Docker Enterprise is the industry-leading and only container platform providing a consistent desktop-to-cloud experience and a central point of collaboration across dev and ops to build, share and run modern applications. Based on industry standards, Docker Enterprise is the easiest way to use containers and Kubernetes at scale, delivering the fastest time to production for modern applications across any multi- and hybrid-cloud environment.

Docker Enterprise brings speed, choice and security to the entire application lifecycle, enabling the rapid development and progressive delivery of modern applications, leveraging the tools and knowledge organizations have in place today. This means improved developer productivity, increased release frequency and a secure pipeline to Kubernetes environments anywhere.

**Docker Enterprise delivers:**

**Speed:** Simplified and streamlined workflows that deliver faster time-to-production for modern applications
  - Accelerate developer onboarding and improve productivity, leveraging existing skill sets
  - Simplify and streamline processes across dev and ops with a central point of collaboration
  - Rapidly deploy, manage and update production-ready Kubernetes environments, without requiring deep expertise

**Choice:** Flexibility to use the tools, languages, frameworks, clouds and Kubernetes environments of your choice
  - Select the tools, programming languages and frameworks that make sense for each project
  - Support a diverse set of application stacks and infrastructures using validated and secure container content from Docker Hub
  - Run applications in any data center or cloud, on any architecture and any OS

**Security:** Continuously ensure secure governance and compliance over the complete application lifecycle, without slowing down innovation
  - Comply with corporate and architecture standards, without impacting developer productivity
  - Trust the provenance of all applications and ensure secure separation of concerns
  - Ensure security across distributed and hybrid environments—100% portable security model across any infrastructure

**Common Use Cases:**

- Modernizing Legacy Applications
- Microservices / Cloud-Native Applications
- Implementing CI/CD or DevOps
- Data Science
- Edge Computing
- Cloud Migration
- Digital Transformation
Build
Rapidly build containerized applications and microservices in a secure way while leveraging existing tools and skill sets.

**Desktop-Based Developer Experience** – Docker Desktop Enterprise is an application for MacOS and Windows machines, delivering the easiest and fastest way to build production-ready container applications for Kubernetes or Swarm, working with any framework and language and targeting any platform. Build and test Linux and Windows applications and easily share them with others.

**Shareable, Reusable Applications** – Docker Applications are a way to define, package, install, and manage distributed applications and coupled services as a single, immutable object. Making complex multi-service applications as easy to build, share and run as single containers, Docker Applications are the first implementation of the open Cloud-native Application Bundle (CNAB) specification.

**Application Templates** – Get developers up and running in minutes instead of days by leveraging customizable application templates that follow organization standards. Free developers from debugging configurations and dependencies to allow them to focus on code.

**Frictionless App Deployment** – Consistently deploy different types of applications to Docker Enterprise through either the UI or CLI. Deploy applications with Docker Compose files to either Swarm or Kubernetes, or leverage Kubernetes YAML to deploy to Kubernetes.

**Align Desktop to Server** – Docker Desktop Enterprise Version Packs keep your local Docker and Kubernetes versions in lock-step with production systems, eliminating “works on my machine” problems once and for all.

Share
Seamlessly find and securely share certified and approved content leveraging Docker Hub, the world’s largest library of container content and Docker Trusted Registry (DTR) your organizations secure, private registry.

**Secure, distributed image management** – Docker Trusted Registry delivers secure storage and management of images and granular access control to repositories. Build a globally consistent supply chain for distributed development teams by connecting multiple Docker Enterprise clusters to a centralized registry, mirroring different image repositories across multiple registries, or provide a locally cached repository for reduced latency and improved performance. Leverage validated and secure container content from Docker Hub to support a diverse set of application stacks and infrastructures.

**Full stack portability** – Developers can define networking, storage, secrets and more at the application level. A separation of concerns allows developers to define app configurations and IT to deploy them with either Swarm or Kubernetes and manage them on different infrastructures without recoding. Eliminate the “works of my machine” problem, once and for all.

**Image signing, verification and policy** – Docker Content Trust protects images from man-in-the-middle attacks while moving across the network. Users can cryptographically sign an image at build time, creating a record of who created or modified the image, and enforce policies before an application can be deployed to production.

**Image scanning and vulnerability monitoring** – Docker Security Scanning ensures only high integrity applications are running in production. Docker Security Scanning indexes the components in both Windows and Linux images and compares them against a known CVE database. When new vulnerabilities are reported, Docker Security Scanning matches the components in new CVE reports to the indexed components in your images, and quickly generates an updated report. Administrators can also control specific vulnerability scanning results and get visibility into vulnerabilities at runtime.

**Policy-based image promotion** – Define policies to automatically promote images from one repository to another repository within Docker Trusted Registry. Criteria can include tags, package names, vulnerabilities, or license review.
Automated image cleanup – Define policies to reduce container image sprawl and optimize disk space by setting up policy-based image tag pruning and using integrated garbage collection.

Automate workflows with webhooks – Registry webhooks pass real-time information to third-party tools like CI/CD solutions. Integrate webhooks to cause an action in another application in response to an event in the registry.

Run
Deploy, manage, and secure modern applications with globally consistent Kubernetes environments that run on any cloud.

Simplified Kubernetes Experience – Docker Kubernetes Service (DKS) is a certified Kubernetes distribution that integrates Kubernetes from the developer desktop to production servers, with “sensible secure defaults” out-of-the-box. DKS makes Kubernetes easy to use and more secure for the entire organization without requiring deep expertise. Advanced configuration through Kubernetes CLI is still available for experienced users.

Automated Lifecycle Management – Cluster management tools enable teams to easily deploy, scale, backup and restore and upgrade a certified Kubernetes environment using a set of simple CLI commands. This delivers an automated way to install and configure Docker Enterprise across hybrid and multi-cloud deployment, including AWS, Azure, or VMware.

Transparent cluster upgrades – Apply blue-green upgrades to your container infrastructure to reduce and eliminate application impact. Control your infras software lifecycle with more control and less risk.

Rolling updates – Gain confidence in deploying new features and updates with rolling updates. Available performance metrics allow teams to monitor progress and quickly rollback when necessary.

Integrated networking and routing – Applications deployed with Swarm and Kubernetes both have access to “batteries included, but swappable” networking and routing solutions. Docker Enterprise comes pre-installed with Project Calico as a highly scalable networking and routing solution, but users may swap this for their preferred Kubernetes CNI plug-in solution. For Swarm-deployed applications, Docker Enterprise includes enhanced application layer routing and load balancing based on the Interlock architecture.

Unified management – Manage all system components from an integrated web console including; users, containers, services, namespaces, controllers, load balancers, networks, volumes, secrets and nodes across both Swarm and Kubernetes.

Out-of-the-box dashboards – Enhanced health status dashboards provide greater insight into node and container metrics and allow for faster troubleshooting of issues. View cluster-level, pod-level or container-specific metrics and track history to identify emerging issues. In addition, export cluster metrics to an external Prometheus server for local management and monitoring.

Enhanced access controls – Integrate Docker Enterprise with corporate LDAP/AD, SSO through SAML 2.0 or PKI certificate-based authentication. Manage roles and responsibilities to all system components including apps, nodes, secrets, networks and volumes. Leverage either pre-configured roles or design custom roles that align to existing organization processes.

RBAC for nodes – Provide an additional layer of physical isolation by granting certain users or teams access to specific nodes. Applies to both Swarm resource collections and Kubernetes namespaces, enabling a “Bring Your Own Node” service model for IT services organizations.

Application health checks – Improve reliability and resiliency with health checks for services. Configure the frequency of checks in the UI or in the image Dockerfile to ensure timely checks and reconciliation, if needed.

Choice of orchestration – Docker Enterprise includes an integrated and certified Kubernetes 1.14 distribution and is the only platform that runs both Swarm and Kubernetes simultaneously on the same cluster, giving organizations the flexibility to choose orchestrators interchangeably. Docker Kubernetes Service Enterprise includes support for autoscaling and Container Storage Interface (CSI), native Kubernetes access controls, and storage protection.

Choice of operating system – Docker Enterprise is supported on multiple Linux distributions (CentOS, Oracle Linux, RHEL, SLES, or Ubuntu) and on Windows Server 2016 and Windows Server 2019.

Choice of Infrastructure – Docker Enterprise is optimized and tested to install easily and operate smoothly on virtual machines, bare metal, and leading cloud providers like Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure.
In addition, there are numerous features that ensure a secure container platform:

**FIPS 140-2 validated Docker Engine** – The cryptographic modules in Docker Engine - Enterprise have been validated against FIPS 140-2 standards which also impacts other regulated industries.

**Encrypted communications** – Automatic mutual TLS authentication ensures that the default mode of communication within the system is encrypted and protected. Swarm and Kubernetes network encryption protects all host-to-host communications with IPSec tunnels.

**Cryptographic node identity** – Prevent malicious nodes from joining a cluster through built-in root Certificate Authority (CA) with automatic certificate rotation that ensures systems remain secure and online. Support for external CAs and ability to configure rotation frequency provides teams with additional flexibility.

**Integrated secrets management** – Securely store secrets (API key credentials, etc) encrypted at rest and in transit to only the exact app service that requires them to operate. Docker Enterprise allows teams to easily create, manage and deploy secrets for app services on both Windows and Linux-based containers.

**Detailed audit logs** – Docker Enterprise includes detailed event logs across both the cluster and registry to capture users, actions, and timestamps for a full audit trail. These are required for forensic analysis after a security incident and to meet certain compliance regulations.

**Group Managed Service Accounts (gMSA) for Swarm** – Support for gMSA brings Docker Enterprise to a wider set of Windows Server applications that require Active Directory authentication. Swarm allows the creation of credential specs with Docker Configs to bring ease of use and automation to gMSA.

**(Experimental) Automated compliance assessment and reporting** – Automatically generate compliance reports following the OSCAL standard by NIST(OSCAL is in the final stages of review). Validate Docker Enterprise settings against common compliance standards and get a simple readout of settings for faster auditing and/or address compliance gaps.

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**Enterprise Support and Certified Partner Ecosystem**

Docker is committed to delivering an enterprise-grade experience. That includes:

**Predictable releases and maintenance** – Proactively plan deployments and upgrades with a regular release cadence with 24 months of extended software maintenance per release. Software maintenance includes security patches and hotfixes back-ported to every version under support.

**Support from the source** – Get SLA-backed support from the team that built the platform. Business Day (9am–6pm, Monday to Friday) and Business Critical (24x7) support plans are available.

**Professional Services** – Based on proven methodologies from working with our enterprise customers, Docker offers a set of Solution Architecture engagements to accelerate your containerization journey beyond technology implementation. It is a complete approach that considers the people and processes involved, with services, training and support to guide you through your adoption journey.

**Certified Containers** – Independent Software Vendors (ISV) package and distribute their software as containers for Docker Enterprise. These containers are built with best practices, tested, scanned, and reviewed. Cooperative support from Docker and the ISV.

**Certified Plugins** – Technology partners package and distributes their Networking and Volume Plugins as containers for Docker Enterprise. Built with best practices and must pass a suite of API compliance testing, are scanned, and reviewed. Cooperative support from Docker and the plugin provider.

**Certified Infrastructure** – Delivers a prescriptive approach to deploying Docker Enterprise on AWS, Azure and vSphere. Certified infrastructure complements Docker’s automated lifecycle management capabilities by providing reference architecture and ecosystem solution briefs.

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