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The first ThinkDigital keynote by new IBM CEO Arvind Krishna urges for resiliency into businesses and networks in response to the challenges brought about by the coronavirus pandemic-- and to do so through the combination of hybrid cloud and AI.



"History will look back on this as the moment when the digital transformation of business and society suddenly accelerated," Krishna says. "This is an opportunity to develop new solutions, new ways of working and new partnerships that will benefit your company and your customers, not just today, but for years to come."

The keynote features a number of product announcements, such as the addition of a range of AI-powered capabilities and services to help CIOs automate infrastructure to be more resilient. One such offering is Watson AIOps, a system using AI to self-detect, diagnose and respond to anomalies in real time. Built on Red Hat OpenShift, Watson AIOps runs across hybrid cloud environments and works with collaboration technologies such as Slack and Box.

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OpenShift also goes to the edge with Edge Application Manager, an autonomous management solutions enabling the deployment and remote management of AI, analytics and IoT workloads. IBM claims it enables the simultaneous management of up to 10000 edge nodes, and is the first solution powered by Open Horizon, an open source IBM project designed to enable a single person to securely manage vast edge device networks.

In addition, Big Blue has a portfolio of edge-enabled applications and services, including IBM Visual Insights, IBM Production Optimization, IBM Connected Manufacturing, IBM Asset Optimization, IBM Maximo Worker Insights and IBM Visual Inspector. All promise the flexibility to deploy AI and cognitive applications and services at scale.

"Technology platforms are the basis for competitive advantage in the 21st century," Krishna concludes. "They will determine how quickly you can pivot to new market opportunities, how well you serve your clients, how much you can scale, and how fast you can respond to a crisis like the one we're facing today."

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