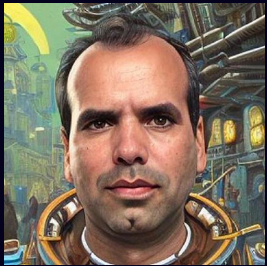


# Control Planes on Kubernetes and Policy Validation



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# Amazon EKS is the most trusted and secure way to run Kubernetes



Amazon EKS



EKS runs vanilla Kubernetes. EKS is upstream and certified conformant version of Kubernetes (with backported security fixes)



EKS supports 5 versions of Kubernetes, giving customers time to test and roll out upgrades.



EKS provides a managed Kubernetes experience for performant, reliable, and secure Kubernetes.



EKS makes Kubernetes operations, administration, and management simple and boring.

AWS is the **best place** to run Kubernetes. **65% of organizations choose AWS** to run their containers.



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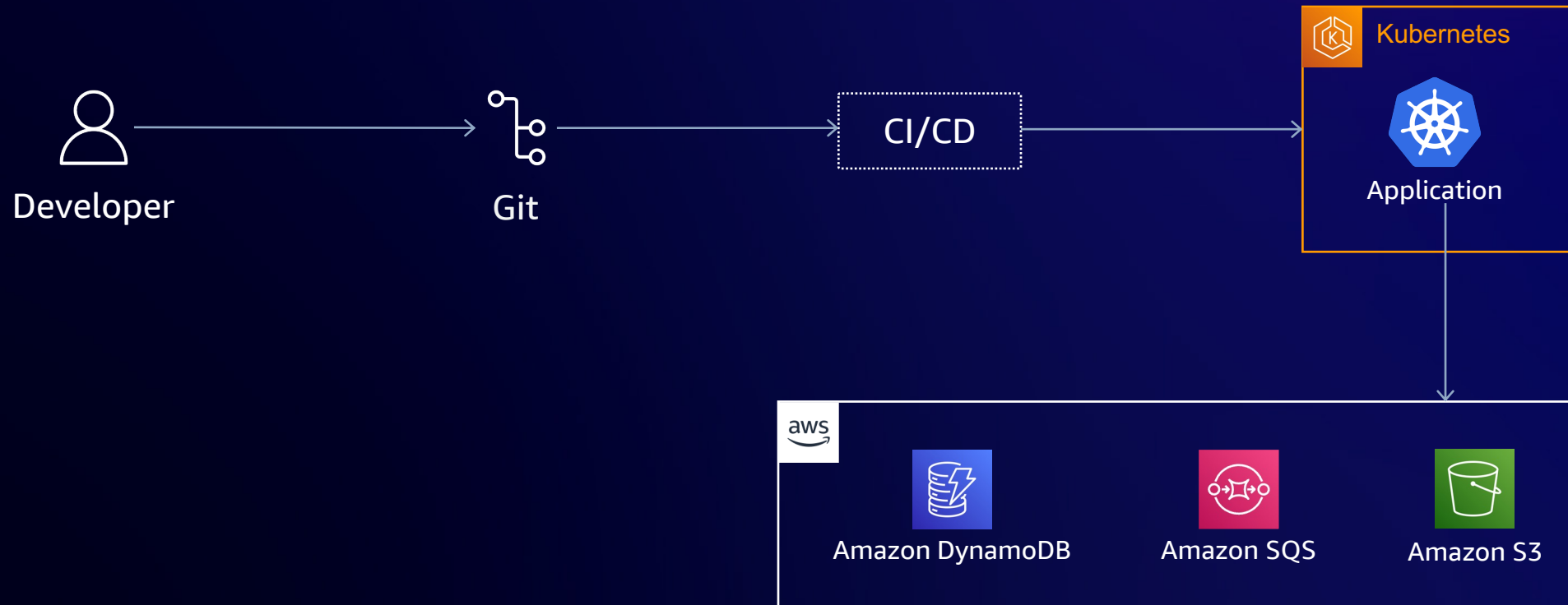


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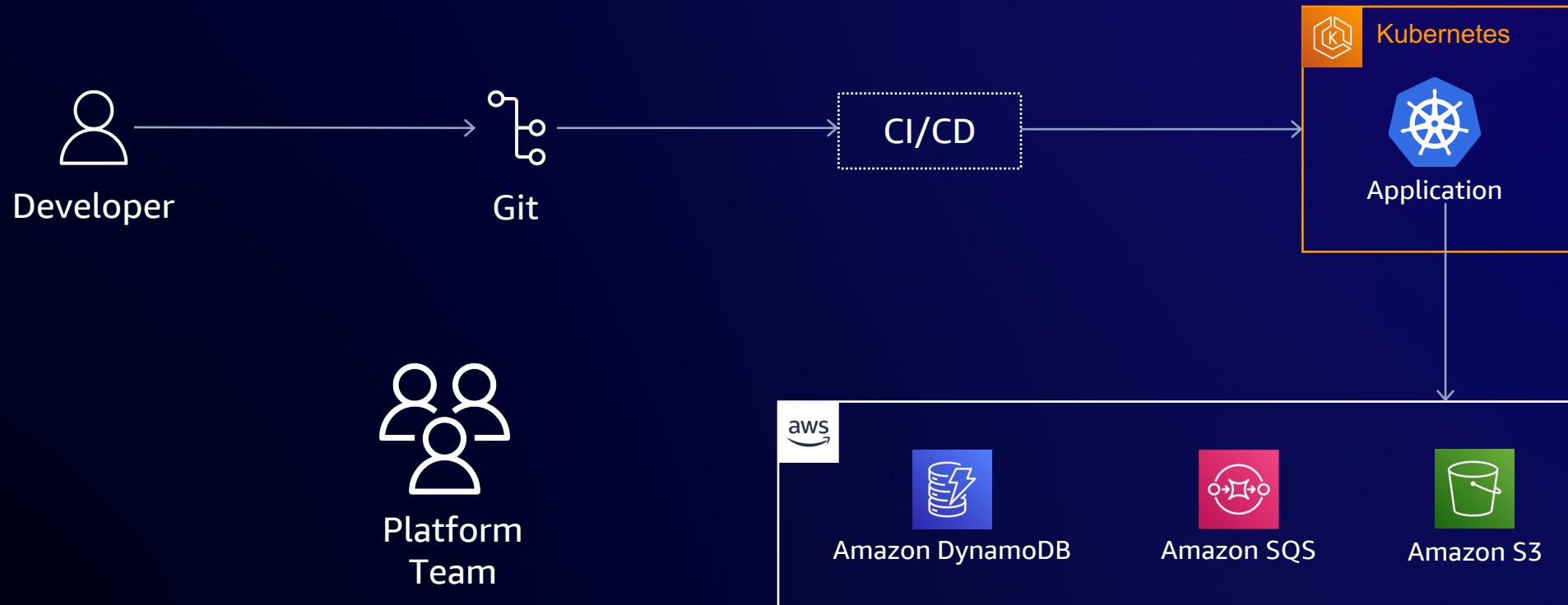
# Deploy Kubernetes Applications



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# Separation of Concerns



## Platform Team

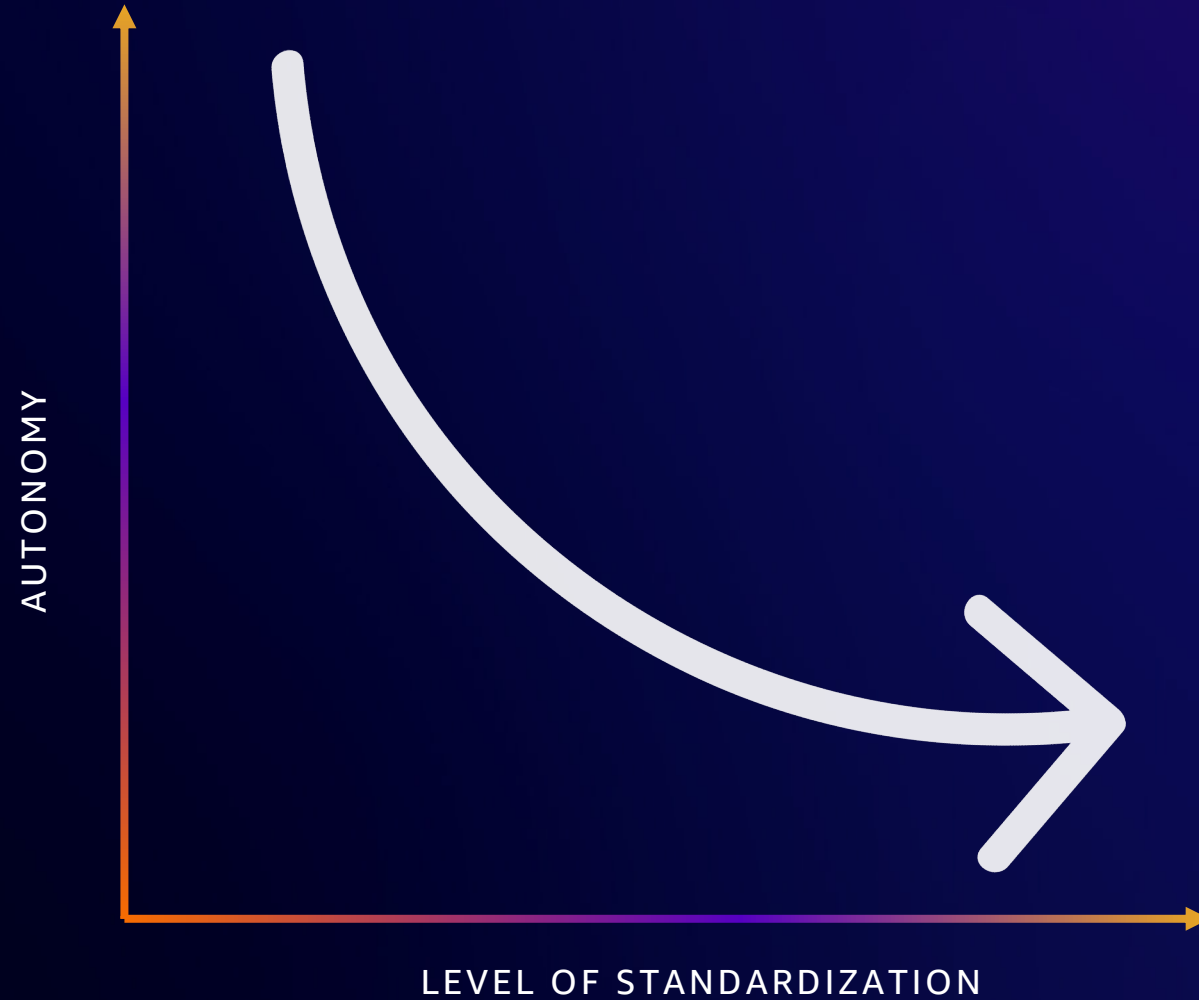
I would like to **standardize** the deployment process for application teams while **enforcing** organizational standards for **cloud**.



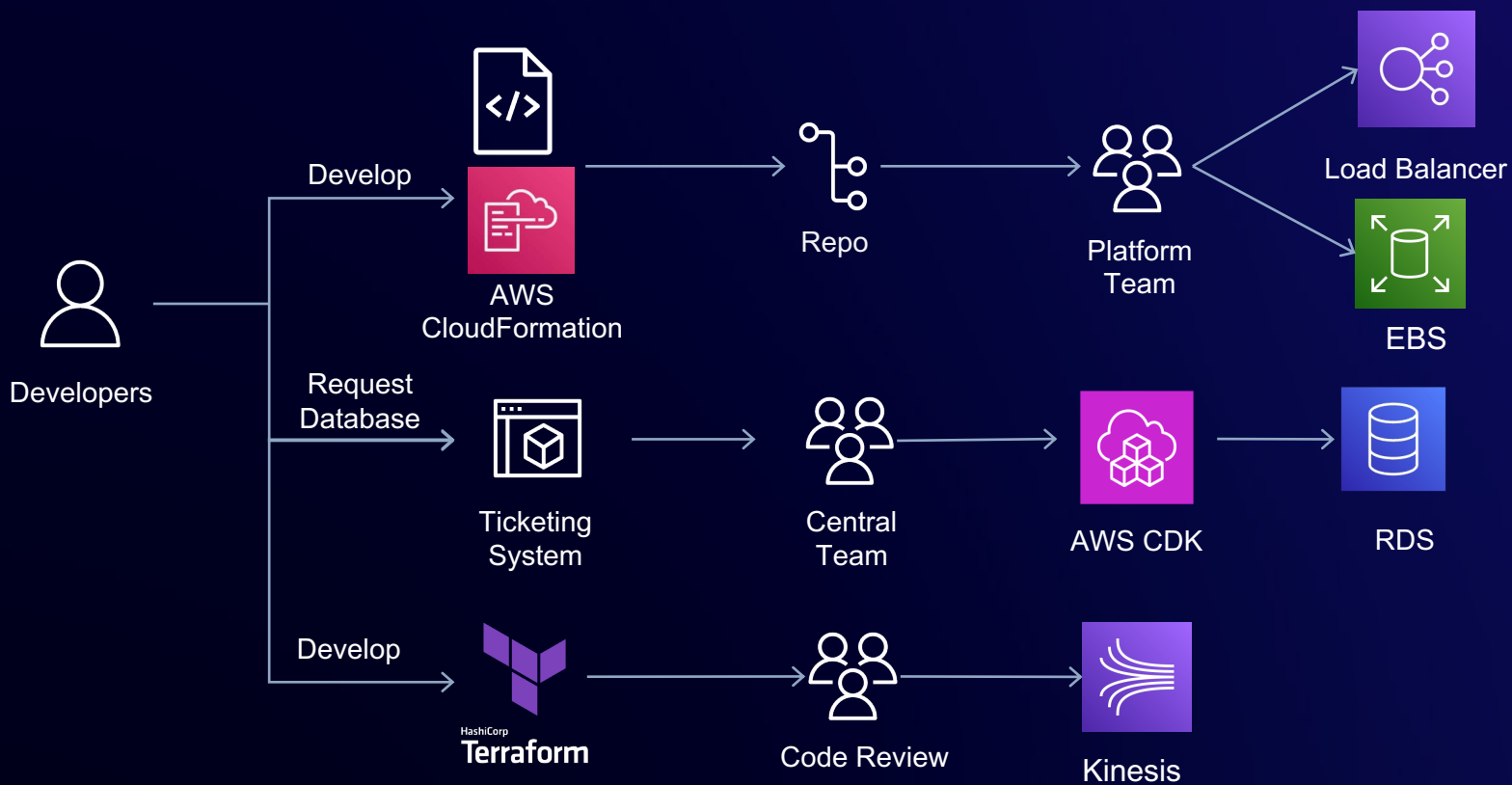
## Application Teams

I would like to have **full autonomy** of **applications** and its **cloud dependencies** deployment lifecycle.

# Autonomy vs Standardization



# Disjointed Workflows Adds Developer Overhead



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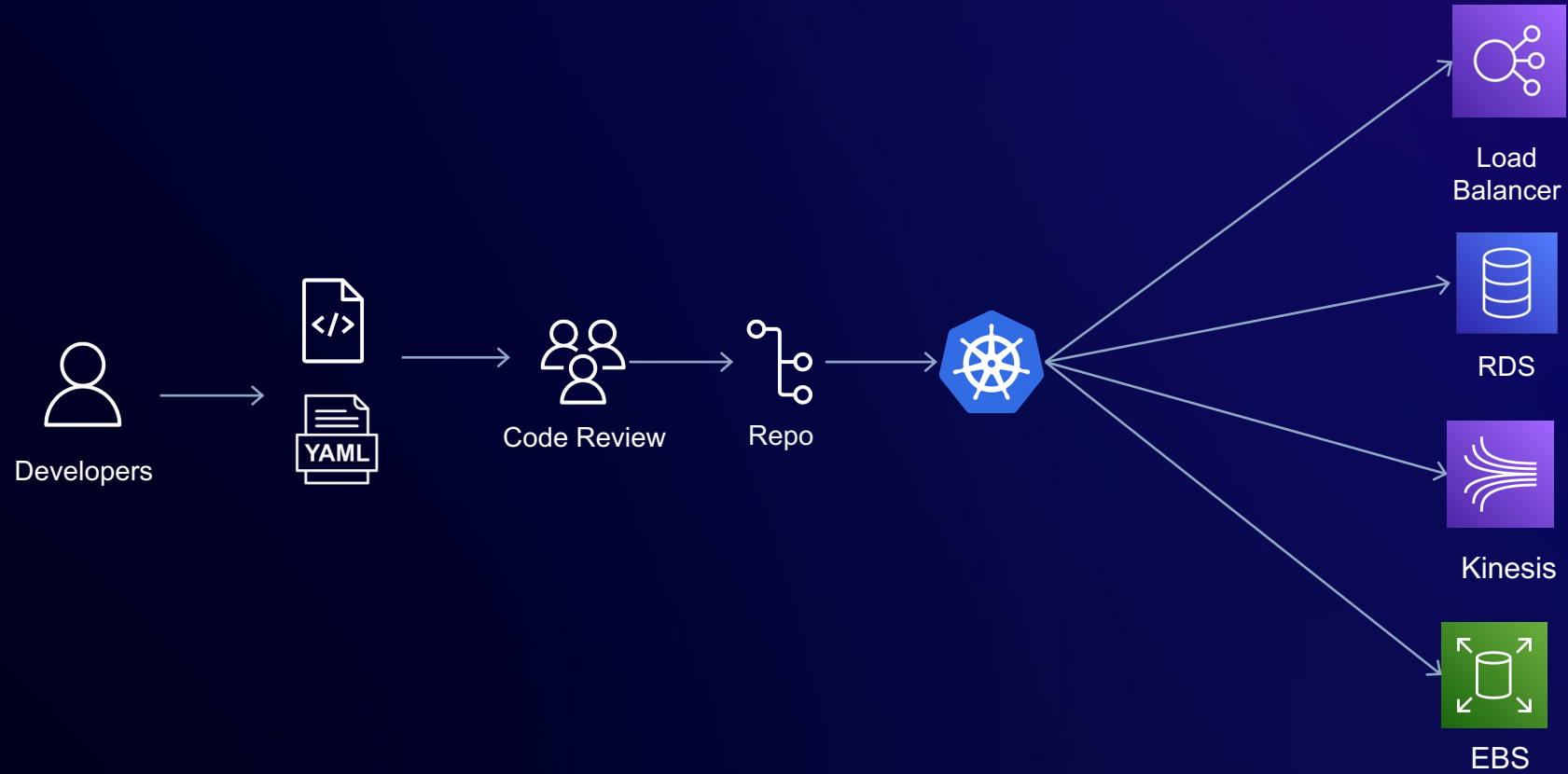
How do you debug and remediate issues?

How do you pass secrets from one pipeline passed to the other?

How do you tear-down *all* unused resources?



# Kubernetes to Deploy Cloud Services



**BUT WHY?**

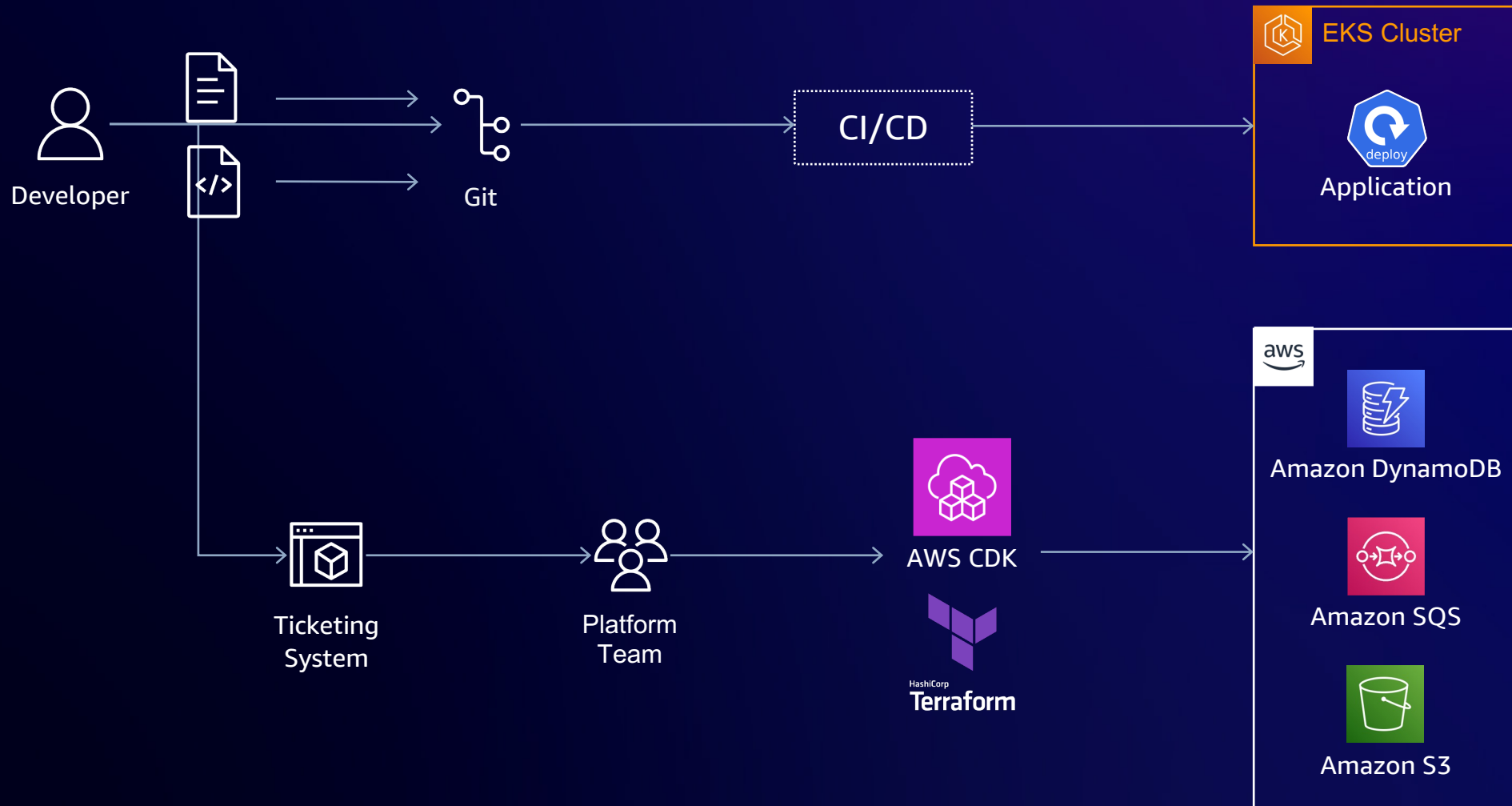


**Leverage existing workflows** for deploying into Kubernetes without maintaining several pipelines

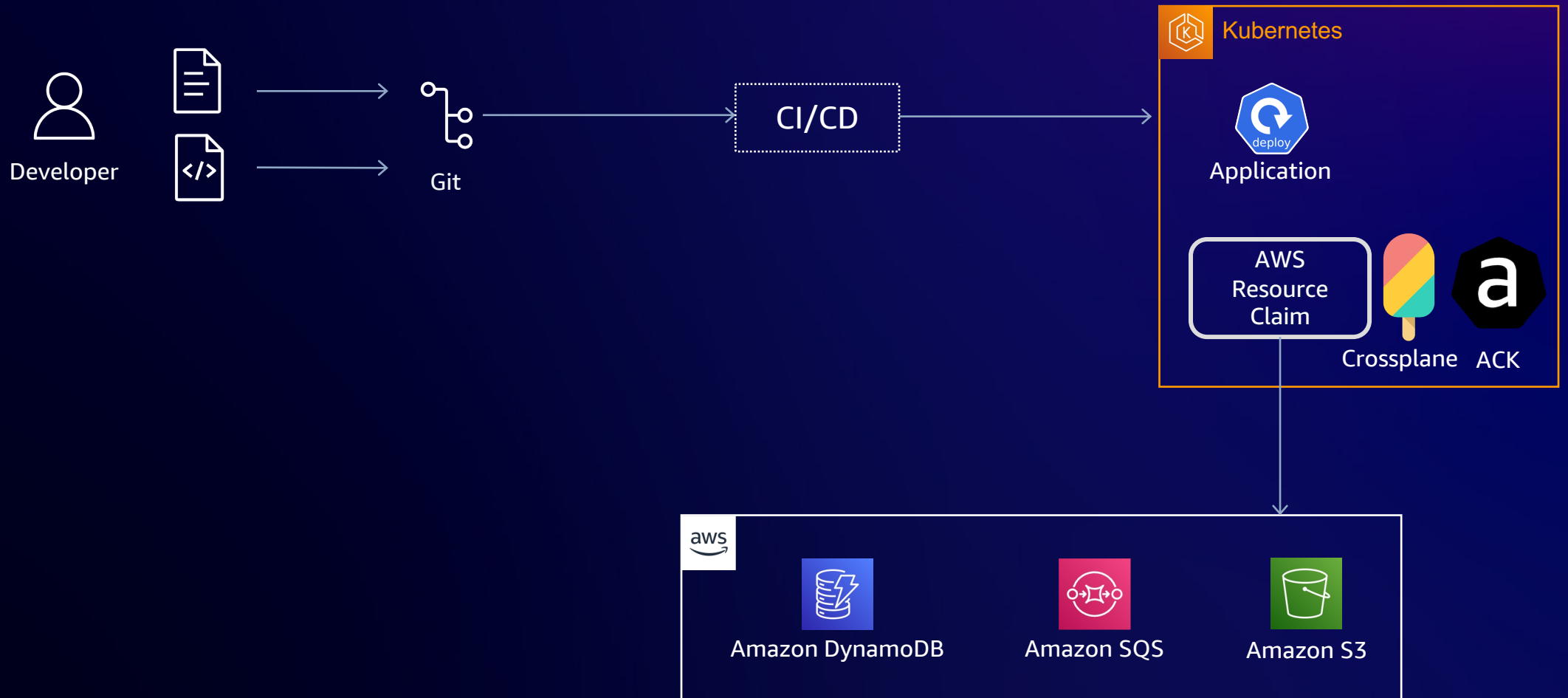
**Centralized cost, security, and auditing** for any cloud resource with OPA or Kyverno, utilize existing RBAC and IRSA

**Self healing using GitOps** for all cloud resources (containers, databases, queues, and streams)

# Kubernetes Infrastructure Controller



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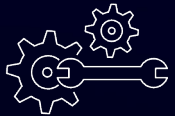
# Infrastructure controllers



Manage cloud services using Kubernetes API



A single API for Kubernetes and cloud services



Create your own platform API



Declarative infrastructure configuration

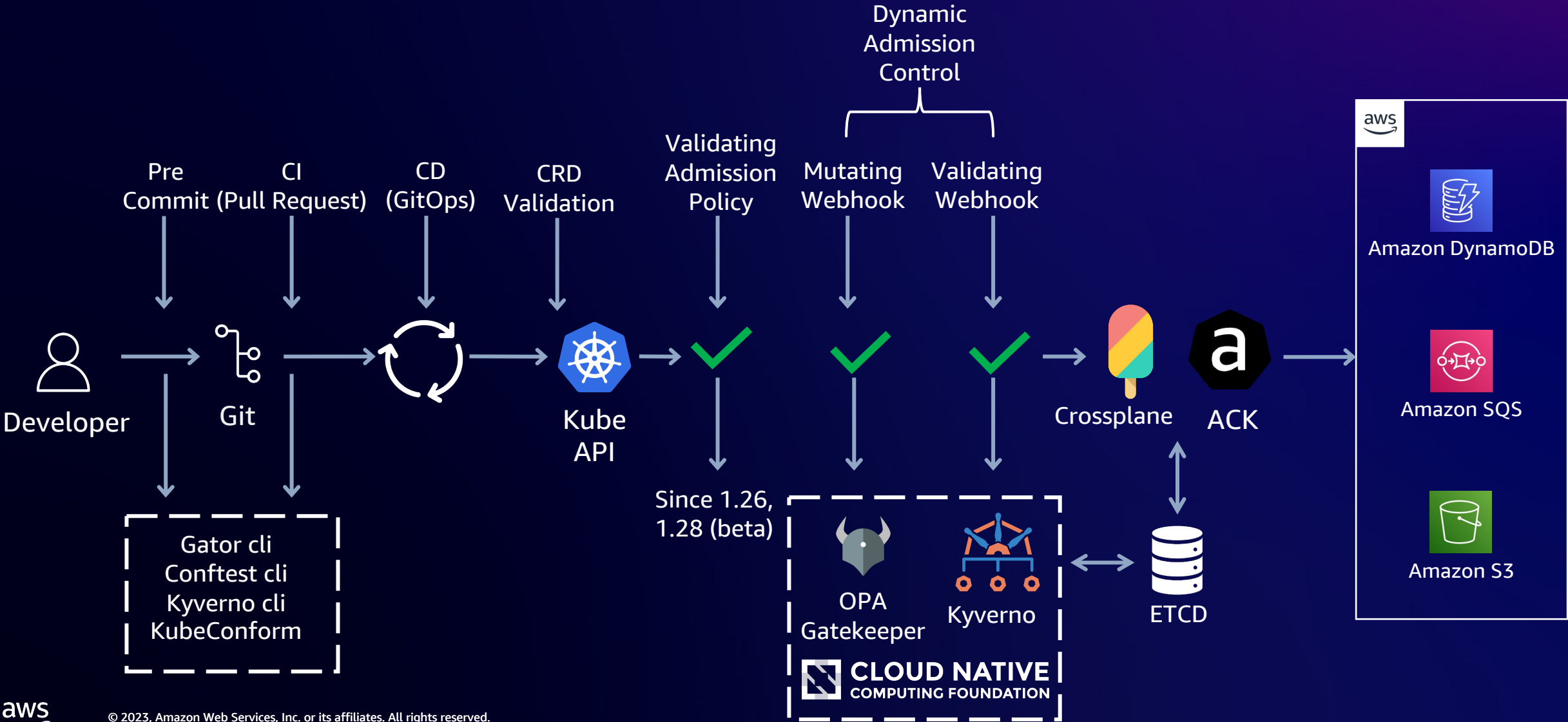


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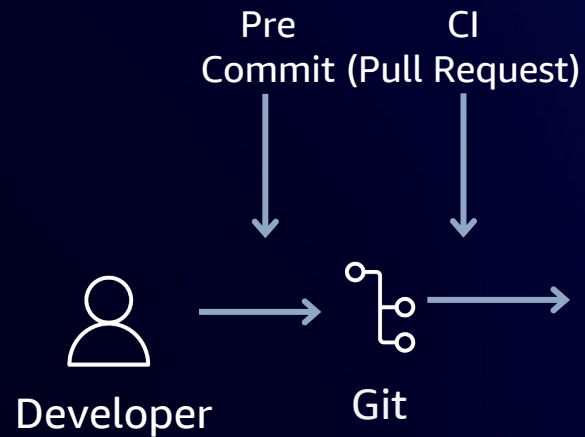
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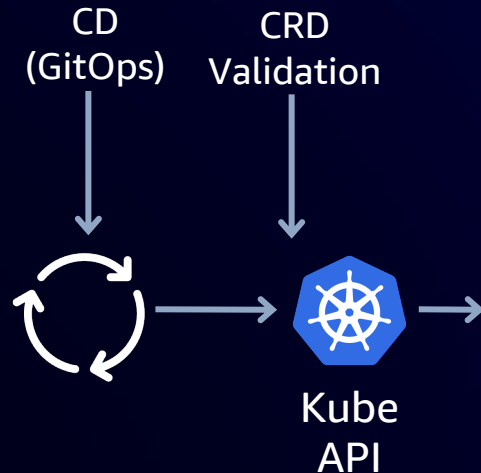
# Local Testing

- Rego
  - opa
  - gator
  - conftest
- Kyverno
- Kubeconform



# Kubernetes CRD

- CRD Validation Expression
- Common Expression Language (CEL)
- 1.25 Beta
- 1.29 GA (~12/23)      KEP 2876



```
1  ...
2  openAPIV3Schema:
3    type: object
4    properties:
5      spec:
6        type: object
7        x-kubernetes-validations:
8          - rule: "self.minReplicas <= self.replicas"
9            message: "replicas should be greater than or equal to minReplicas."
10         - rule: "self.replicas <= self.maxReplicas"
11           message: "replicas should be smaller than or equal to maxReplicas."
12       properties:
13
14         minReplicas:
15           type: integer
16         replicas:
17           type: integer
18         maxReplicas:
19           type: integer
20       required:
21         - minReplicas
22         - replicas
23         - maxReplicas
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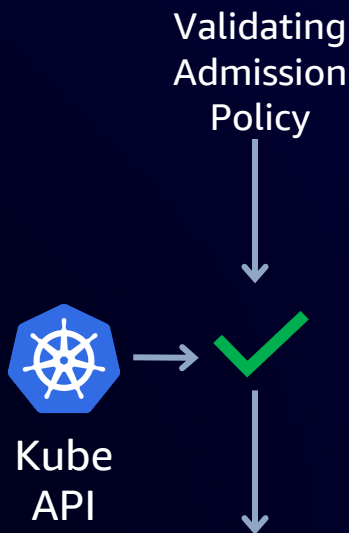


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# Validating Admission

- Validating Admission Policy
- Common Expression Language (CEL)
- 1.26 Beta
- 1.29 GA (~12/23)      KEP 3488



```
5  apiVersion: admissionregistration.k8s.io/v1beta1
6  kind: ValidatingAdmissionPolicy
7  metadata:
8    name: "image-matches-namespace-environment.policy.example.com"
9  spec:
10   failurePolicy: Fail
11   matchConstraints:
12     resourceRules:
13       - apiGroups: ["apps"]
14         apiVersions: ["v1"]
15         operations: ["CREATE", "UPDATE"]
16         resources: ["deployments"]
17   variables:
18     - name: environment
19       expression: "'environment' in namespaceObject.metadata.labels ? namespaceObject.metadata.labels['environment'] : 'prod'"
20     - name: exempt
21       expression: "'exempt' in object.metadata.labels && object.metadata.labels['exempt'] == 'true'"
22     - name: containers
23       expression: "object.spec.template.spec.containers"
24     - name: containersToCheck
25       expression: "variables.containers.filter(c, c.image.contains('example.com/'))"
26   validations:
27     - expression: "variables.exempt || variables.containersToCheck.all(c, c.image.startsWith(variables.environment + '.'))"
28   messageExpression: "'only ' + variables.environment + ' images are allowed in namespace ' + namespaceObject.metadata.name'"

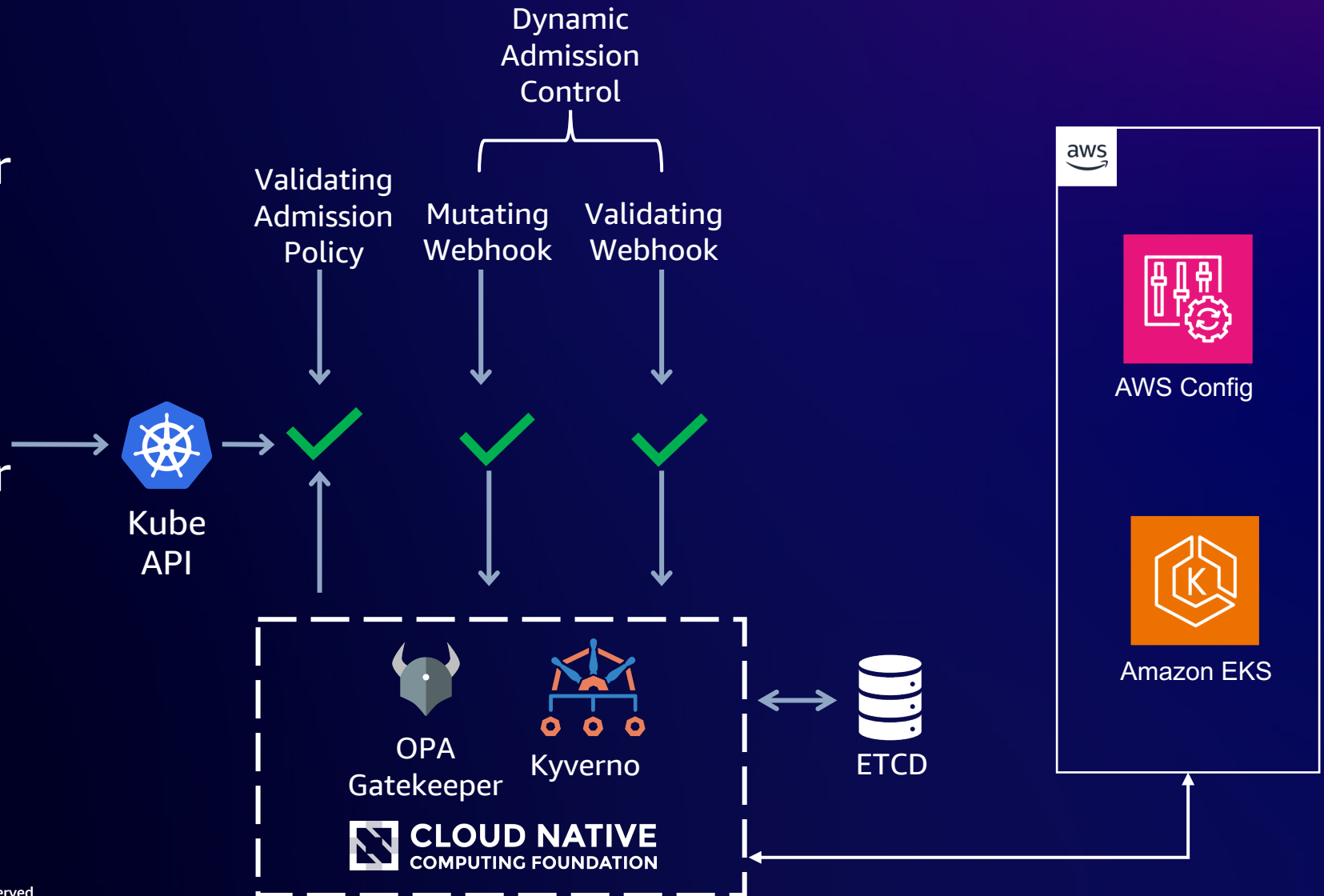
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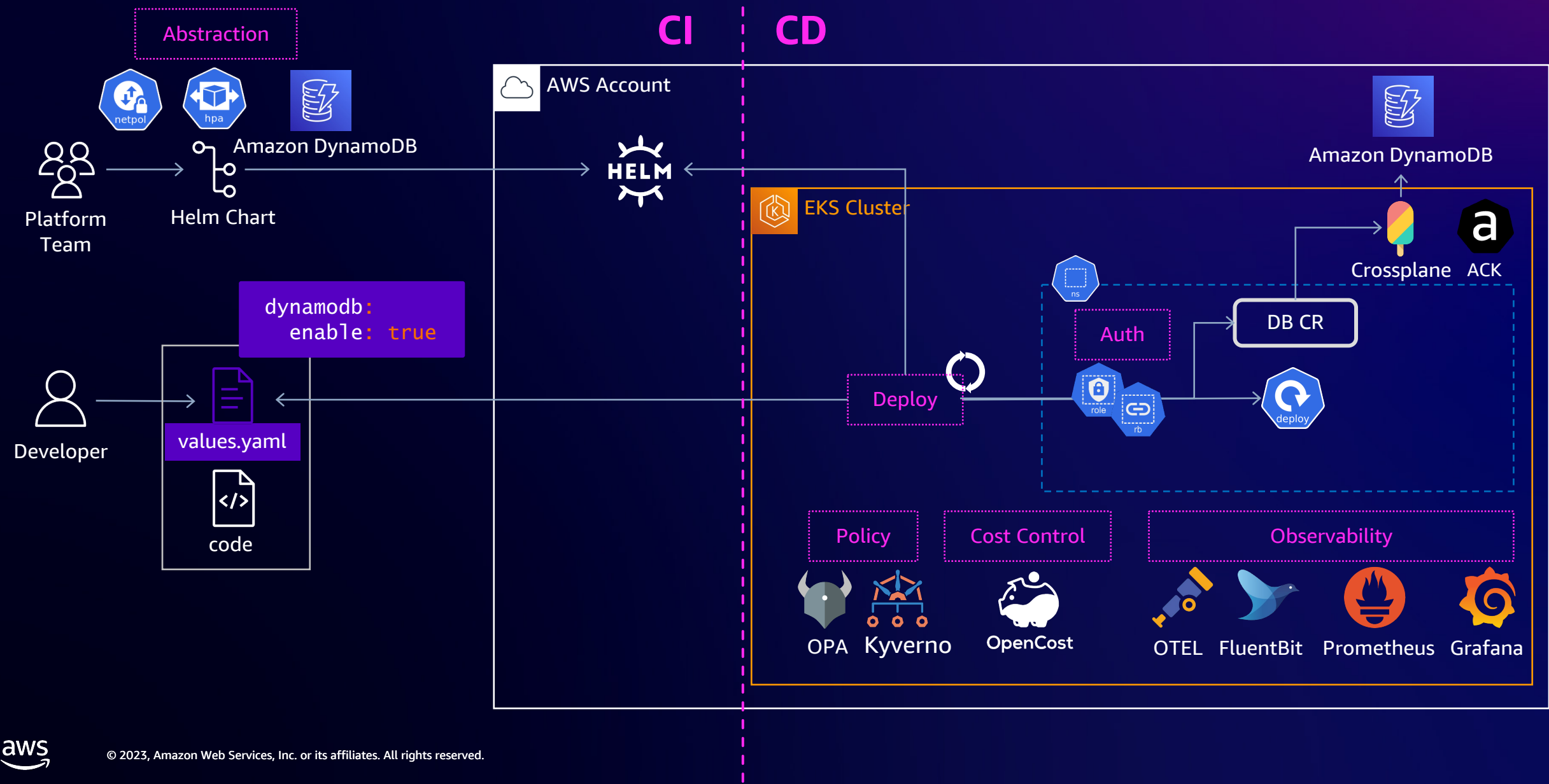
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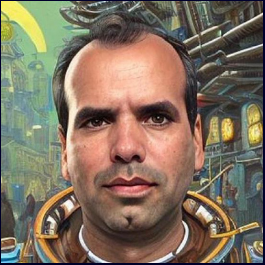
- OPA/Gatekeeper
  - Webhooks, Controller
  - AWS Config custom rules
- Kyverno
  - Webhooks, Controller
  - Adapter for EKS



# Kubernetes Infrastructure Controller



# Thank You



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GitHub Repo  
Demo and Resources