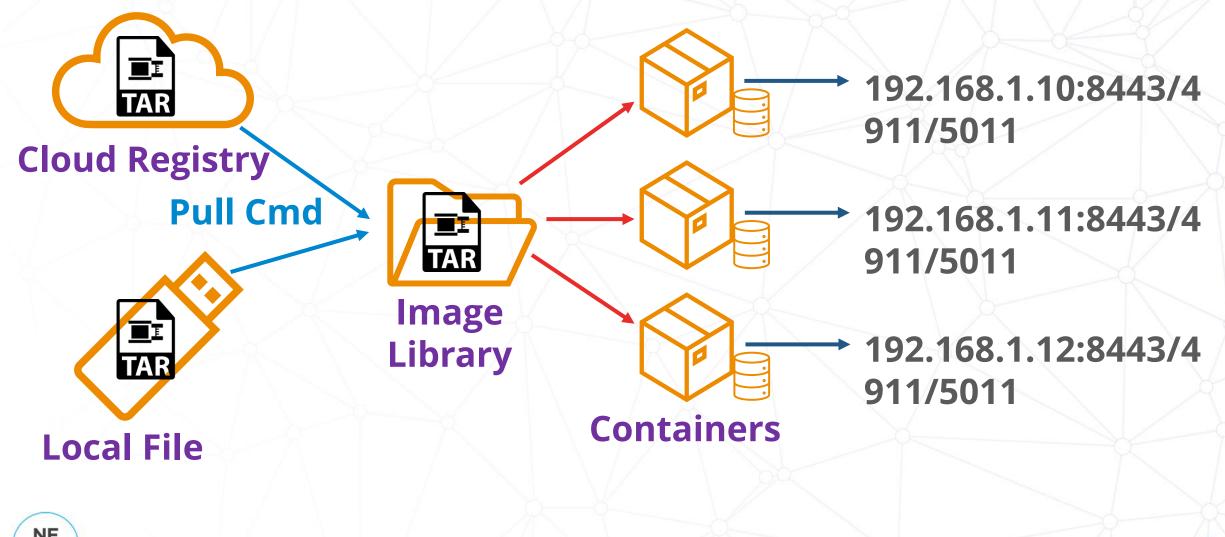
- Supervisor Container Models only support IP drivers
- Containers provide headless JAVA runtime
- Remote Workbench environment required to commission
- Browser support for station viewing and configuration







### **Container Workflow**





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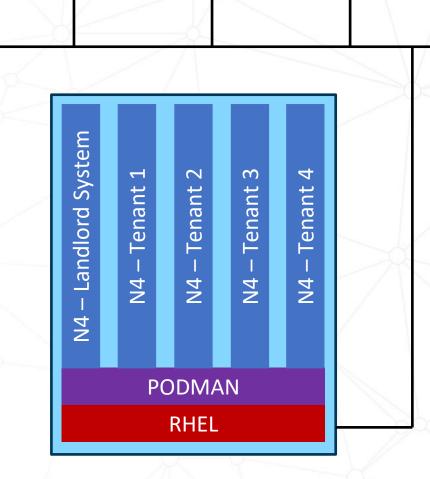
### Deployment Example

#### Multi-Tenant Building









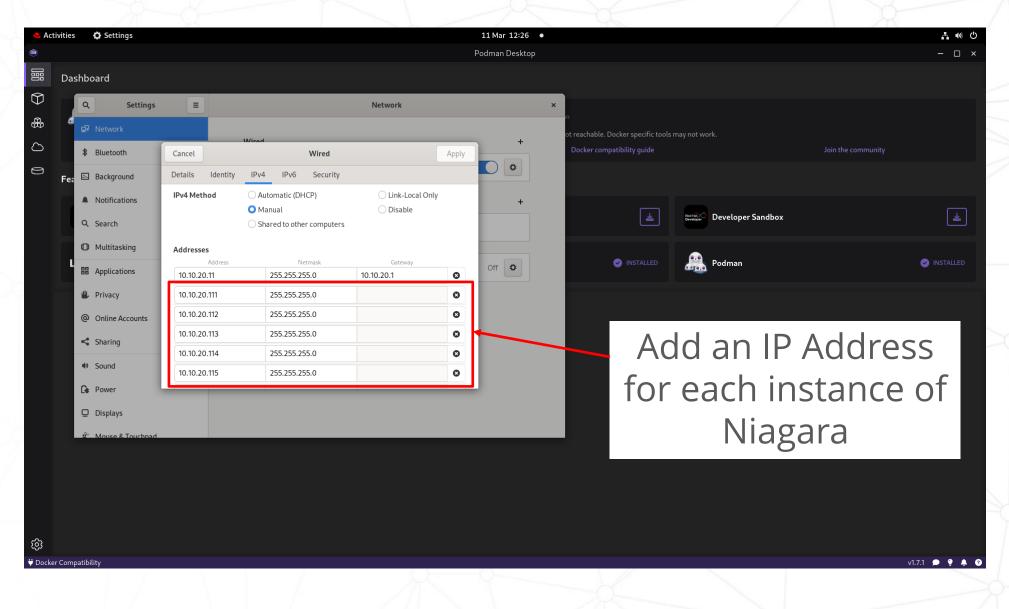
#### **Project Requirements**

- A total of 5 instances of Niagara Supervisors running on one host server
- Each Instance is required to have an individual IP Address
- Each Instance will use ports 8443, 5011 and 4911
- All instances may require connection on all 3 ports to each other and all JACE controllers



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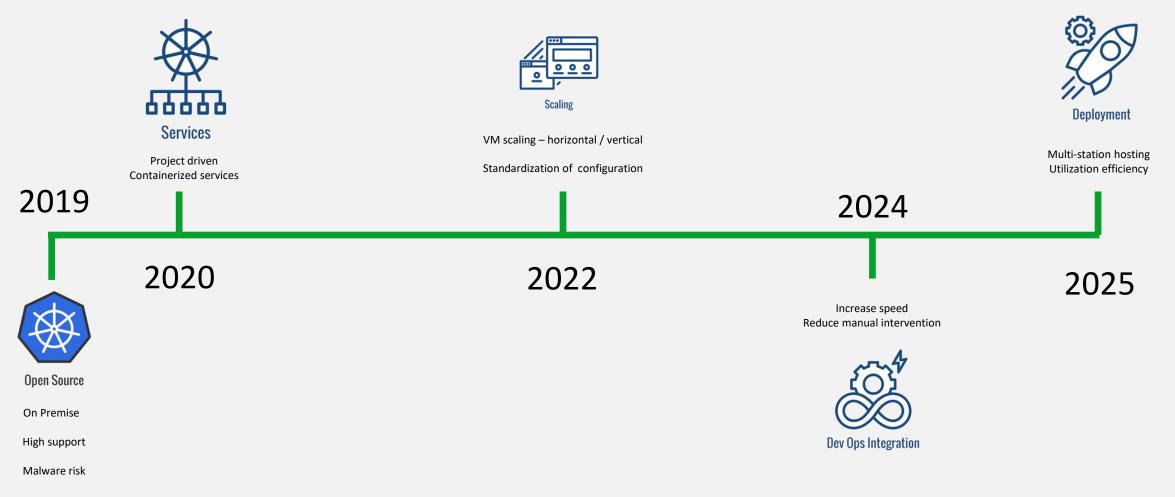




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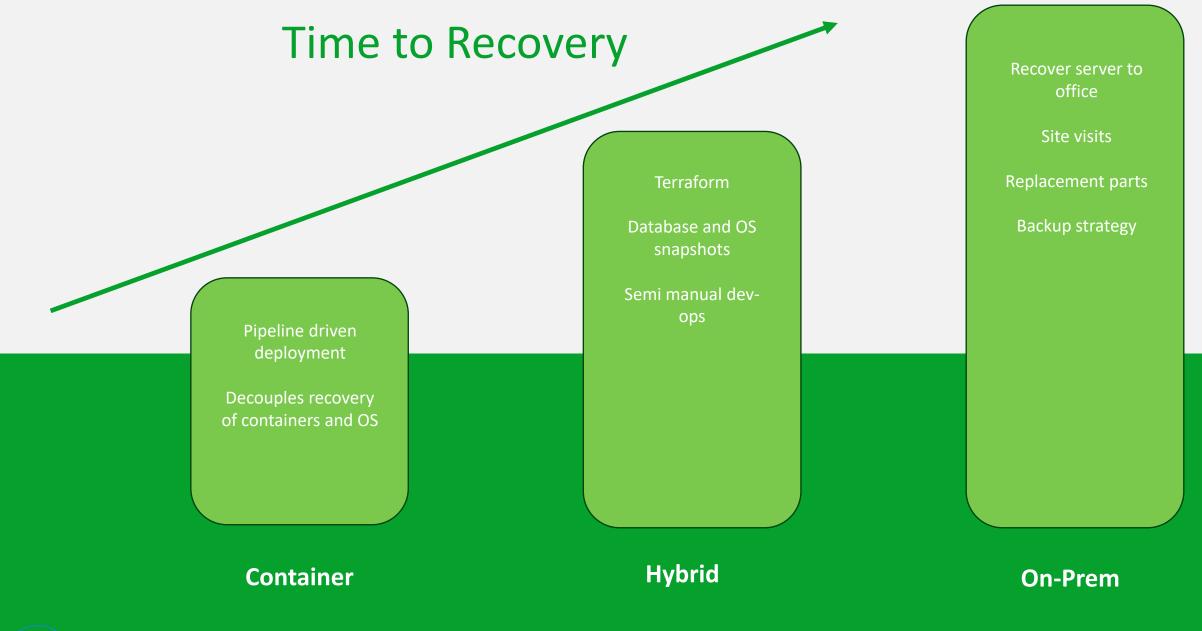


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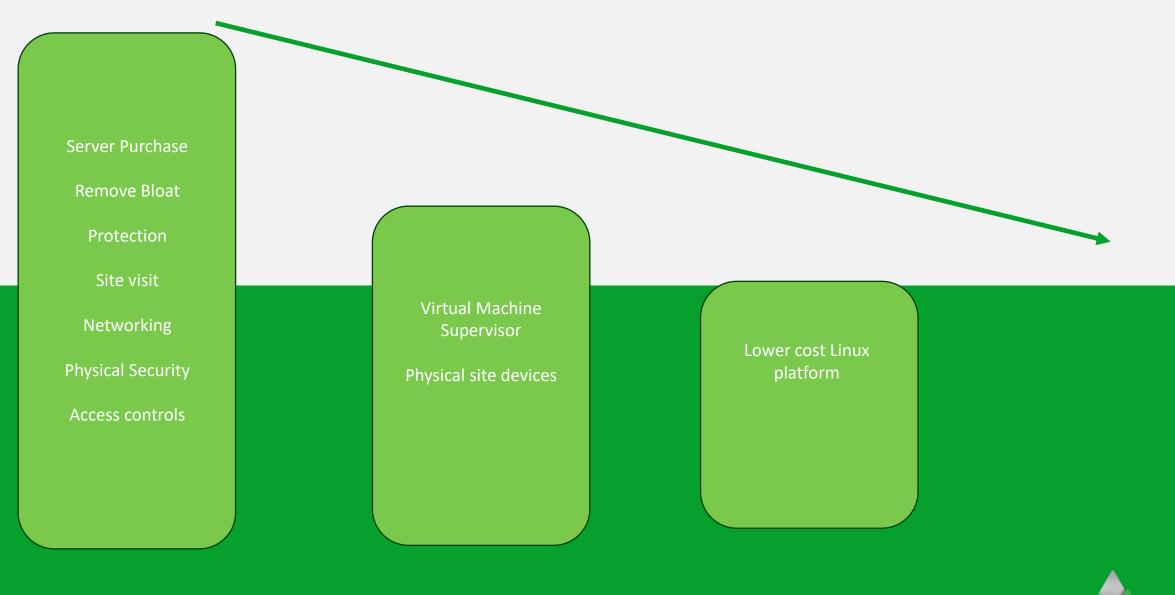








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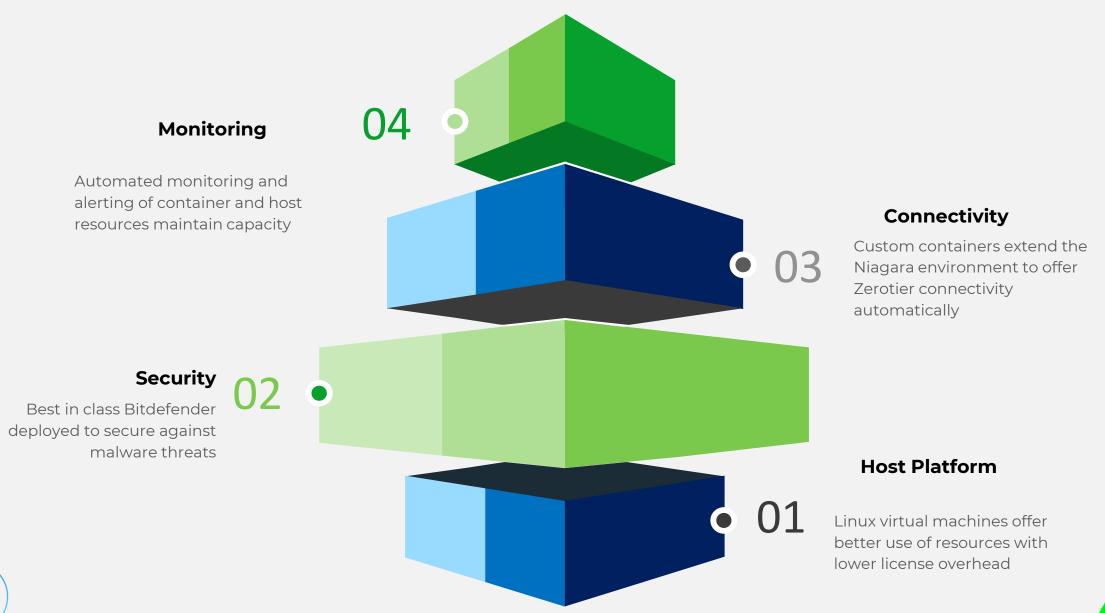
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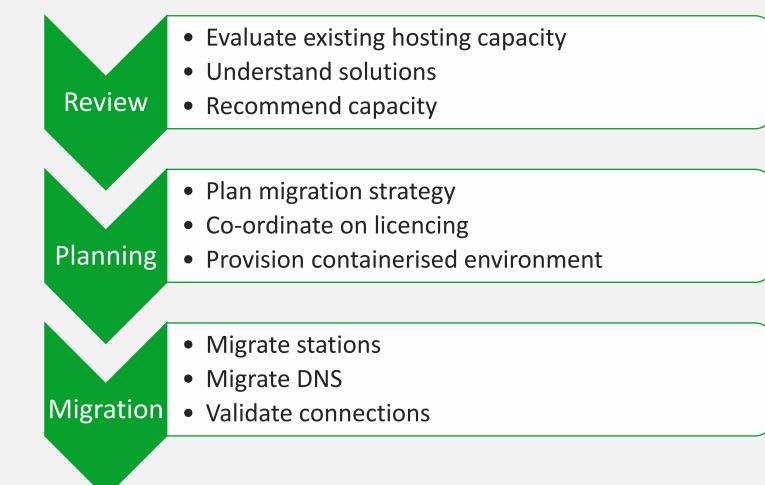
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