

Databricks Autoscaling

When to Enable It
(& When You Shouldn't)

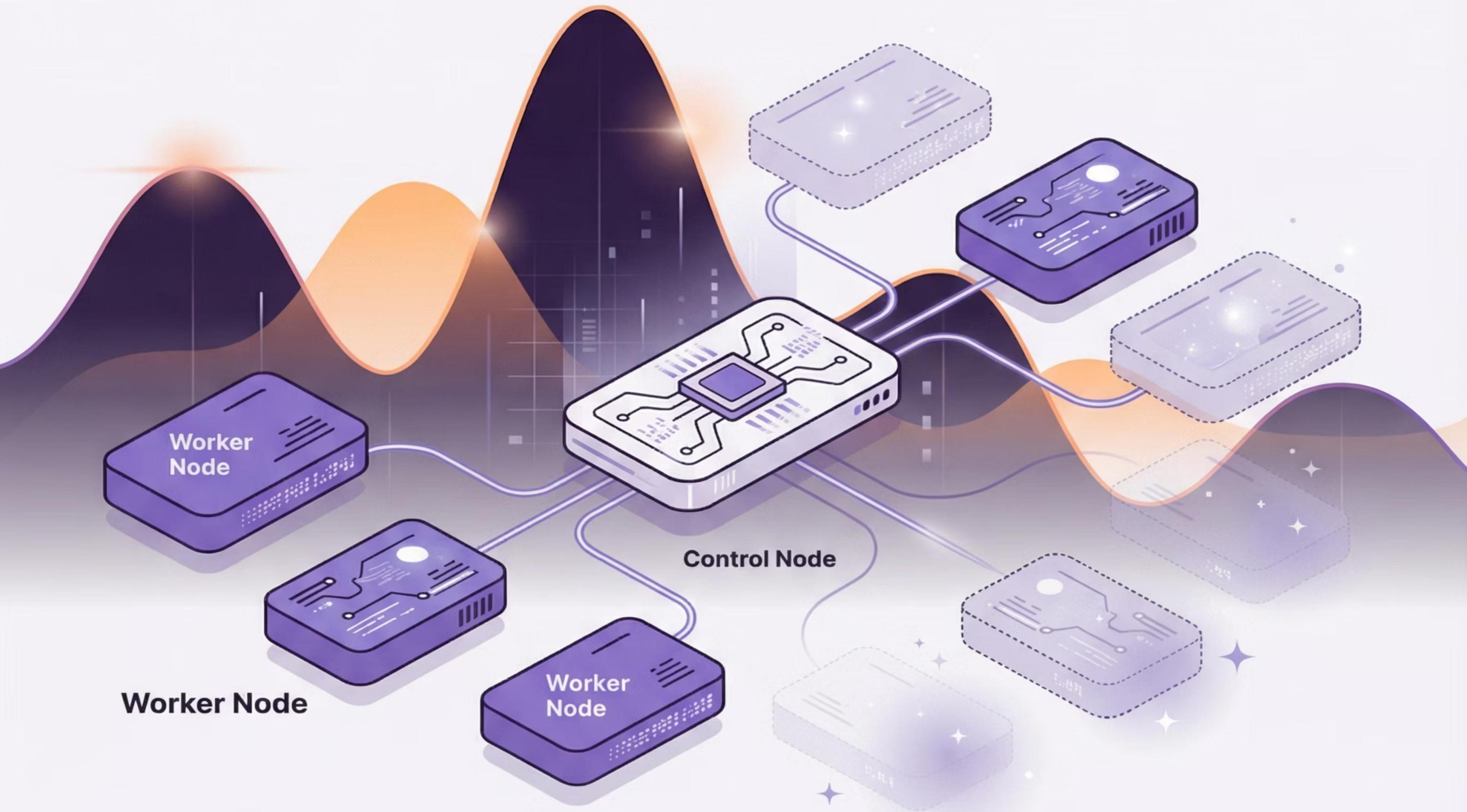
Why It Matters



Autoscaling can save cost or increase it, depending on how you use it.

💡 Use it wisely to balance performance & budget.

What Autoscaling Does



- Automatically adjusts worker nodes ↕
 - Scales up when load increases ↑
 - Scales down when idle ↓
- Helps optimize resource usage

When to Use Autoscaling



- ✓ Variable workloads
- ✓ Long-running pipelines
- ✓ Not sure about exact cluster size
- ✓ When performance is a priority



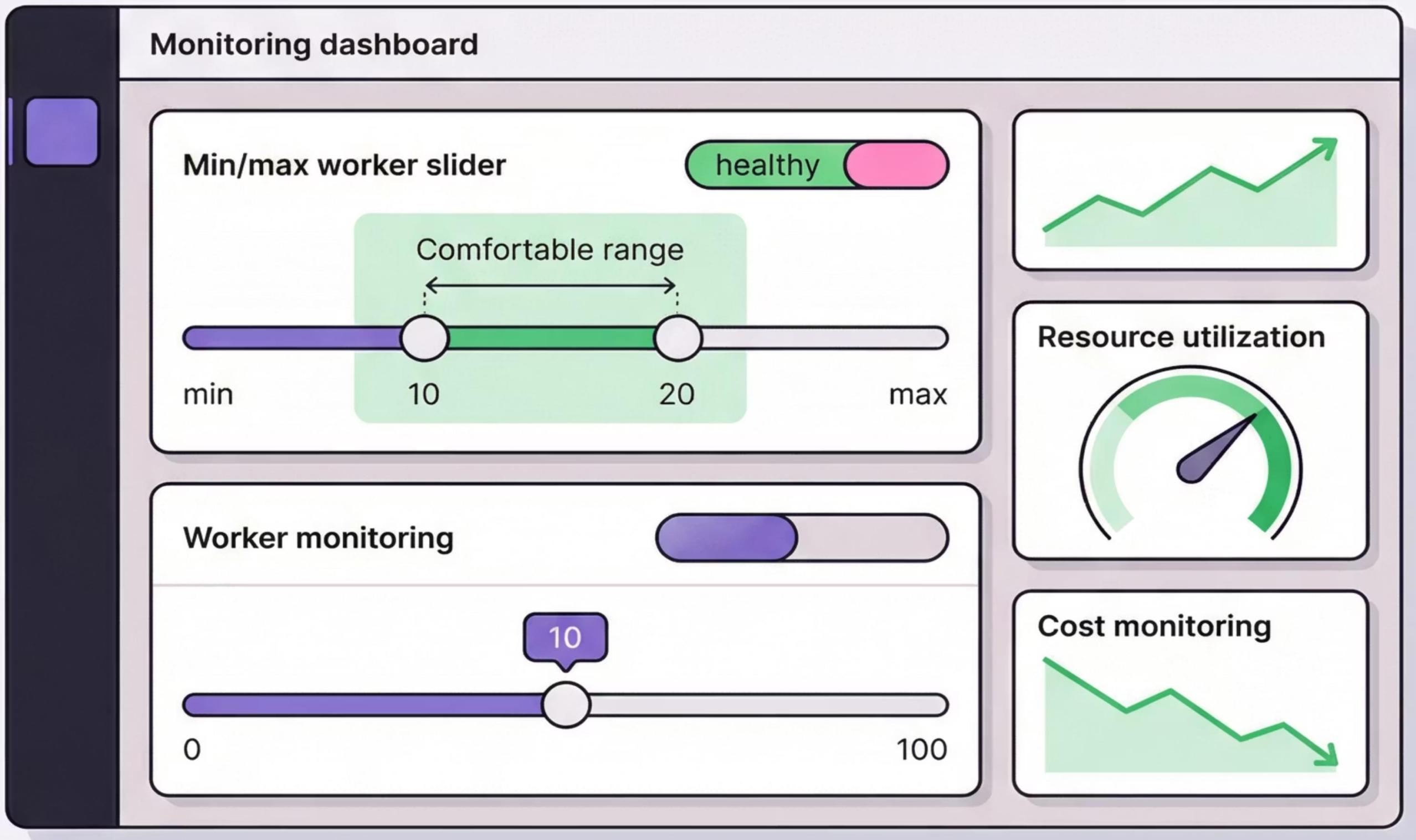
when NOT to Use It



- ✖ Very short jobs
(overhead time)
- ✖ Predictable workloads
- ✖ Highly optimized pipelines
- ✖ Strict cost control scenarios

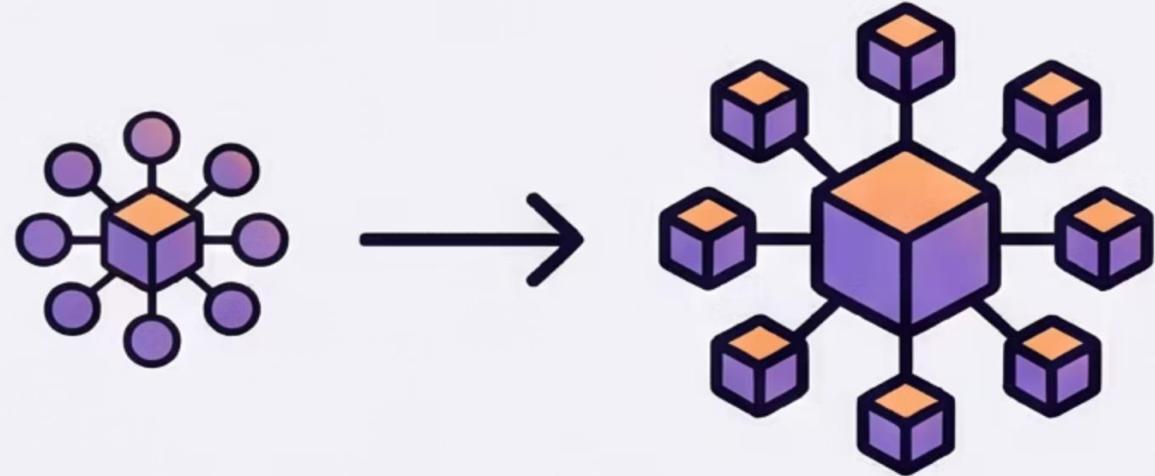


Best Practices



- 🔧 Set min/max workers properly
- ⌚ Allow time for scaling action
- 📀 Use along with job clusters
- 〽 Monitor Spark UI & Azure cost

Pro Tip



Start small →
scale up if needed



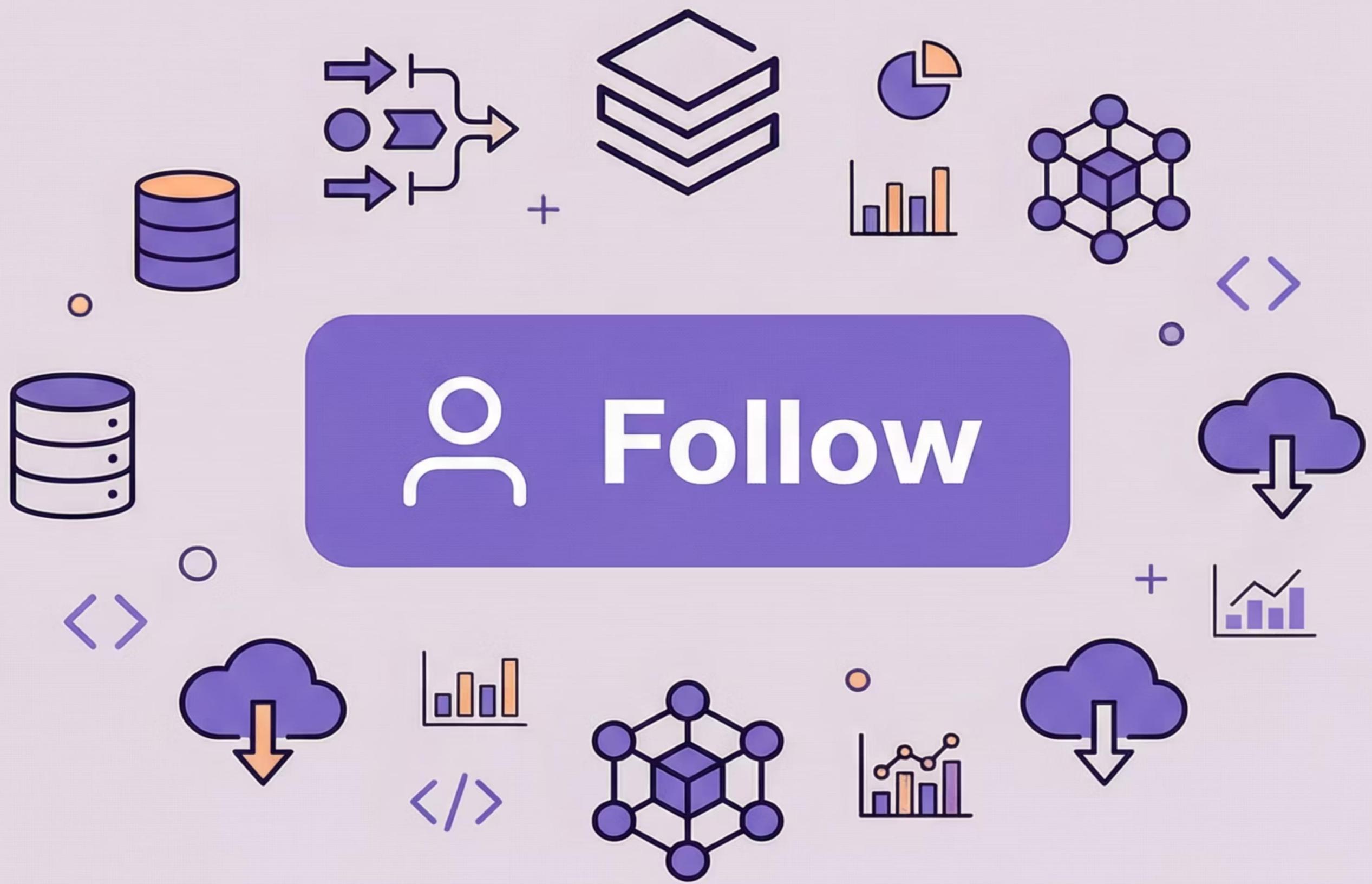
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Start small → scale up if needed.
Combine Autoscaling + Auto-termination
to **avoid idle costs.**



Master Your Clusters



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