

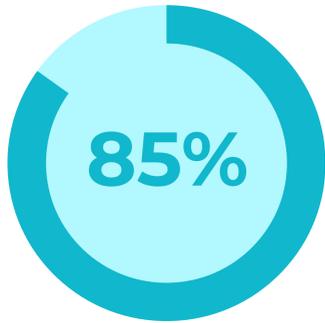
How AI is Fueling the Container Revolution

A Visual Guide to Cloud Native Adoption from the 2026 Enterprise Cloud Index

As organizations race to operationalize AI, the 2026 Enterprise Cloud Index (ECI) suggests that many organizations find traditional infrastructure models may struggle to keep pace with the speed, scale, and governance demands of modern AI workloads. It's a major reason why containers are becoming foundational to organizations' AI strategies.

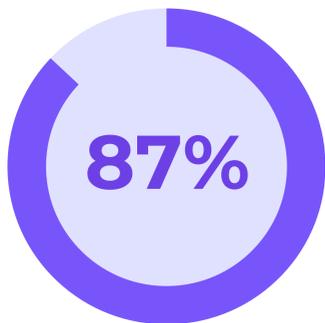
AI Is the Catalyst—and the Accelerator of Containerization

AI isn't simply increasing container adoption; it's redefining the urgency behind it.



of IT executives believe AI is meaningfully accelerating their adoption of containers.

This signals a tipping point: AI is no longer a future consideration but a present-day operational driver.

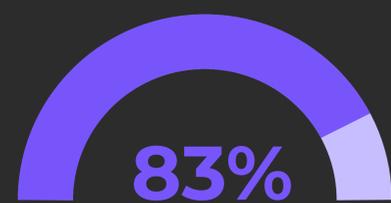


of IT and engineering executives expect containerization within their organization to increase over the next 3 years

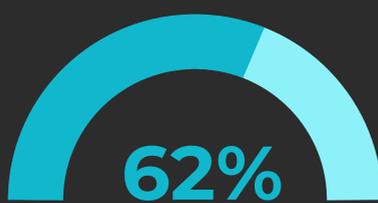
This is not incremental growth—it's a structural realignment of how applications will be built, deployed, and governed.

Containers Are Now the Norm for AI-Enabled Apps

The shift isn't theoretical—it's already happening inside enterprise environments.



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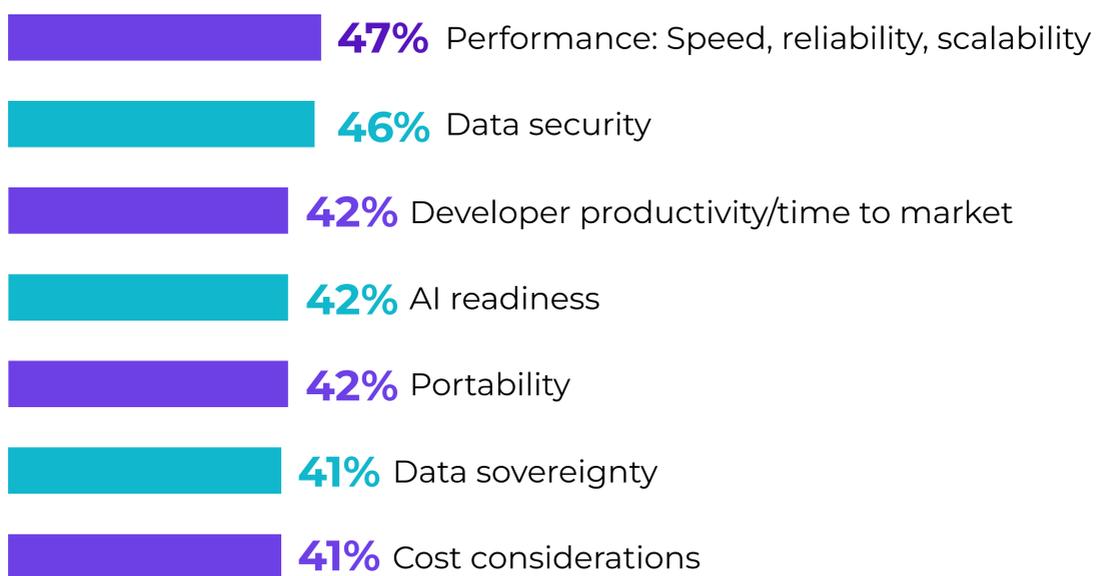


use a mix of building new apps in containers and containerizing legacy apps



primarily build new apps in containers

Why use containers?



The Bottom Line?

AI is driving enterprises toward cloud native, portable, and scalable architectures—and containers are the building blocks that make cloud native app delivery possible.

Read the full 2026 Enterprise Cloud Index and discover how to unlock the full potential of AI in your organization.

Background and Research Goals

The Nutanix Survey was conducted by Wakefield Research among 1,600 IT & engineering executives, with a minimum seniority of manager, at companies with a minimum of 500 employees across the following markets: Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, United Kingdom, and the United States, with an oversample of 100 Federal U.S. workers, between November 13th and November 23rd, 2025, using an email invitation and an online survey. Results of any sample are subject to sampling variation. The magnitude of the variation is measurable and is affected by the number of interviews and the level of the percentages expressing the results. For the global interviews conducted in this particular study, the chances are 95 in 100 that a survey result does not vary, plus or minus, by more than 2.38 percentage points; for the United States 4.9, and all remaining countries 9.8, from the result that would be obtained if interviews had been conducted with all persons in the universe represented by the sample

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