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## Abstract

This guide introduces Red Hat Service Interconnect and describes a service network. Red Hat Service Interconnect is a Red Hat build of the open source Skupper project.

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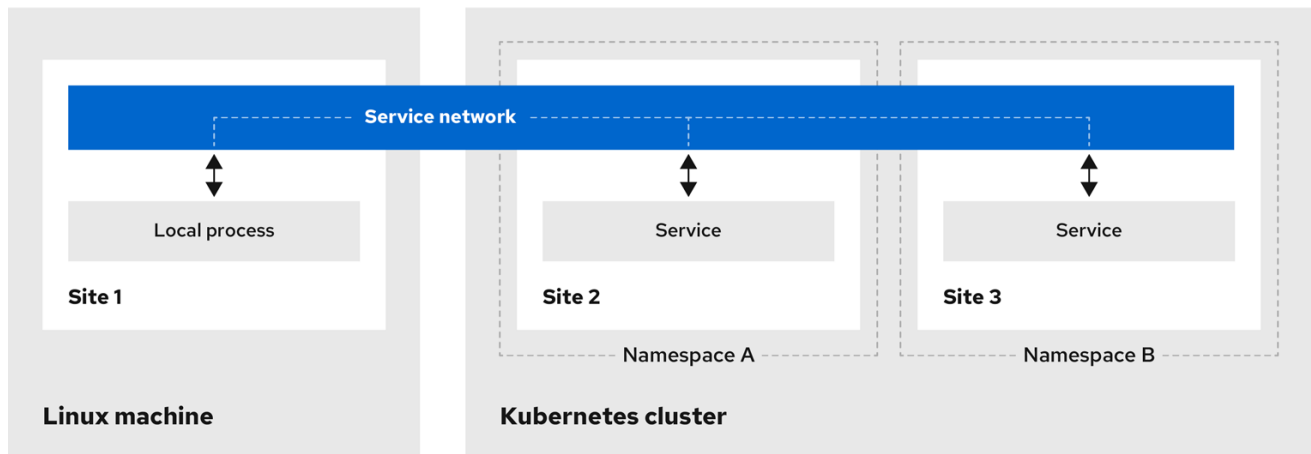
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## CHAPTER 1. KEY FEATURES

Red Hat Service Interconnect is a Red Hat build of the open source [Skupper](#) project. Skupper introduces a service network, linking services across the hybrid cloud.

A service network enables communication between services running in different network locations. It allows geographically distributed services to connect as if they were all running in the same site.



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The following are key features of Skupper:

- Private to public site connectivity: You expose only specific services and ports to a remote site.
- Minimal effort: A few **skupper** CLI commands to expose services from one site to another.
- Security: mTLS for all cross site communication.
- Load balancing and failover of services.

## CHAPTER 2. SUPPORTED STANDARDS AND PROTOCOLS

Red Hat Service Interconnect supports the following TLS versions for site links:

- TLS 1.2
- TLS 1.3



## CHAPTER 3. SUPPORTED CONFIGURATIONS

You can create sites on OpenShift Container Platform versions 3.11, 4.10, 4.11 and 4.12. Commercially reasonable support is provided for any [CNCF Certified Kubernetes](#) cluster

The **skupper** CLI is supported on:

- RHEL 8 and 9

Gateways are supported on:

- RHEL 8 and 9

Ingress types:

- LoadBalancer
- OpenShift Routes



### NOTE

If you have applications that require long lived connections, for example Kafka clients, consider using a load balancer as ingress instead of a proxy ingress such as OpenShift route. If you use an OpenShift route as ingress, expect interruptions whenever routes are configured.

For more information, see [Red Hat Service Interconnect Supported Configurations](#) .

## CHAPTER 4. RESOURCES

The following resources are available:

- [Skupper - Getting started](#)
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