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Agenda

- 17.00 Welcome
- 17.15 Istio in Production
- 18.00 Food
- 18.30 Prometheus 101
- 19.15 GitOps

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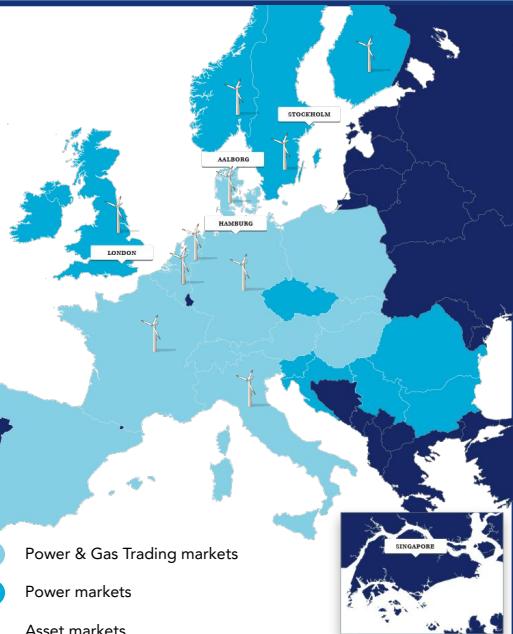
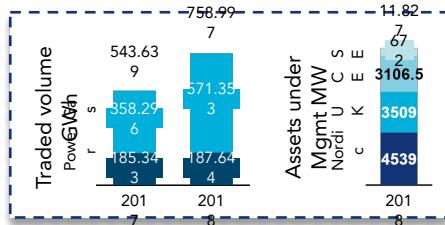
The company facts

The story

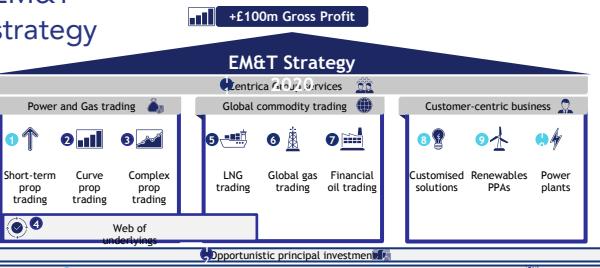
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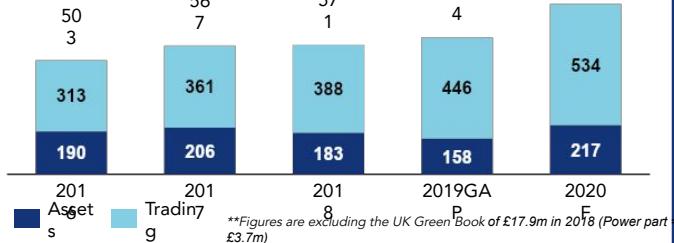


EM&T strategy



EM&T AAL – Main Strategic Role

EM&T AAL Gross Profit (DKK m*)



Business area overview



power trading

Customer driven business



- Renewable assets**
- Power balancing & intraday optimisation
 - Hedging structures
 - Renewable certificates



Power plants

- Power balancing & intraday optimisation
- Ancillary services
- Hedging structures



Consumption

- Hedging structures for utilities and corporate off-takers



Trading

Focus

- The short-term physical and financial power markets across Europe (22 markets)

Business Model

- Balancing and optimisation of assets
- Capacity-backed trading across borders
- Proprietary trading

Capabilities

- 24/7 setup (with office in Singapore)
- Within-day trading
- Intraday trading
- Day Ahead trading
- Cross Border trading
- Trading based on market insights, fundamental models and real-time input from meteorologists



gas trading

Focus

- The short-term physical and financial gas markets across Europe (13 markets)

Business Model

- Optimisation of assets; storage and transport capacities
- Structured products
- Proprietary trading

Capabilities

- 24/7 setup (with office in Singapore)
- Within-day trading
- Cross Border trading
- Curve trading
- Trading based on market insights and thorough analysis

Renewable assets	Power Plants	Consumption	Power Trading	Gas Trading
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Gross Profit distribution
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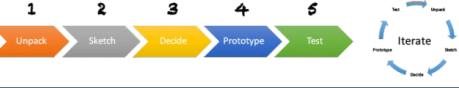
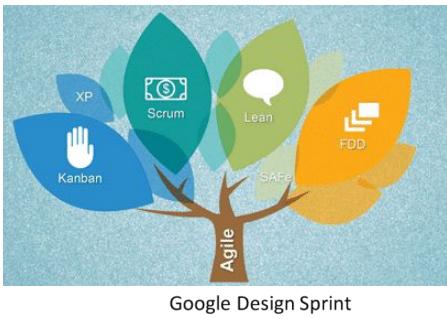
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Agility and High performance

- "think big, start small, scale fast" improves agility, customer value and employee satisfaction

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Working agile



Stable operations

- >5 mio. yearly trades, incl physical delivery
- Very low incident count
- Very high availability 24/7/365 (+99,9%)

- ~250 weekly releases in production
- ~80% automatic test coverage
- +800+ independently releasable components
- Integrated with several OTS pr

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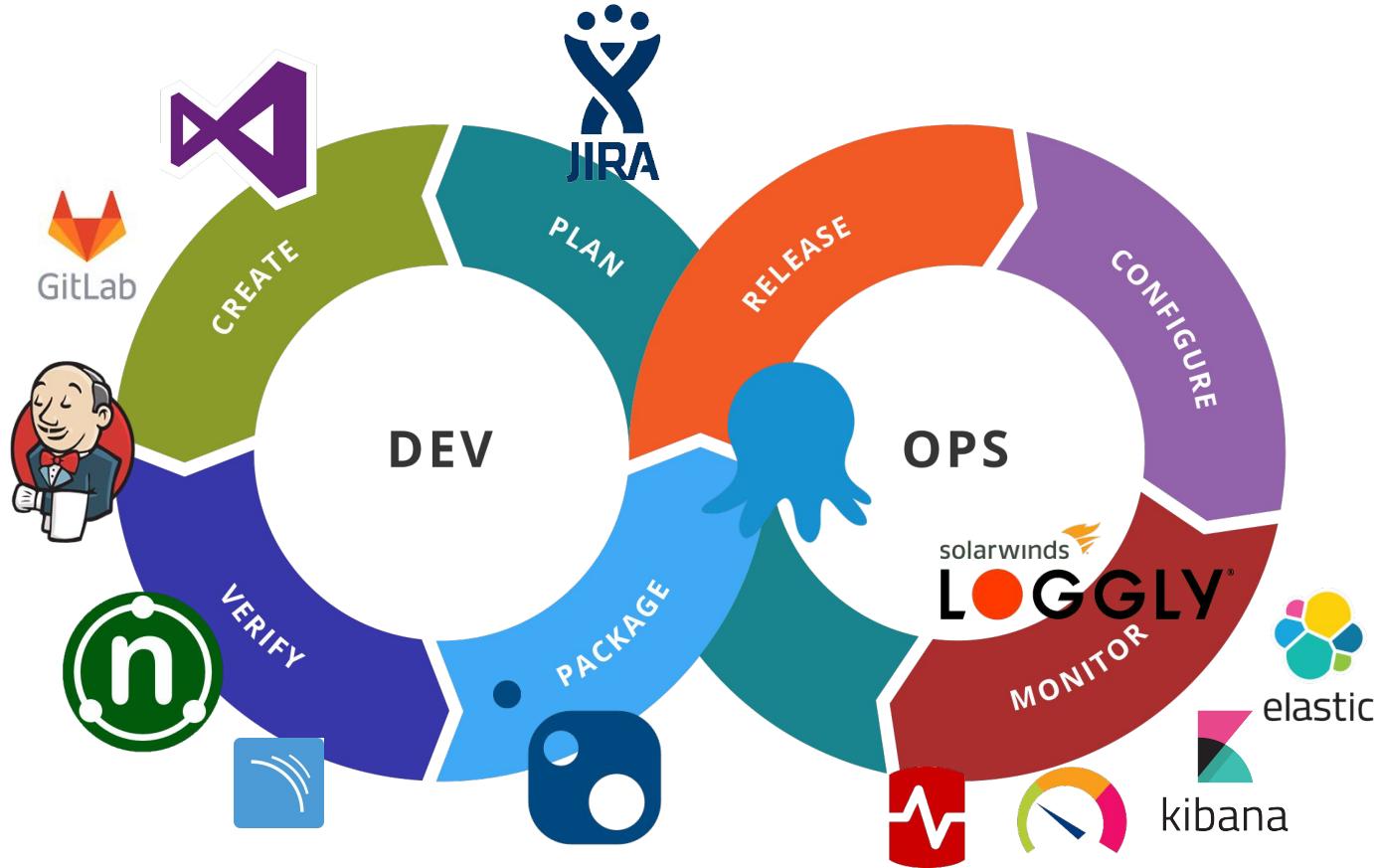
- **Being agile** signs product from Stakeholder inputs and ensures clear prioritization (design for change)
- Team delivers as soon and frequent as possible – get fast feedback through business engagement (MVP + Fast feedback)
- Team is responsible for full stack to support a given value chain (OTS + Bespoke + Data) (Fast time-to-market)
- Team is fully responsible for their software solutions, enforcing empowerment (Dev, Test & QA, Ops)

Continuous delivery

- Minimize the cost and technical risk associated with failure (Fail-fast)
- Release small and often (Microservices & DevOps)
- Department-wide dev. guidelines described in best practice (IT Architecture Manifest)
- Prefer smaller well-integrated services over monoliths (Fast time-to-market and reduce complexity)

DevOps Toolchain

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Cloud strategy

Leverage our modern and resilient datacenters for stable application domains

Move to cloud to

- Obtain flexibility
- Utilize managed services
- Adjust resources on demand
- Support high data growth



Microsoft Azure

Cloud journey so far

Some years of experience on Azure virtual servers, Office365 etc.

Started incubator teams on Cloud services:

- AWS (Provider)
- Kubernetes (Orchestration, Containers)
- Terraform (Infrastructure as code)
- Redis (In-memory DB)
- MongoDB (NoSQL)
- RedShift (DW)
- SageMaker (MachineLearning)
- FireHose, Kafka (Data streaming)

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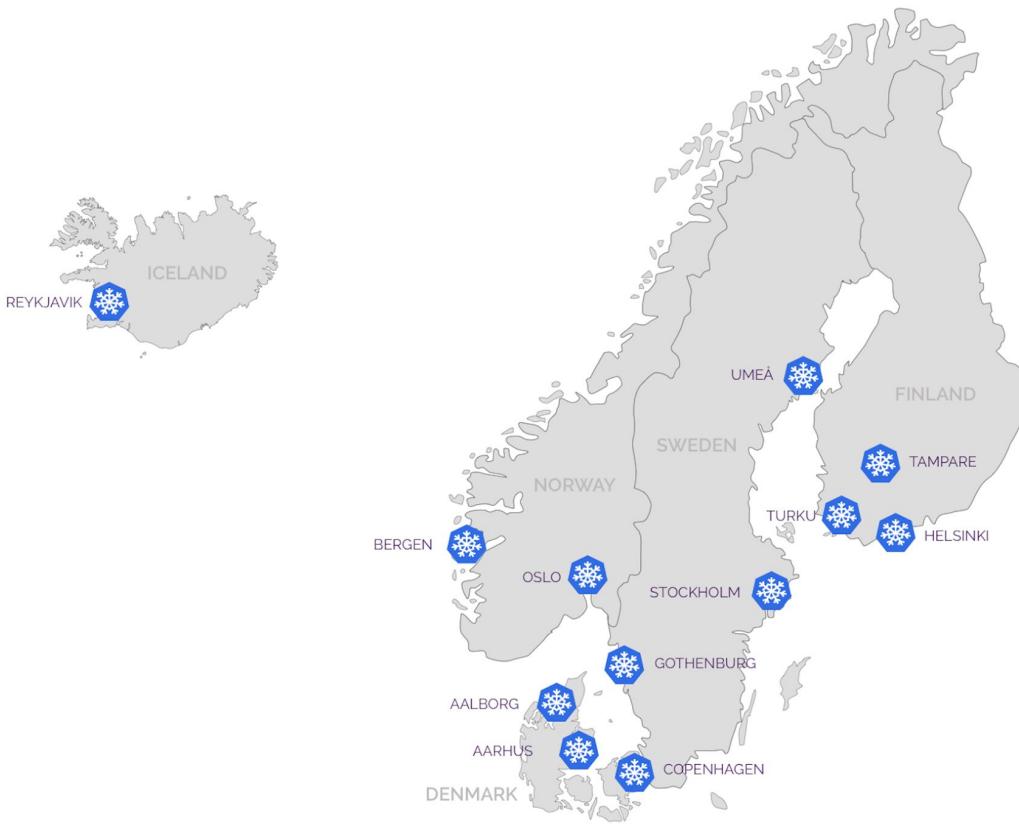
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Cloud Native Nordics Community



CNCF Cloud Native Definition v1.0

Cloud native technologies empower organizations to build and run scalable applications in modern, dynamic environments such as public, private, and hybrid clouds. Containers, service meshes, microservices, immutable infrastructure, and declarative APIs exemplify this approach.

These techniques enable loosely coupled systems that are resilient, manageable, and observable. Combined with robust automation, they allow engineers to make high-impact changes frequently and predictably with minimal toil.

The Cloud Native Computing Foundation seeks to drive adoption of this paradigm by fostering and sustaining an ecosystem of open source, vendor-neutral projects. We democratize state-of-the-art patterns to make these innovations accessible for everyone.



Meet Niels - the new co-organizer



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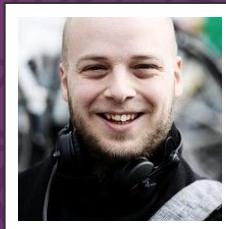
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We need your feedback...

- what can we do better?
- any ideas for future meetups?
- provide feedback on:  **slack**

Istio in Production

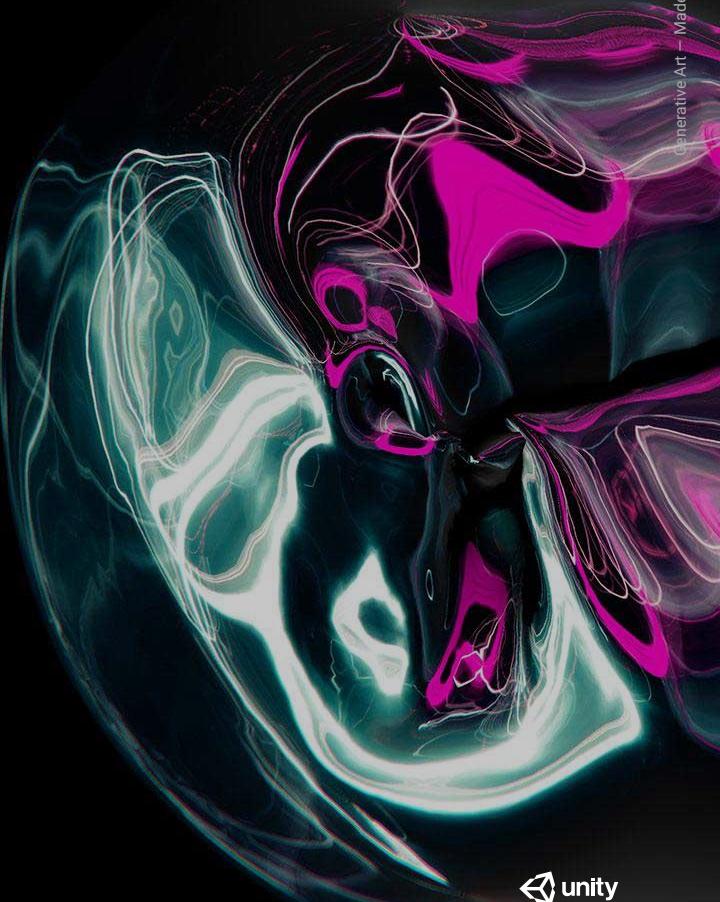
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Istio In Production

War-stories from an eventually successful Istio production rollout, for ML workloads in the cloud.





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Before  unity I was an SRE at  VISMA.

This talk & demo relates to work done then.

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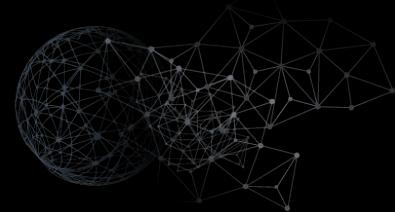
- What is a service mesh
- What is Istio
- D.I.Y "Istio"
- Managed Istio
- Self-Deployed Istio
- Brief intro to Kiali
- Autoscaling Demo
- Lessons learned
- How to get started

Service Mesh

You get a metric! You get a metric!
Everyone gets a metric!



What's a service mesh?



A service mesh describes the network of microservices that make up applications and the interactions between them.

If you, like Monzo bank, have >500 microservices you definitely need service mesh tech in order to understand and manage the complexity.

A service mesh often provides

service discovery

metrics

canary releases

end-to-end authentication

load balancing

monitoring

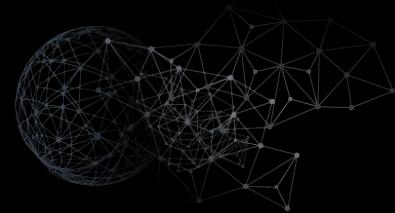
rate limiting

failure recovery

A/B testing

access control

Why use a service mesh?



Some of the aforementioned challenges can be solved at the application layer, but support, and the right tool for the job, can differ depending on languages.

You want to use a service mesh to avoid

- Bloated service code
- Duplicated work to make services production-ready
 - load balancing, auto scaling, rate limiting, traffic routing
- Inconsistency across services
 - retry, tls, failover, deadlines, cancellations, etc for each language / framework
- Diffusing responsibility of service management

Service Mesh Technologies



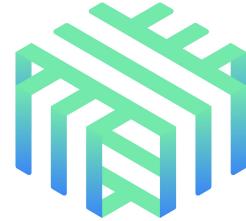
<https://l.cncf.io/> lists four, but istio is where the most action is at



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linkerd



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- service mesh

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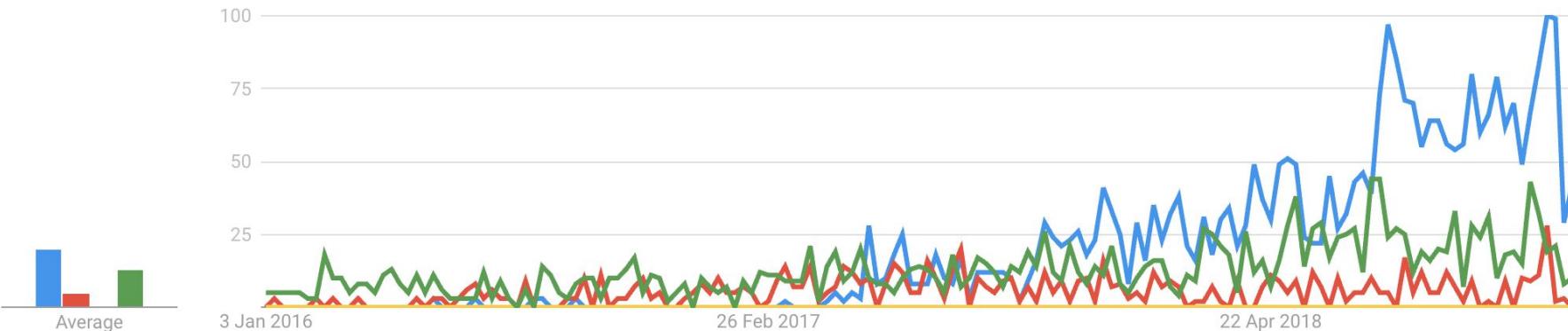
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Interest over time



What is Istio?

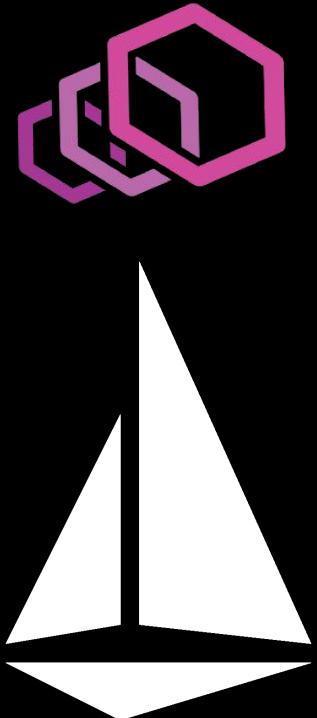
TL;DR; Really smart plumbing



Istio

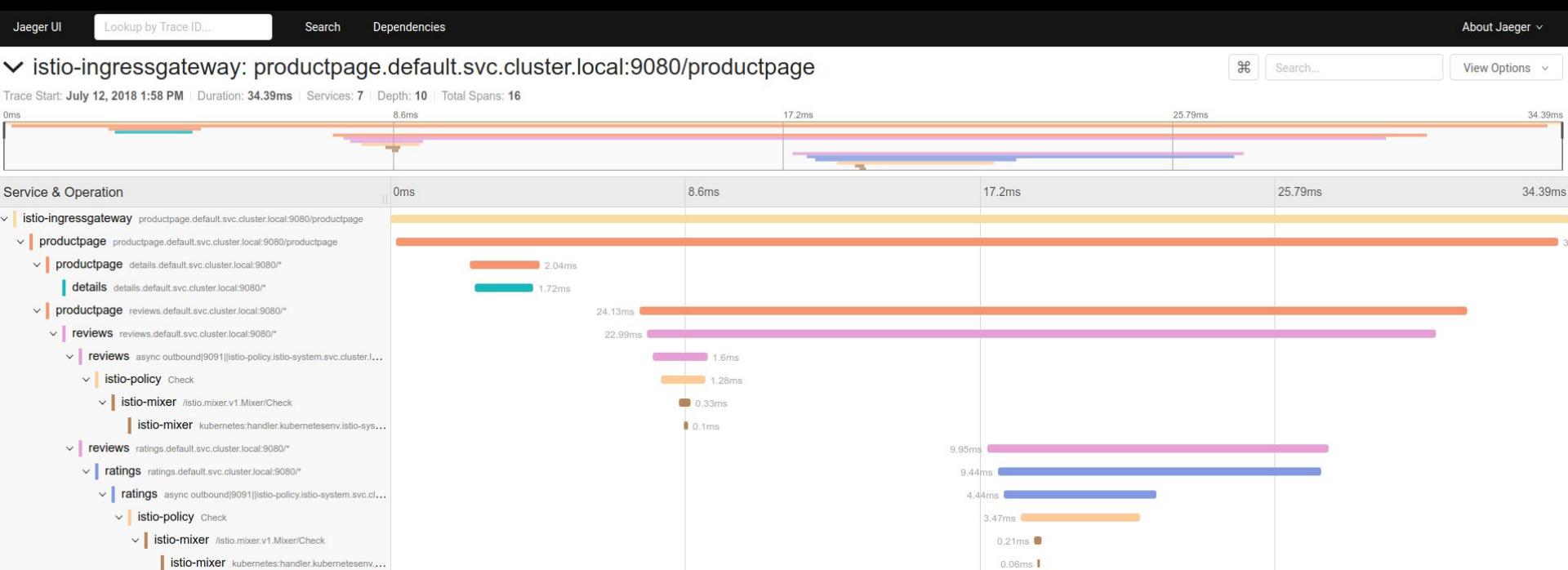
Istio is *the* service mesh, made by Google and powered by Envoy

- Observability (what gets people hooked on service metrics)
 - Consistent Metrics without instrumenting apps
 - Trace flow of requests across services
- Resiliency (control over chaos)
 - Systematic fault injection, timeout and retries with timeout budget
- Traffic Control (content-based traffic steering)
 - Traffic splitting / steering, ingress & egress routing
- Security
- Policy Enforcement



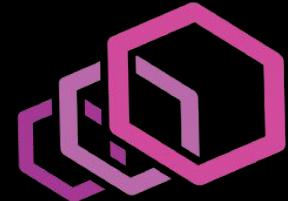
Distributed Tracing & Service Meshes

Service meshes provides distributed tracing, but without modifying your code or buying an expensive APM tool.



Envoy Proxy

- Developed at Lyft – Used at top cloud companies today
- The proxy ("webserver") behind the famous Istio service mesh
 - but we call it the Data Plane
- Configuration is based on microservices
 - You can build a lot of intelligence into the proxy this way
 - Supports gRPC for low overhead and fast RPC calls
- Extremely performant non-blocking C++ codebase



Istio Architecture

Istio is made up of several microservices

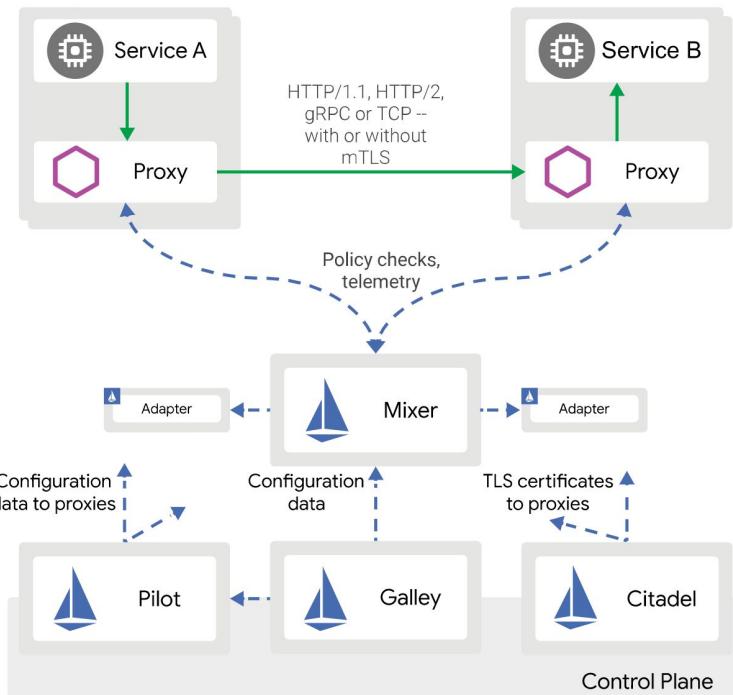
Mixer: access control, policies & telemetry

Pilot: service discovery, intelligent routing and resiliency

Citadel: service-to-service and end-user authentication

Galley: platform (ie. kubernetes) configuration layer

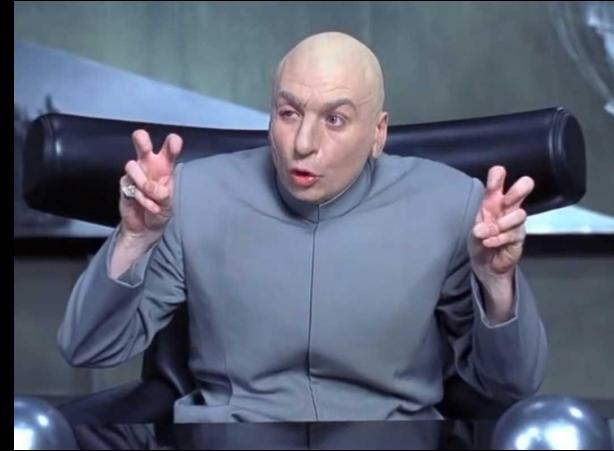
You don't have to run all of them, ie. you can run only Pilot if you just want service discovery in the control plane.



D.I.Y. "Istio"

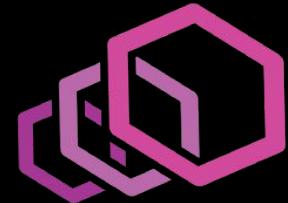
How we started with service meshes

TL;DR; We didn't



Envoy @ Machine Learning

- We used manual envoy sidecars as an intermediate step towards service meshes
- Not quite a service mesh, but we do have envoy both at the edge and as a "sidecar"
 - Adds tracing
 - Rate Limiting
 - Retries
 - Metrics & Tracing
- Only DNS based service discovery, and no IPTables injection meant connecting to localhost:X for service X and localhost:Y for service Y etc.



Pros & Cons of Starting Only Envoy

Pros

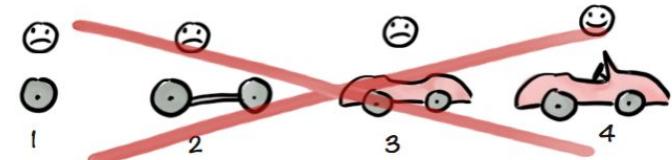
- De-risk the project
- Less moving parts, easier debugging
- Gives vital experience with Envoy and its config, how to debug it etc.

Cons

- Requires you to write more yaml
- Hard to keep track of which localhost port goes where
- Doesn't scale for many µ-services

Classic MVP Tactic

Not like this....



Like this!



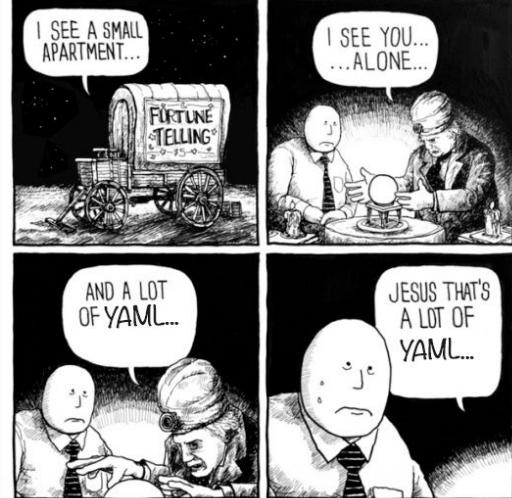
Illustration by Henrik Kniberg

Less Yaml is better

136 manifests/mlservice.yaml

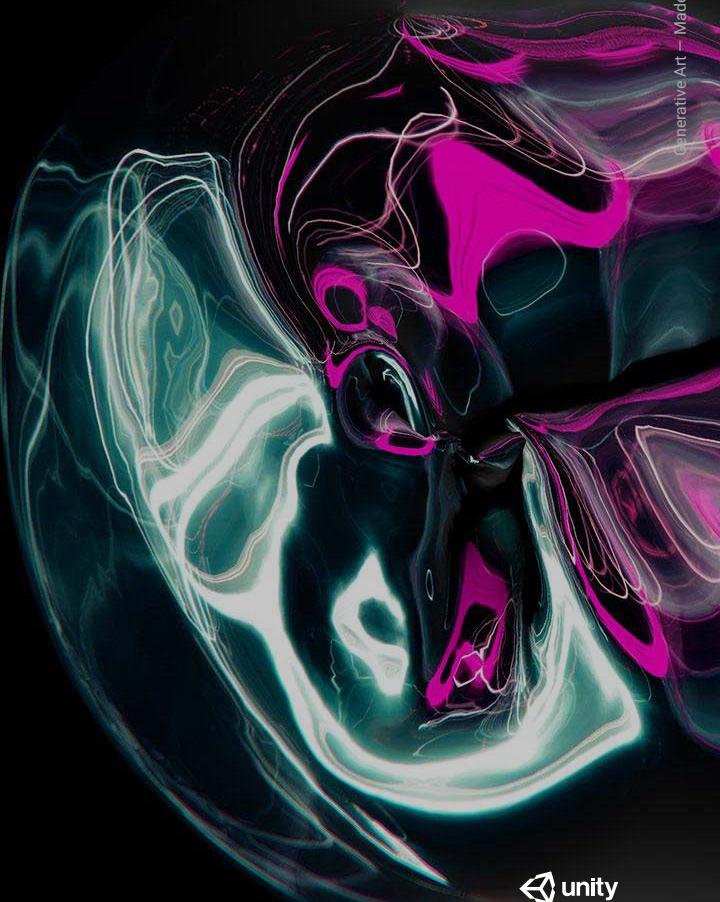
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@@ -7,72 +7,12 @@ metadata:  
  app: mlservice  
  spec:  
    ports:  
      - port: 9000  
        targetPort: 50051  
      selector:  
        app: mlservice  
        type: ClusterIP  
    clusterIP: None  
  apiVersion: v1  
  data:  
    mlservice.yaml: |  
      static_resources:  
        listeners:  
          - address:  
              socket_address:  
                address: 0.0.0.0  
                port_value: 8989  
            filter_chains:  
              - filters:  
                  - name: envoy.http_connection_manager  
                    config:  
                      codec_type: auto  
                      stat_prefix: ingress_http  
                      route_config:  
                        name: local_route  
                        response_headers_to_remove:  
                          - "x-envoy-overloaded"  
                        virtual_hosts:  
                          - name: service  
                            domains:  
                              - "*"  
                            routes:  
                              - match:  
                                  prefix: "/"
```

```
  app: mlservice  
  spec:  
    ports:  
      - name: grpc  
        port: 8989  
      targetPort: 50051  
    selector:  
      app: mlservice  
      type: ClusterIP
```



Managed Istio

TL;DR; We tried it so you don't have to.



GKE One-Click Istio

Anthos features



Enable Istio (beta)

Enable Cloud Run for Anthos (beta)

You can enable managed istio with one-click / terraform on GKE

The Good: It works, mostly

Comes with Stackdriver support pre-installed

Batteries included; comes with prometheus & grafana

The Bad: You get vanilla Istio

You have to match Istio and GKE versions

No kiali

The Ugly: You can't set basic things like anti-affinity for HA deployments

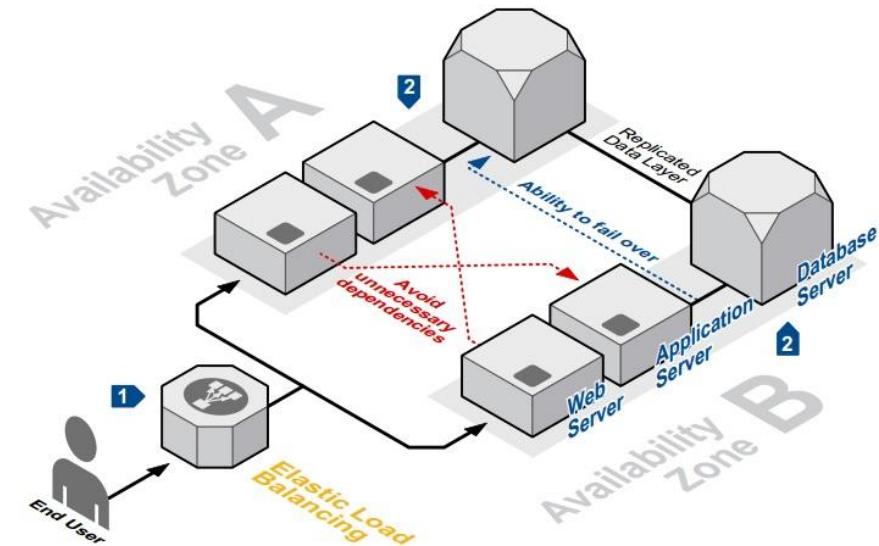
Google's version of GKE & Istio is way behind

Anti Affinity

Certain Istio Services should be run in HA, like "mixer" and "pilot".

You can't change most properties for the managed istio, but you can and should set replicas and adjust HPAs.

Unfortunately there is no anti affinity ensuring that the additional pods don't get scheduled in the same zone / on the same node.



How to design HA applications in the cloud

Version Support

Istio is very much a bleeding edge product, and moving at a rapid pace.

Google only supports specific versions of GKE & Istio together:

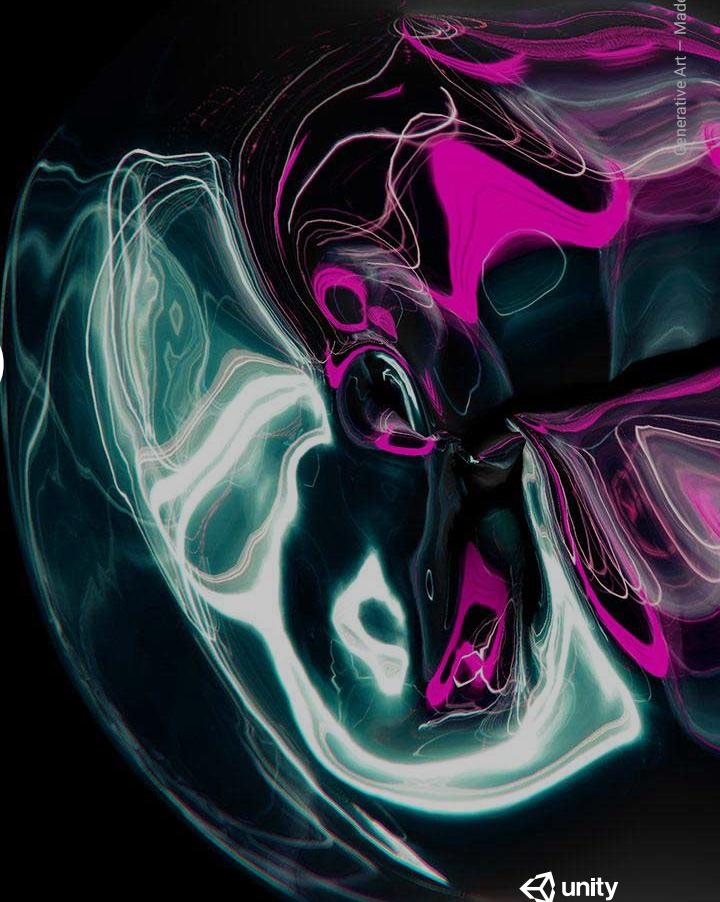
cloud.google.com/istio/docs/istio-on-gke/installing

Currently you're stuck with K8S 1.14 & Istio 1.1.16¹ - the latest Istio release is 1.4.2 which means you are missing out on a ton of bugfixes and even breaking changes.

1) If you are on the rapid release channel, you get k8s 1.16 & istio 1.2.7

Self Deployed Istio

TL;DR; Just helm deploy it, it'll be fine



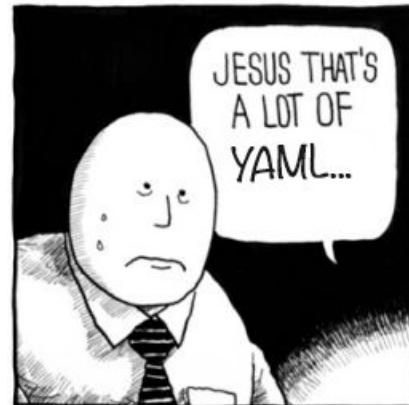
Istio with Helm

I highly recommend taking this route when installing istio, and going for the latest (stable) release.

Good guide on <https://istio.io/docs/setup/install/helm/>

We didn't actually use tiller, helm is only required to generate the 4785 lines of yaml for kubernetes.

Google has a guide on this as well
cloud.google.com/istio/docs/how-to/installing-oss



Istio Configuration

The defaults are fairly sane for most installations.

Don't edit the helm templates and/or their values, you should maintain a single values.yaml file that overrides the few defaults you want. Ours is a manageable 56 lines, mostly anti-affinity and replica counts.

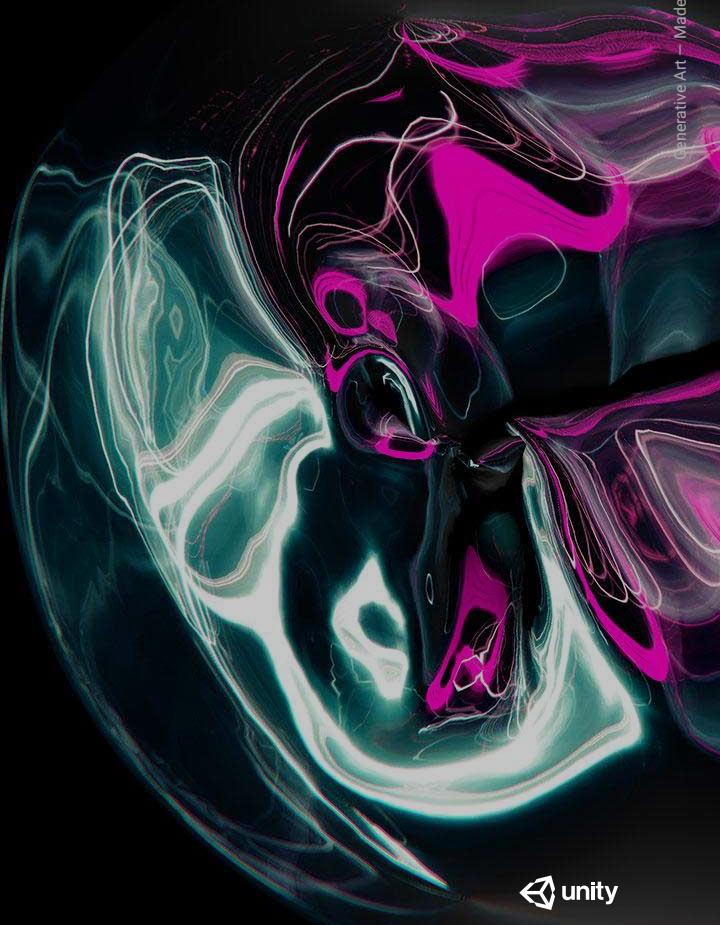
We use a git submodule to track the upstream templates.

You can find ours at github.com/e-conomic/vml-istio

When you deploy/upgrade istio, all the pods need to redeploy to get (new) sidecars; kubectl rollout restart is really good for this.

Kiali

TL;DR; It's like catnip for devops



Kiali

Often featured in talks and demos, Kiali provides service mesh observability

Answers

- What microservices are part of my Istio service mesh?
- How are they connected?
- How are they performing?

Pulls data from Istio Config, Prometheus Metrics and Jaeger Tracing

Overview

Graph

Applications

Workloads

Services

Istio Config

Distributed Tracing

Namespace: bookinfo ▾

Graph ?

Versioned app graph

No edge labels

Display

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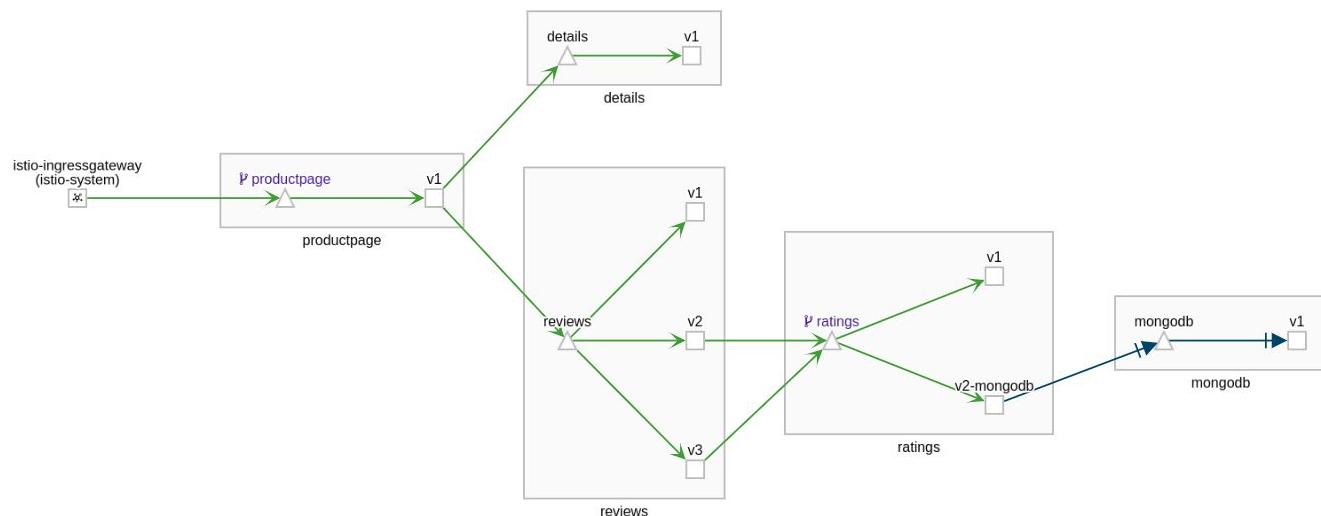
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Every 15s

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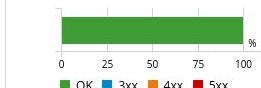
Namespace: bookinfo
applications, services, workloads

Current Graph:

- 9 apps
- 5 services
- 14 edges

HTTP Traffic (requests per second):

Total	%Success	%Error
3.62	100.00	0.00

HTTP - Total Request Traffic min / max:
RPS: 3.53 / 3.73, %Error 0.00 / 0.00TCP - Total Traffic - min / max:
Sent: 114.40 / 171.60 B/s
Received: 93.33 / 140.00 B/s

Overview

Namespace: ssn ▾

Graph

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Istio Config

Services

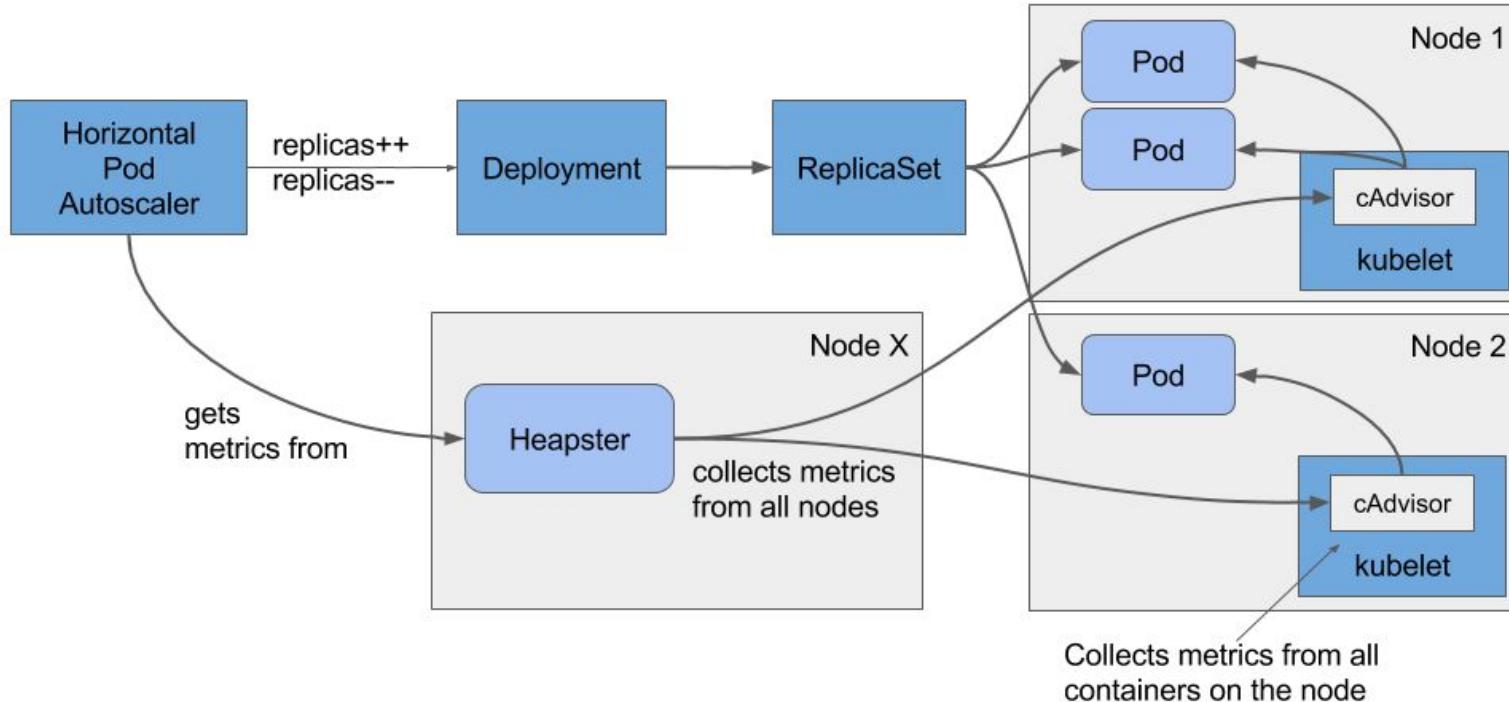
Service Name ▾ Filter by Service Name

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Name	Namespace	Health	Details	Configuration
annotator	NS ssn	✓		✓
dataservice	NS ssn	✓		✓
envoy-edgeproxy	NS ssn	∅	Missing Sidecar	✓
envoy-services	NS ssn	✓		✗
mbservice	NS ssn	✓		✓
ocrservice	NS ssn	✓		✓
pdfservice	NS ssn	✓		✓
redis	NS ssn	∅		✗

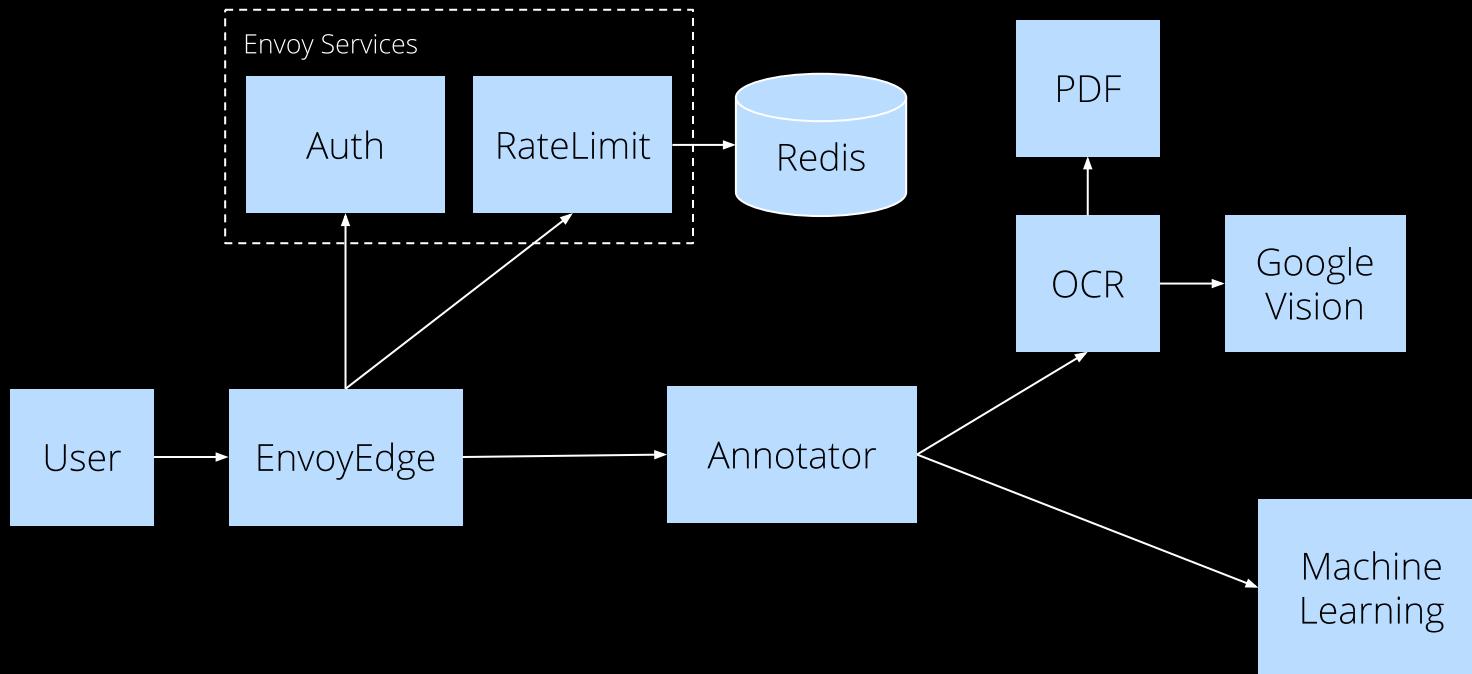
Kubernetes Refresh



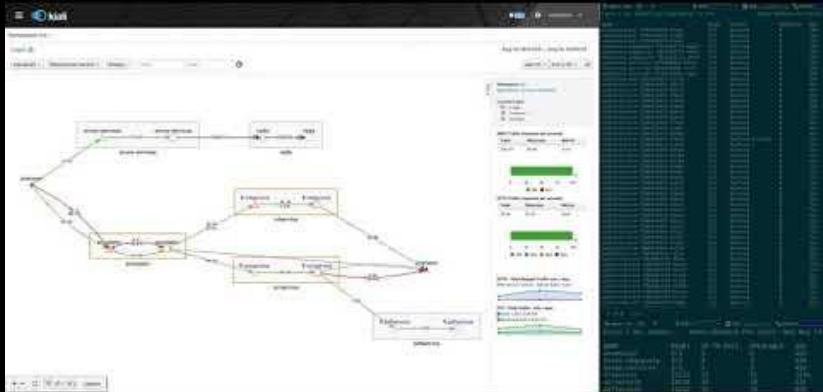
A bit of context

Quick Intro to Visma Machine Learnings infra

High Level Overview



Auto Scaling Demo



https://youtu.be/_0SvXvyPl0w



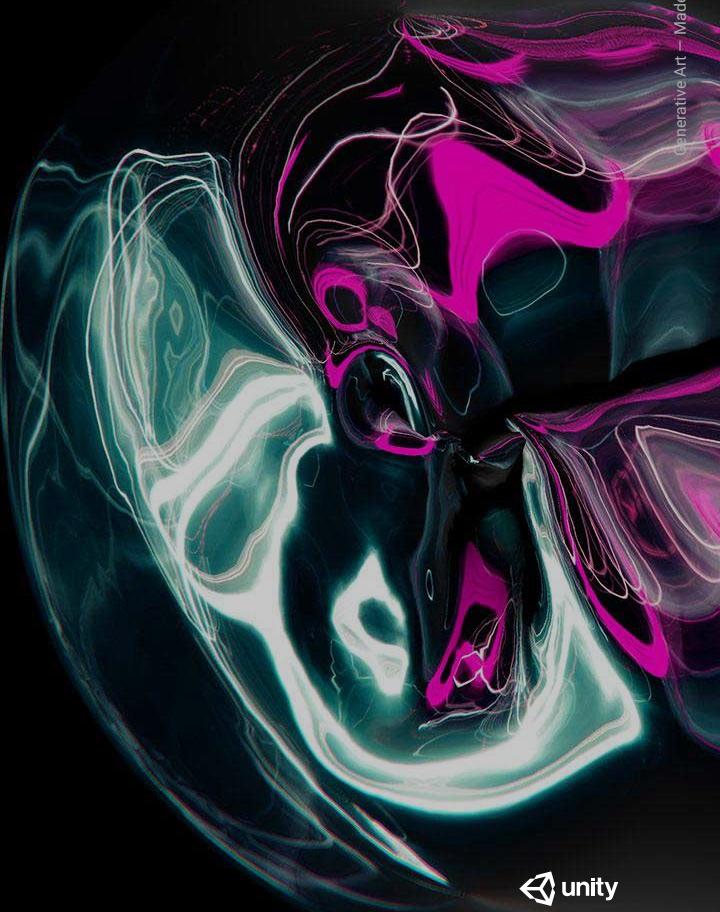
Also See
Fast paced service mesh demo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CQ0PMiOGhg&list=PLj6h78yzYM2PpmMAnvpvsnR4c27wJePh3>

Lessons Learned

...and tips for debugging Istio

TL;DR; RTFM



Lesson 1: Name your service ports

Arguably the most important thing is to name your service ports properly

Done right, deploying istio will just work™

All "containerPorts" in kubernetes will be intercepted by Istio Sidecars, so if you have something you don't want intercepted, don't list it as a containerPort and vice-versa.

Wrong

```
spec:  
  ports:  
    - name: envoy-webserver  
      port: 50051  
      targetPort: 50051
```

Correct

```
spec:  
  ports:  
    - name: grpc  
      port: 50051  
      targetPort: 50051
```

Lesson 2: Istio intercepts egress

By default istio will intercept all egress traffic (ie. calls to the internet). This is potentially a nice feature if you are forced to by the corporate infosec compliance guys, but the rest of the time it's a pain in the butt.

I have seen various weird or unexpected behavior from essentially putting a reverse-proxy in front of everything on the internet, including extremely slow apt-get updates, borked calls to Amazon S3 etc.

Do yourself a favour, include this in your helm values.yaml:

```
global:  
  proxy:  
    includeIPRanges: "10.0.0.0/8"
```

Lesson 3: Anti-climatic after deploy

After you successfully deploy istio, and your services are now longer throwing errors (see Lesson 1), it will feel very anti-climatic. Since everything a service mesh does is transparent to the application, how do you even know if it's working correctly?

Conclusion: You ~~want~~ need Kiali

Kiali requires jaeger and prometheus, but we found that using the defaults is easy and more than adequate for most needs. We just federate the istio prometheus to our main prometheus for longer retention.

Don't go overboard with backends for jaeger.

Lesson 4: istioctl is nice

Useful commands

`istioctl proxy-status|ps` Have the config been sync'd to
the sidecars?

`istioctl pc <clusters|listeners|routes|endpoints|bootstrap>`
`<pod-name[.namespace]>`

Run it with `-o json` to get the current Envoy configuration

Lesson 5: Drop down to envoy layer

Essentially you are expressing high level concepts using the Istio CRDs which boil down to Envoy config. It's very useful to be able to inspect the config directly so you can understand what's going on.

Thus you need to understand Envoy first.

You can port-forward port 15000, and then access the envoy admin interface.

You can toggle envoy debug logs

```
kubectl mypod-1234-abcf -c istio-proxy -- curl -XPOST -s -o  
/dev/null \
```

```
http://localhost:15000/logging?level=debug
```

Lesson 6: Running your own ingress

Istio comes with an "ingress-gateway" for ingressing traffic into your service mesh.

We started running our own Envoy, and some things did not translate into Istio's CRDs. Istio supports "EnvoyFilter" for injecting custom envoy config, but it was very limited in Istio 1.2 – since Istio 1.3 it's much more capable.

We prefer running our own Ingress Gateway, and use Istio's Pilot service for service discovery so it will ingress traffic to the service mesh.

Lesson 7: Distributed tracing is nice

In order for istio to know the sequence (trace) in which your services are calling each other, you need to propagate tracing headers.

See <https://istio.io/faq/distributed-tracing/>

Essentially you need to forward these headers on subsequent http calls in your microservice stack: x-request-id, x-b3-traceid, x-b3-spanid, x-b3-parentspanid, x-b3-sampled, x-b3-flags, b3

You should get a nice directed kiali graph if you do.

How to get started

TL;DR; Just start



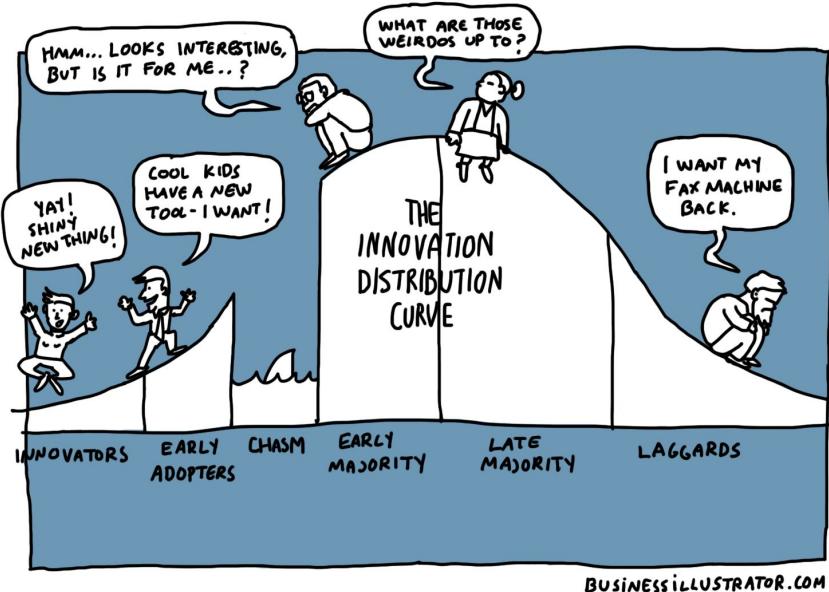
Just Start

Now is a pretty good time to start.

Istio 1.0 & 1.1 was rough, but with 1.2 and 1.3 things have stabilized.

If you tried Istio earlier I encourage you to try again.

Strongly consider getting your feet wet with Envoy first.



Resources

Find out what you can do in this demo;

<https://youtu.be/9CQ0PMiOGhg>

Katacoda has courses on Istio;

<https://www.katacoda.com/search?q=istio>

Istio on GKE has good documentation if you're into that kind of thing; <https://cloud.google.com/istio/docs/istio-on-gke/overview>

Istios documentation is excellent, remember to match your version! <https://archive.istio.io/>

You can always drill down to Envoy, so knowing their docs helps;

<https://www.envoyproxy.io/docs>

Thank you

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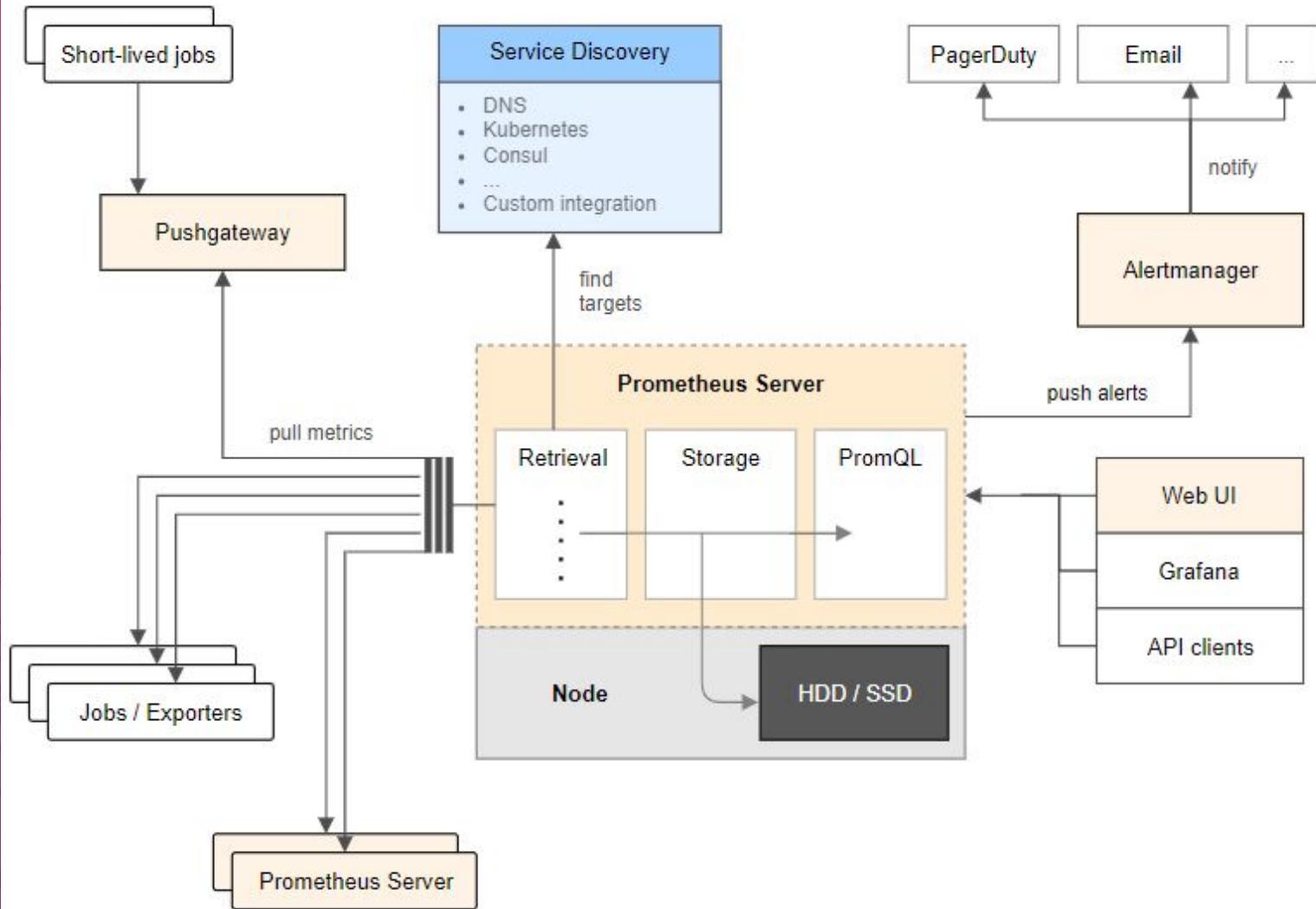
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blog: neurospace.io/blog

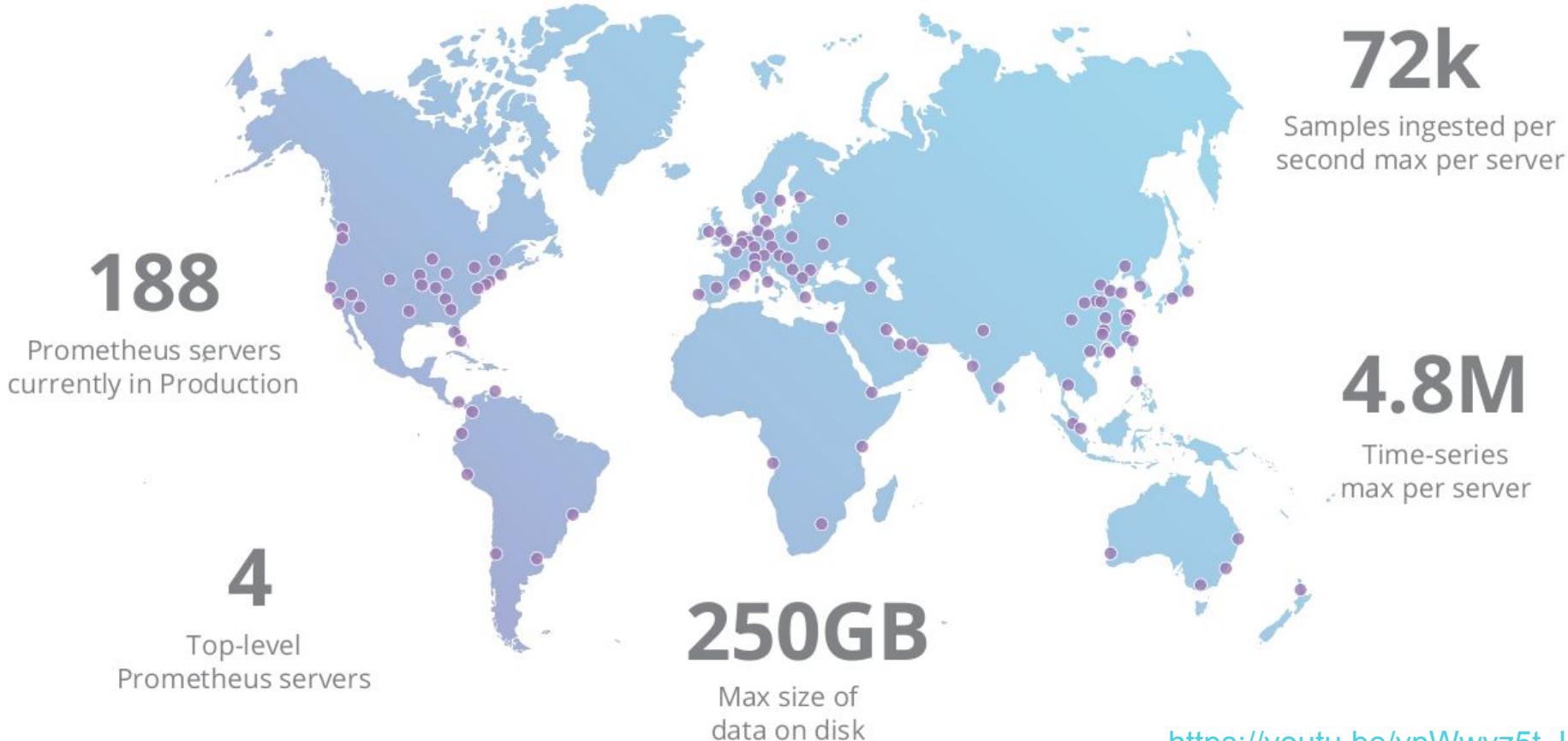


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Prometheus internals



Cloudflare's Prometheus deployment



Time for a demo

<https://github.com/Steiniche/prometheus>

Thanks to [vegasbrianc](#)

Good monitoring - bad monitoring

Ask Rob Ewaschuk

Monitoring Distributed Systems (book) by Betsy Beyer, Rob Ewaschuk

My Philosophy on Alerting

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/199PqyG3UsyXIwieHaqbGiWVa8eMWi8zzAn0YfcApr8Q/edit>



Thanos

Highly available prometheus with long term storage.



Fixes many of the problems involved with federated prometheus.

<https://thanos.io/>

Cloud Native Nordics Prometheus and Grafana

The easiest way to get your feet wet!

<https://prometheus.cloudnativenorics.com>

<https://grafana.cloudnativenorics.com>



What is your questions?

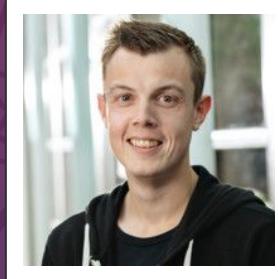


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Operations by Pull Request

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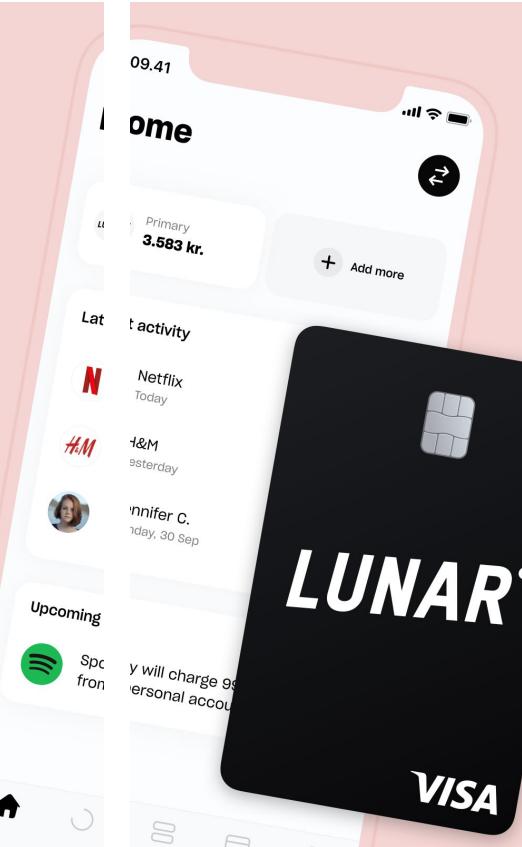
About LUNAR

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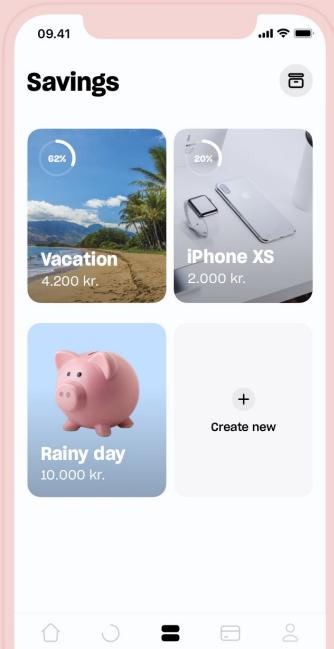


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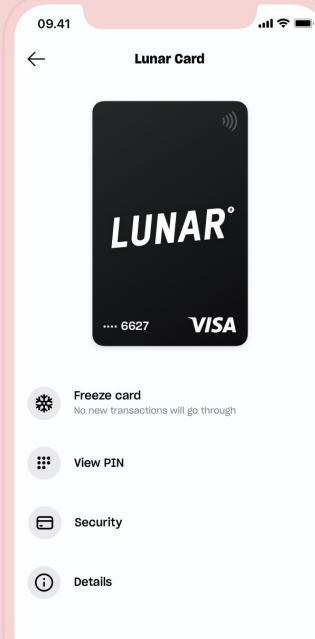
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Set goals for
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Manage your
card easily

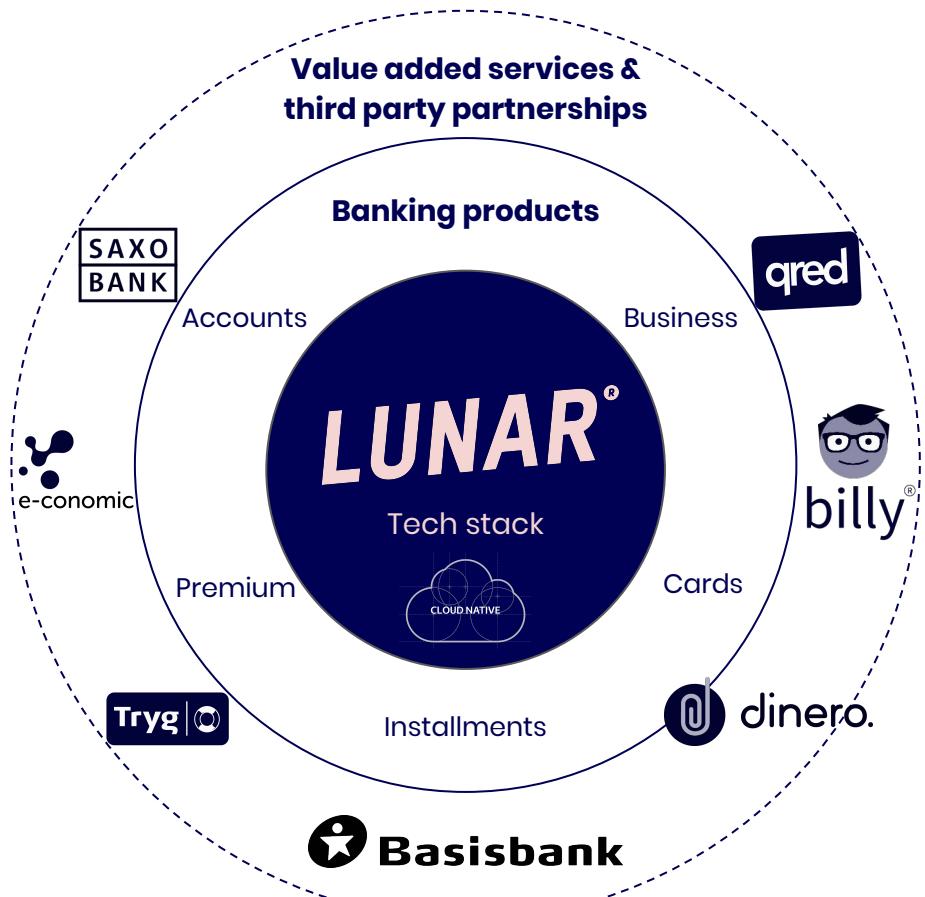


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an enabler to our vision...**

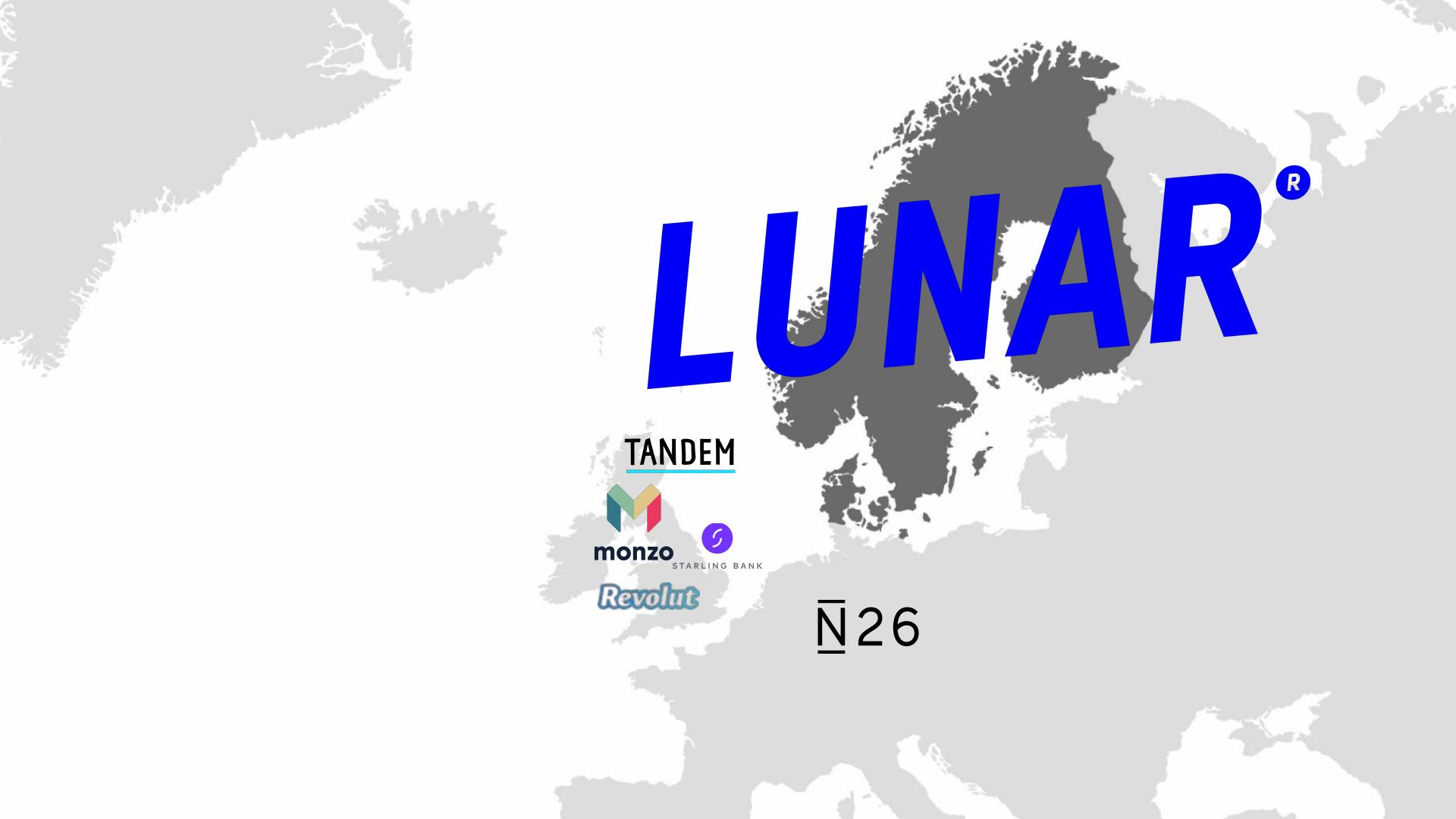
**... on the back of the bank we
are expanding to a Financial
Super App**

It's basically a single portal to a wide range of products and services from core banking to lifestyle, shopping, hospitality and transportation driven by user experiences



Rethinking the banking experience

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A black and white photograph of a DeLorean DMC-12. The car's doors are open, revealing the interior with its iconic dashboard and seats. The hood is also open, exposing the rear-mounted engine. The background is dark, making the metallic body of the car stand out.

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Better
Stronger

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What does reconciliation mean?

reconciliation

noun

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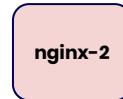
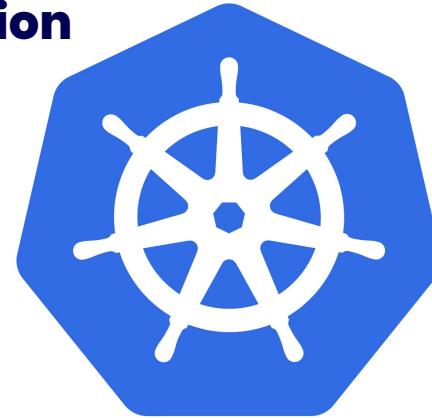
the process of making two people or groups of people friendly again after they have argued seriously or fought and kept apart from each other, or a situation in which this happens

the process of making two opposite beliefs, ideas, or situations agree

Source: <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/reconciliation>

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: nginx-deployment
  labels:
    app: nginx
spec:
  replicas: 3
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: nginx
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: nginx
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: nginx
        image: nginx:1.17.5
        ports:
        - containerPort: 80
```

application reconciliation



reconciliation



What is GitOps

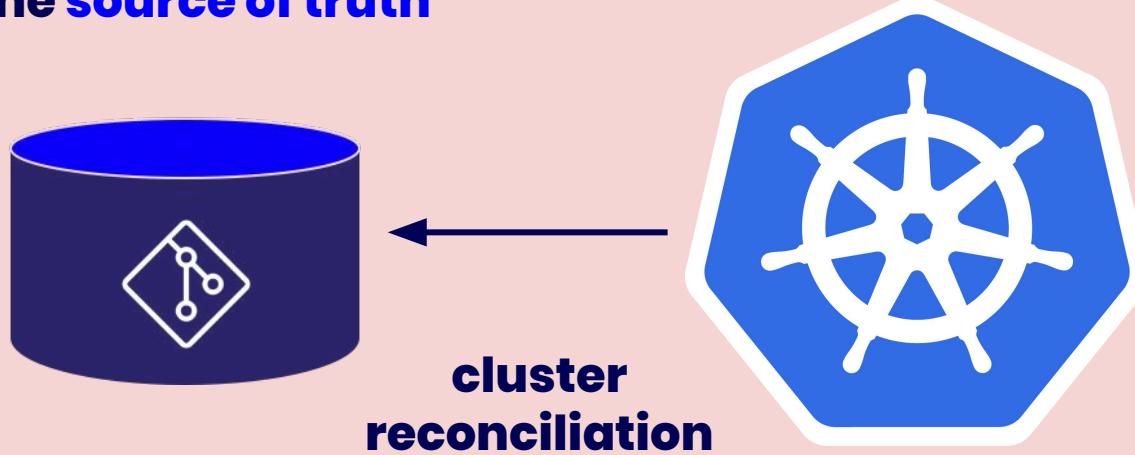
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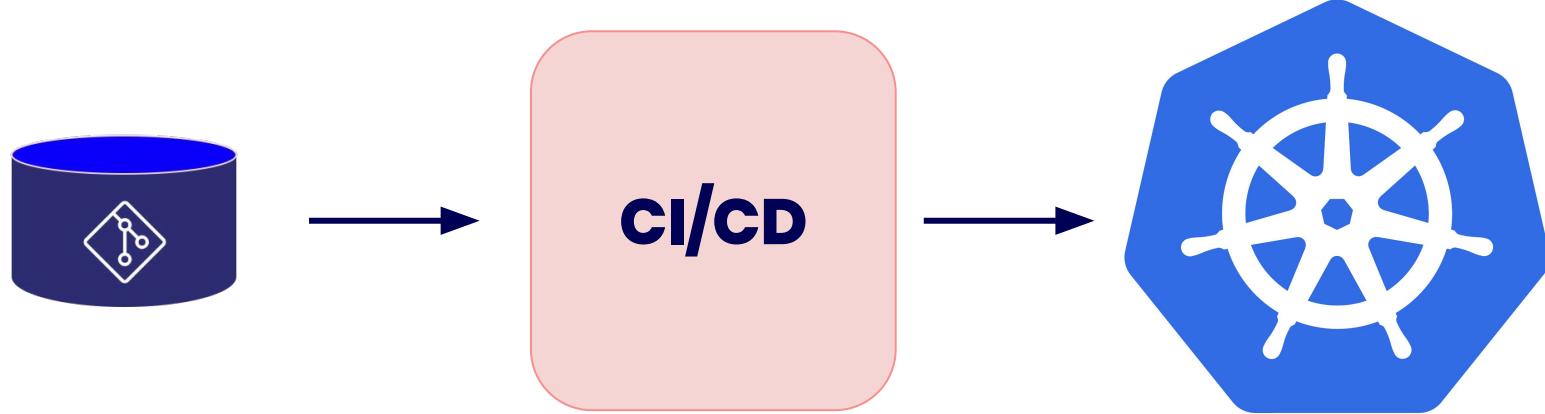
GitOps is a way to do Kubernetes cluster management and application delivery. It works by using Git as a single source of truth for declarative infrastructure and applications. With Git at the center of your delivery pipelines, developers can make pull requests to accelerate and simplify application deployments and operations tasks to Kubernetes.

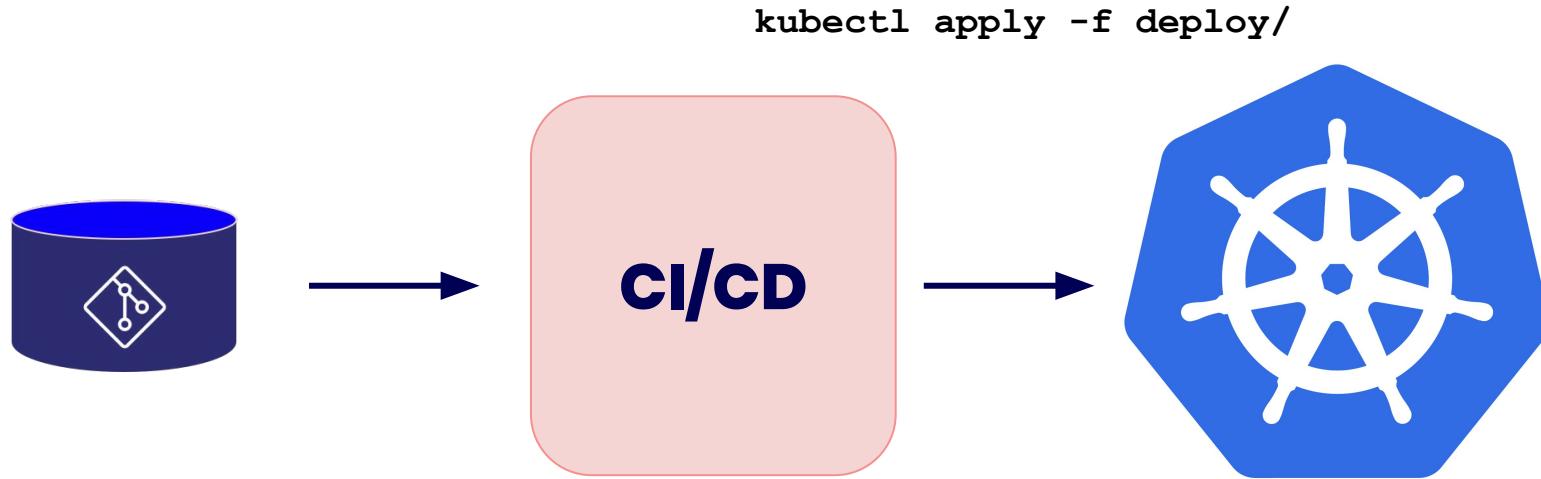
Source : <https://www.weave.works/technologies/gitops/>

The source of truth



What's wrong with kubectl apply?





What's wrong?

- CI/CD needs write access to your clusters
- How to track rollout failures?
- No audit trail of the kubernetes resources
- No single source of truth of the state in the cluster

It's imperative. **It should be declarative.**



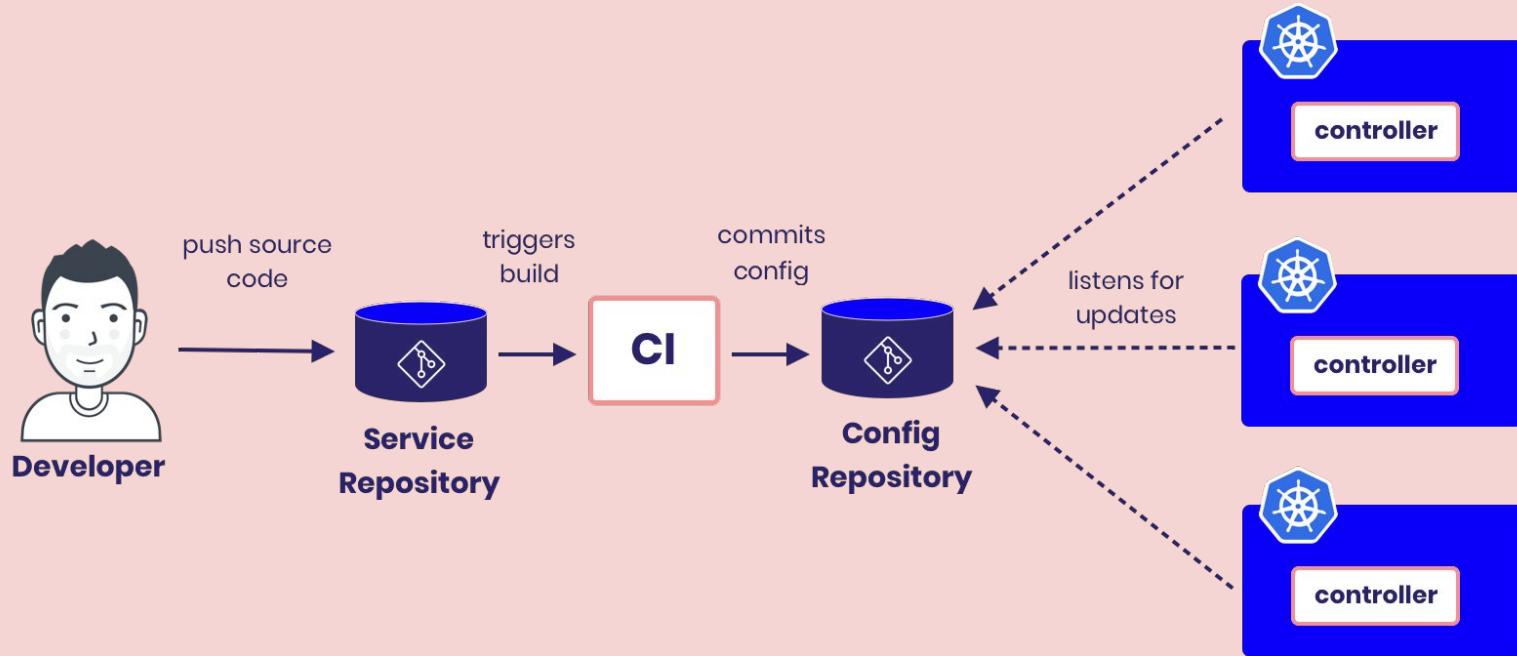
Flavours of Gitops

Flavours

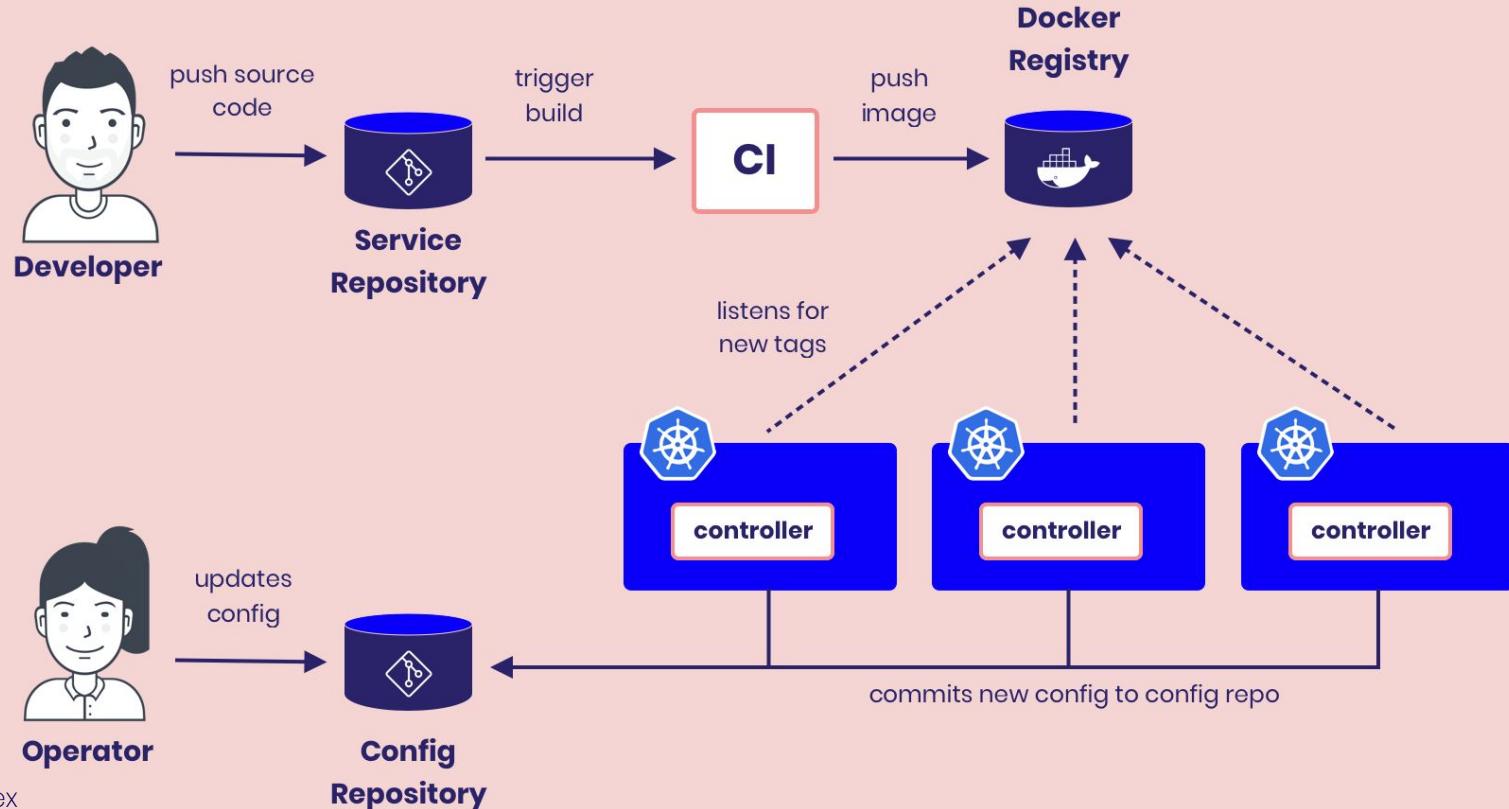
- Decentralized One-way flow
- Decentralized Two-way flow
- Centralized flow



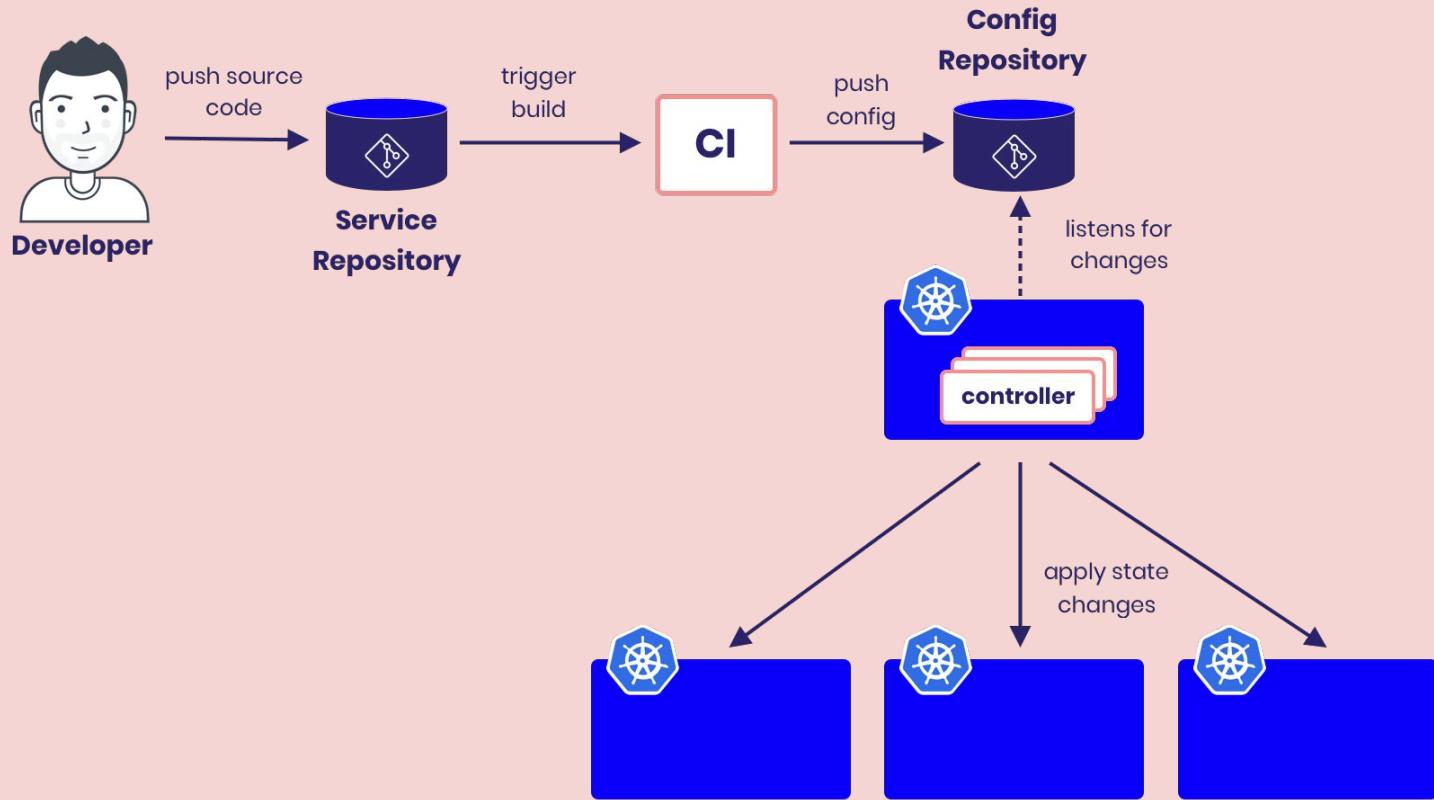
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Decentralized two-way flow

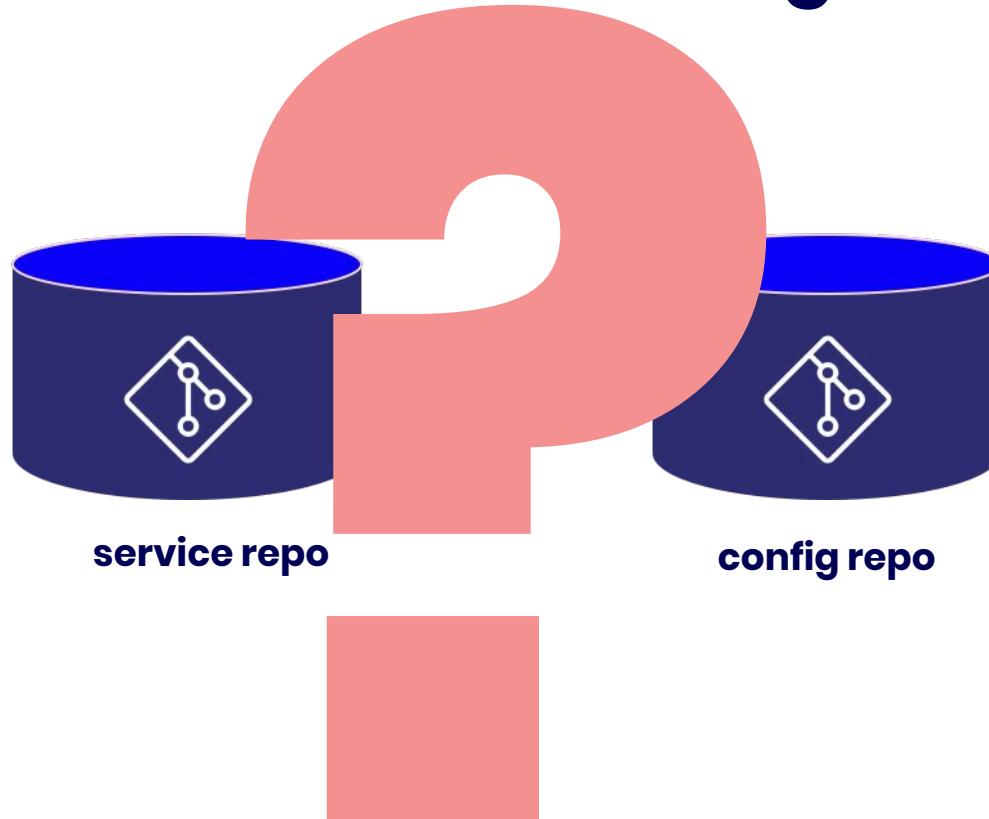


Centralized flow



Where should service config live?

Where should service config live?



Implementations/tooling



flux

originally by weaveworks (now CNCF project)



argo

originally by intuit

Argo CD

a declarative, GitOps continuous delivery
tool for Kubernetes

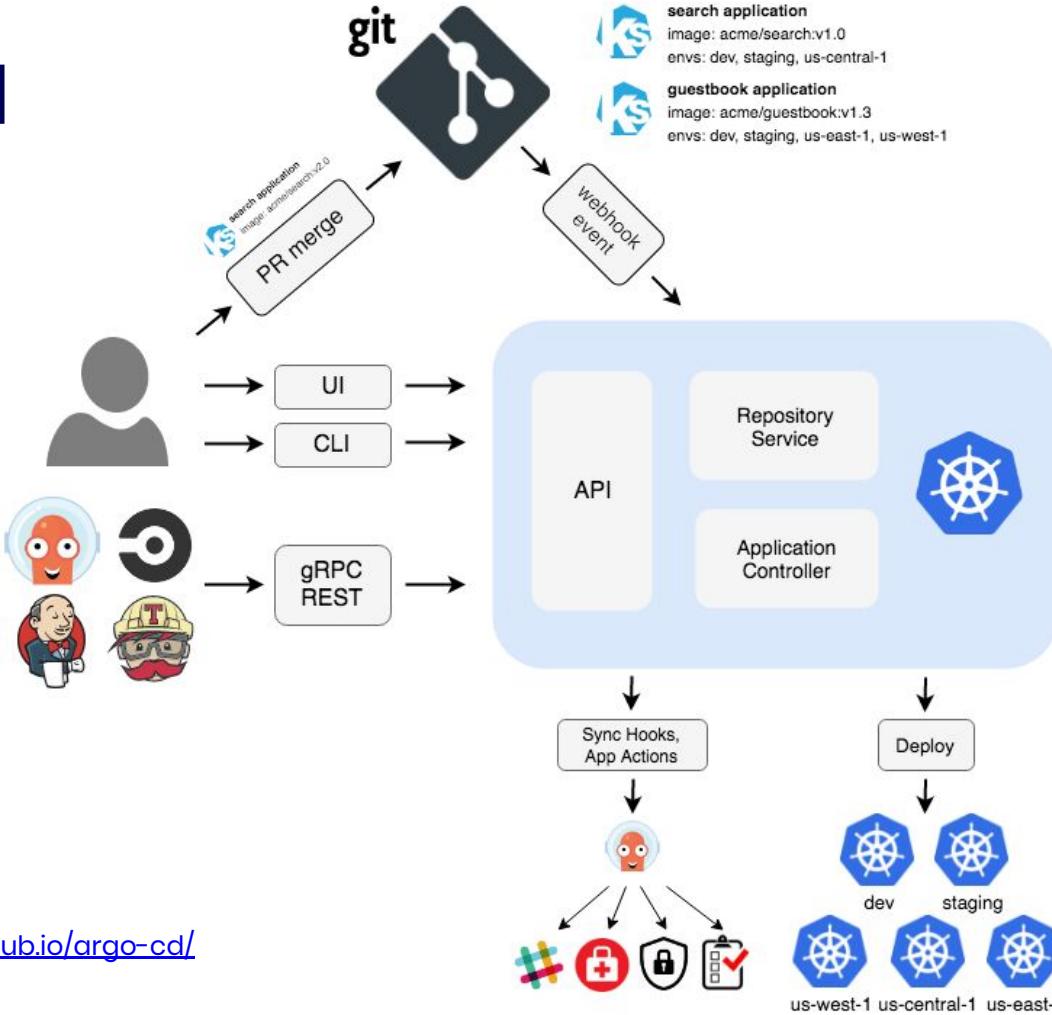
Features

- **Automated deployment** of applications to specified target environments
- Support for multiple config management/templating tools (Kustomize, Helm, Ksonnet, Jsonnet, plain-YAML)
- Ability to **manage** and **deploy** to **multiple clusters**
- SSO Integration (OIDC, OAuth2, LDAP, SAML 2.0, GitHub, GitLab, Microsoft, LinkedIn)
- Multi-tenancy and RBAC policies for authorization
- **Rollback/Roll**-anywhere to any application configuration committed in Git repository
- Health status analysis of application resources
- Automated configuration **drift detection** and **visualization**

Features

- **Automated or manual syncing** of applications to its **desired state**
- **Web UI** which provides real-time view of application activity
- **CLI** for automation and CI integration
- Webhook integration (GitHub, BitBucket, GitLab)
- Access tokens for automation
- PreSync, Sync, PostSync hooks to support complex application rollouts (e.g. blue/green & canary upgrades)
- Audit trails for application events and API calls
- Prometheus metrics
- Parameter overrides for overriding ksonnet/helm parameters in Git

argo-cd



Source: <https://argoproj.github.io/argo-cd/>

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Flux CD

The GitOps operator for Kubernetes

What is Flux CD?



“Flux is a tool that automatically **ensures that the state of your Kubernetes cluster matches the configuration you’ve supplied in Git**.

It uses an operator in the cluster to trigger deployments *inside* Kubernetes, which means that you don’t need a separate continuous delivery tool.”

Source: www.fluxcd.io

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Why Flux CD

Declarative

Describe the entire desired state of your system in Git. This includes apps, configuration, dashboards, monitoring, and everything else.

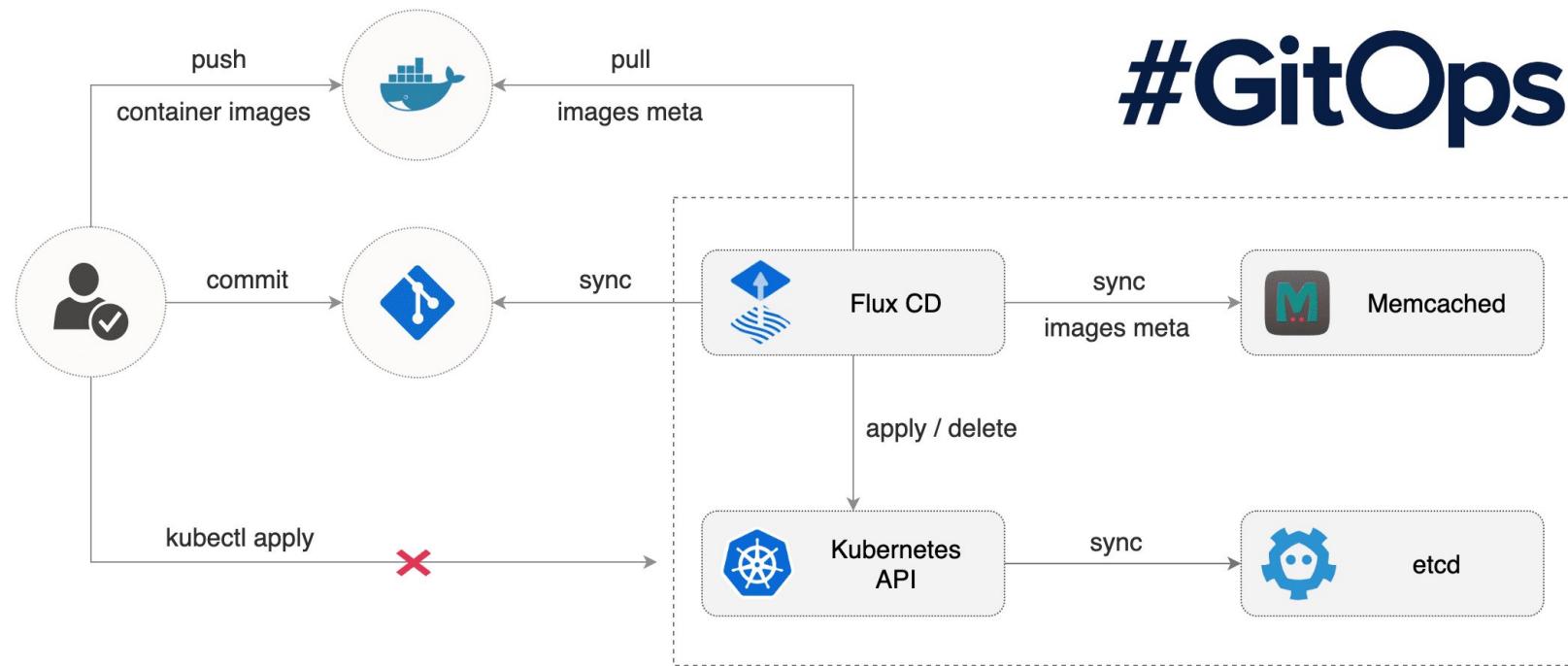
Automated

Use YAML to enforce conformance to the declared system. You don't need to run `kubectl` because all changes go through Git. Use diffing tools to detect divergence between observed and desired state and receive notifications.

Code, not containers

With Flux, everything is controlled through pull requests, which means no learning curve for new developers. Just use your standard PR process. Your Git history provides a sequence of transactions, allowing you to recover system state from any snapshot. Fix a production issue via pull request rather than making changes to the running system.

The Flux CD workflow



Source: <https://fluxcd.io/>

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Argo Flux

The two biggest GitOps projects joining forces

Argo Flux

- Extract common functionality into **gitops-engine**
 - Access to Git repositories
 - Kubernetes resource cache
 - Manifest Generation
 - Resources reconciliation
 - Sync Planning



Source: <https://github.com/argoproj/gitops-engine>

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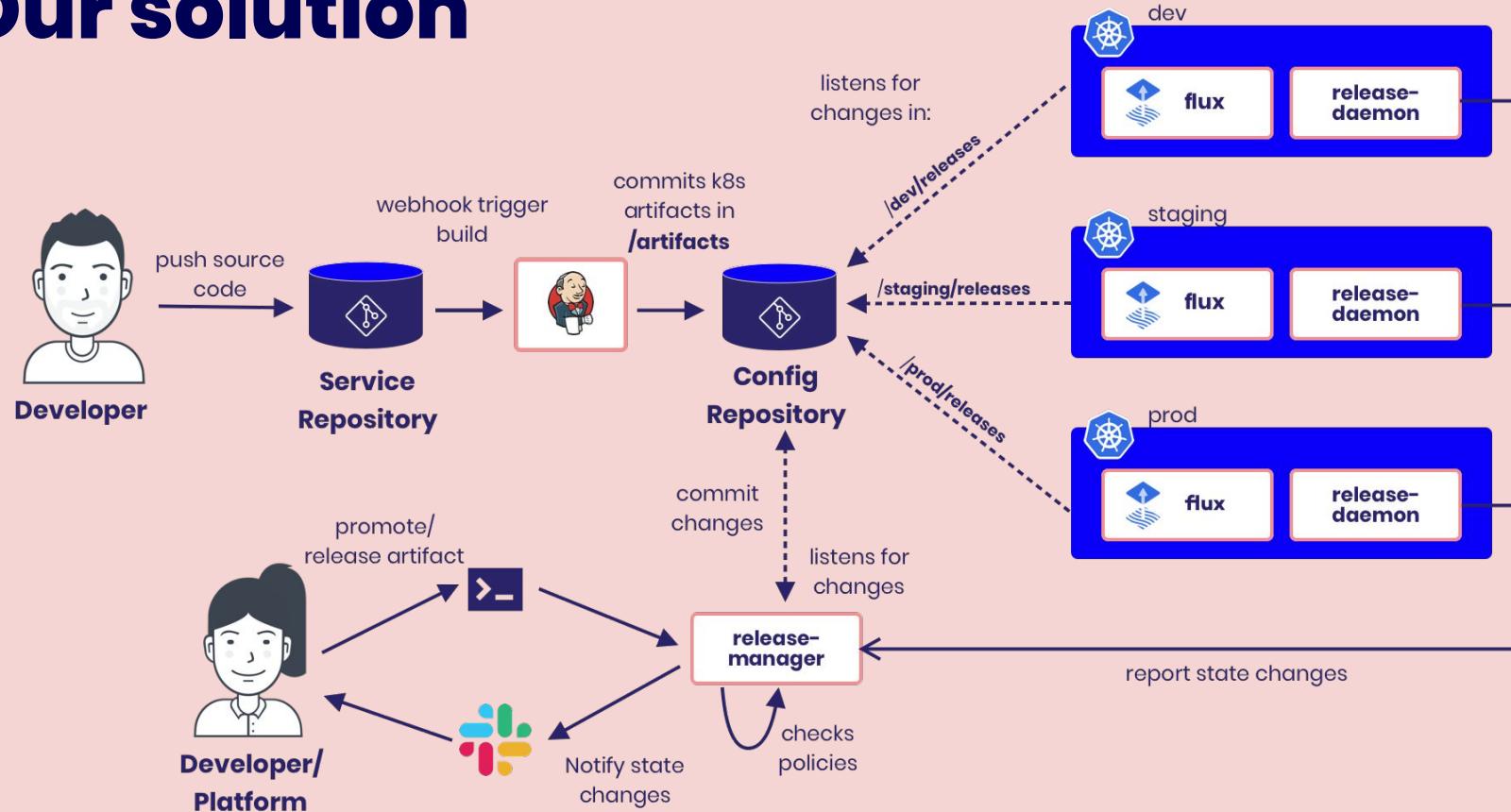
GitOps at Lunar

Why GitOps?

- Audit trail of deployments
- Limit access to clusters
- Make Disaster Recovery an uneventful event



Our solution



**One or more
config repos?**

Our solution

Contains the kubernetes cluster configuration for each environment. This is essentially our "GitOps" repo.

21,648 commits 10 branches 0 packages 3 releases 27 contributors

Branch: master New pull request Create new file Upload files Find file Clone or download

Commit	Message	Time
simkracht [dev/static-assets] release master-33be7177f6-2f36b0c5d9	Latest commit 999cb00 2 minutes ago	2 minutes ago
artifacts [static-assets] artifact master-33be7177f6-2f36b0c5d9 by Simon Kracht		2 minutes ago
dev/releases [dev/static-assets] release master-33be7177f6-2f36b0c5d9		2 minutes ago
docs add build_spec document (#10)		9 months ago
policies [card-authorizer-ingress] policy update: apply auto-release from 'mas...		2 days ago
prod/releases [prod/supportcenter] release master-7b53160cfb-		3 minutes ago
staging/releases [staging/supportcenter] release master-7b53160cfb-		4 minutes ago
README.md Refer to release-manager for directory details		8 months ago

Dealing with multiple environments

release-manager

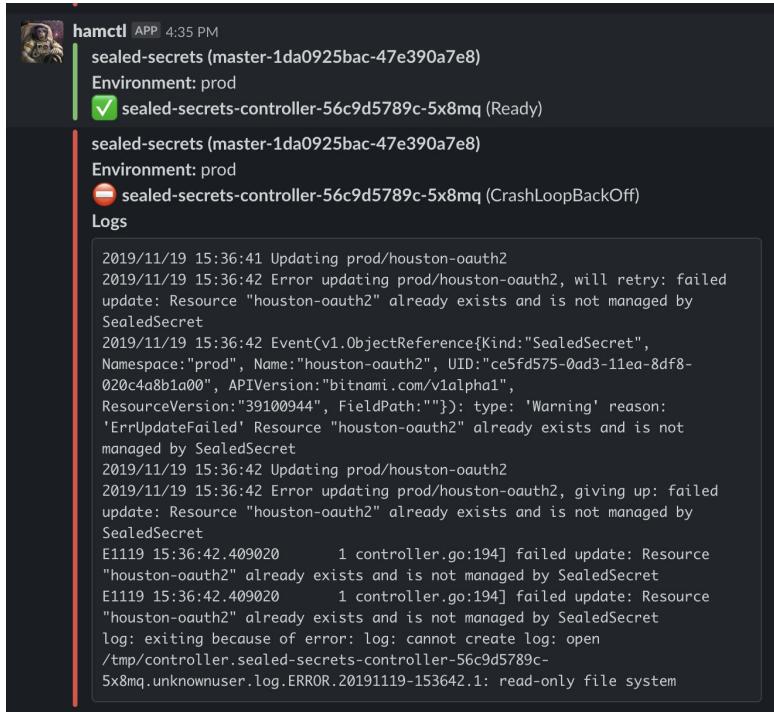
- 4 components
 - **release-server**
 - The server itself, this is where the magic happens
 - **release-daemon**
 - Kubernetes controller listens for updates on resources and reports back to release-server
 - **hamctl**
 - CLI for developers to control releases
 - **artifact**
 - Tool for generating metadata object; artifact.json
 - Handles slack communication from CI as well

Source: <https://github.com/lunarway/release-manager>

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release-daemon



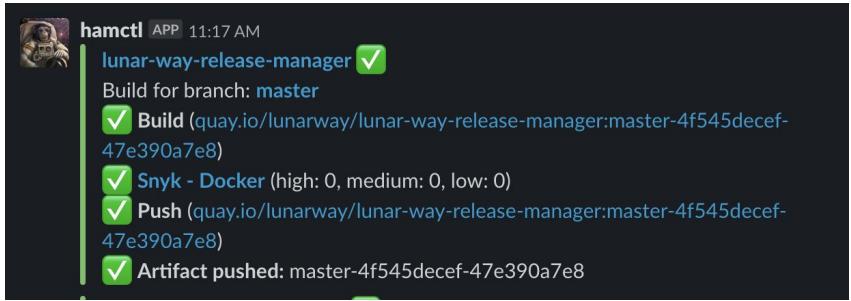
hamctl APP 4:35 PM

sealed-secrets (master-1da0925bac-47e390a7e8)
Environment: prod
✓ sealed-secrets-controller-56c9d5789c-5x8mq (Ready)

sealed-secrets (master-1da0925bac-47e390a7e8)
Environment: prod
✗ sealed-secrets-controller-56c9d5789c-5x8mq (CrashLoopBackOff)

Logs

```
2019/11/19 15:36:41 Updating prod/houston-oauth2
2019/11/19 15:36:42 Error updating prod/houston-oauth2, will retry: failed
update: Resource "houston-oauth2" already exists and is not managed by
SealedSecret
2019/11/19 15:36:42 Event{v1.ObjectReference{Kind:"SealedSecret",
Namespace:"prod", Name:"houston-oauth2", UID:"ce5fd575-0ad3-11ea-8df8-
020c4a8b1a00", APIVersion:"bitnami.com/v1alpha1",
ResourceVersion:"39100944", FieldPath:""}: type: 'Warning' reason:
'ErrUpdateFailed' Resource "houston-oauth2" already exists and is not
managed by SealedSecret
2019/11/19 15:36:42 Updating prod/houston-oauth2
2019/11/19 15:36:42 Error updating prod/houston-oauth2, giving up: failed
update: Resource "houston-oauth2" already exists and is not managed by
SealedSecret
E1119 15:36:42.409020      1 controller.go:194] failed update: Resource
"houette-oauth2" already exists and is not managed by SealedSecret
E1119 15:36:42.409020      1 controller.go:194] failed update: Resource
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log: exiting because of error: log: cannot create log: open
/tmp/controller_sealed-secrets-controller-56c9d5789c-
5x8mq.unknownuser.log.ERROR.20191119-153642.1: read-only file system
```



hamctl APP 11:17 AM

lunar-way-release-manager ✓

Build for branch: master

✓ Build (quay.io/lunarway/lunar-way-release-manager:master-4f545decef-
47e390a7e8)

✓ Snyk - Docker (high: 0, medium: 0, low: 0)

✓ Push (quay.io/lunarway/lunar-way-release-manager:master-4f545decef-
47e390a7e8)

✓ Artifact pushed: master-4f545decef-47e390a7e8

hamctl

```
# implicit order between envs: master -> dev -> staging -> prod  
$ hamctl promote --env prod
```

```
# choose which branch to deploy where  
$ hamctl release --branch hotfix --env dev
```

```
# setup auto-release policy  
$ hamctl policy apply auto-release --branch master  
--env dev
```

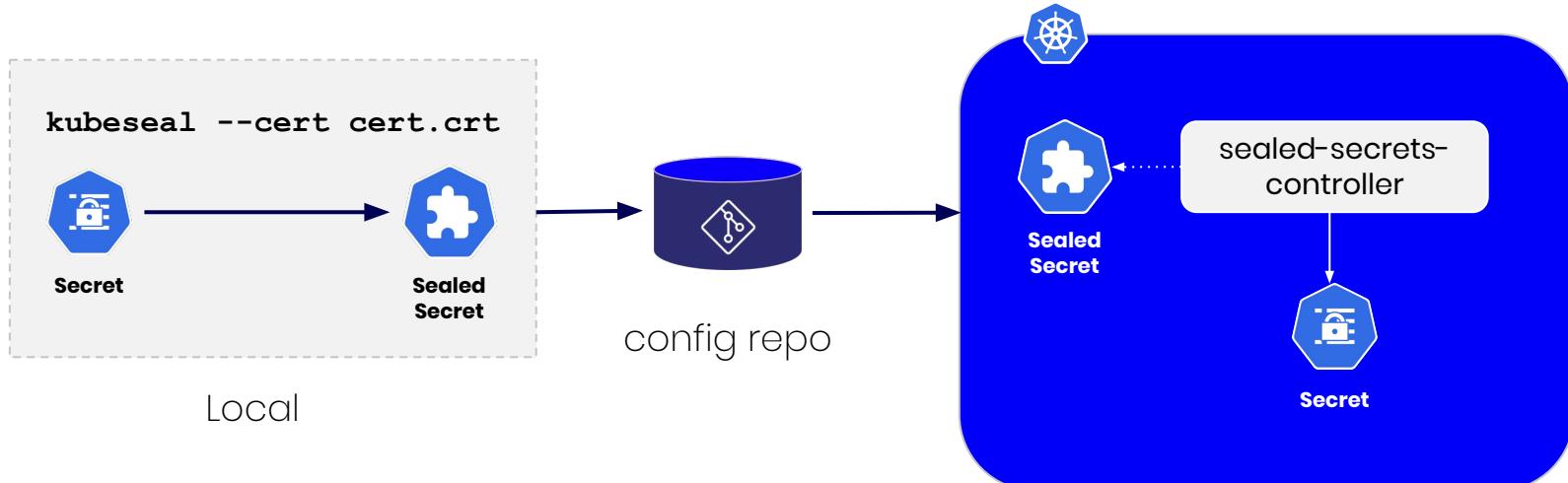
Source: <https://github.com/lunarway/release-manager>

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What about secrets?

sealed-secrets



Source: <https://github.com/bitnami-labs/sealed-secrets>

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Why is this useful?

Audit

[lunarway / k8s-cluster-config](#) Private

Unwatch 3 Unstar 2 Fork 0

Code Issues 0 Pull requests 0 Actions Security Insights Settings

Branch: master ▾

Commits on Nov 13, 2019

- [authentication] artifact feature_disallow-biometric-key-override-cf... 7de7183
- [prod/transfer] release master-faf9db7146-05dabb8501 13587ea
- [staging/transfer] release master-faf9db7146-05dabb8501 29a6141
- [dev/transfer] release master-faf9db7146-05dabb8501 0009966
- [transfer] artifact master-faf9db7146-05dabb8501 by Nicolai Kobber 43818a4
- [prod/transfer] release master-ca87221ace-05dabb8501 1284554
- [card-authorizer] artifact master-8250919086-05dabb8501 by Alexander ... b050195
- [prod/invest] release feature_messaging-133f23731d-05dabb8501 50fcfc78
- [invest] artifact feature_messaging-133f23731d-05dabb8501 by Simon Kr... a014637
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Forklifting the entire platform



Disaster Recovery Failover Gamedays



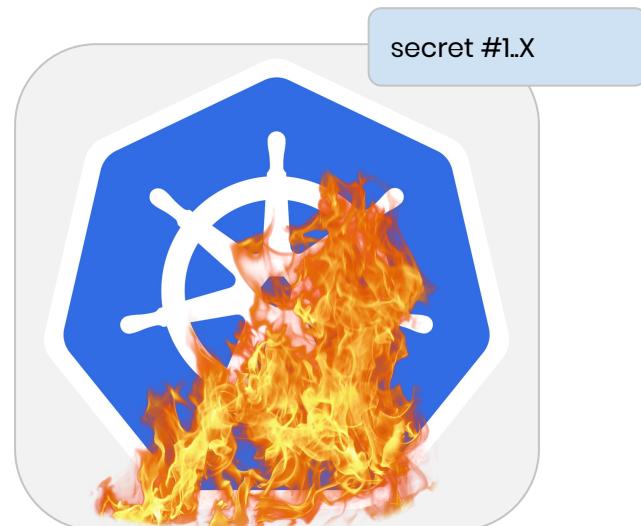
Gameday



**How fast can you
recover from a
cluster failure?**

How to restore the environment?

In which order do things need to be restored in?



volume #1

volume #2

...

volume #X

secret #1.X

dns

elb #1

elb #2

...

elb #X

external partner #1

external partner #2

kubernetes configuration

etcd

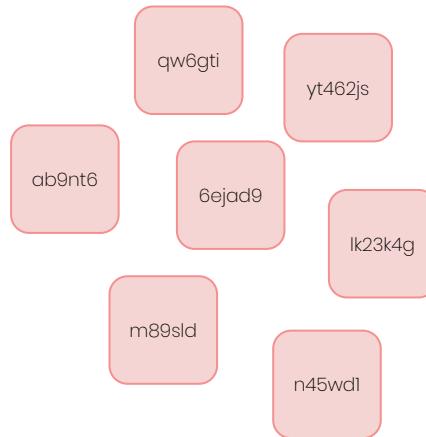


Clusters as
cattle herds
instead of pets

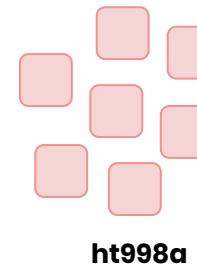
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pet instance



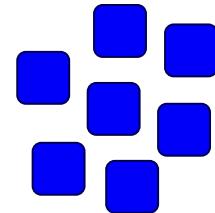
pet clusters



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lpq8qr

A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, sitting at a desk. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame with expressions of surprise or excitement. The boy, on the left, has his arms raised high above his head. The girl, on the right, is also raising her arm. They are positioned in front of a silver laptop. In the background, there is a red exit sign and a mesh office chair.

Chaos Engineering
offers a dialogue with
your system



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GitOps at Cloud Native Nordics

What? Don't they just run a static website?

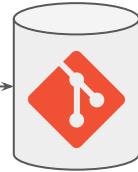


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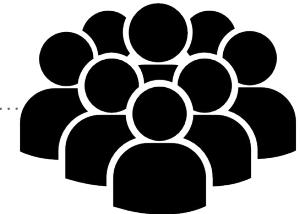
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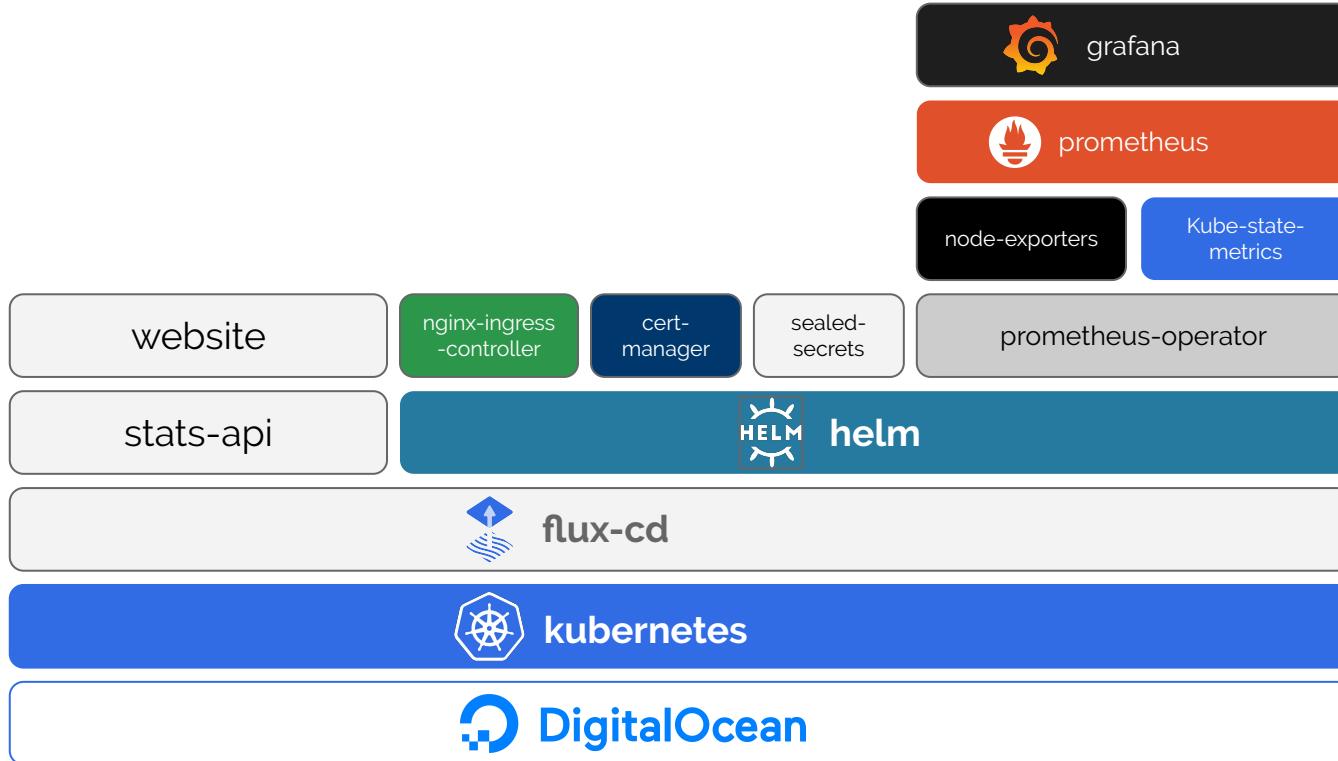
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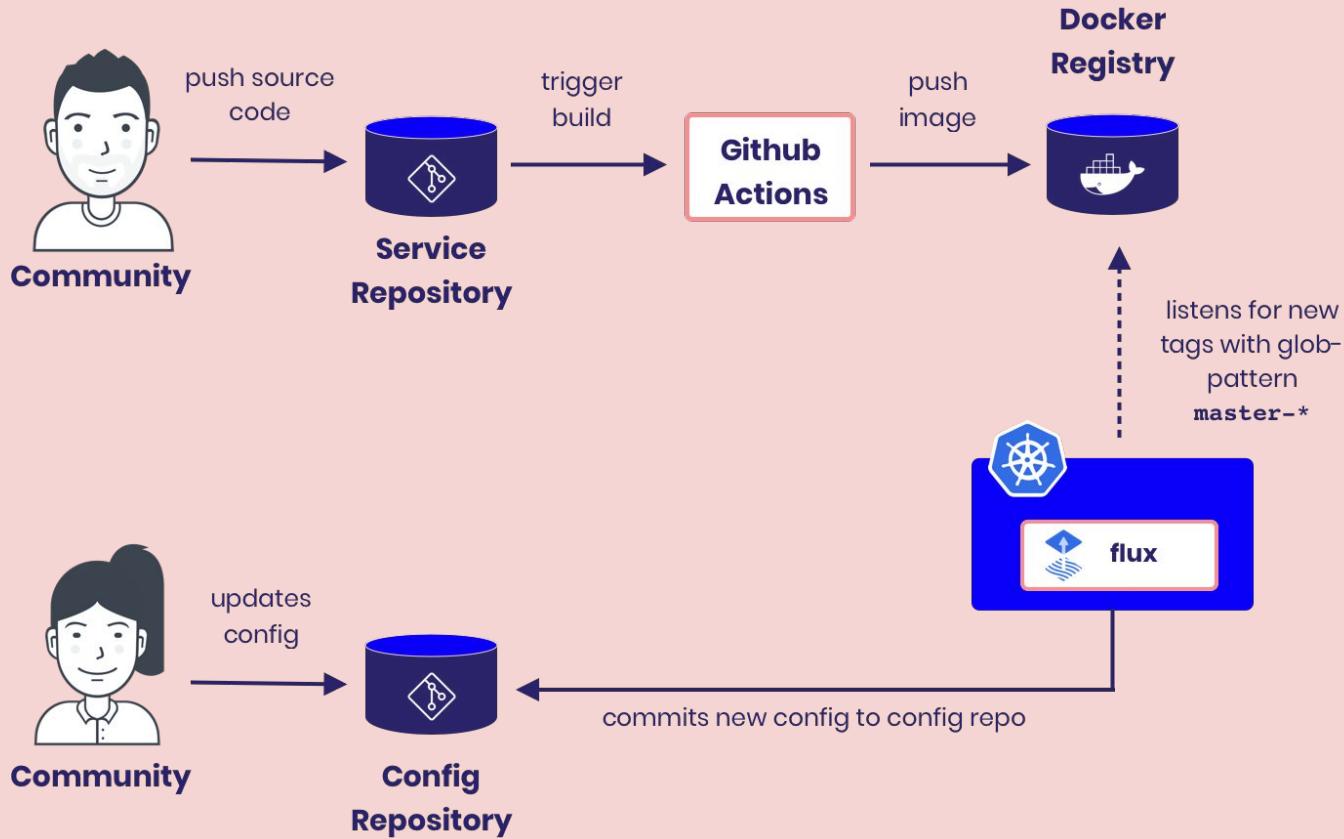
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config.json

Decentralized two-way flow

<https://github.com/cloud-native-nordics/k8s-config-repo>

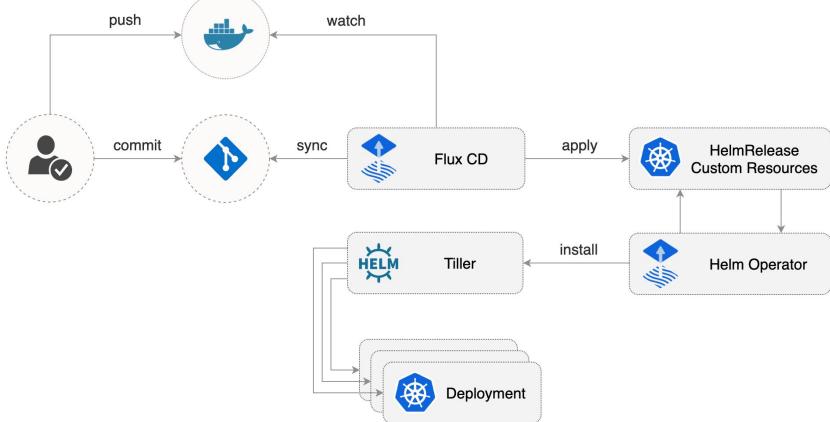


Our solution



HelmRelease

Custom Resource + Operator to support helm



```
apiVersion: flux.weave.works/v1beta1
kind: HelmRelease
metadata:
  name: nginx-ingress
  namespace: default
  annotations:
    flux.weave.works/automated: "false"
spec:
  releaseName: nginx-ingress
  chart:
    repository: https://kubernetes-charts...googleapis.com/
    name: nginx-ingress
    version: 1.22.1
  values:
    controller:
      publishService:
        enabled: true
```

HelmRelease
managed using
Helm

Regular YAML
kubernetes
deployments, etc

"GitOps" repo for Cloud Native Nordics k8s environment

Manage topics

100 commits 1 branch 0 packages 1 release 1 contributor

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	Weave Flux Auto-release cloudnativenor.../website:master-a9a8f82	Latest commit 1e333c8 20 days ago
	Add some documentation to the readme	25 days ago
	Switch to simpler setup for our own services for now	2 months ago
	Auto-release cloudnativenor.../website:master-a9a8f82	20 days ago
	Add some documentation to the readme	25 days ago

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k8s-config-repo

"GitOps" repo for Cloud Native Nordics k8s environment. This repo controls the applications running in the kubernetes environment available to the Cloud Native Nordics community.

Kubernetes-based Infrastructure for a Static Site

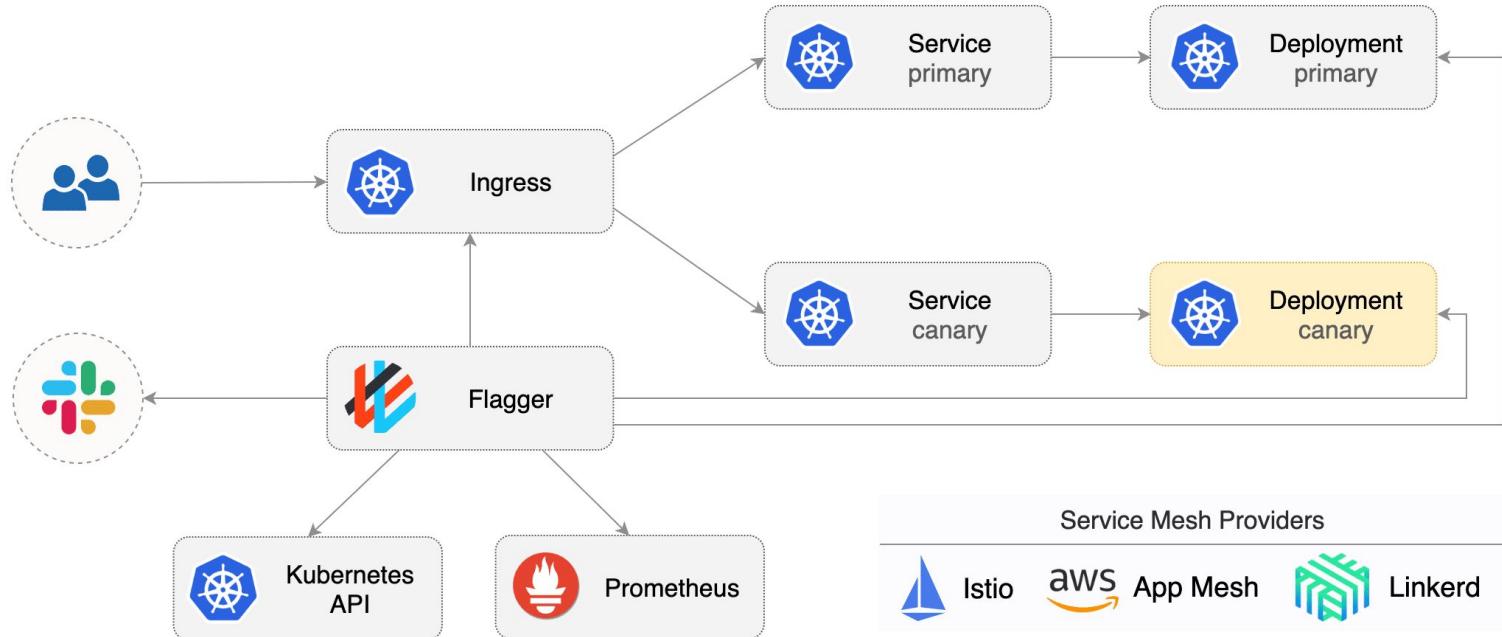
Yes, this is indeed what this is at the moment. However, the greater purpose of setting this infrastructure up is to use it as a reference stack for members of the Cloud Native Nordics community.

Progressive Delivery

Progressive Delivery

Progressive delivery is the process of pushing changes to a product iteratively, first to a small audience and then to increasingly larger audiences to maintain quality control (QC). The goal of progressive delivery is to improve delivery times for new product features and mitigate risk by controlling who is able to see them.

Progressive Delivery



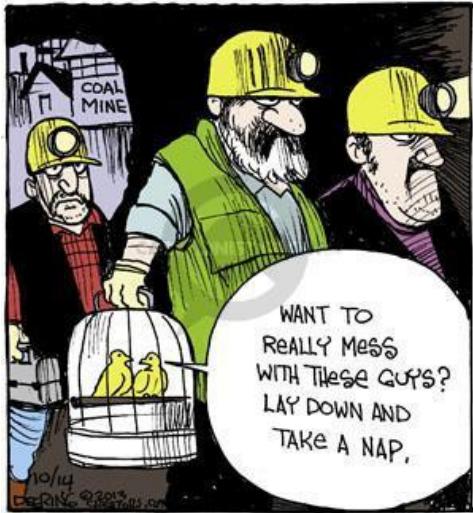
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Canary

Canary release is a technique to reduce the risk of introducing a new software version in production by slowly rolling out the change to a small subset of users before rolling it out to the entire infrastructure and making it available to everybody.



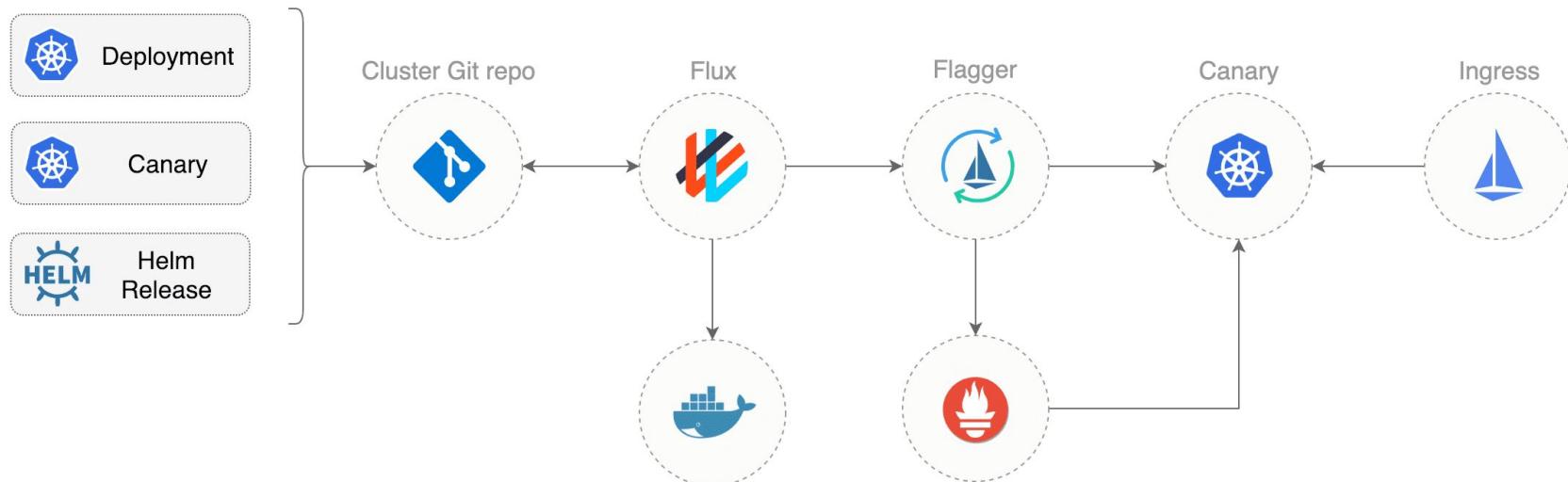
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```
apiVersion: flagger.app/v1alpha3
kind: Canary
metadata:
  name: podinfo
spec:
  targetRef:
    kind: Deployment
    name: podinfo
  progressDeadlineSeconds: 60
  service:
    targetPort: 9898
  canaryAnalysis:
    interval: 1m
    threshold: 10
    maxWeight: 50
    stepWeight: 5
  metrics:
    - name: request-success-rate
      threshold: 99
      interval: 1m
    - name: request-duration
      threshold: 500
      interval: 30s
  webhooks:
    - name: load-test
      metadata:
        cmd: "hey -z 1m -q 10 -c 2
http://podinfo.test:9898/"
```

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Progressive Delivery



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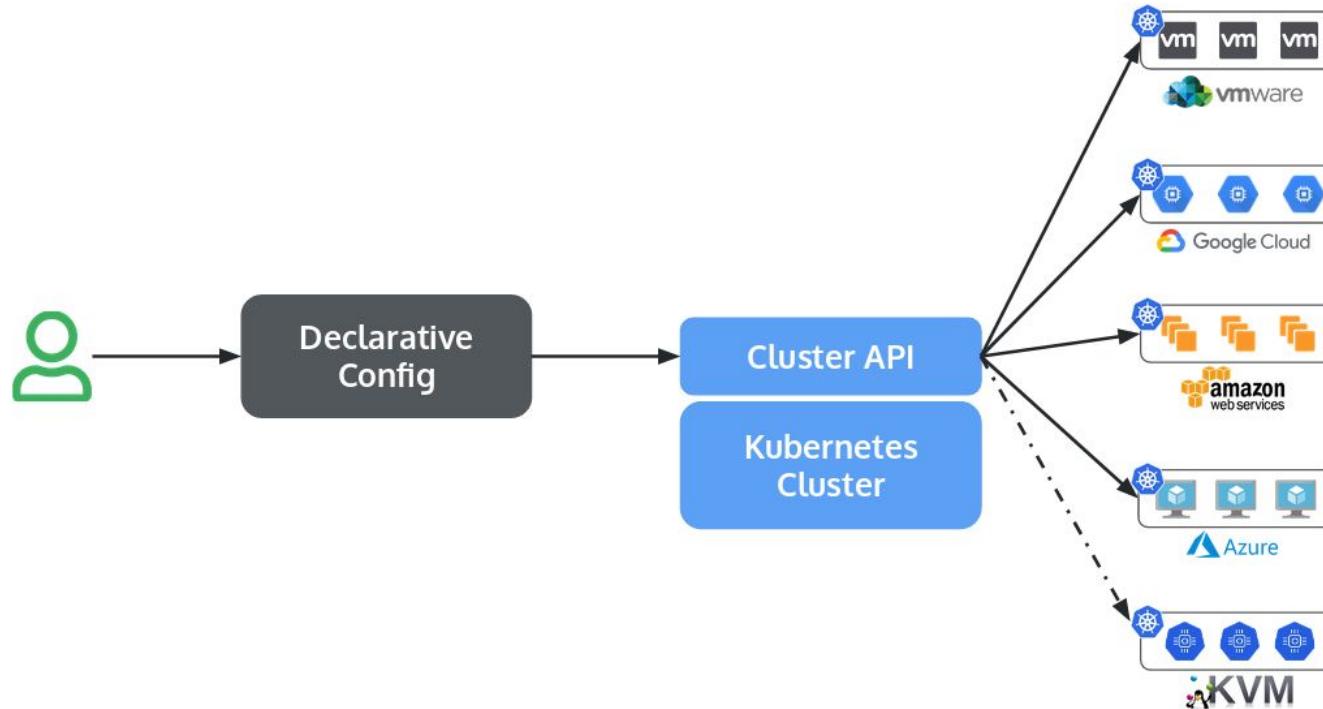
Everything in Git

Everything in Git

- CRDs
 - postgresql-controller
 - manage users, databases, hosts using Kubernetes objects
 - store them in git!
 - AWS Resources
- Infrastructure
 - cluster-api

```
apiVersion: lunar.bank/v1
kind: PostgreSQLUser
metadata:
  name: kni
spec:
  name: kni
  read:
    - host:
        value: some.host.com
        reason: "I am a developer"
  write:
    - host:
        valueFrom:
          configMapKeyRef:
            name: database
            key: db.host
  database:
    value: user
  schema:
    value: user
  reason: "Related to support ticket LW-1234"
  start: 2019-09-16T10:00:00Z
  end: 2019-09-16T14:00:00Z
```

cluster-api



Source: <https://itnext.io/kubernetes-cluster-creation-on-baremetal-host-using-cluster-api-1c2373230a17>

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Cluster



Machine



Machine Set



Machine Deployment



Machine Class



Pod



Replica Set



Deployment



Storage Class

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cluster-api

Use kubernetes to manage kubernetes.

Again....

Using Git!

```
apiVersion: "cluster.k8s.io/v1alpha1"
kind: MachineDeployment
metadata:
  name: nodes
  namespace: kube-system
spec:
  replicas: 5
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      foo: bar
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        foo: bar
    spec:
      providerSpec:
        value:
          cloudProvider: "aws"
          cloudProviderSpec:
            region: "eu-central-1"
            availabilityZone: "eu-central-1a"
            vpcId: "vpc-819f62e9"
            subnetId: "subnet-2bff4f43"
            instanceType: "t2.micro"
            instanceProfile: "kubernetes-v1"
            diskSize: 50
            ...
          operatingSystem: "coreos"
          operatingSystemSpec:
            disableAutoUpdate: true
```

**Things change...
CI/CD should too**

Things change...
Banks should too

Questions?

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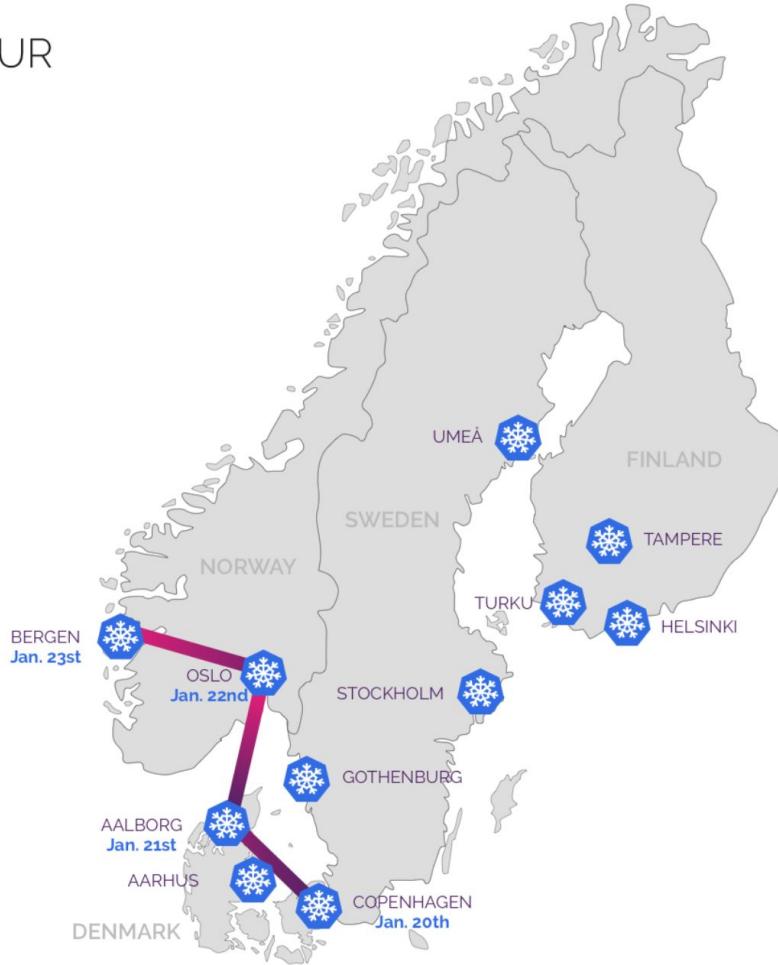
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