

Partners Pleased To Finally See Kubernetes Available Natively On Microsoft Azure

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"Arguably, it is the oldest and most proven of all the cluster management/orchestration platforms," Hussain said, noting that Google has been running Kubernetes in production for more than a decade and the open source community has enhanced the technology since 2014.

Kubernetes within Azure Container Service delivers more flexibility and design options, allowing partners to craft solutions using entirely native tools, he told CRN.

Mike Mason, a technology activist at ThoughtWorks, based in Chicago, told CRN that Kubernetes is "a great technical delivery platform" that will be a boon for developers working within the Azure ecosystem.

"Kubernetes on Azure can be made self-service for teams, reducing friction, and leading to an improved developer experience," Mason said.

As companies compete for talent in a white-hot market, Mason told CRN, platforms like Kubernetes that empower teams to deliver software rapidly are increasingly vital to their business goals.

NetEnrich, an IT services provider headquartered in San Jose, has been busy deploying Docker containers to reduce the footprint of customer applications running in Azure.

But the company had previously focused on deploying the Kubernetes platform on Amazon Web Services, said Chris Joseph, vice president of product management at NetEnrich.

Natively supporting Kubernetes demonstrates a commitment from Microsoft to advancing container adoption among its cloud user base, Joseph told CRN.

With the updates to Azure Container Service, NetEnrich can leverage its expertise in Kubernetes orchestration and service delivery to help its own customers and partners focus on providing reliable and agile services on the Azure Cloud.

"This helps them take a big step forward toward deploying an immutable infrastructure," Joseph said.

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