

OVHcloud partners with Google for Anthos

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Marking another strategic partnership, European cloud provider OVHcloud has announced it will manage, host and sell Google's Anthos platform. Anthos is based on Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE) and provides a readymade environment for using Kubernetes containers across a variety of infrastructure environments ranging from bare metal to fully virtualized and hybrid clouds. Designed to be integrated with Google Cloud services (including the Google Cloud Marketplace) and managed from Google's user interface, Anthos is available as both a managed service and stand-alone software based on user requirements.

In keeping with OVHcloud's stance on data security and being a trusted platform, OVHcloud will operate Anthos entirely within its datacenters and on its own. This allows it to meet security standards such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and avoid any potential risk that EU customers might have using Google services directly. Google is subject to the US CLOUD Act, which can be used to make US service providers disclose user data even out of the country.

OVHcloud says that Anthos will be made available across its platform. It's a low-investment way to deploy managed container services with a market-leading pedigree. One target here is the quite significant base of enterprise customers OVHcloud picked up in buying VMware's hosted private cloud business back in 2017. VMware has standardized on Kubernetes as the container technology of choice, which also standardizes a very large swath of enterprises using VMware on Kubernetes by default. Anthos is a well-supported Kubernetes management platform that should appeal to enterprises moving into containers.