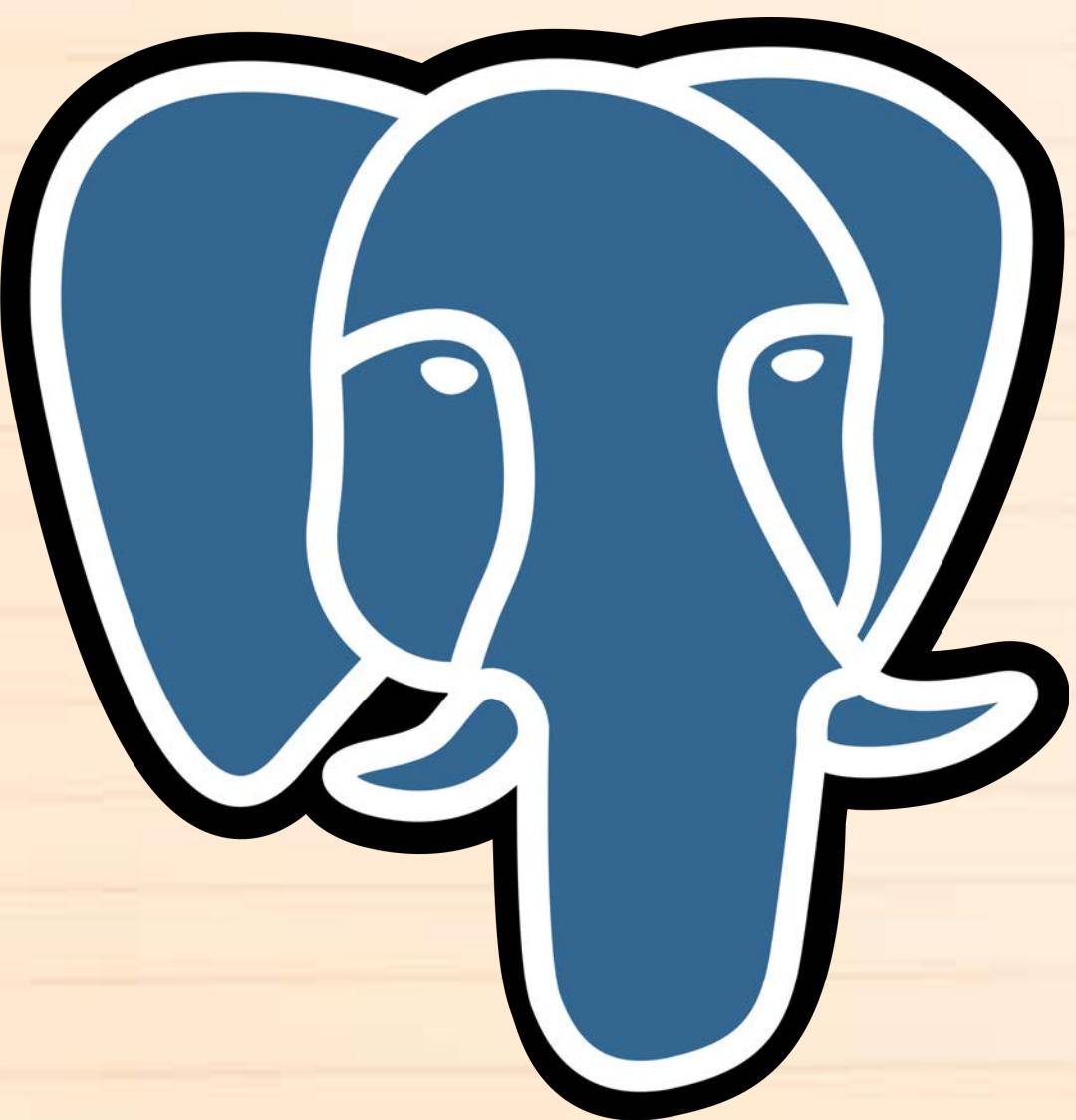


Do



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PostgreSQL ❤️ Kubernetes

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Previous fun companies:

- Ubisoft / Blue Byte
- Hazelcast
- Instana
- clevabit
- Timescale

Interests:

- Developer Relations
- Anything Performance Engineering
- Backend Technologies
- Fairy Tales (AMD, Intel, Nvidia)

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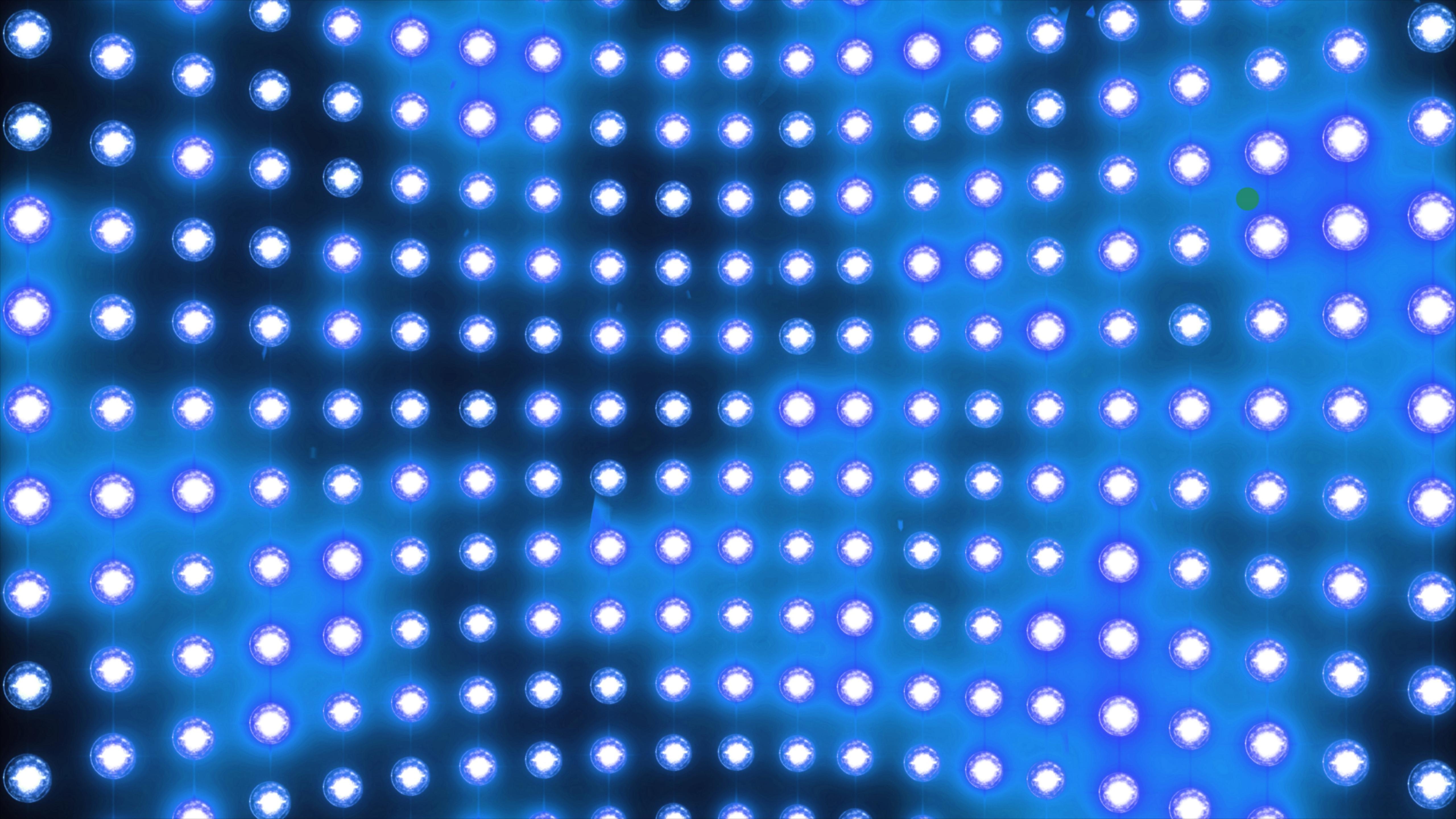
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FAMILY FEUD



Question 01



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BURN IN HELL!



The Happy Place

 Where are my gamers at?

So we need to cheat!?



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Call the Police!



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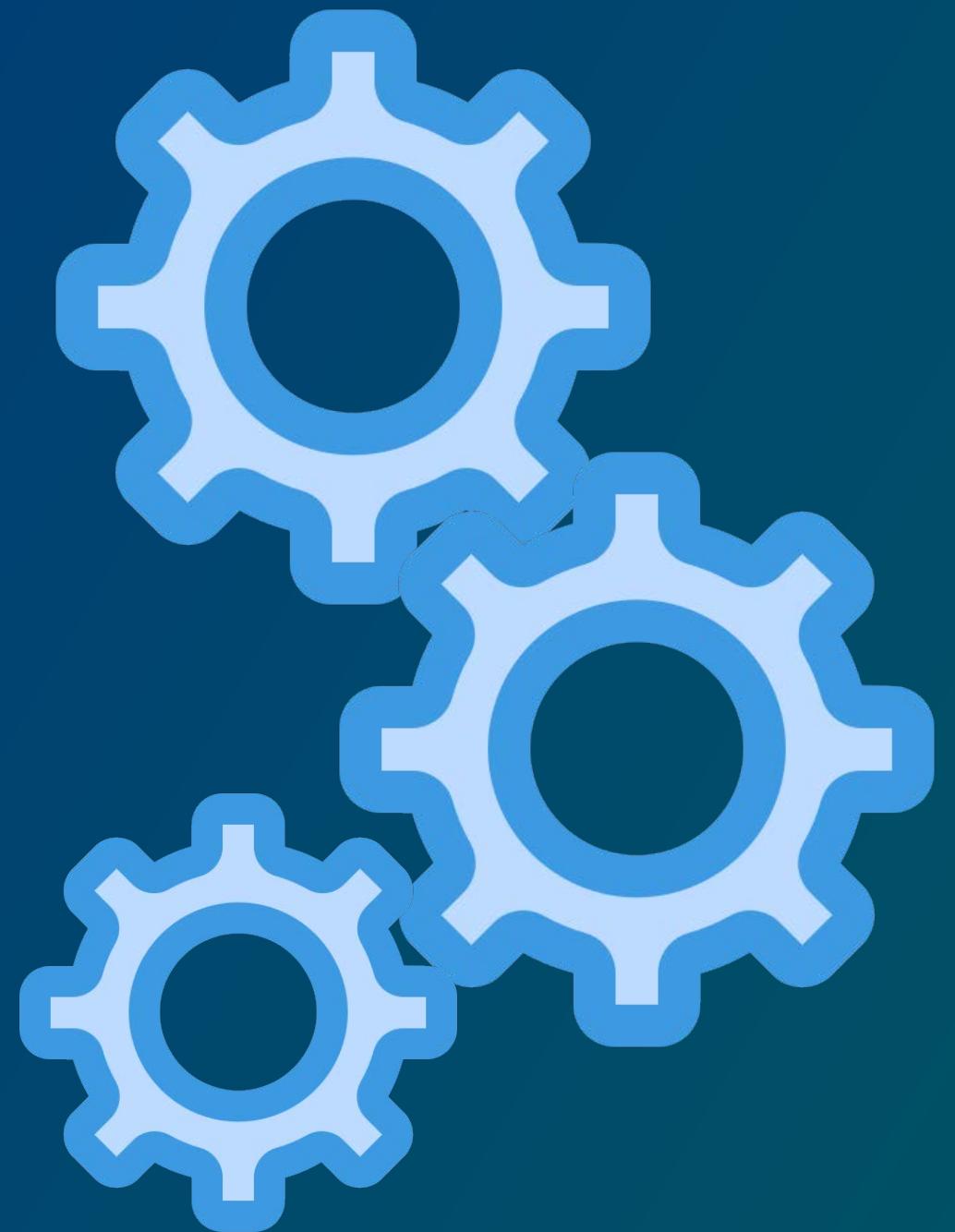
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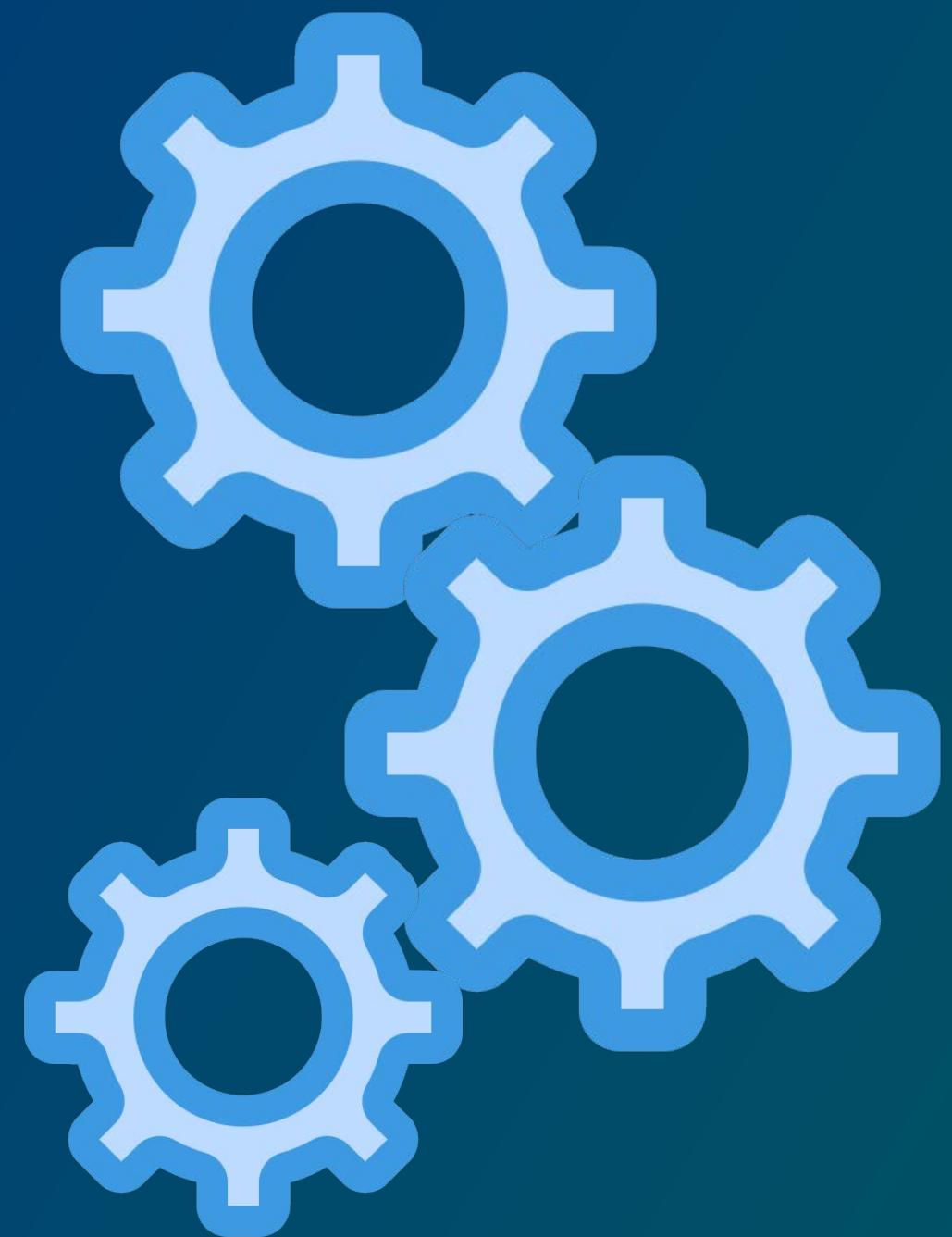
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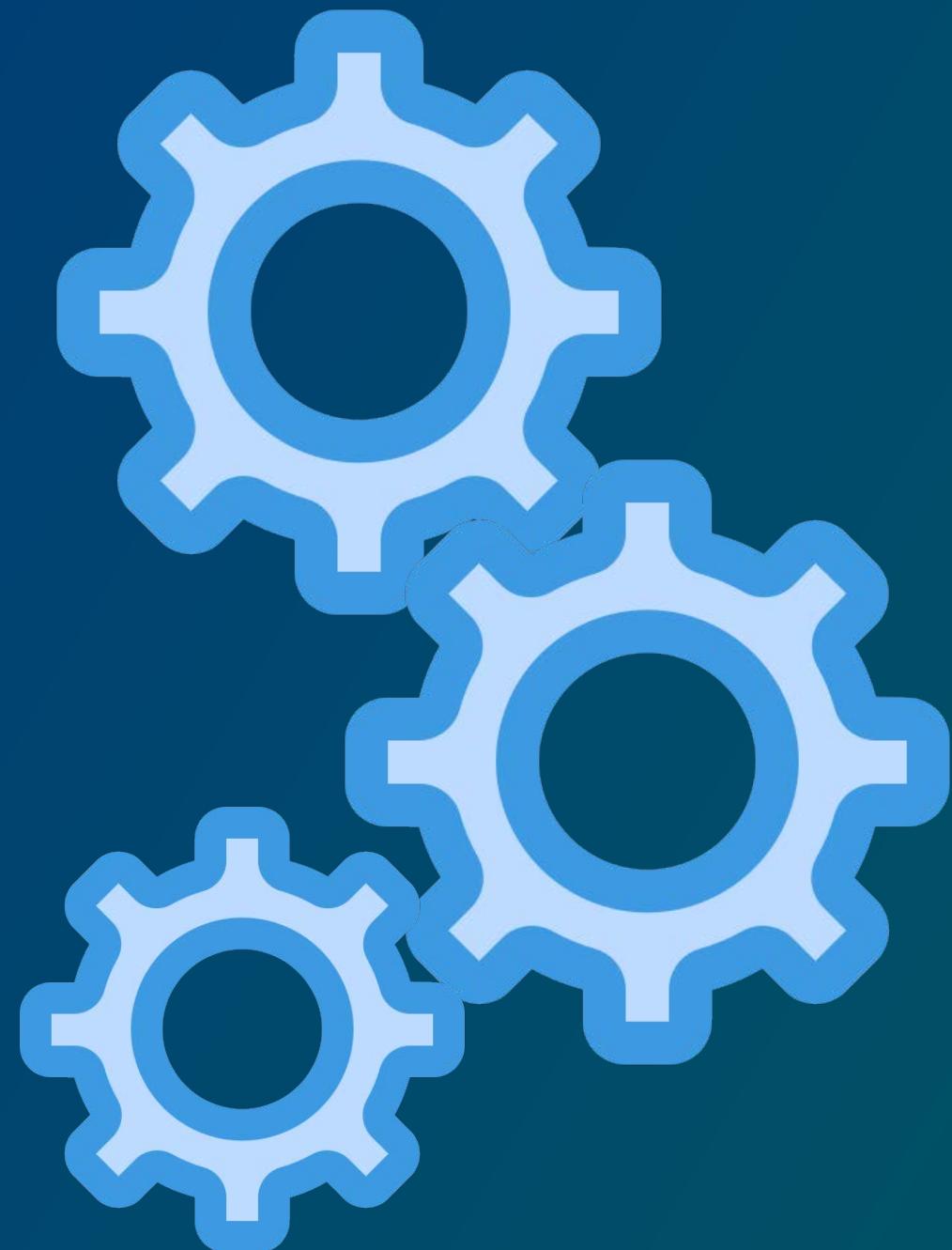


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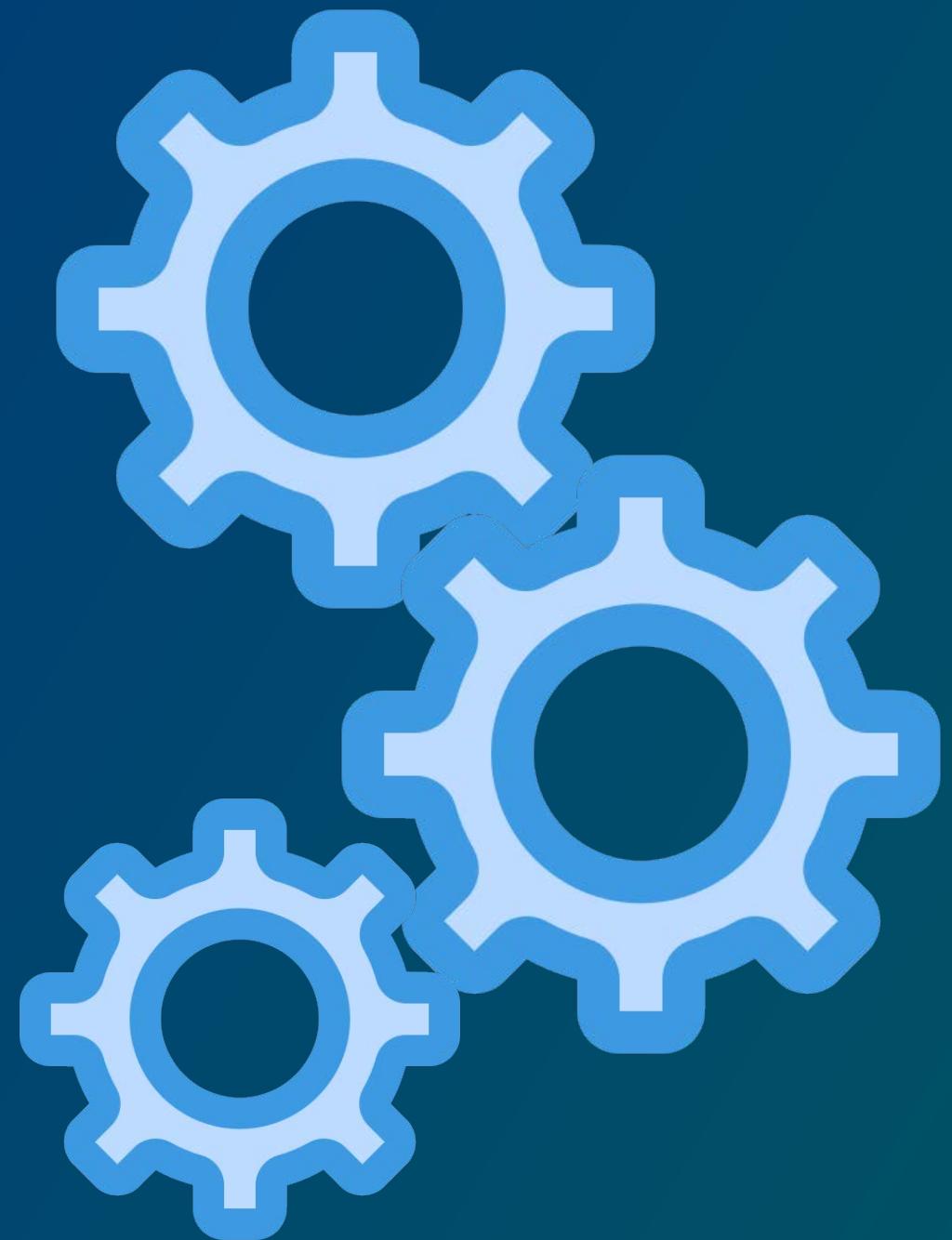
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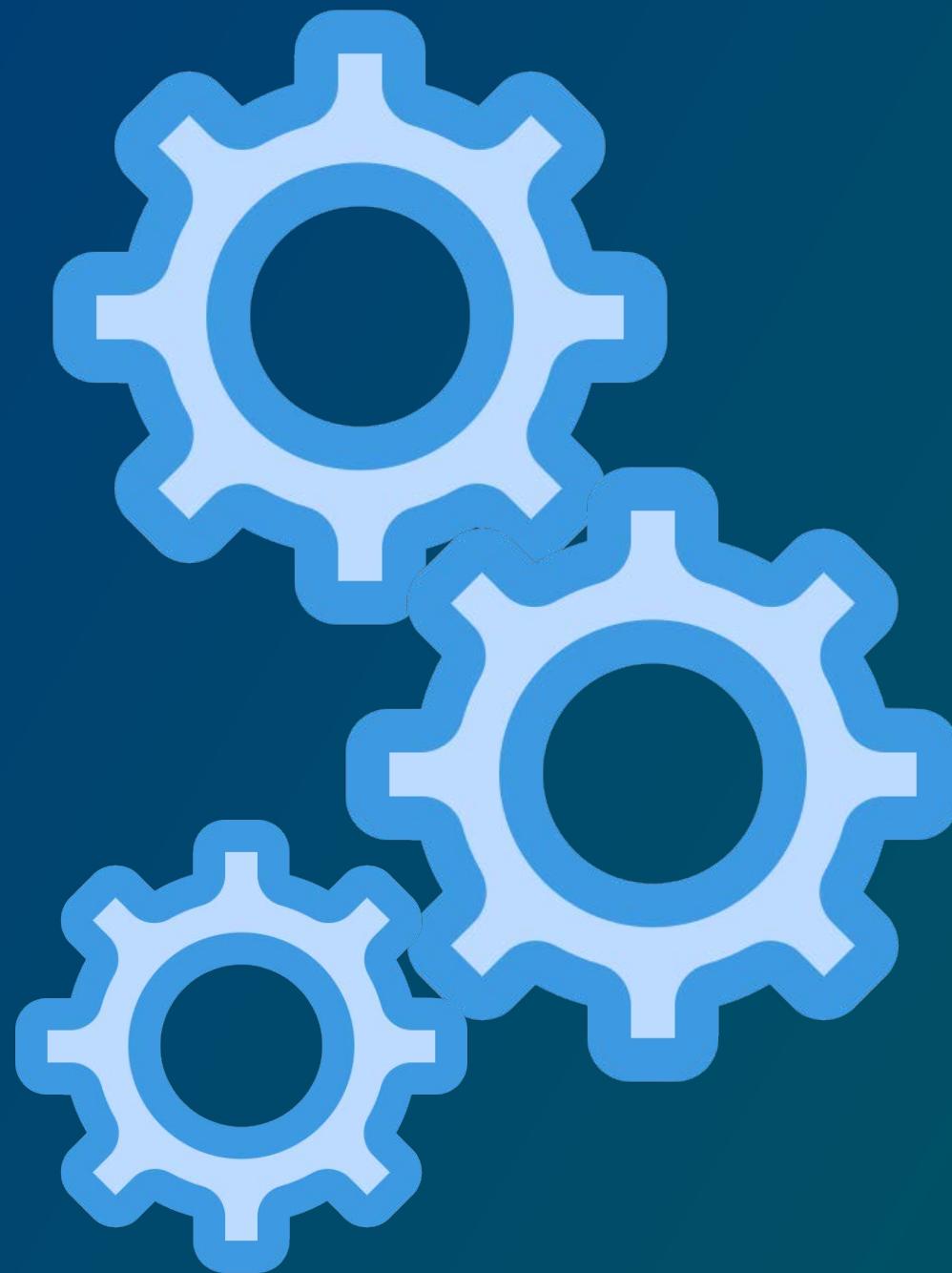
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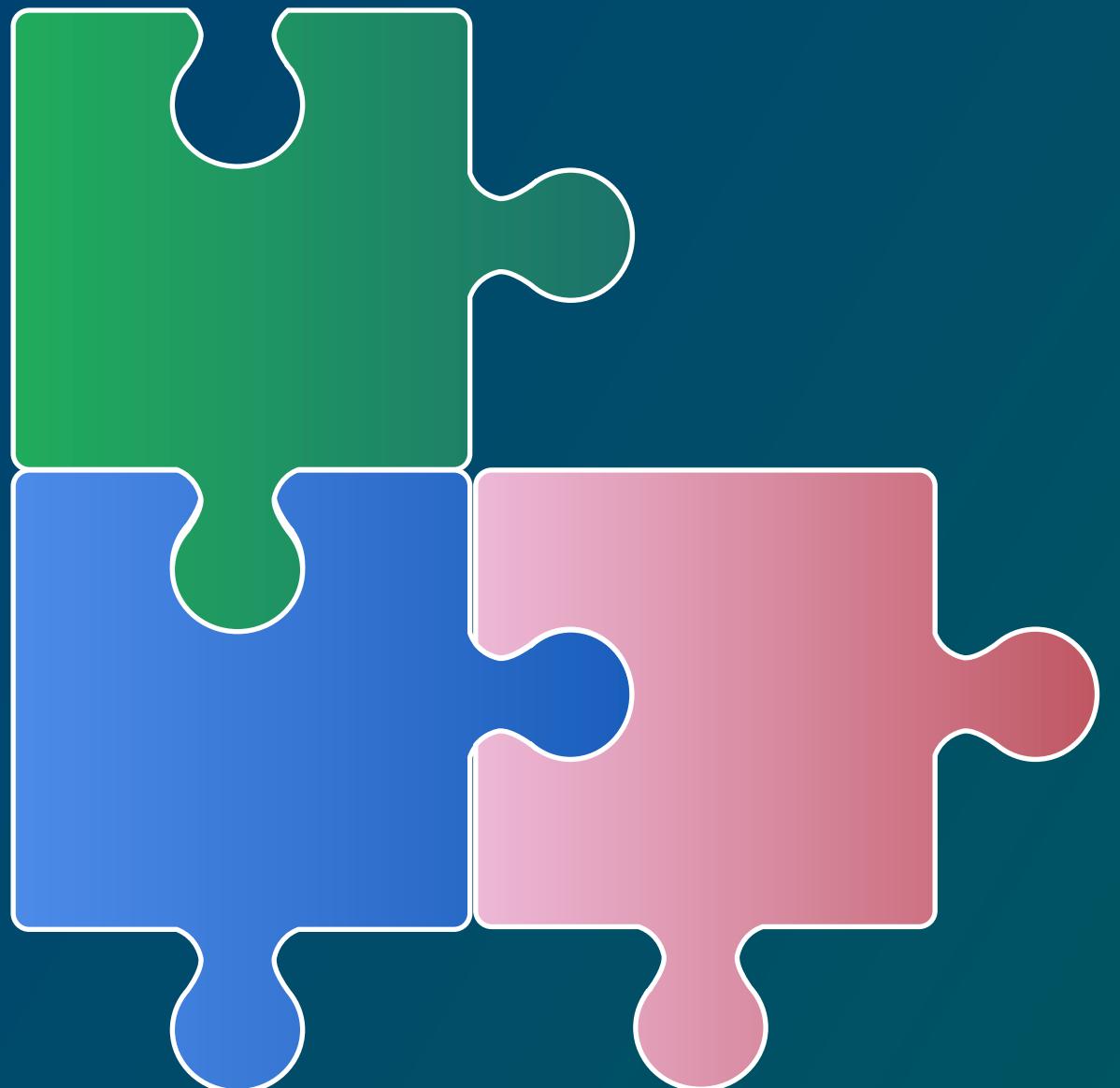


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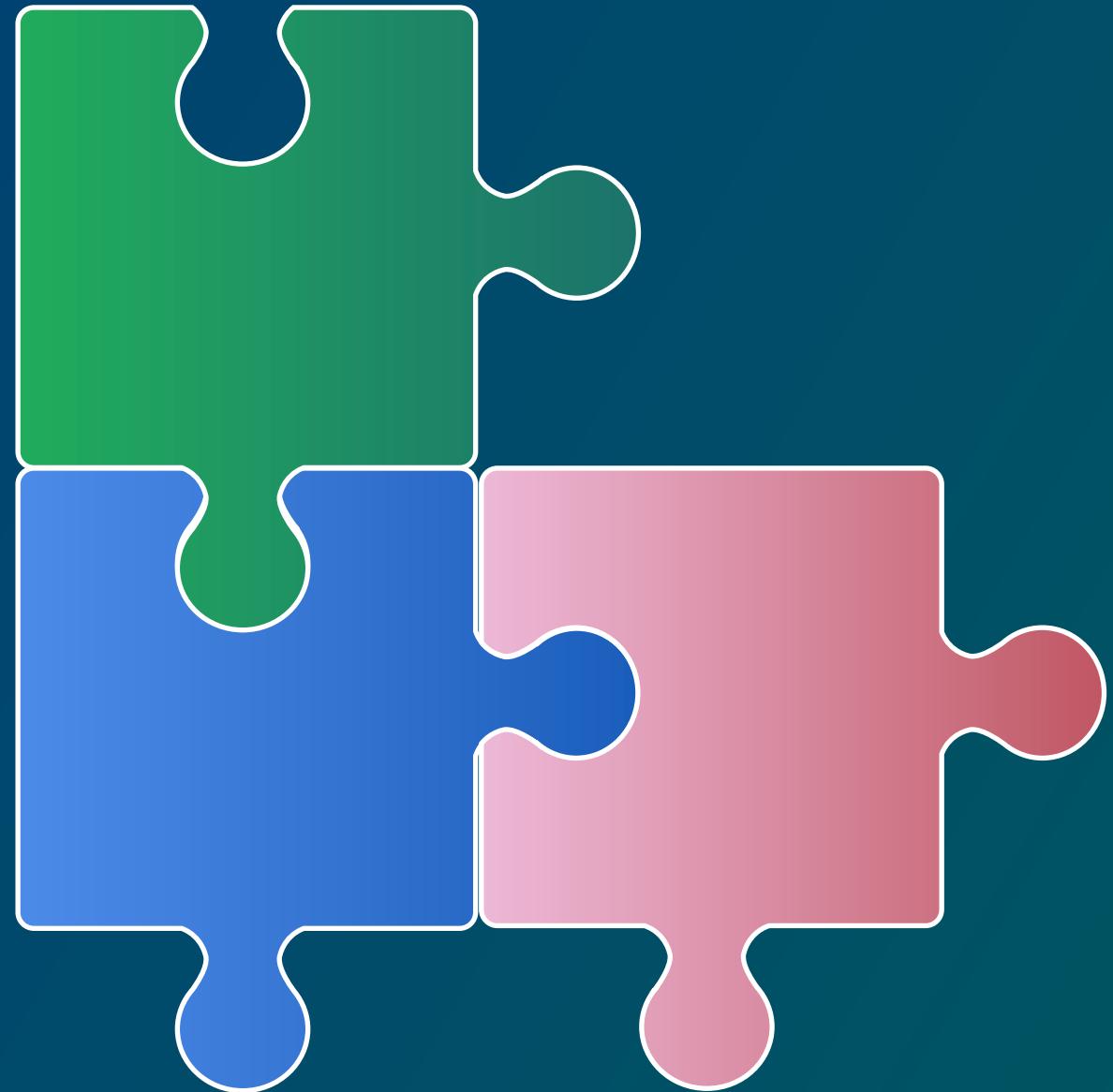
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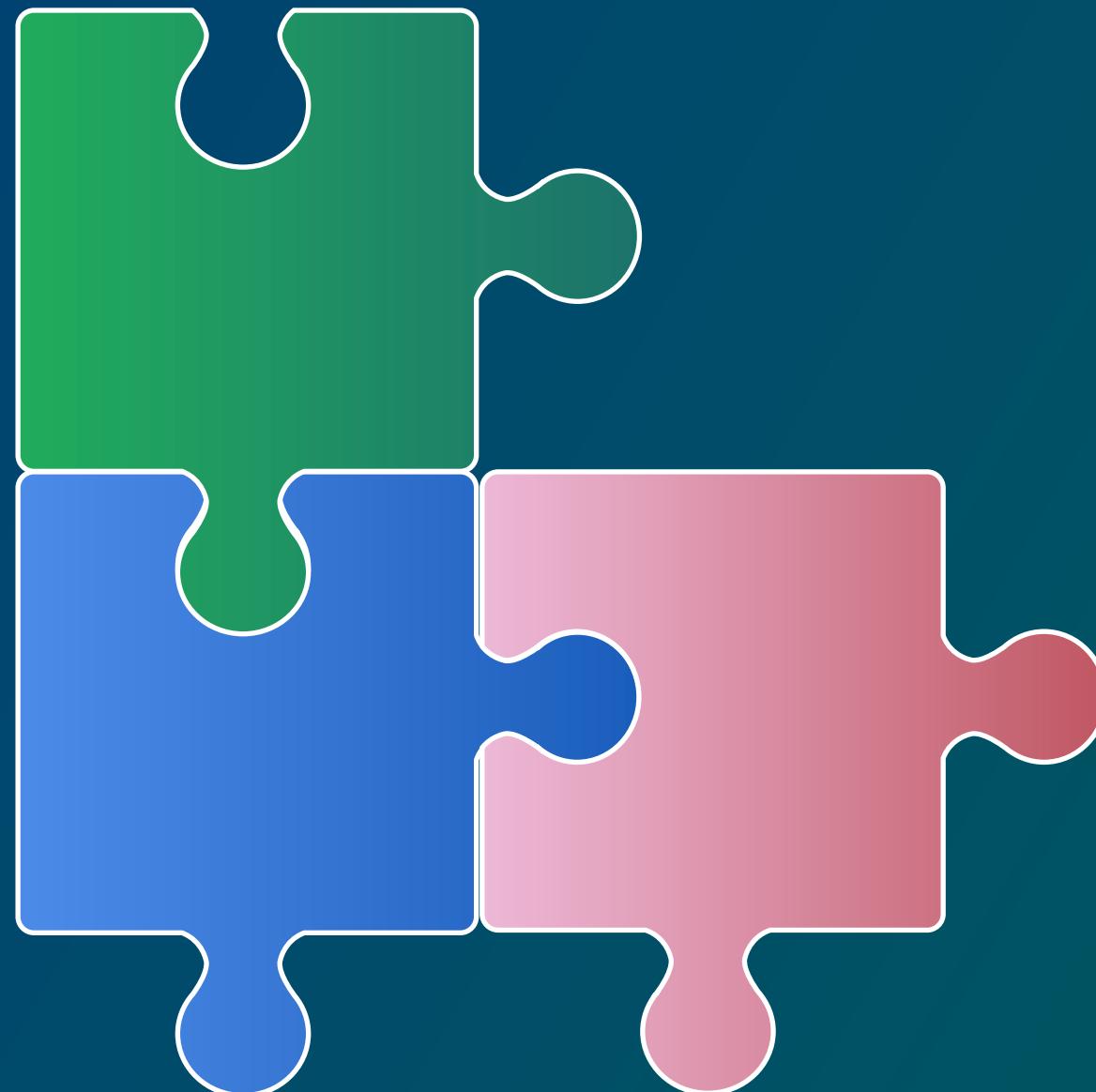


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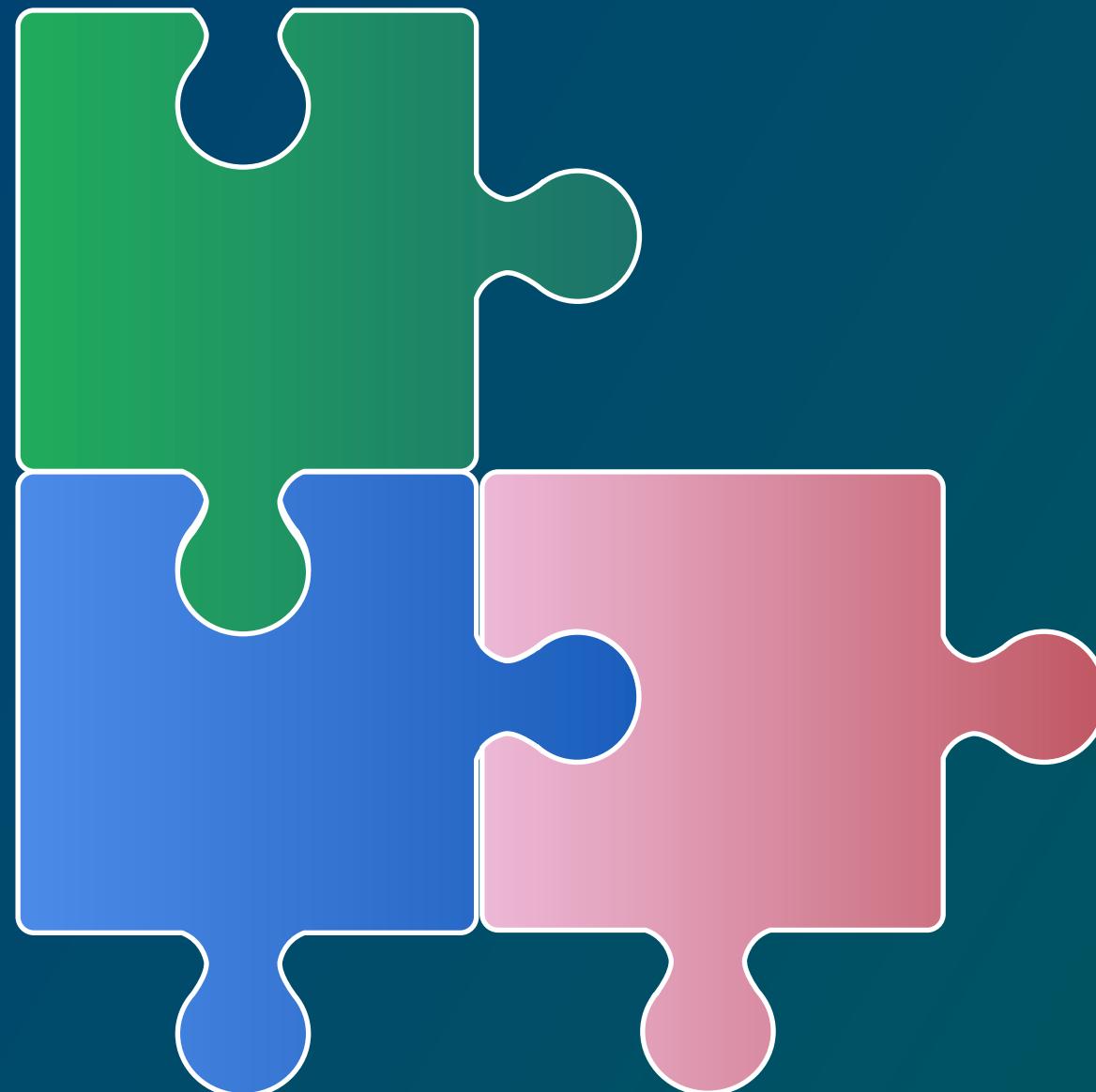
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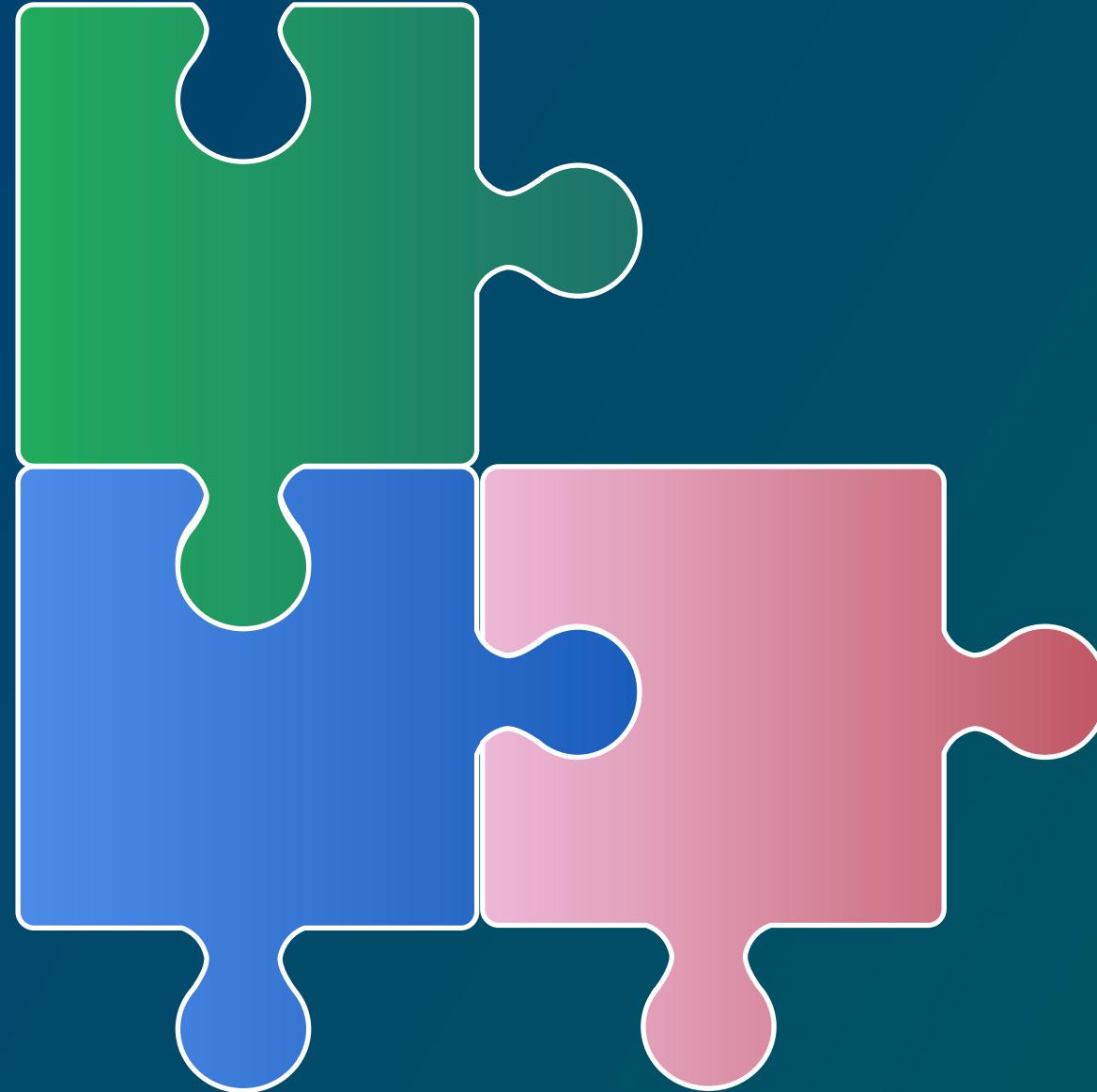


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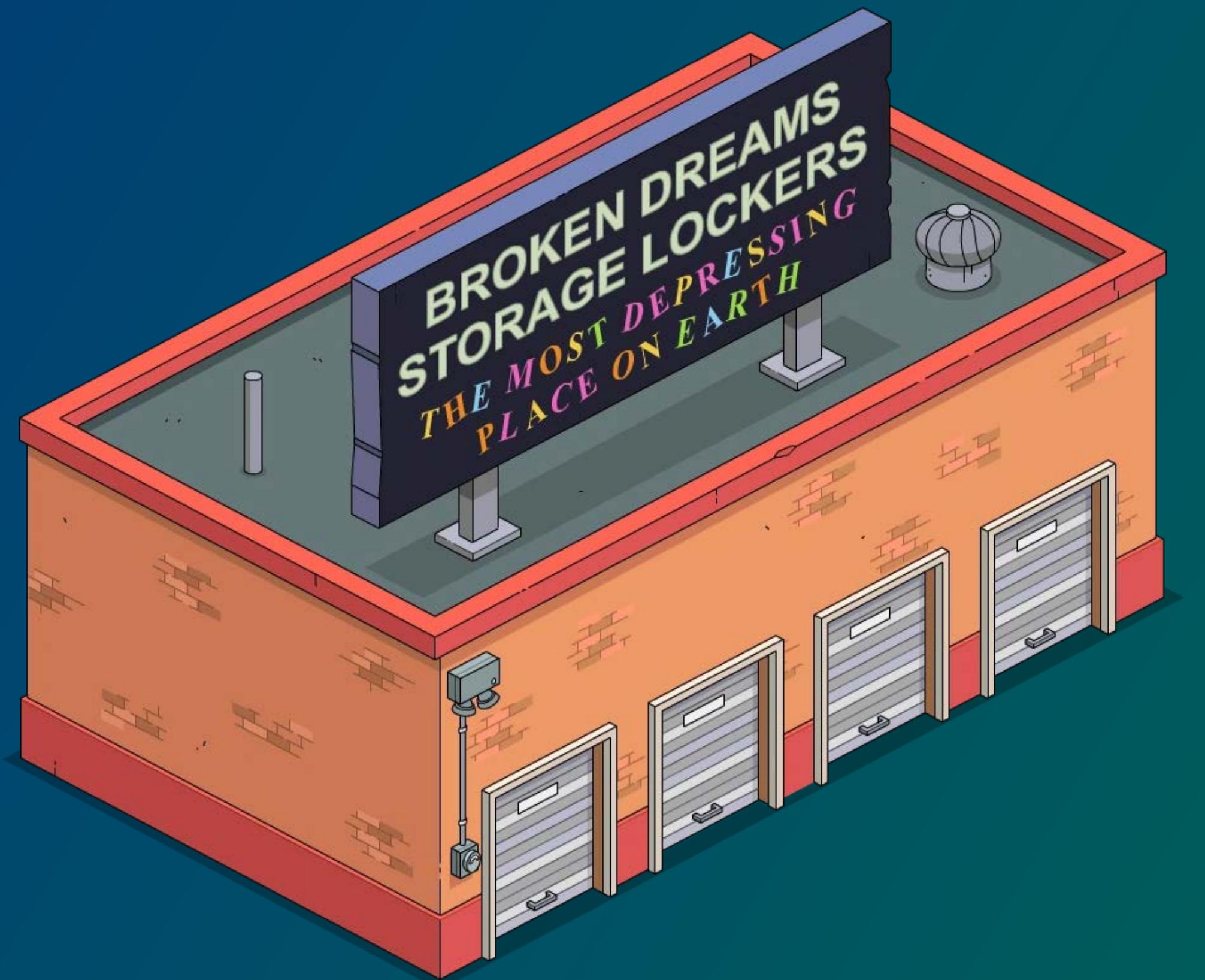
Versions and Updates

Keep an Eye on PG and Kubernetes Versions

So *What* is important or different?

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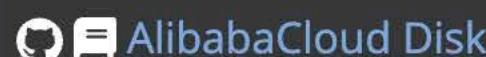
CSI Driver Listing

Searchable listing of Kubernetes volume providers (Kubernetes CSI). Find your perfect implementation based on features, access modes, and more.

The following table contains a list of available Kubernetes container storage interface (CSI) implementations. All CSI drivers are listed with their respective capabilities. The list is updated bit by bit according to the documentation on a best effort basis. The list may not be complete and properties may be incorrect or incomplete. Vendors of the CSI drivers are welcome to validate and update their respective properties.

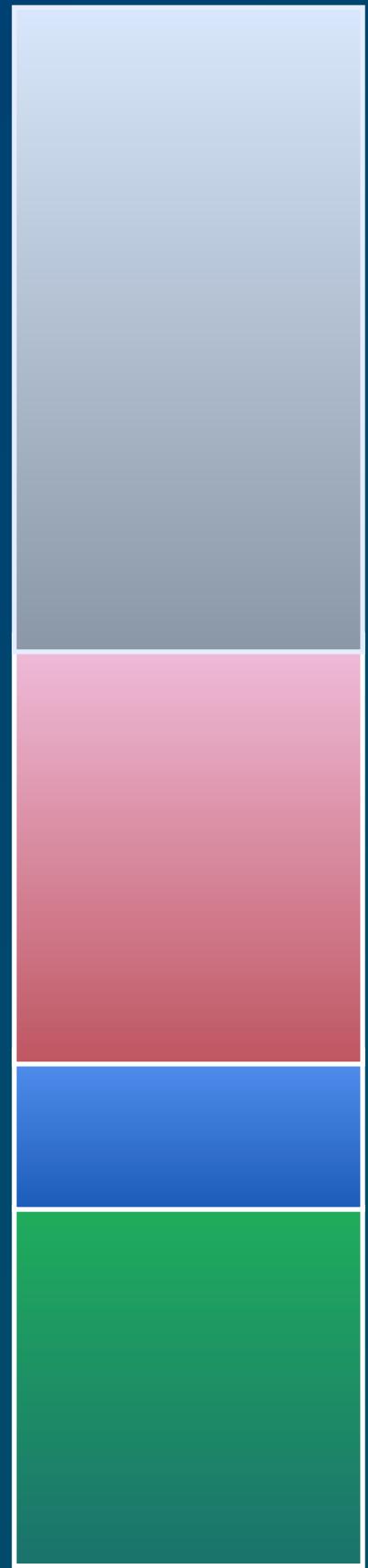
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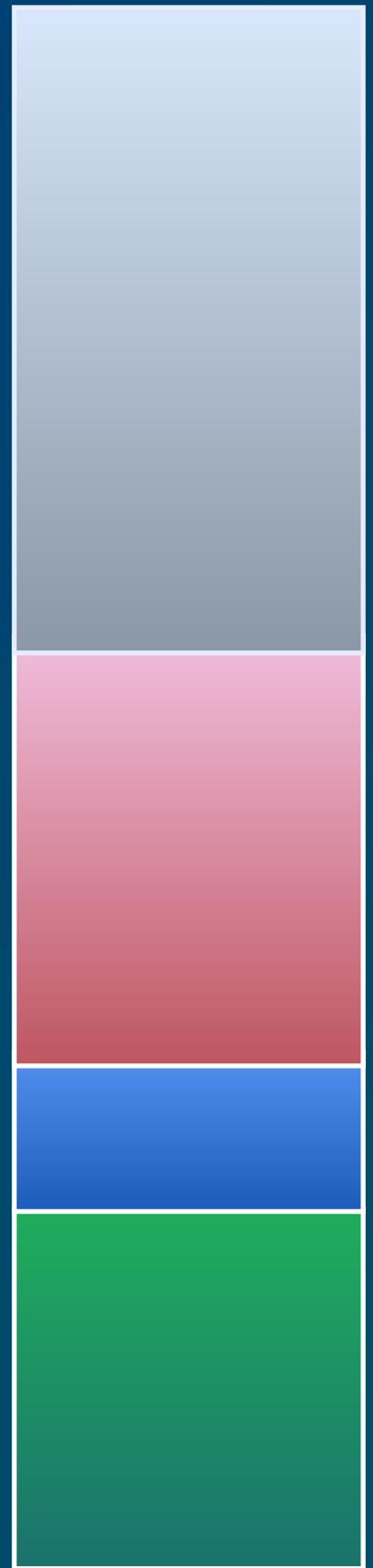
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 AlibabaCloud Disk	diskplugin.csi.alibabacloud.com	CSI Driver for an AlibabaCloud Disk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Persistent: ✓Ephemeral: ✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Block Storage: ✓File Storage: ✗Object Storage: ✗Dynamic: ✓Snapshot: ✓Clones: ✗Expansion: ✓Topology: ✓Tracking: ✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read Only Many: ✓Read Write Once: ✓Read Write Many: ✗Read Write Once Pod: ✓

www.storageclass.info/csidrivers

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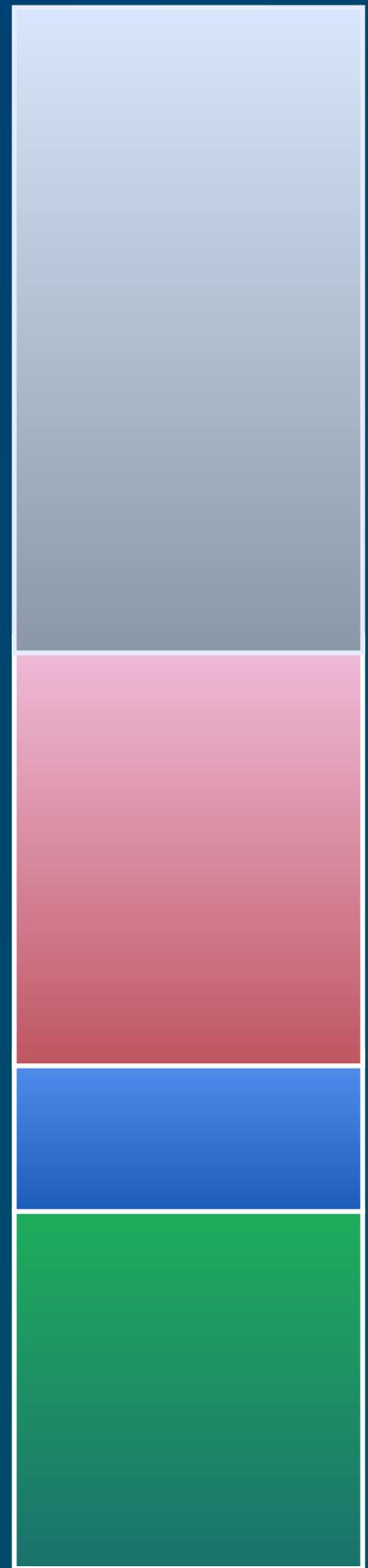
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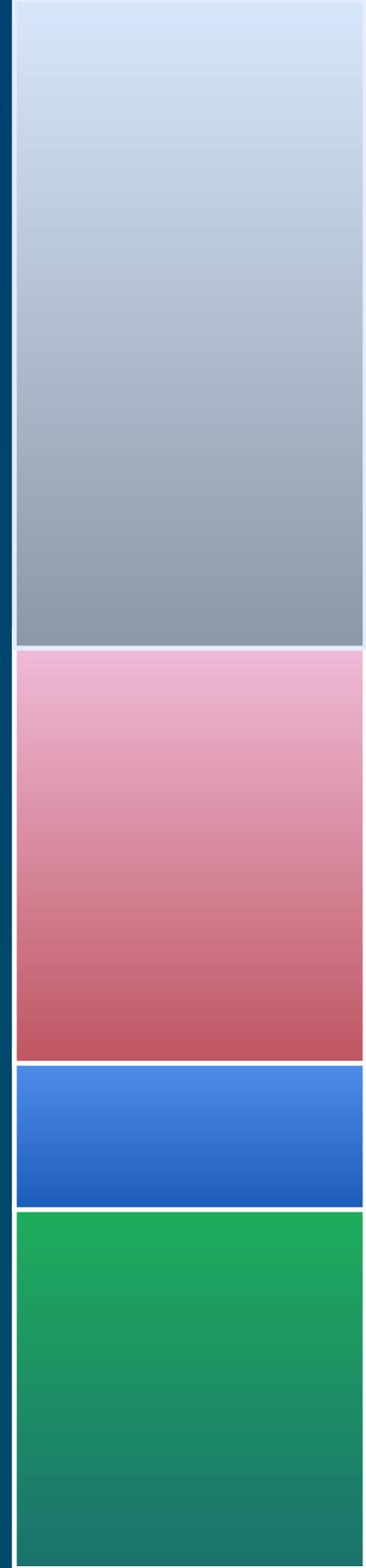
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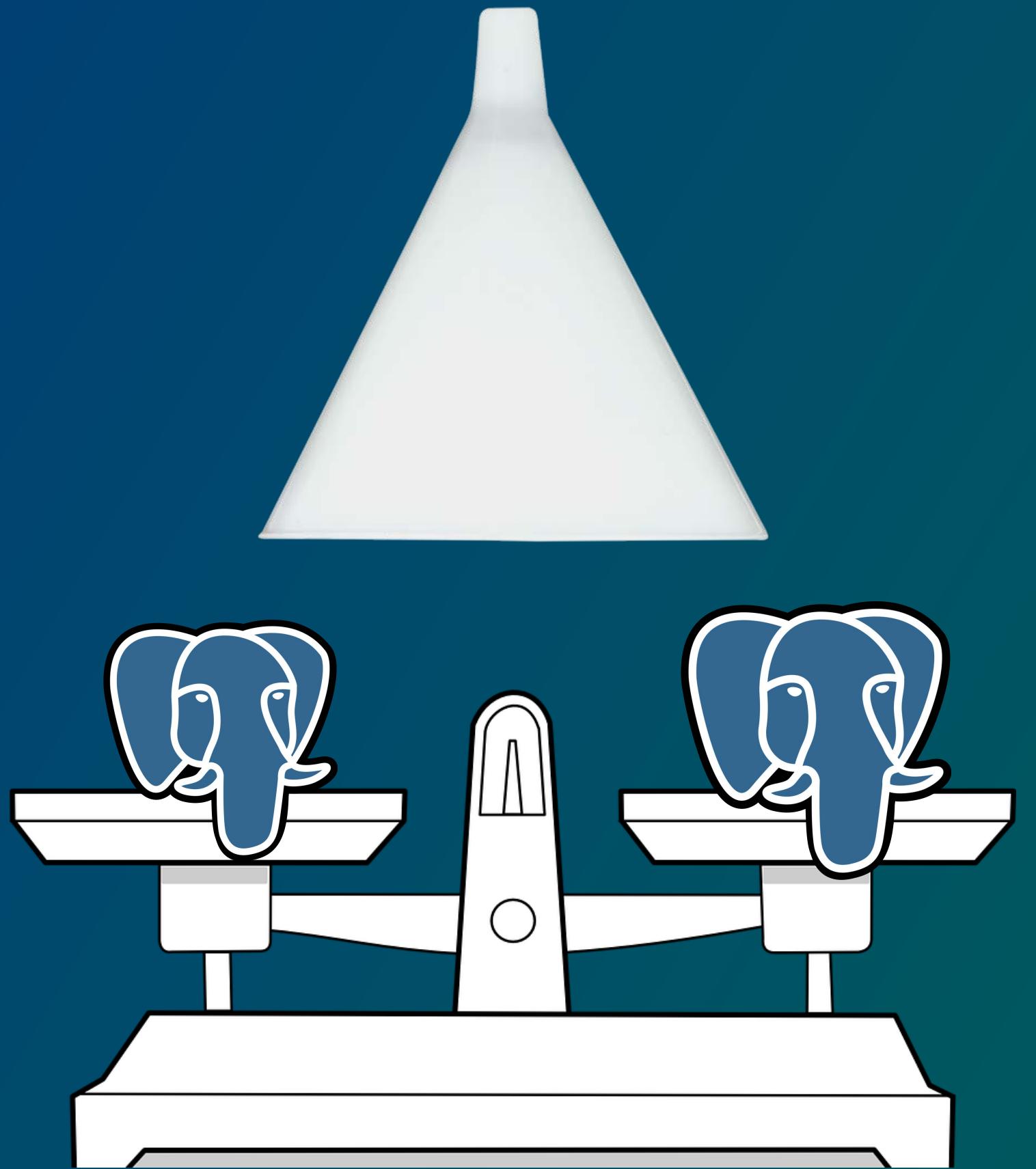


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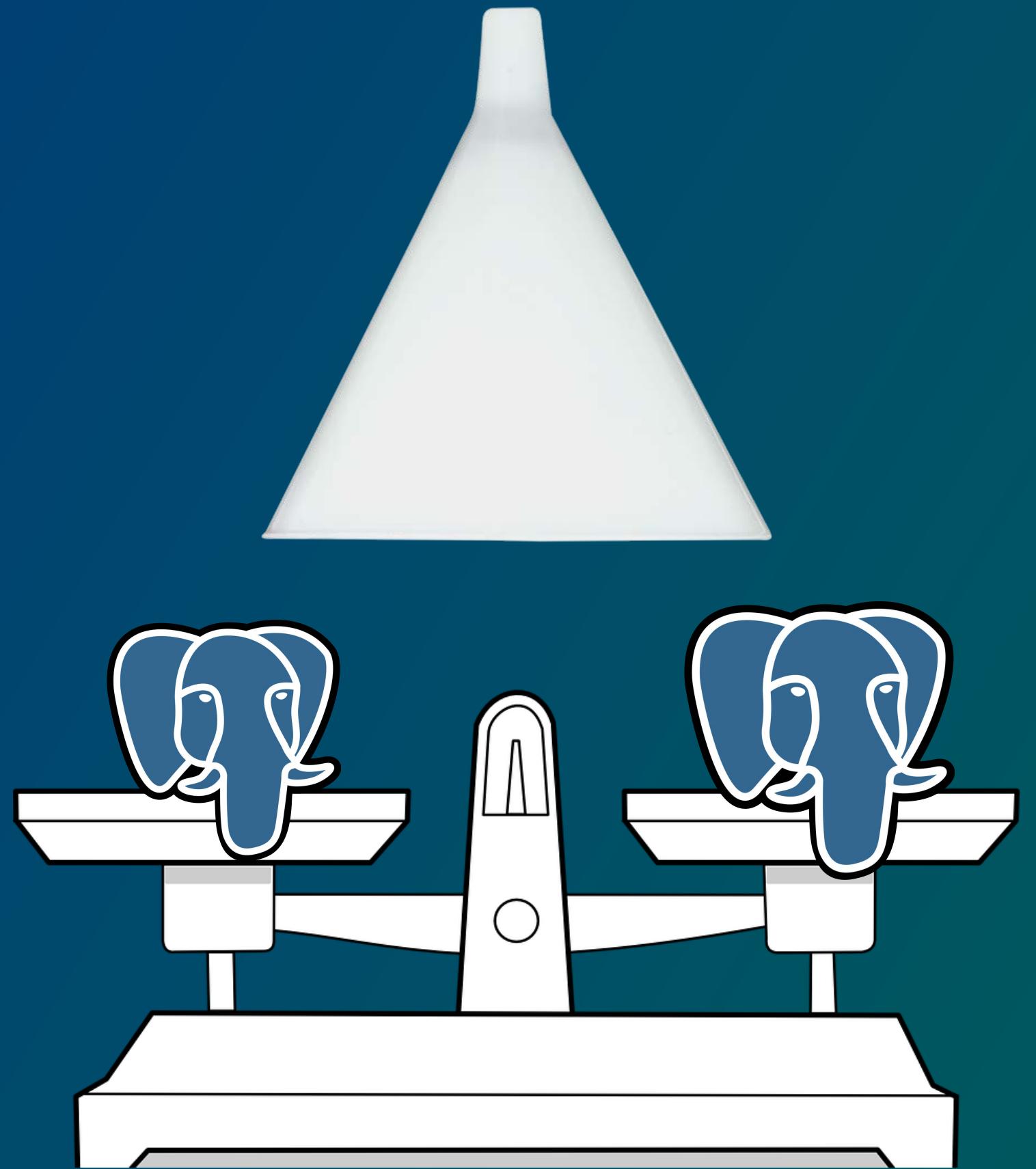
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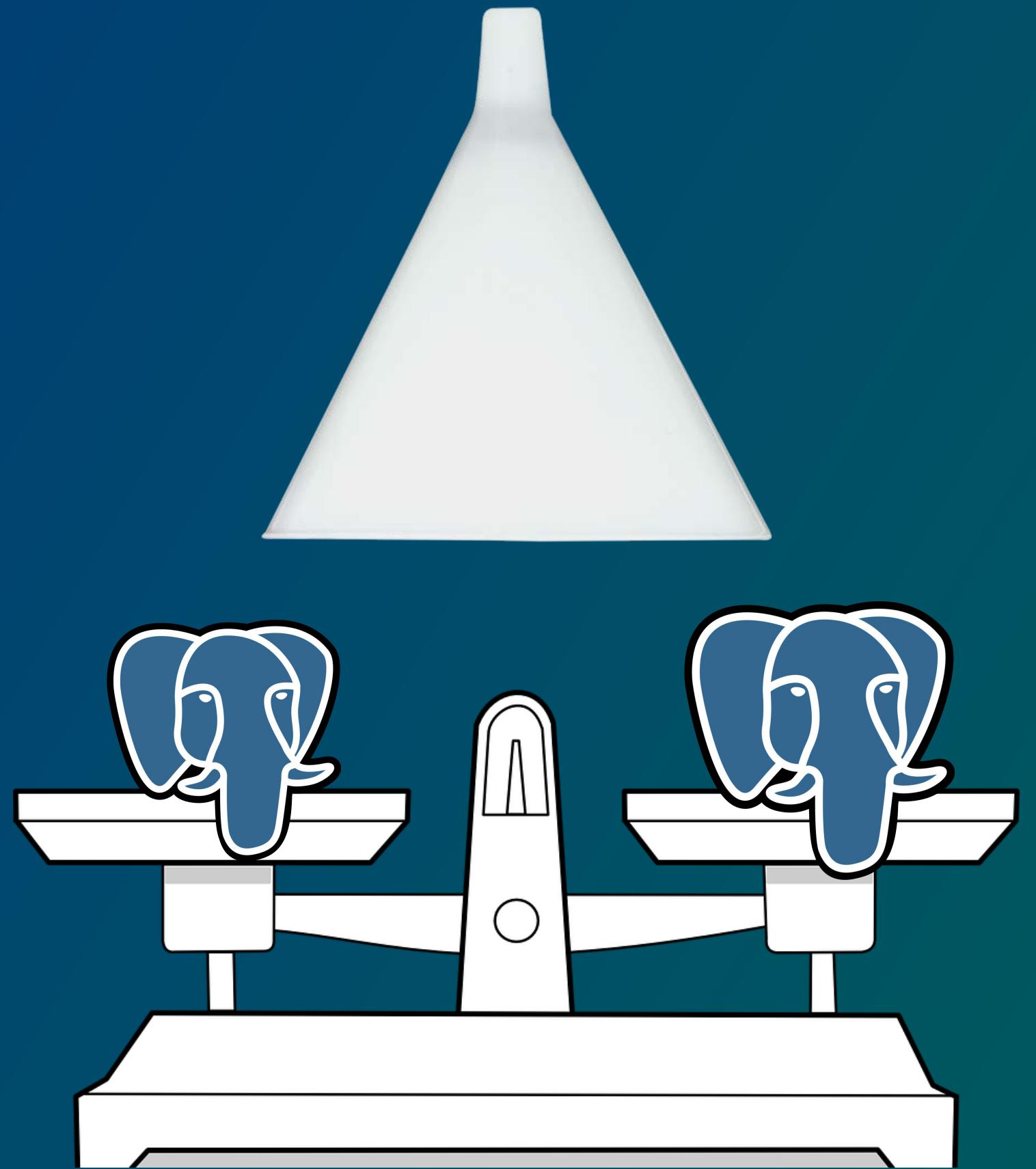


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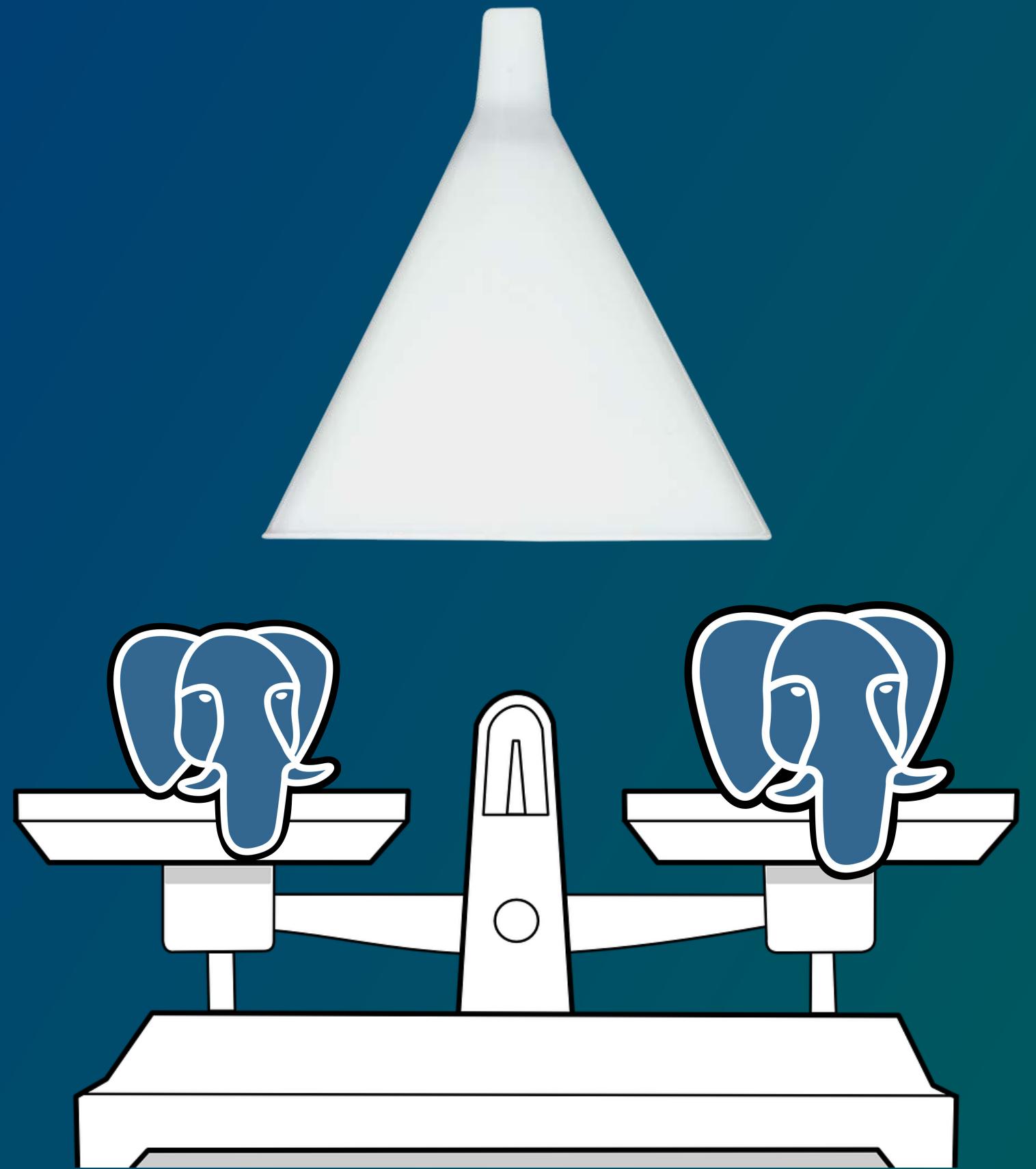
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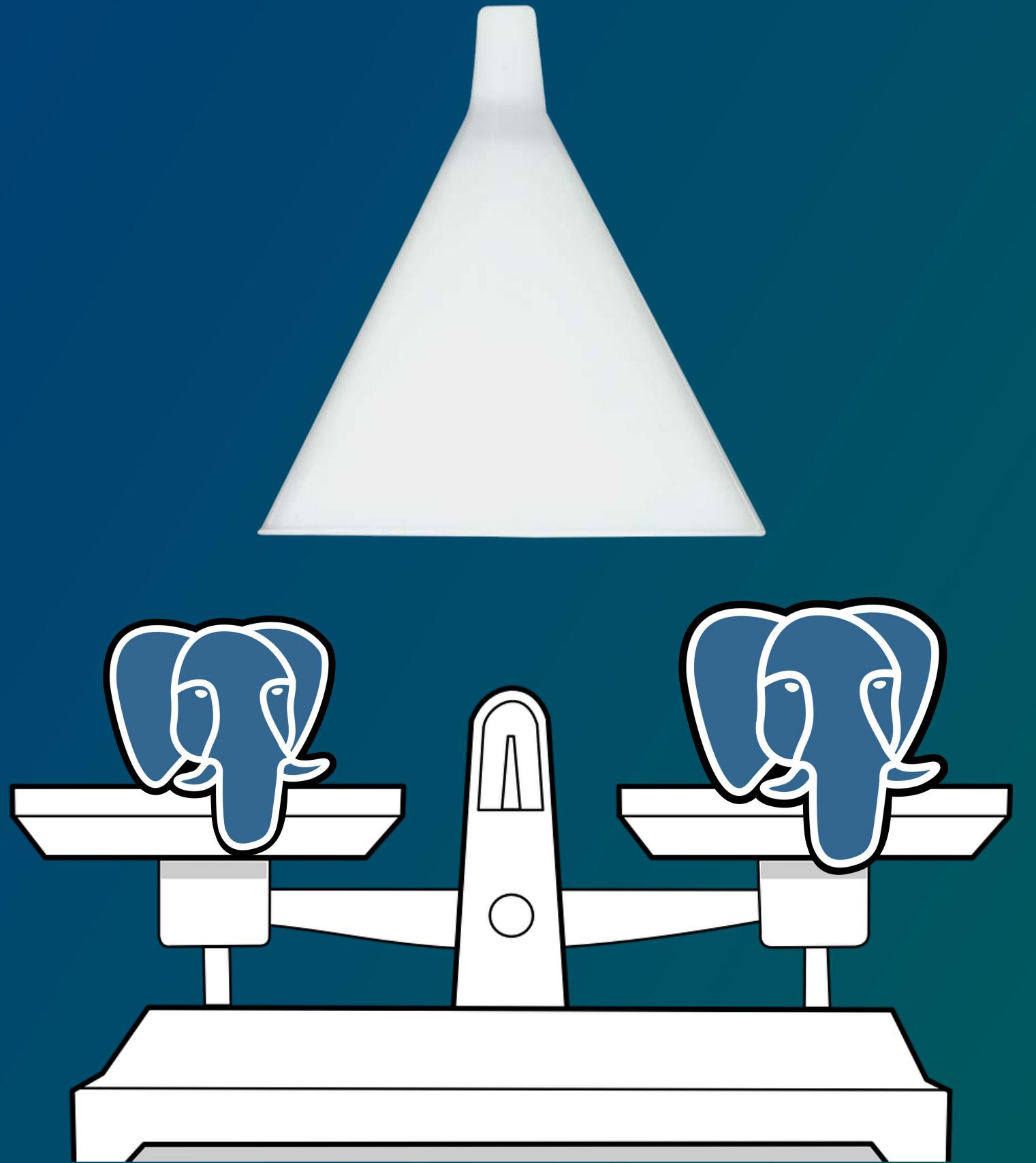


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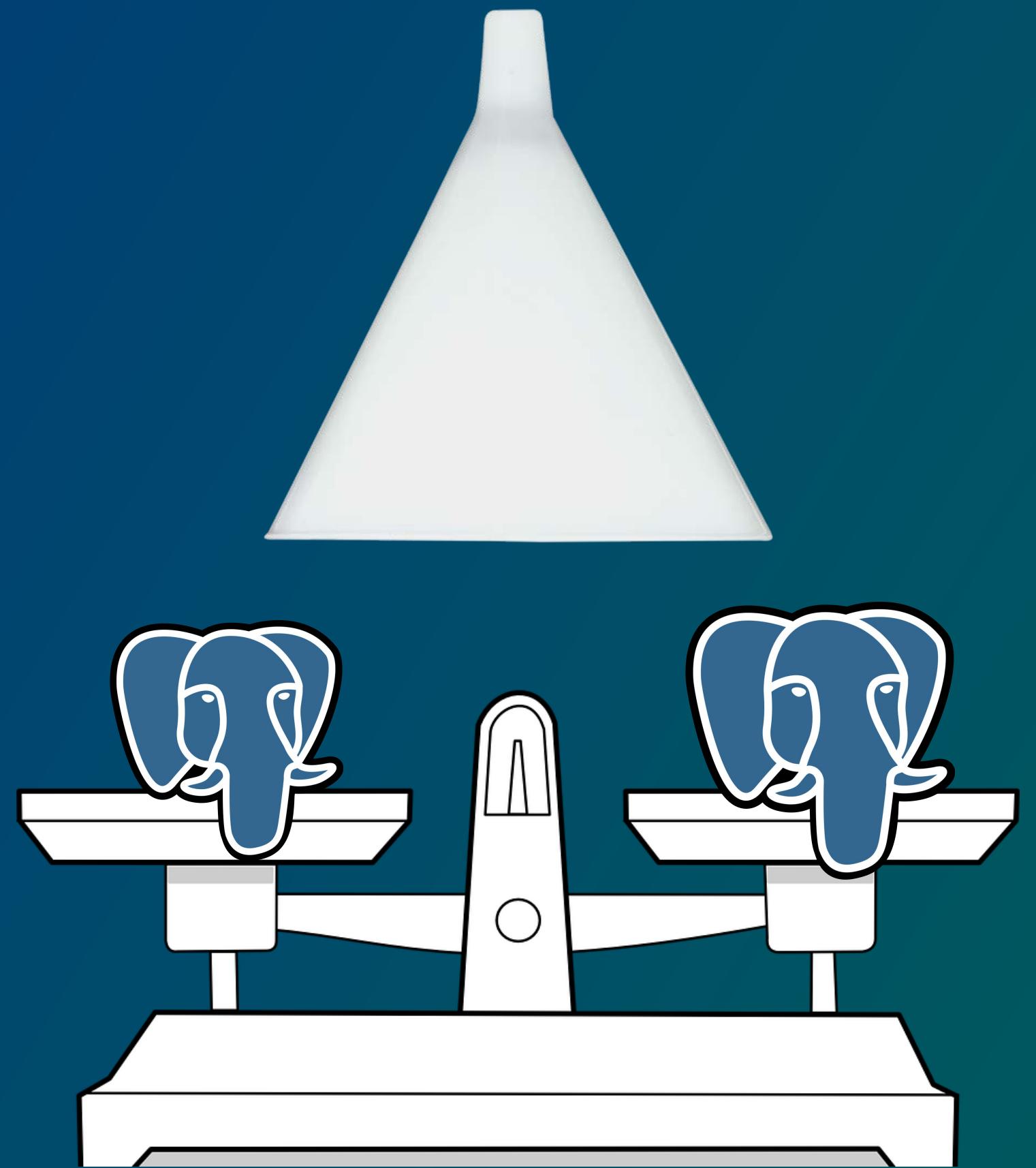
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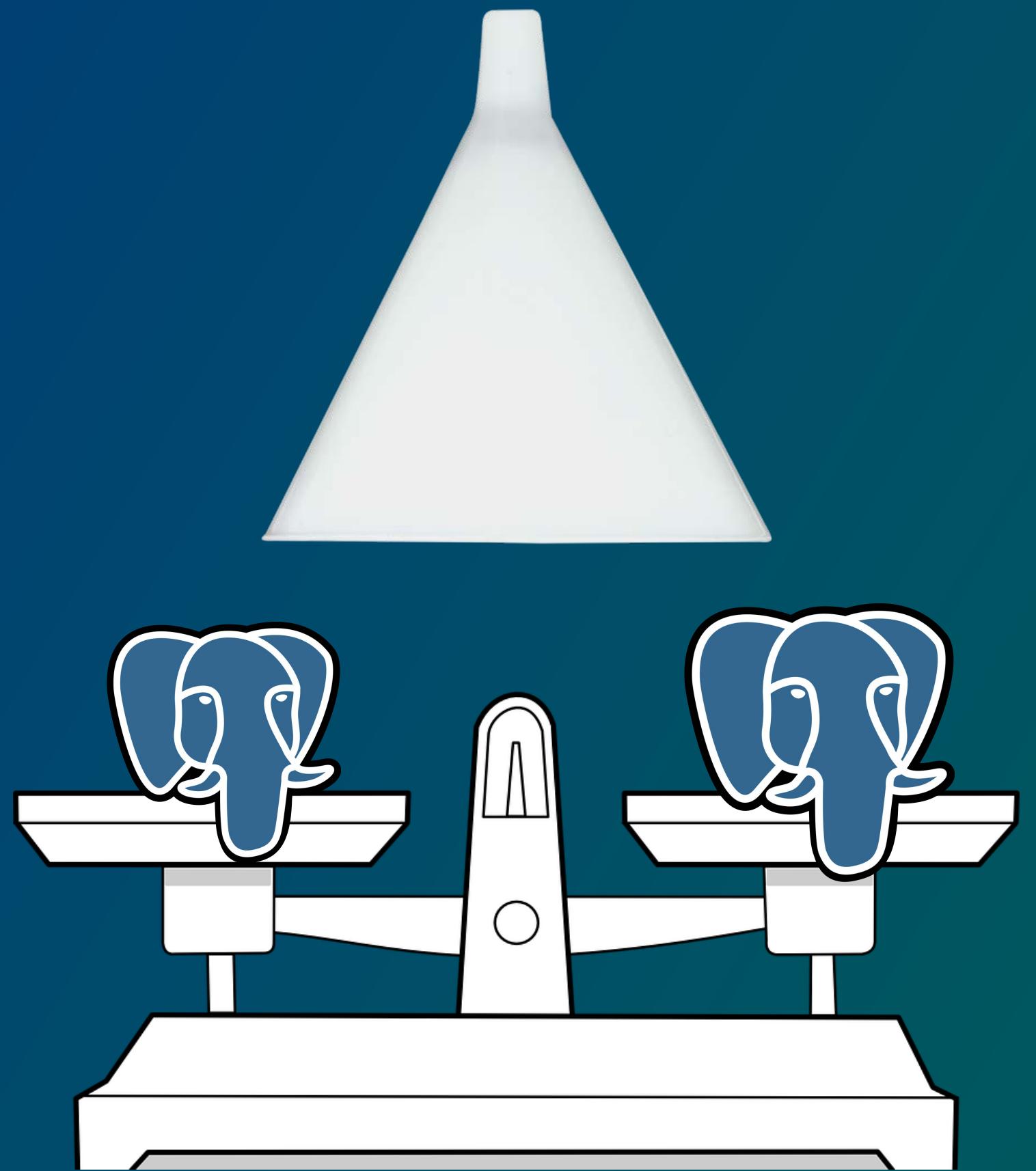


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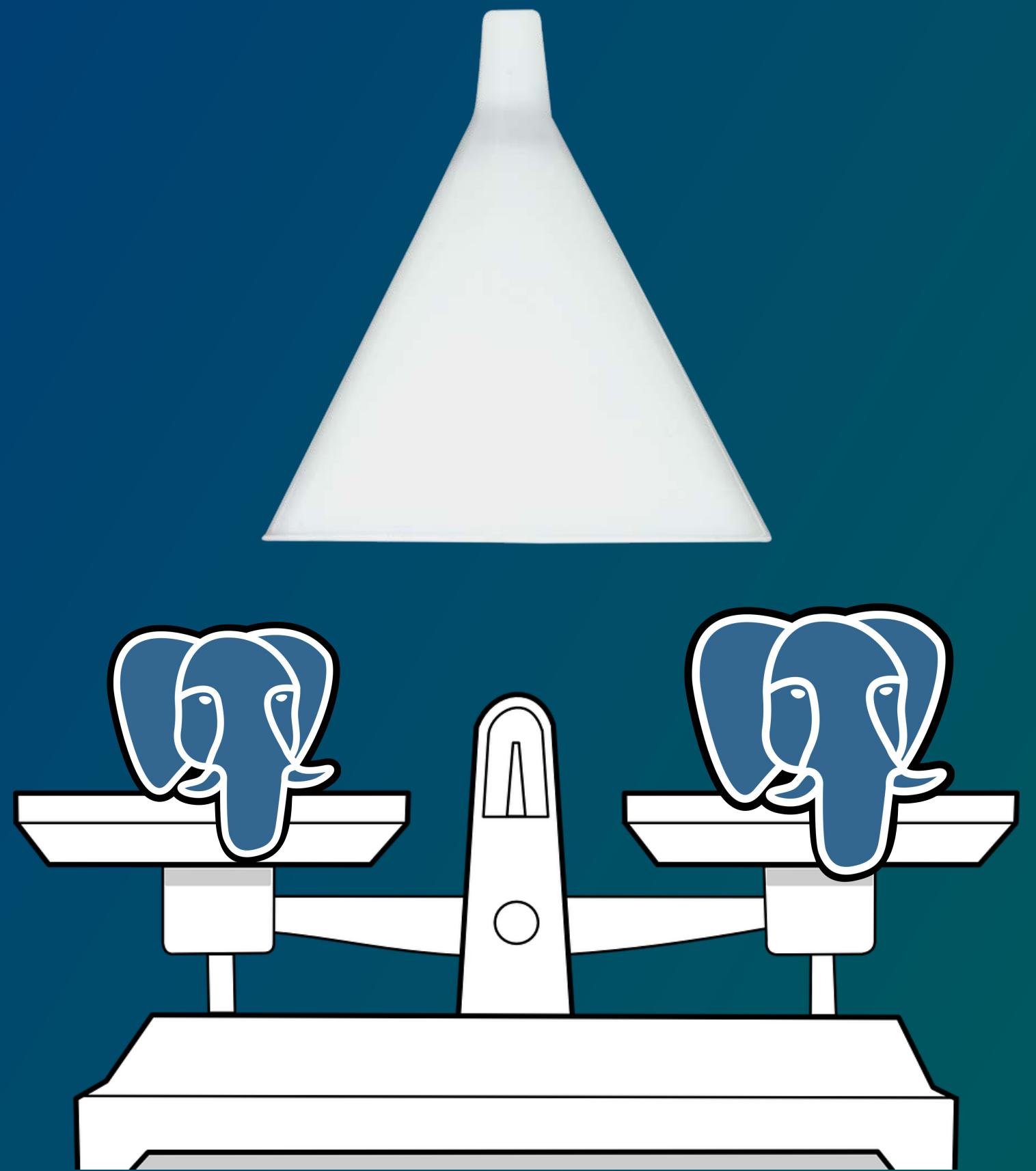
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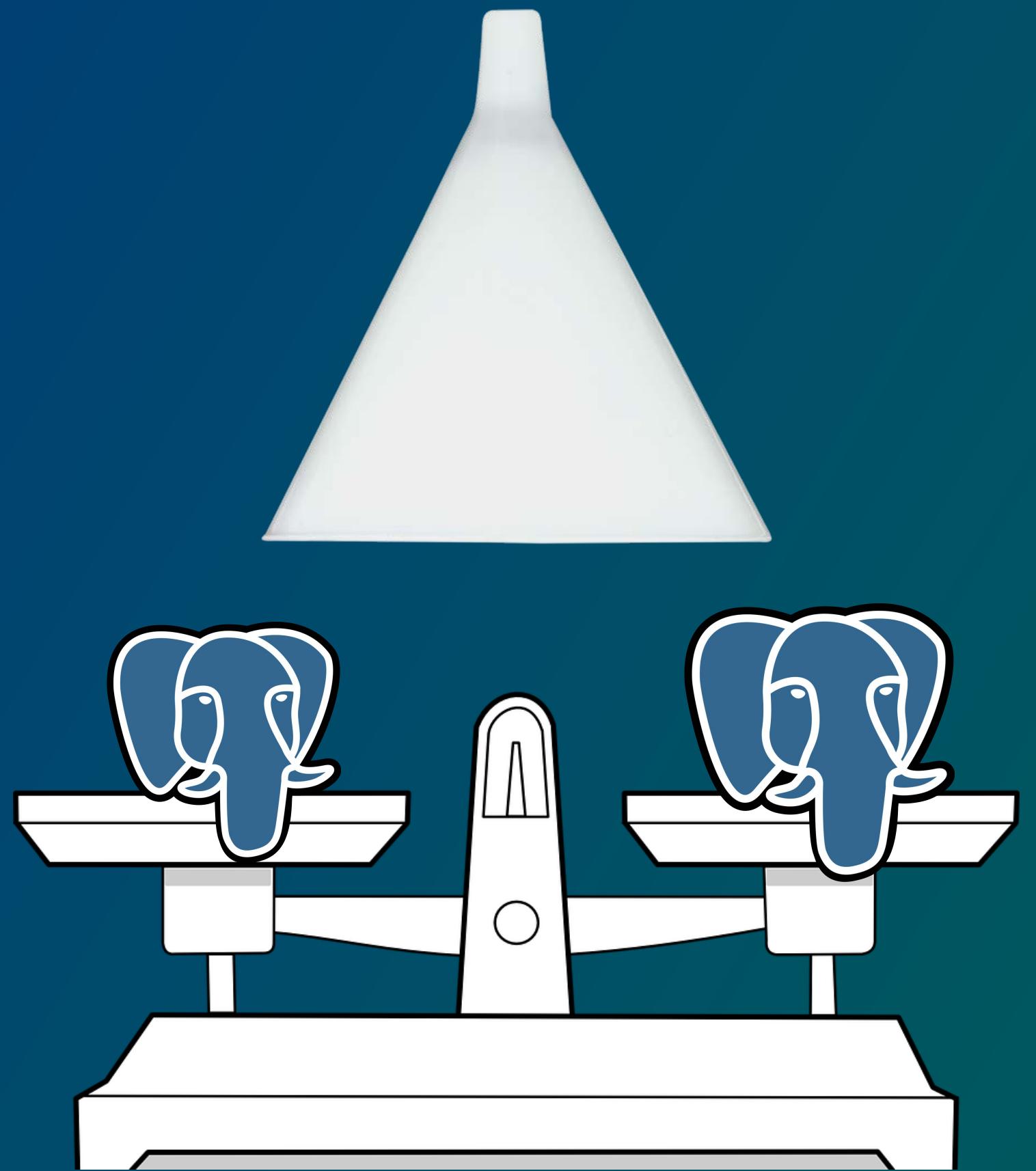


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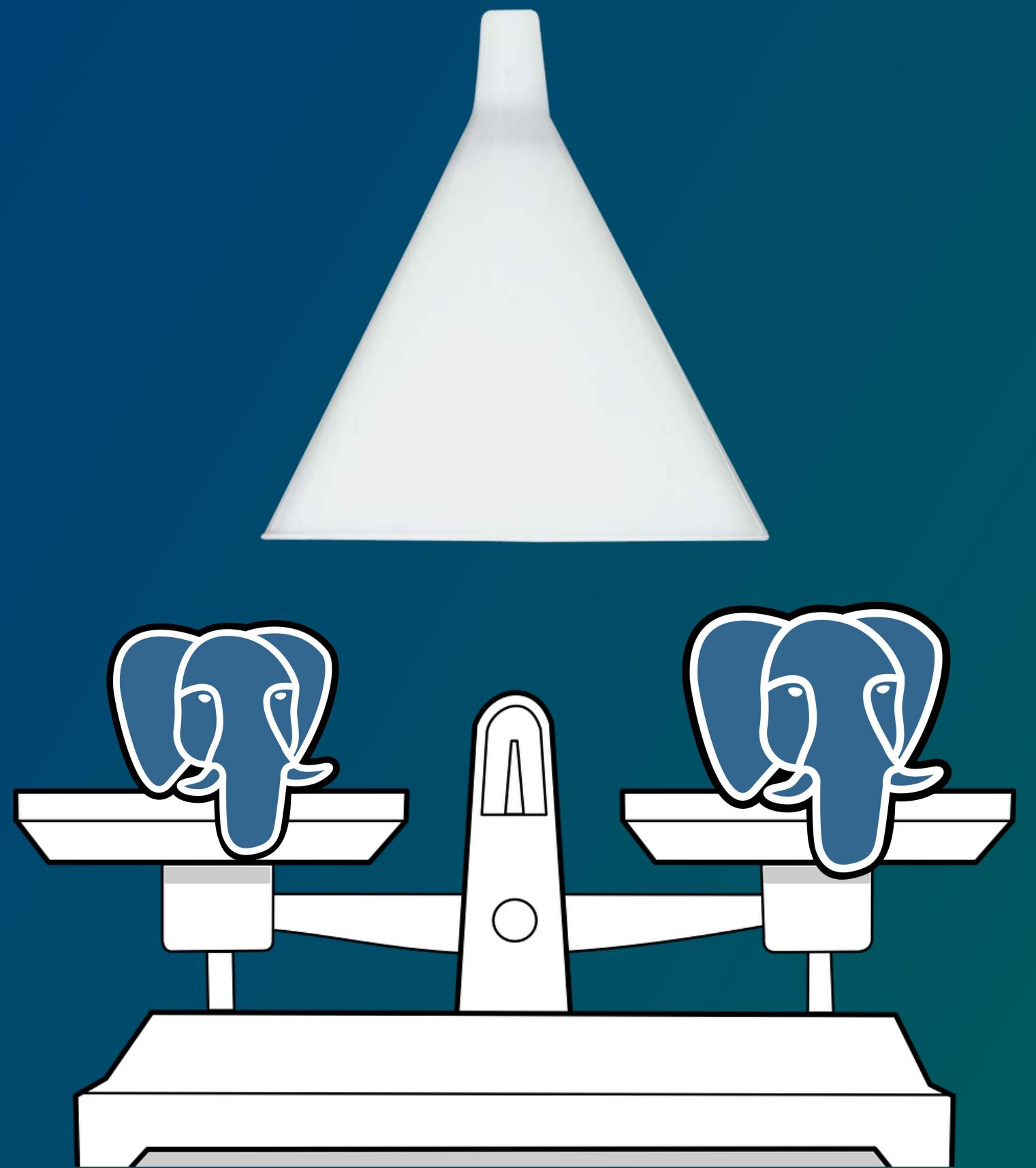
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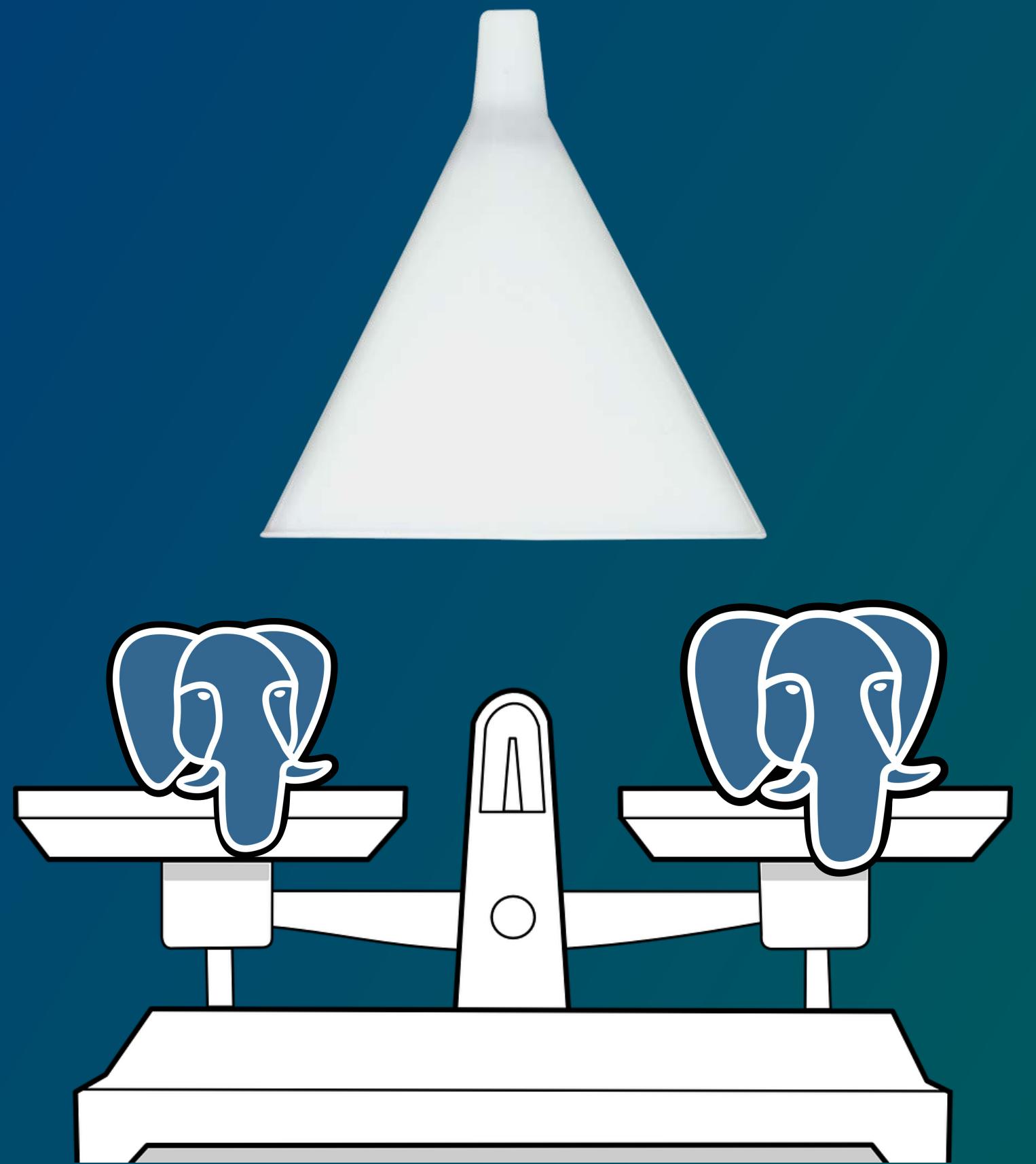
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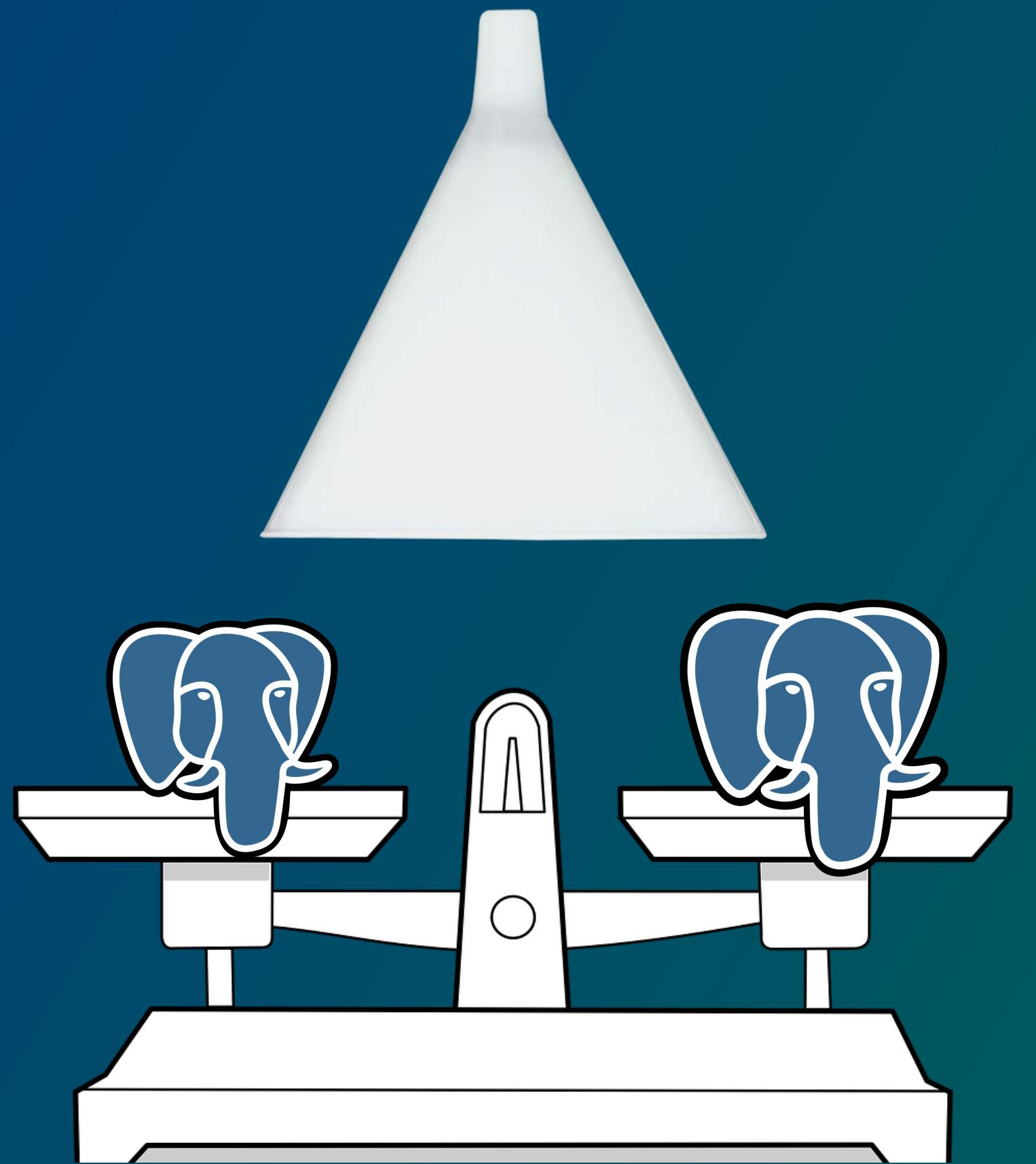
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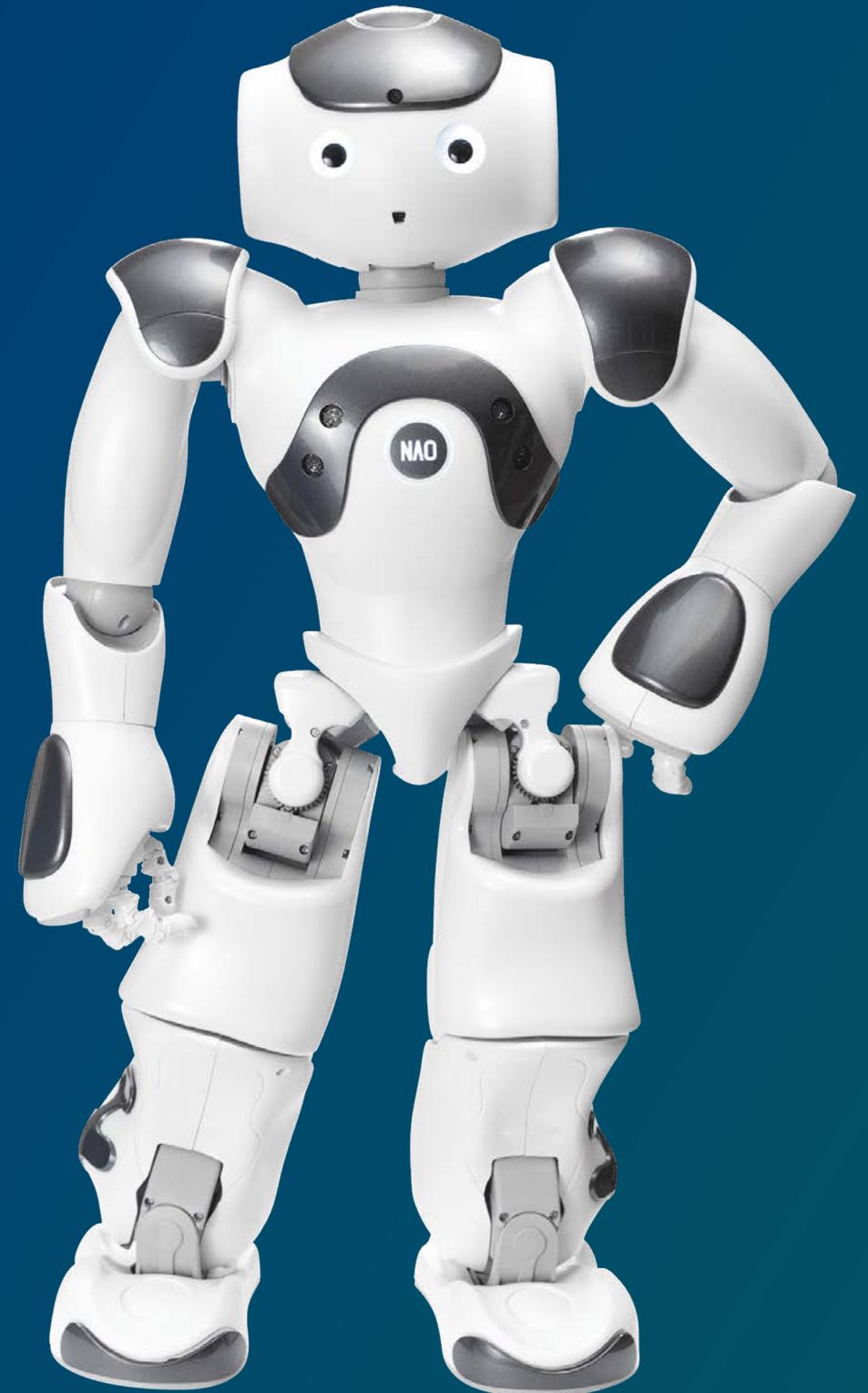
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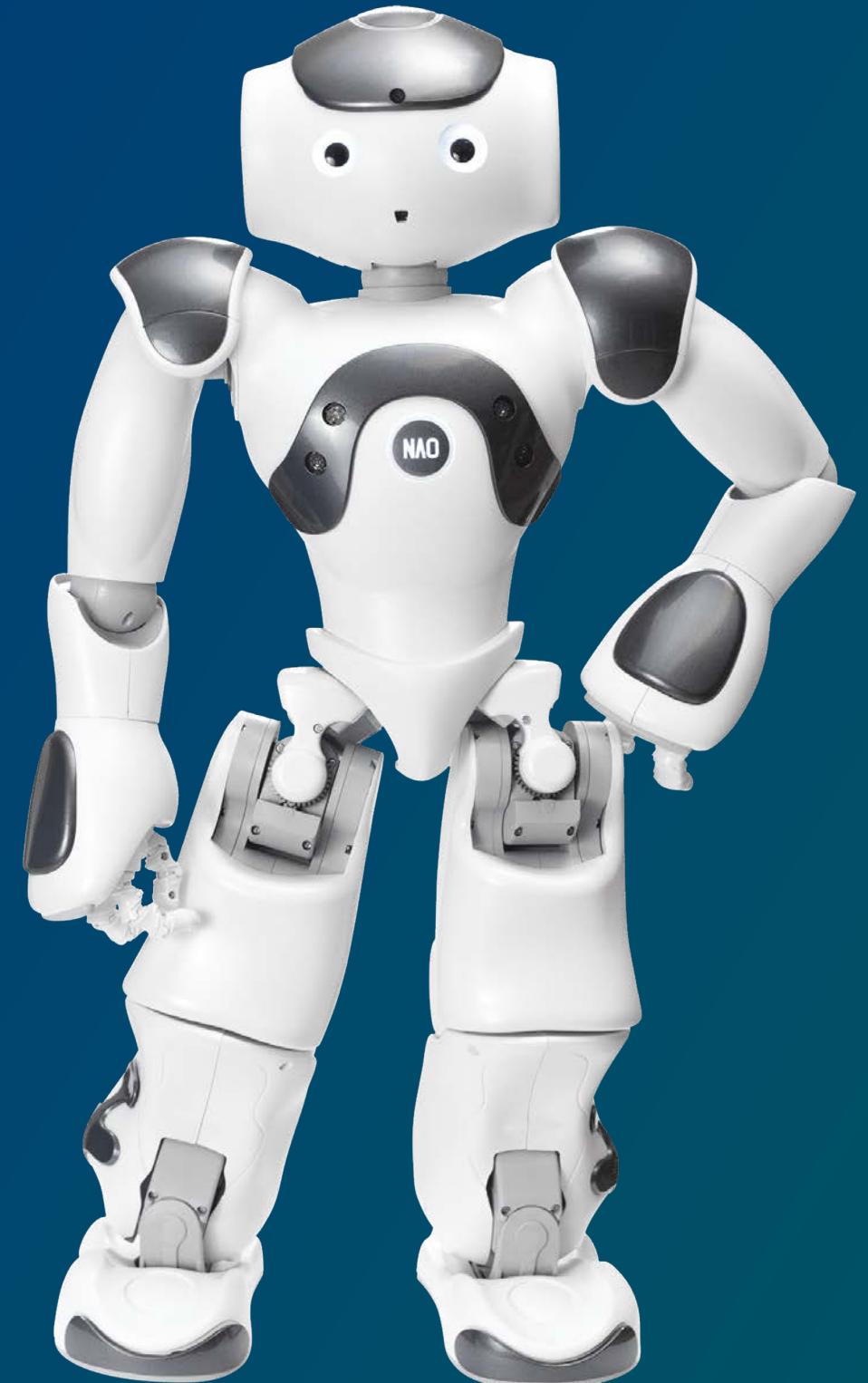


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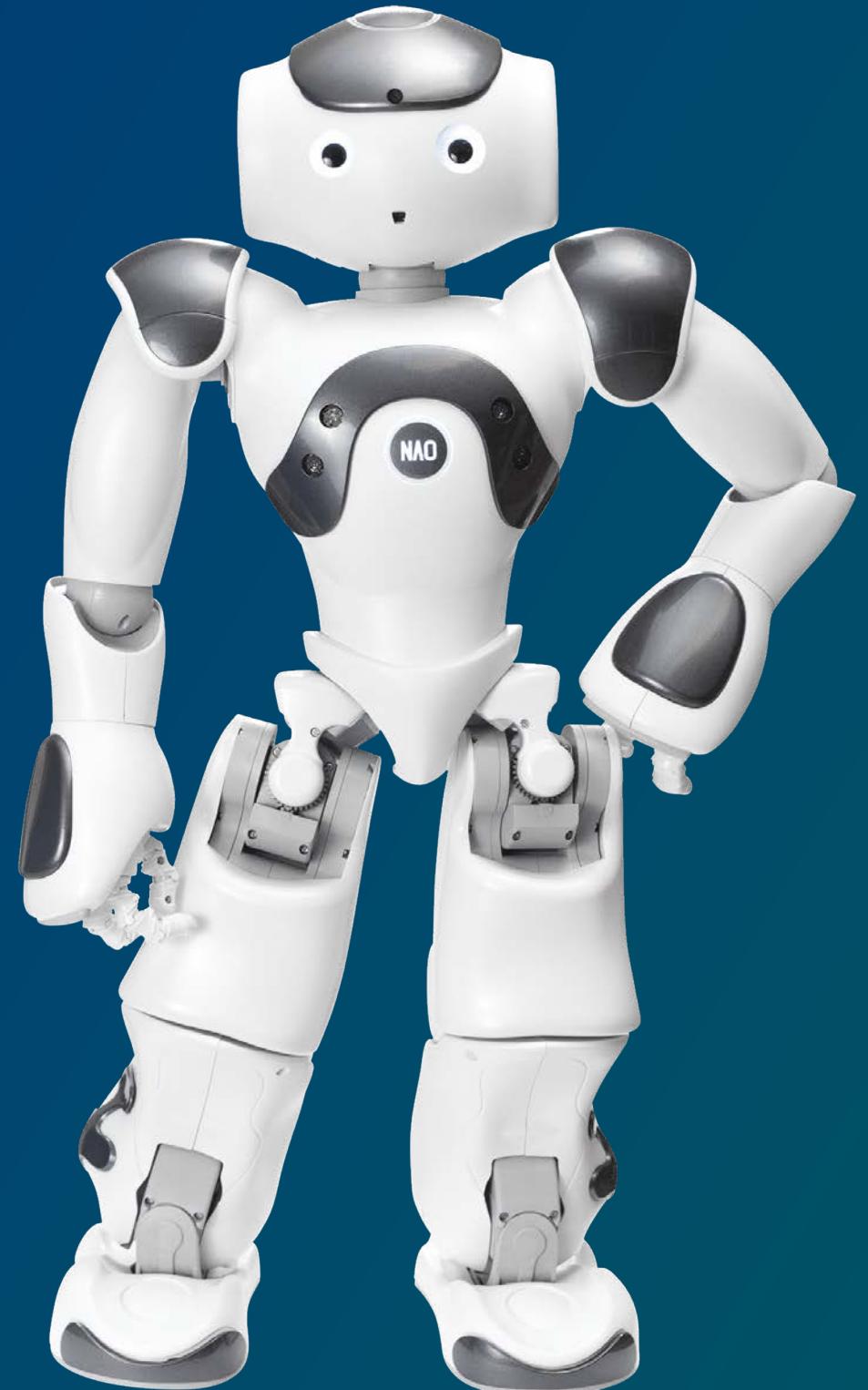
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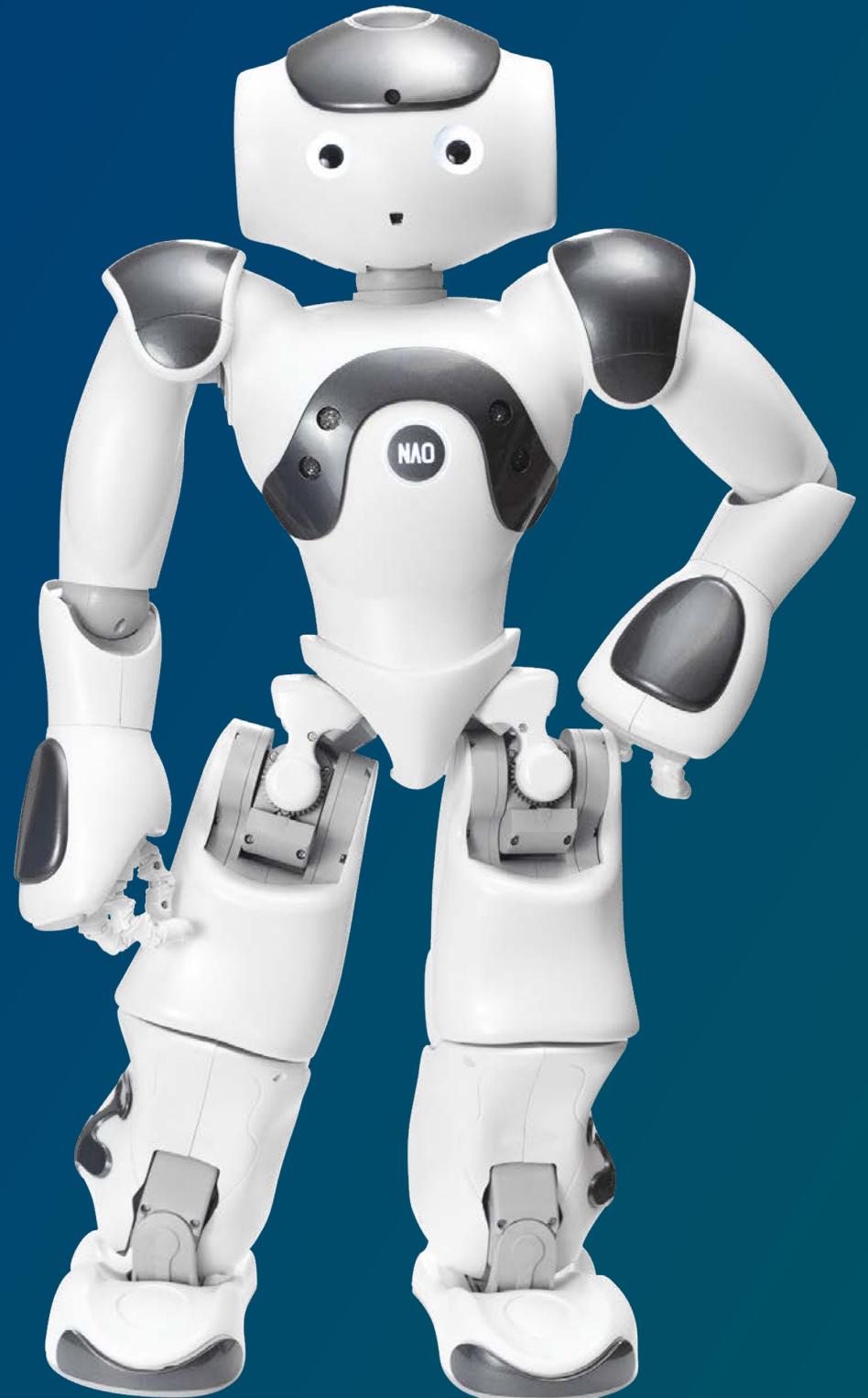


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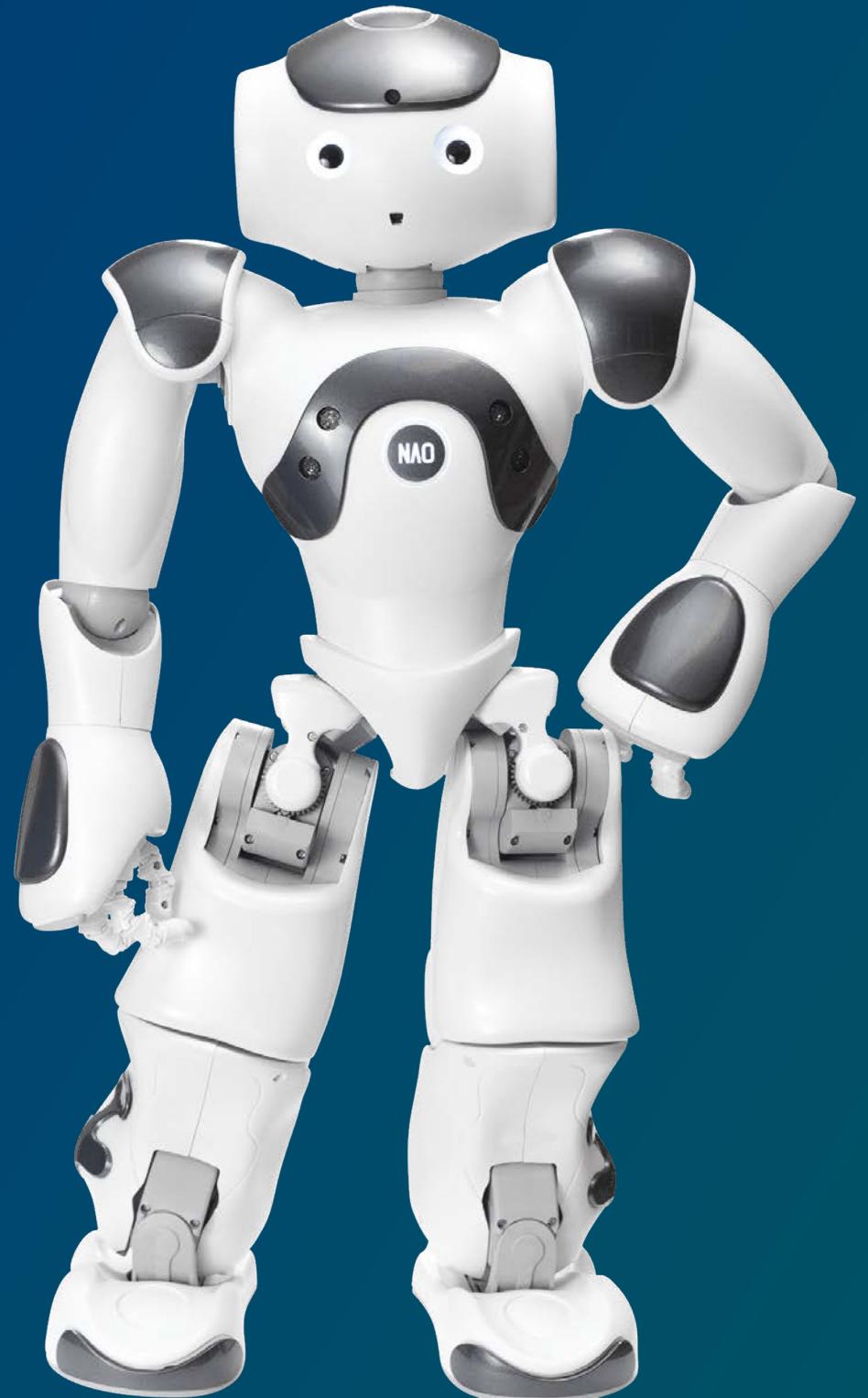
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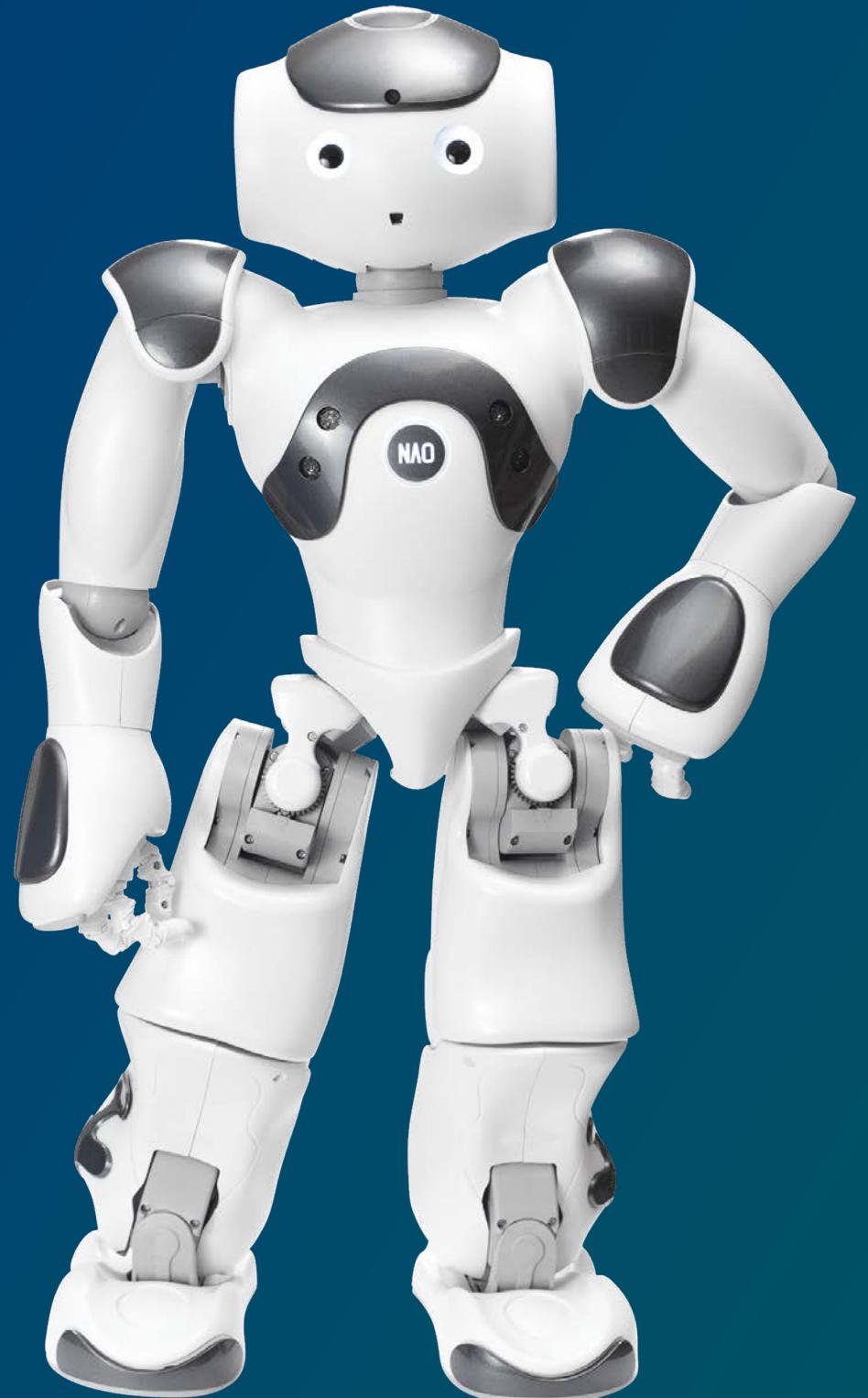


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Streaming replication	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Automatic Failover	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Continuous Archiving	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Restore from WAL archive	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supports PITR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Uses default PG images	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
CLI access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
WebUI	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Tolerations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Node affinity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



<https://www.simplyblock.io/post/choosing-a-postgres-kubernetes-operator>

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Soham Dasgupta @thesobercoder · Feb 10, 2023

@kelseyhightower Bust a myth for us please - running any sort of database on a Kubernetes instance is bad idea. I've heard this enough times to actually start believing it. #kubernetes #mythbuster

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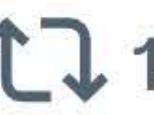
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You can run databases on Kubernetes because it's fundamentally the same as running a database on a VM. The biggest challenge is understanding that rubbing Kubernetes on Postgres won't turn it into Cloud SQL. 

 **Soham Dasgupta**  @thesobercoder · Feb 10, 2023

@kelseyhightower Bust a myth for us please - running any sort of database on a Kubernetes instance is bad idea. I've heard this enough times to actually start believing it. #kubernetes #mythbuster

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Thank you very much!
Questions?

