



# 8 Core Principles of Cloud Native Storage

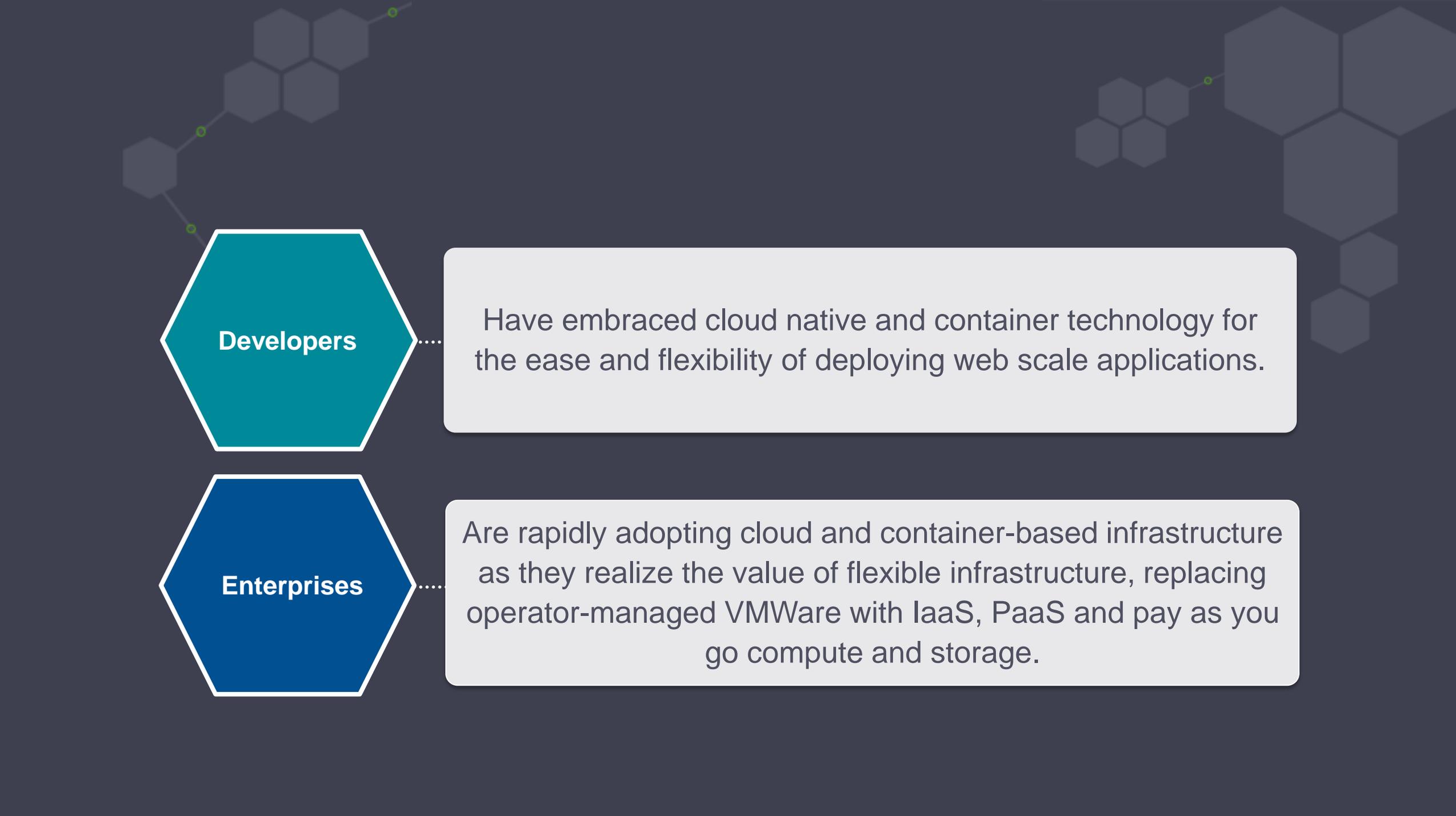
*A paradigm shift in storage design and delivery*





# Storage must evolve.

To support the convergence of container and cloud adoption.



## Developers

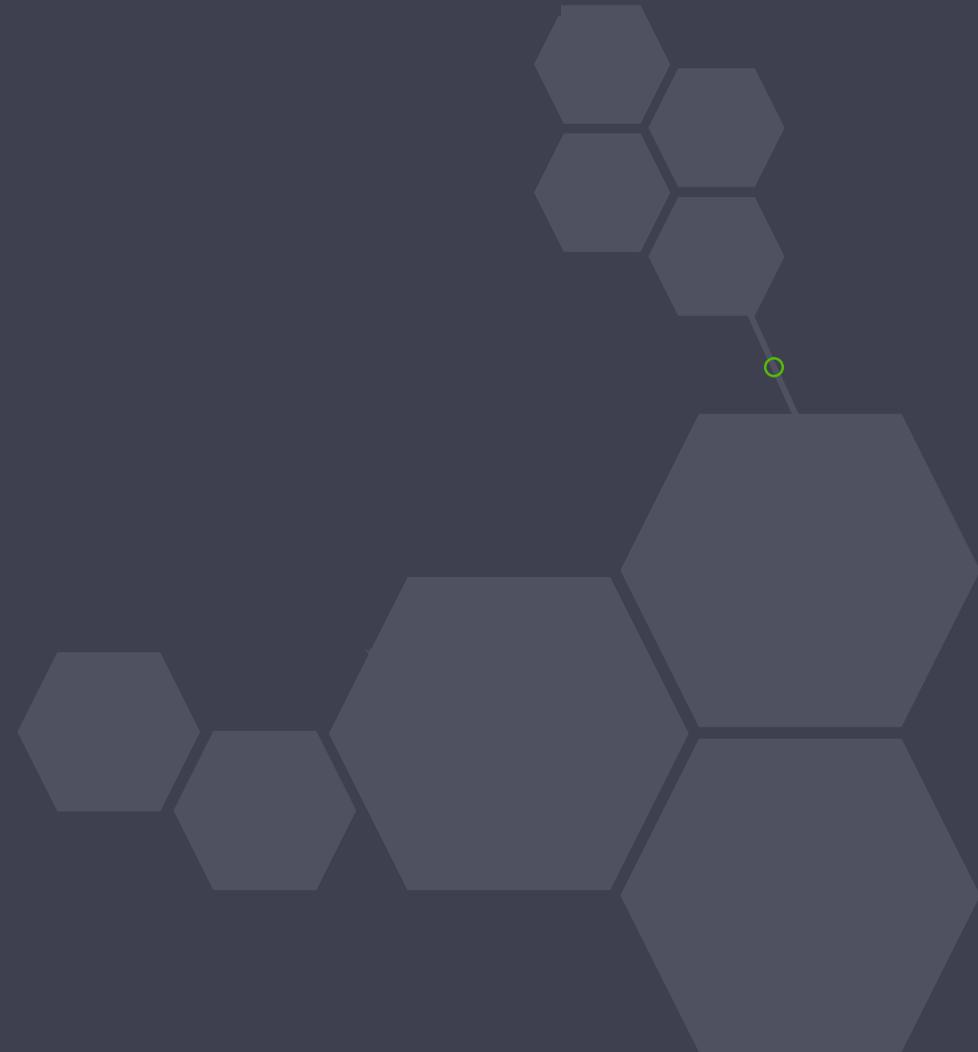
Have embraced cloud native and container technology for the ease and flexibility of deploying web scale applications.

## Enterprises

Are rapidly adopting cloud and container-based infrastructure as they realize the value of flexible infrastructure, replacing operator-managed VMWare with IaaS, PaaS and pay as you go compute and storage.

Yet **storage**, needed  
for all apps, is being  
pulled in many  
directions...

...And it **cannot keep up.**



# Enterprises want to:

Increase flexibility, performance and agility with containers and cloud.

Minimize the risks of any transition.

Maximize the usage of their existing resources.



The result? A **paradigm shift** in storage design and delivery is needed.

And it needs to be  
**cloud native.**



# What is **cloud native**?



.....  
Horizontally scalable



.....  
Built to handle failures / No single point of failure



.....  
Resilient and survivable (self healing)



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Minimal operator overhead – API driven and automatable



.....  
Decoupled from underlying platform

Cloud native  
storage is **needed** to  
**support today's IT.**





Core Principles of  
Cloud Native Storage



# 1

## Application Centric

**Storage should be presented to and consumed by applications and not by operating systems or hypervisors.**

**It is no longer desirable to present storage to OS instances, and then, later, have to map applications to OS instances to link to storage (whether on-premises or in a cloud provider, or on VMs or bare metal). Storage needs to be able to follow an application as it scales, grows, and moves between platforms and clouds.**



# 2

## Application Platform Agnostic

**The storage platform should be able to run anywhere and not have proprietary dependencies that lock an application to a particular platform or a cloud provider.**

**Storage should be shaped just like an application – capable of being scaled out in a distributed topology just as easily as it could be scaled up based on application requirements. Upgrades and scaling of the storage platform should be implemented as a non-disruptive operation to the running applications.**



# 3

## Declarative and Composable

**Storage resources should be declared and composed just like all other resources required by applications and services.**

**This allows storage resources and services to be deployed and provisioned as part of application instantiation through orchestrators.**



# 4

## API Driven and Self-Managed

**Storage resources and services should be easy to provision, consume, move and manage via an API.**

**Storage should provide integration with application runtime and orchestrator platforms.**



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## **Agile**

**The platform should be able to dynamically react to changes in the environment and be able to:**

- **Move application data between locations**
- **Dynamically resize volumes for growth**
- **Take point in time copies of data for data retention or facilitate rapid recovery of data**
- **Integrate naturally into dynamic, rapidly changing application environments**



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## **Natively Secure**

**Storage services should integrate and provide inline security features such as encryption and RBAC and not depend on secondary products to secure application data.**



## Performant

**The storage platform should offer deterministic performance in complex distributed environments and scale efficiently using a minimum of compute resources.**

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# 8

## Consistently Available

**The storage platform should manage data distribution with a predictable, proven data model to ensure high availability, durability and consistency of application data.**

**Data recovery processes during failure conditions should be application independent and not affect normal application operations.**

This is the StorageOS  
vision of storage design and delivery for  
Cloud Native Storage.





# STORAGEOS

a Cloud Native Storage solution

Designed and built from the ground up with a patent pending storage solution.

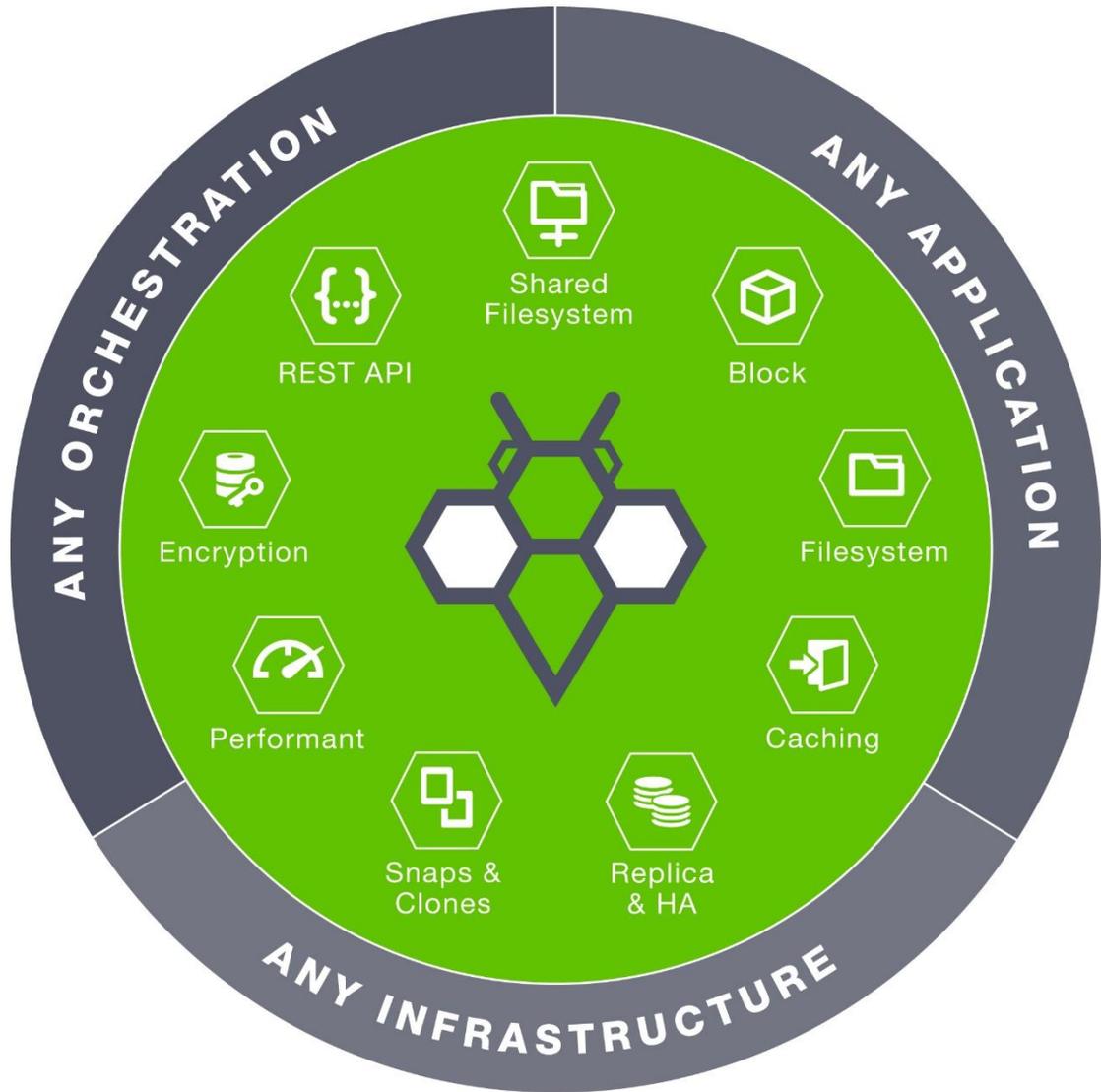


Allows users to deploy a cloud native storage platform in their environments.





# STORAGEOS





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