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OpenKicks on zLinux

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What is OpenKicks

- OpenKicks is not Open Source (yet)
- OpenKicks is sold as source to companies that want complete control of the tech stack.
- Designed from the beginning to be a production quality product.



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Open Source Tech Stack

- Linux / zLinux
- GnuCOBOL
- PostgreSQL
- Node.js



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Other Open Source

- Python
- Perl
- x3270
- bash
- doxygen
- cobcd
- git
- esql
- Kotlin
- JVM
- doxygen
- scons
- Visual Studio Code
- nginx



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Supported COBOL Compilers

- GnuCOBOL
- P3/COBOL (Java)
- Micro Focus COBOL
- IBM COBOL
- gccCOBOL (in development)



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Supported Databases

- PostgreSQL
- DB2
- Database abstraction layer allows adding other databases.
- What is your preference?



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VSAM Emulation

- VSAM emulated as a table in database.
- One table per “VSAM” file.
- “VSAM” file can be shared between regions eliminating file owning region concept.
- Batch programs can read and write “VSAM” while region is up.
- Batch interface is an EXTFH compatible module.
- Implemented as shared object to support different vendors.



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Replatform Tech Products

- OpenKicks - CICS API for zLinux & Linux
- OpenKicks for the JVM - Pure JVM version to support JVM COBOLs
- MortSort - Sort Utility for Sequential files
- OpenEZASOCKET - Open Source EZASOCKET library
- COBOL BATCH - Starts GnuCOBOL to be able to read VSAM Emulation



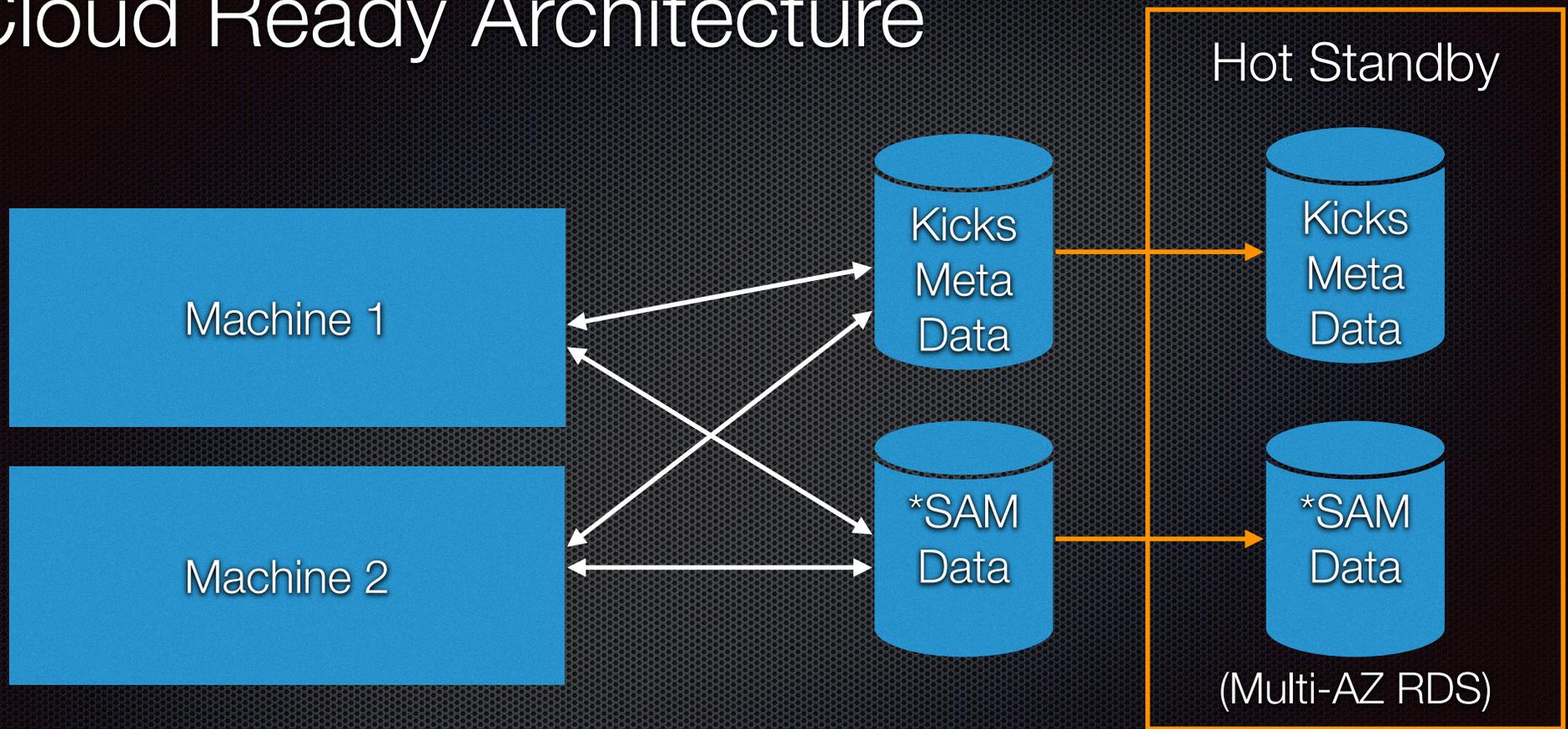
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Single Machine Architecture



Cloud Ready Architecture



Plugin Architecture

- *SAM emulation
- OpenKicks Metadata (Could move metadata to memory for performance)
- Authentication (Active Directory, Unix password, ...)
- Authorization (Supports QUERY SECURITY)
- Sequential file support



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Highly Compatible BMS Support

- Treat BMS Map source as Assembler
- Supports “Home Grown” 3270 data streams



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BMS is just assembler

```
                COPY COLORSG
                GBLC &MODE
                GBLC &N
                COPY COLORSS
&MODE          SETC 'INOUT'
&N             SETC '1'
                AIF ('&SYSPARM' EQ 'MAP').INLOAD
&MODE          SETC 'IN'
.INLOAD        ANOP
*
MAPSET&N      DFHMSD TYPE=&SYSPARM,                C
                MODE=&MODE,                        C
                LANG=COBOL,                        C
                CTRL=FREEKB,                       C
                STORAGE=AUTO,                      C
                EXTATT=YES,                        C
                TIOAPFX=YES
.INRERUN      ANOP
THEMAP&N      DFHMDI COLUMN=1,                    C
                HEADER=NO,                         C
                JUSTIFY=FIRST,                    C
                LINE=1,                            C
                SIZE=(22,80),                      C
                COLOR=DEFAULT
                TOPLINE VERSION='1'
PROG&N        DFHMDF POS=(04,10),                C
                LENGTH=8,INITIAL='.....',ATTRB=FSET, C
                COLOR=&CLRKEY
BIGMSG&N      DFHMDF POS=(06,01),OCCURS=3,      C
```

CI/CD ready

- OpenKicks deploys with CI/CD
- COBOL/CICS applications can deploy to regions with CI/CD



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Character Set

- ASCII supported of course
- EBCDIC supported if COBOL compiler supports EBCDIC
- Unicode could be added when we have applications that use Unicode.



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32 versus 64 bit

- OpenKicks can be compiled for 32 or 64 bit.
- Linux is making it harder to support 32 bit.
- Currently only testing 64 bit.
- 32 bit still needed because some COBOL applications could be 32 bit dependent.



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Operating Systems

- Intel Linux
- zLinux
- AIX
- Arm based Linux - Can be ported.



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JVM Support

- Supports P3/COBOL, a JVM based COBOL compiler.
- Supports web services written in Kotlin using OpenKicks library.
- Can run in parallel with native version.
- First class JVM support without JNI.



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