

**CNCF KUBERNETES
MEETUP**

Kubernetes Secrets and Config Maps

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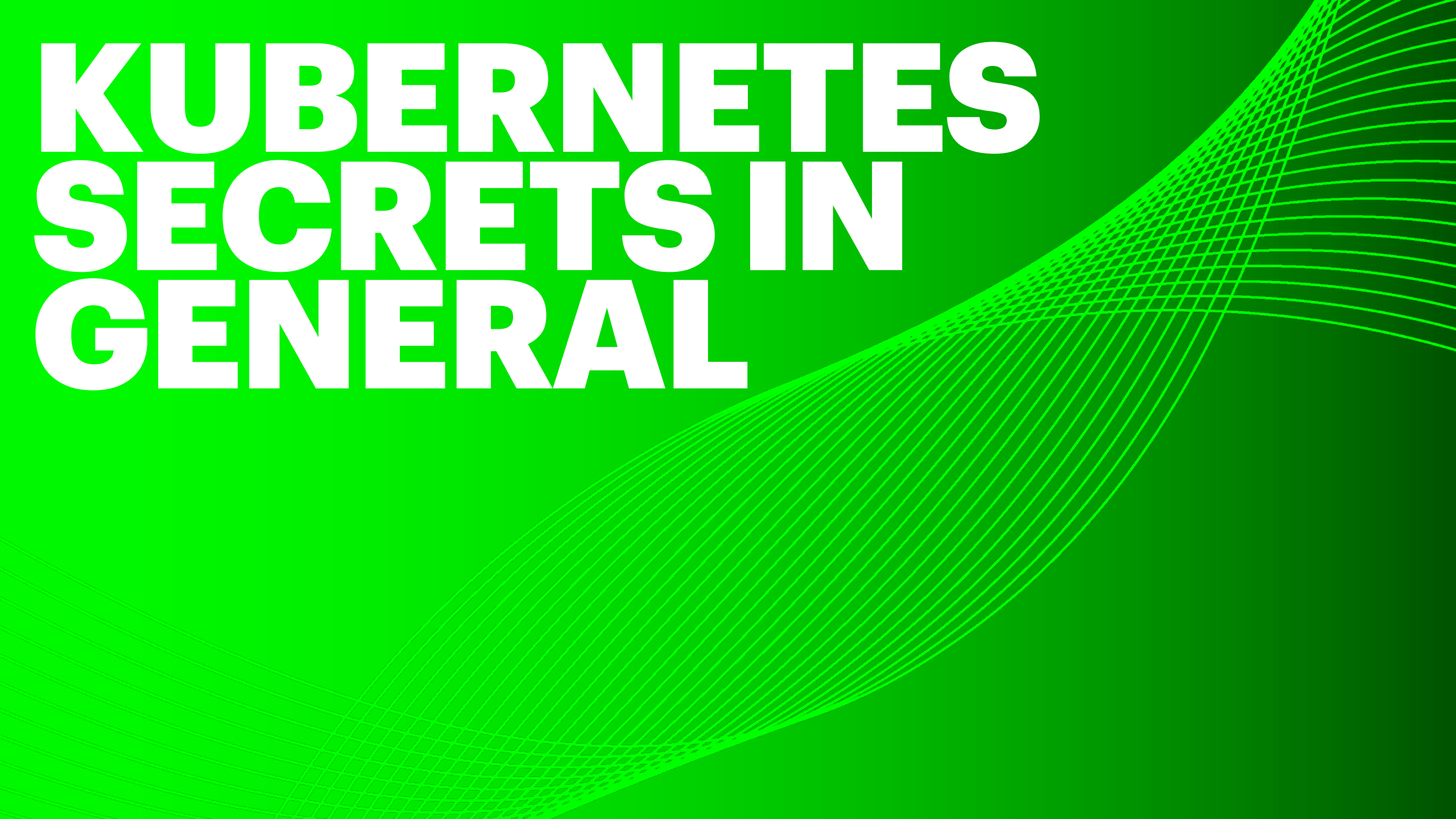
Methods to encrypt private data

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How to integrate these data

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How to verify and decrypt these data



KUBERNETES SECRETS IN GENERAL

INTRODUCTION

WHY KUBERNETES SECRETS

- **Credentials and private data should be kept encrypted**
- **Customer data should not be stored anywhere outside of the used system**
- **Keep your yaml files in your Kubernetes cluster clean**
- **Easy integration with key-value pairs**

INTRODUCTION

KUBERNETES SECRETS VERSUS CONFIGMAPS

Kubernetes Secrets

- **For confidential data**
- **Using Base64 encoding**

ConfigMaps

- **For non-confidential data**

Consistent:

- **key-value pairs**
- **Stored as env variables**

TYPES OF SECRETS

Opaque

kubernetes.io/service-account-token

kubernetes.io/dockercfg

kubernetes.io/dockerconfigjson

kubernetes.io/basic-auth

kubernetes.io/ssh-auth

kubernetes.io/tls

bootstrap.kubernetes.io/token

arbitrary user-defined data

service account token

serialized ~/.dockercfg file

serialized ~/.docker/config.json file

credentials for basic authentication

credentials for SSH authentication

data for a TLS client or server

bootstrap token data

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPAQUE AND BASIC-AUTH

Opaque:

- **Default secret type**
- **Own definition of variables possible**

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: mysecret
type: Opaque
data:
  username: YWRtaW4=
  password: MWYyZDF1MmU2N2Rm
```

Basic authentication:

- **For storing credentials**
- **Username and password required**
- **Base64 and text possible**

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: secret-basic-auth
type: kubernetes.io/basic-auth
stringData:
  username: admin
  password: t0p-Secret
```

ENCRYPTION



BASE64 VIA THE COMMAND LINE

```
$ echo -n `admin` | base64  
YWRtaW4=
```

```
$ echo -n `1f2d1e2e67df` | base64  
MWYyZDF1MmU2N2Rm
```

HTPASSWD FOR USER AUTHENTICATION (NGINX/INGRESS)

\$ htpasswd -c auth user1 #auth name of the file and user1 the user

Create basic-auth secrets based on htpasswd file

\$ kubectl create secret generic basic-auth --from-file=auth

```
$ kubectl get secret basic-auth -o yaml
apiVersion: v1
data:
  auth: Zm9vOiRhcHIxJE9GRzNYeWJwJGNrTDBGSERBa29YWUlsSDkuY3lzVDAK
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: basic-auth
  namespace: default
type: Opaque
```

SECRET GENERATOR KUSTOMIZE

- **Kubernetes secrets generator (secretGenerator) and ConfigMap Generator (configMapGenerator)**
 - **kustomization.yaml as a base file**
 - **Reading from files and literals possible**
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- **Usage of Kustomize:**
 - **\$ kubectl kustomize <kustomization_directory>**
 - **\$ kubectl apply -k <kustomization_directory>**

KUSTOMIZE BASED ON FILES

```
# Create a password.txt file
cat <<EOF >./password.txt
username=admin
password=secret
EOF

cat <<EOF >./kustomization.yaml
secretGenerator:
- name: example-secret-1
  files:
  - password.txt
EOF
```

\$ kubectl get secret example-secret-1

```
apiVersion: v1
data:
  password.txt: dXN1cm5hbWU9YWRTaW4KcGFzc3dvcmQ9c2VjcmV0Cg==
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: example-secret-1-t2kt65hgtb
type: Opaque
```

KUSTOMIZE BASED ON LITERALS

- **Text in kustomization.yaml will be encrypted**

```
cat <<EOF >./kustomization.yaml
secretGenerator:
- name: example-secret-2
  literals:
    - username=admin
    - password=secret
EOF
```

\$ kubectl get secret example-secret-2

```
apiVersion: v1
data:
  password: c2VjcmV0
  username: YWRtaW4=
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: example-secret-2-t52t6g96d8
type: Opaque
```

KUBESEAL

- **cli tool for Kubernetes based Sealed Secrets**
- **The Sealed Secrets Controller will decrypt any Sealed Secret to a Kubernetes Secret**
- **Kubeseal is a client for Linux/MacOS by Bitnami**

- **Installation:**
- **brew (MacOS), snap, OBS (openSUSE Tumbleweed), other available Linux packages**
- **Helm:**
 - `helm repo add sealed-secrets https://bitnami-labs.github.io/sealed-secrets`
 - `helm install sealed-secrets -n kube-system --set-string fullnameOverride=sealed-secrets-controller sealed-secrets/sealed-secrets`

KUBESEAL USAGE

secret.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  name: my-secret
data:
  password: dmRGcmU4R21Mcw==
  username: YWRtaW4=
```

cat secret.yaml | kubeseal --controller-namespace kube-system

\ --controller-name sealed-secrets-controller

\ --format yaml \> sealed-secret.yaml

```
kind: SealedSecret
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  name: my-secret
  namespace: default
spec:
  encryptedData:
    password: AgCCz0HDzdnhExDiE5Zph4BLgy7P6EUQVeL/LJk4Jzi/nBAeP0H0V3cWCdOdYr/THPvg4d1UQcGRqgEEaSyGiS5Z
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unTCN5kH0czmDw==
  template:
    data: null
    metadata:
      creationTimestamp: null
      name: my-secret
      namespace: default
```

INTEGRATION



POD.YAML WITH SECRETS STORED AT A SPECIAL PLACE

Secret is stored under /etc/foo/my-group/my-username

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
  - name: mypod
    image: redis
    volumeMounts:
    - name: foo
      mountPath: "/etc/foo"
      readOnly: true
  volumes:
  - name: foo
    secret:
      secretName: mysecret
      items:
      - key: username
        path: my-group/my-username
```

POD.YAML WITH REFERENCES TO SECRETS

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: envvars-multiple-secrets
spec:
  containers:
  - name: envvars-test-container
    image: nginx
    env:
    - name: BACKEND_USERNAME
      valueFrom:
        secretKeyRef:
          name: backend-user
          key: backend-username
    - name: DB_USERNAME
      valueFrom:
        secretKeyRef:
          name: db-user
          key: db-username
```

- Pod.yaml is using the backend-username from the secret backend-user for SECRET_USERNAME
- Pod.yaml is using the db-username from the db-user for DB_USERNAME

USING SECRETS IN VALUES.YAML IN HELM CHARTS

MYSECRETS.YAML

- **kubectl apply -f mysecrets.yaml**

```
# file: mysecrets.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: mysecrets
type: Opaque
data:
  oidc: dG9wLVNlY3JldA==
  jdbc: dG9wLVNlY3JldA==
```

USING SECRETS IN VALUES.YAML IN HELM CHARTS

DEFINITION OF ENV VARIABLES IN VALUES.YAML

- **env_secret.yaml**

```
# file: env_secret.yaml
env:
# OIDC authentication:
- name: vvp.auth.oidc.registration.clientSecret
  valueFrom:
    secretKeyRef:
      name: mysecrets
      key: oidc
# JDBC persistence:
- name: spring.datasource.password
  valueFrom:
    secretKeyRef:
      name: mysecrets
      key: jdbc
```


USING SECRETS IN VALUES.YAML IN HELM CHARTS

REMOVE PASSWORDS IN VALUES.YAML AND APPLY

- **helm install/upgrade . -values values.yaml -values env_secret.yaml**

DECRYPTION



VERIFICATION

```
$ kubectl get secret my-secret -o jsonpath= {.data}  
{„password”: „MWYyZDF1MmU2N2Rm”, „username”:“YWRtaW4=„}}
```

DECODING

```
$ echo `MWYyZDF1MmU2N2Rm` | base64 -decode  
1f2d1e2e67df
```

EDITING



EDIT A KUBERNETES SECRET

- **Work with Base64**
- **\$ kubectl edit secrets mysecret**

DELETION



DELETION OF SECRETS

```
$ kubectl delete secret mysecret
```

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01

Usage of Config Maps

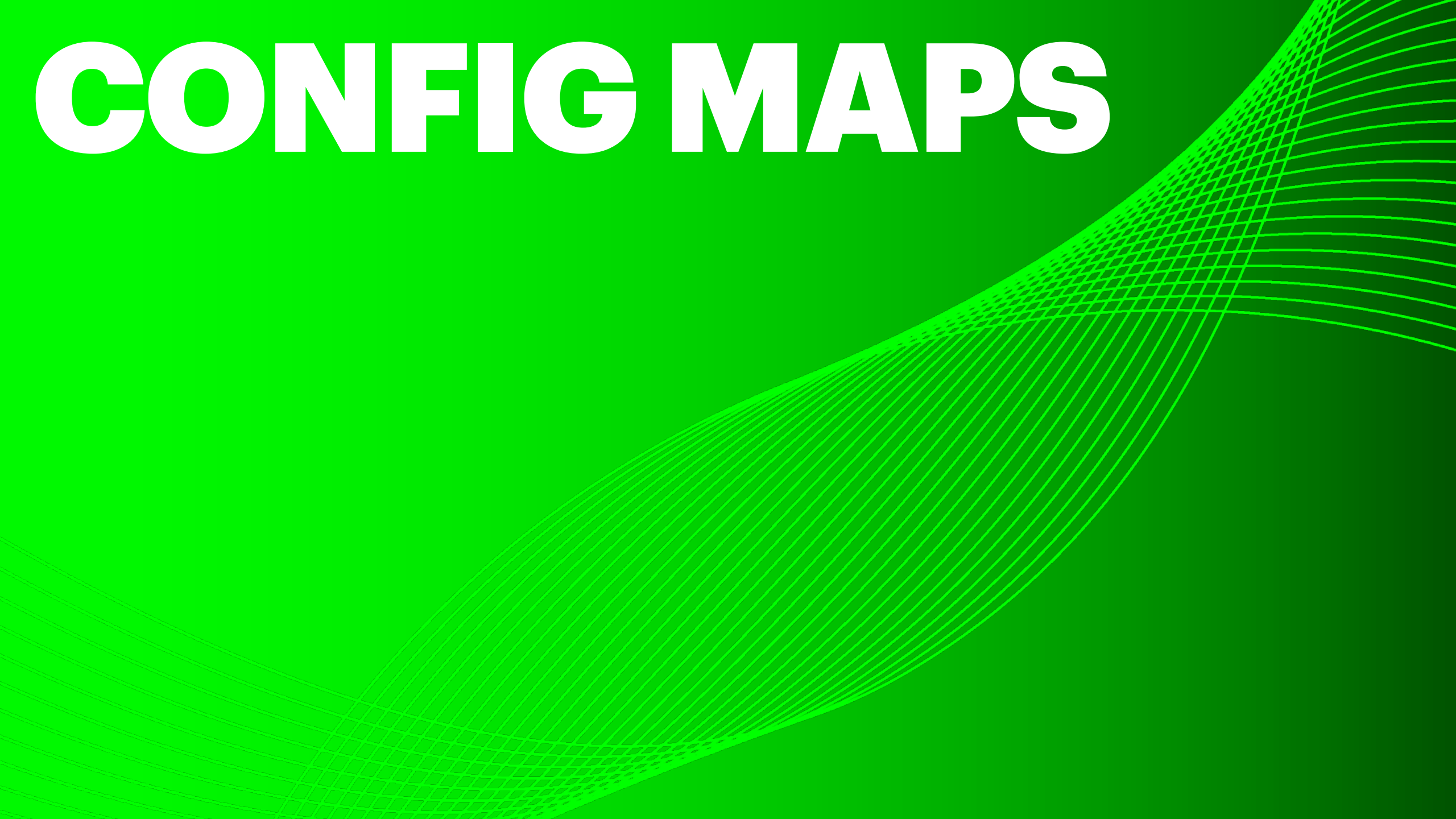
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Config Maps based on a directory

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Config Maps with Kustomize

CONFIG MAPS



USAGE OF CONFIG MAPS

- **Definition of volumes data**
- **Definition of properties**
- **Definition of environment variables**

CONFIG MAPS BASED ON DATA IN DIRECTORY

```
[sarah.julia.kriesch@AMAC02G29GGMD6M properties % cat database.properties
postgresql.enabled=true
postgresql.global.postgresql.postgresqlDatabase=gitea
postgresql.global.postgresql.servicePort=5432
postgresql.pesistence.size=10Gi
```

```
[sarah.julia.kriesch@AMAC02G29GGMD6M properties % cat volumes.definition
volumes.name=gitea-database
volumes.configMap.name=gitea-config
volumeMounts.name=postgresql
volumeMounts.mountPath=/gitea-postgresql
```

**\$ kubectl create configmap gitea-config --from-file=./properties/
configmap/gitea-config created**

YAML OUTPUT OF THE CONFIG MAP

\$ kubectl get configmaps gitea-config -o yaml **\$ kubectl describe configmaps gitea-config**

```
apiVersion: v1
data:
  database.properties: |
    postgresql.enabled=true
    postgresql.global.postgresql.postgresqlDatabase=gitea
    postgresql.global.postgresql.servicePort=5432
    postgresql.pesistence.size=10Gi
  volumes.definition: |
    volumes.name=gitea-database
    volumes.configMap.name=gitea-config
    volumeMounts.name=postgresql
    volumeMounts.mountPath=/gitea-postgresql
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: "2022-09-13T10:35:47Z"
  name: gitea-config
  namespace: default
  resourceVersion: "57982"
  uid: d5d6e6ec-3504-4fec-bddc-69e1b3f75e82
```

```
Name:          gitea-config
Namespace:     default
Labels:        <none>
Annotations:   <none>

Data
====
database.properties:
----
postgresql.enabled=true
postgresql.global.postgresql.postgresqlDatabase=gitea
postgresql.global.postgresql.servicePort=5432
postgresql.pesistence.size=10Gi

volumes.definition:
----
volumes.name=gitea-database
volumes.configMap.name=gitea-config
volumeMounts.name=postgresql
volumeMounts.mountPath=/gitea-postgresql

BinaryData
====

Events:  <none>
```

CONFIG MAPS WITH KUSTOMIZE

```
cat <<EOF >./kustomization.yaml
```

```
configMapGenerator:
```

```
- name: gitea-config-1
```

```
files:
```

- properties/database.properties
- properties/volumes.definitions

```
EOF
```

```
$ kubectl apply -k .
```

INTEGRATION OF CONFIG MAPS REFERENCES IN YAML

```
env:  
  - name: database  
    valueFrom:  
      configMapKeyRef:  
        name: gitea-config  
        key: gitea-database
```

#name of the value in this file

#name of the Config Map

#name of the value (key) in the Config Map

DELETION OF CONFIG MAPS

```
$ kubectl delete configmap gitea-config
```

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