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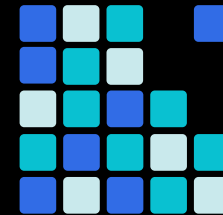
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What Problems does Kubernetes solve?



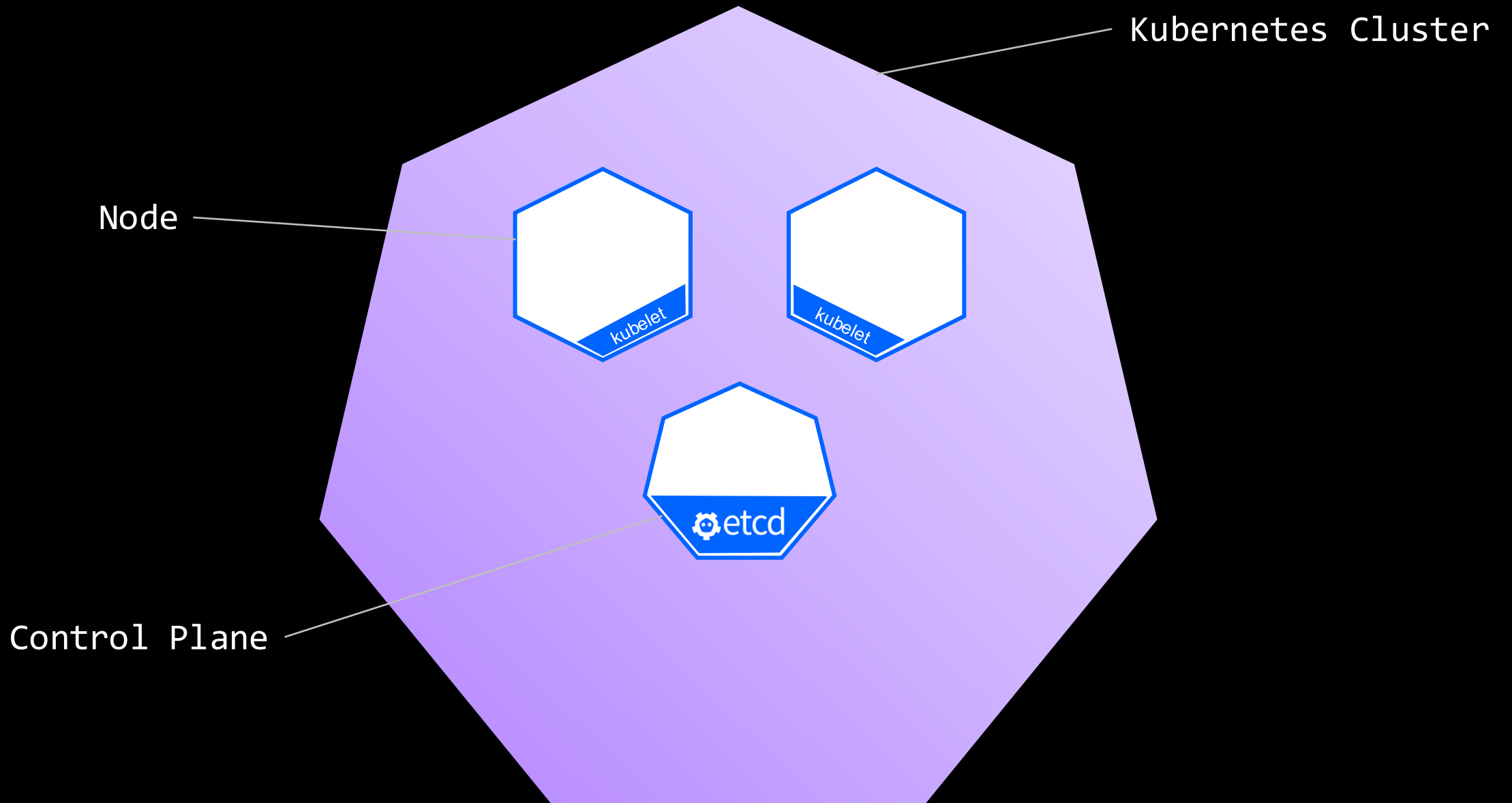
Scaling Application and Resources in a declarative manner

Self-Healing Deployments and Rollbacks

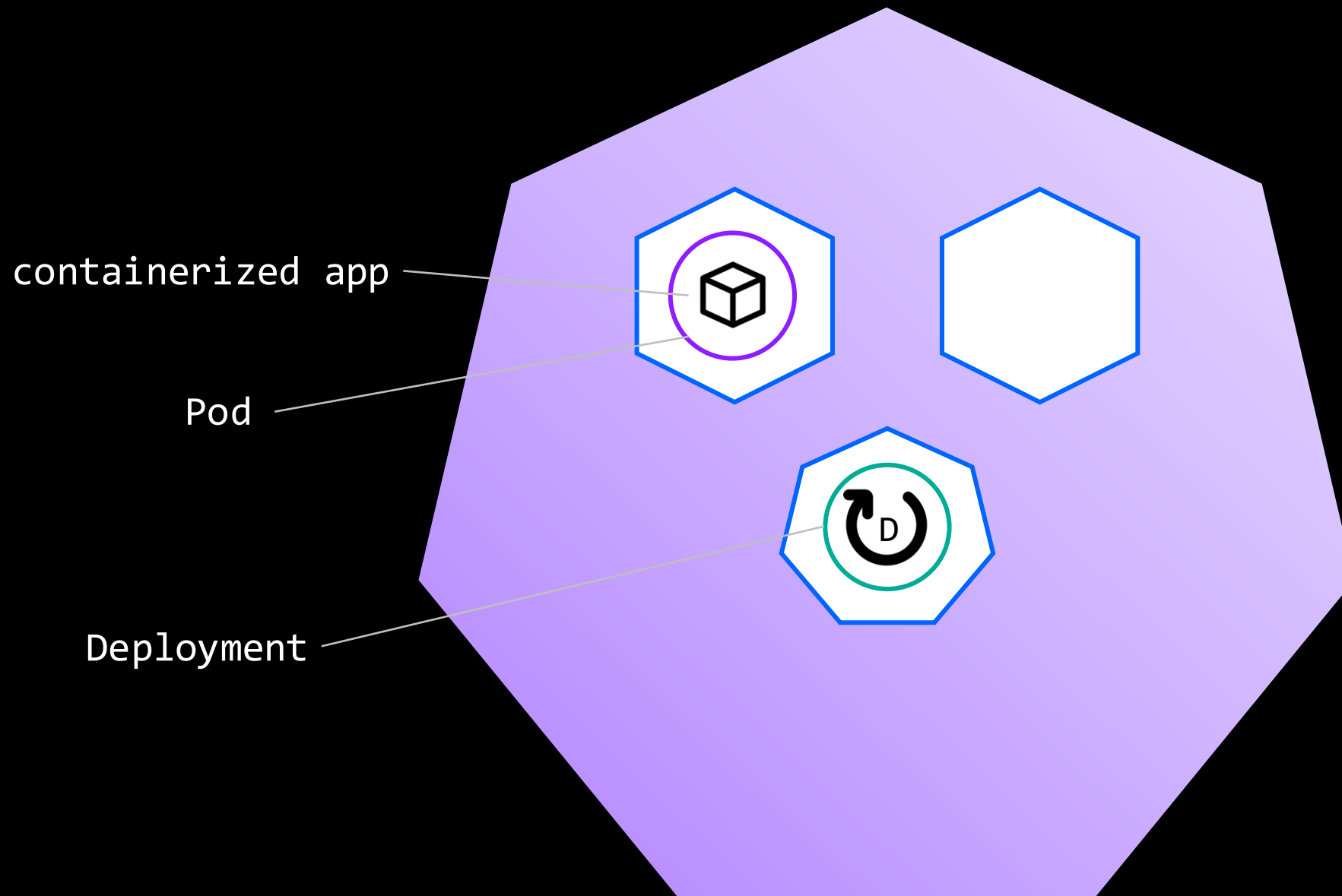


Extensible to solve your needs
(and sometimes a little bit more)





<https://kubernetes.io/docs/tutorials/kubernetes-basics/deploy-app/deploy-intro/>



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What's a pod?

and what's a deployment?

Resources!

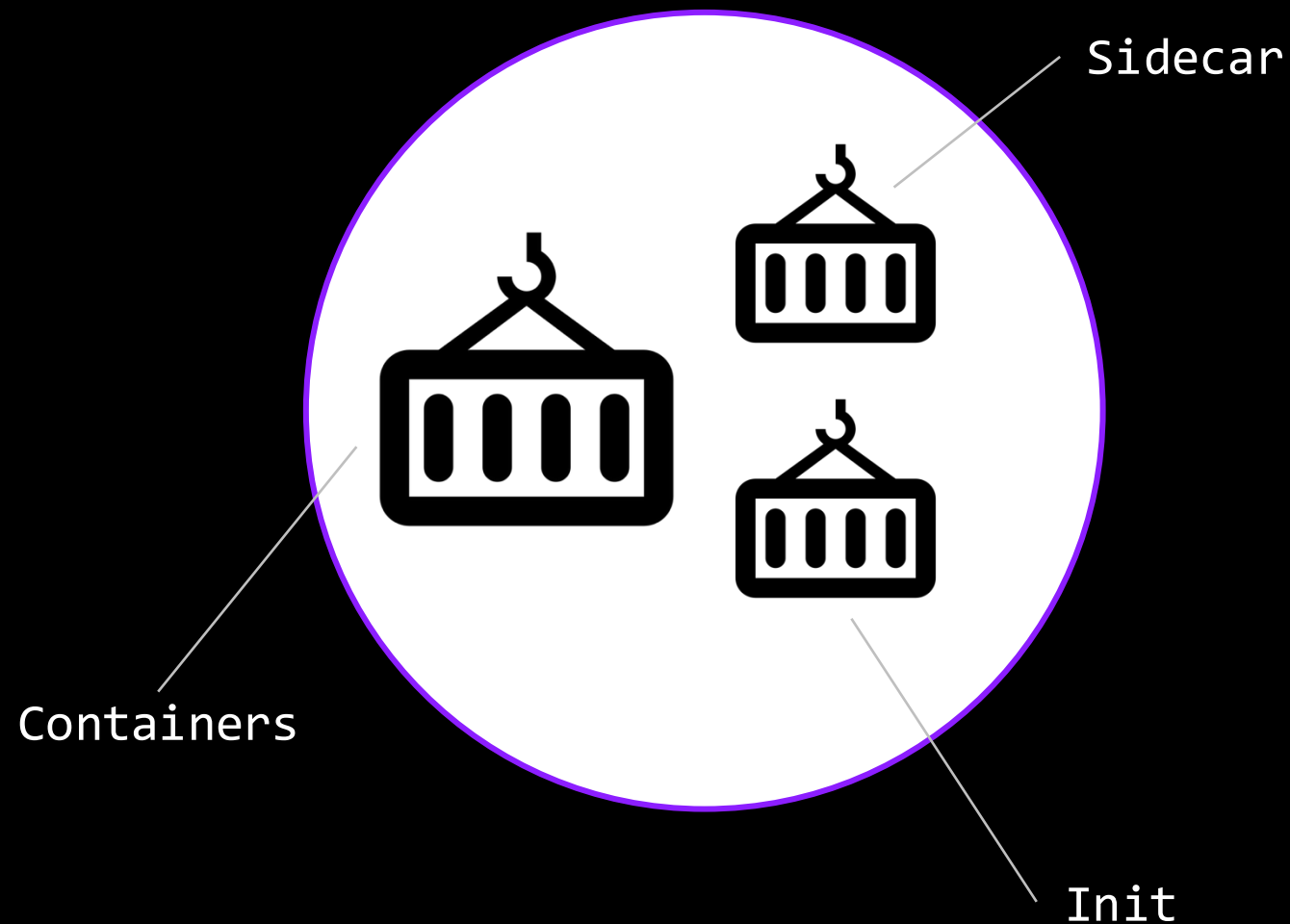
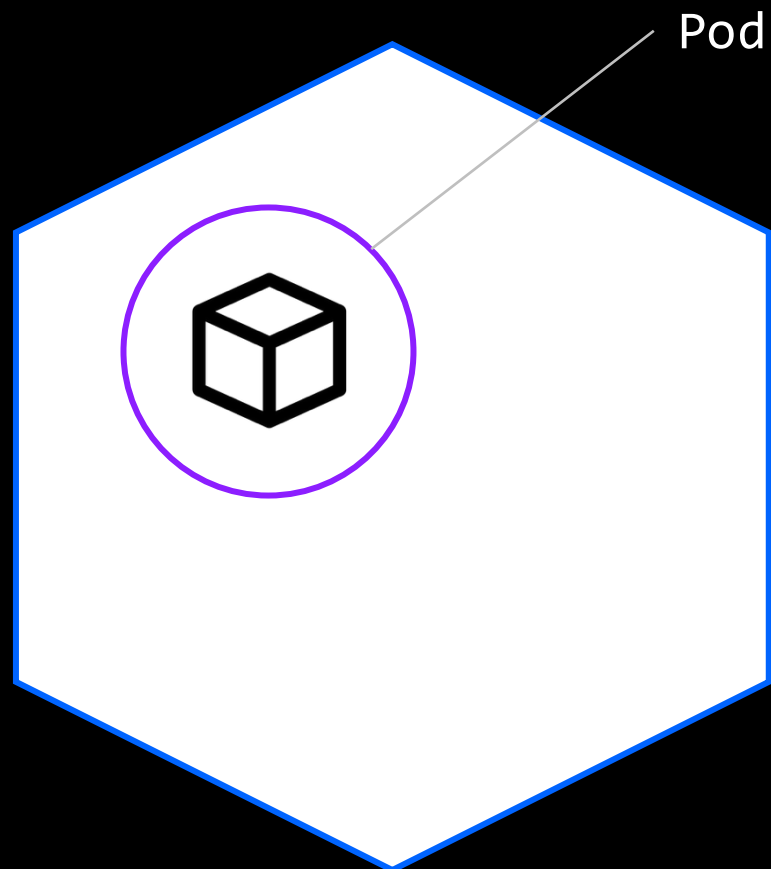
What's a Resource?



```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  namespace: my-namespace
  name: my-name
spec:
  ...
```

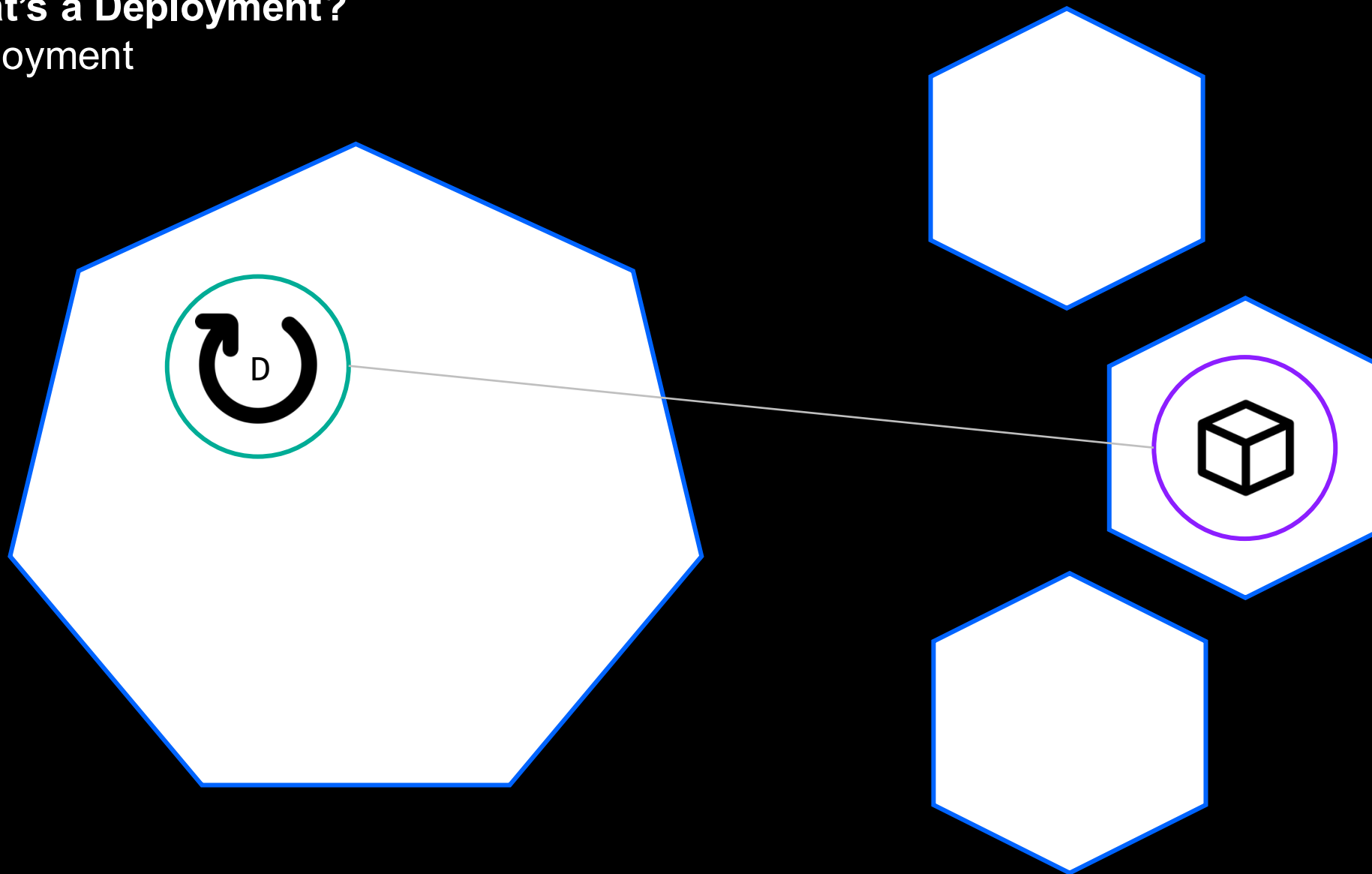
What's a Pod?

Pod



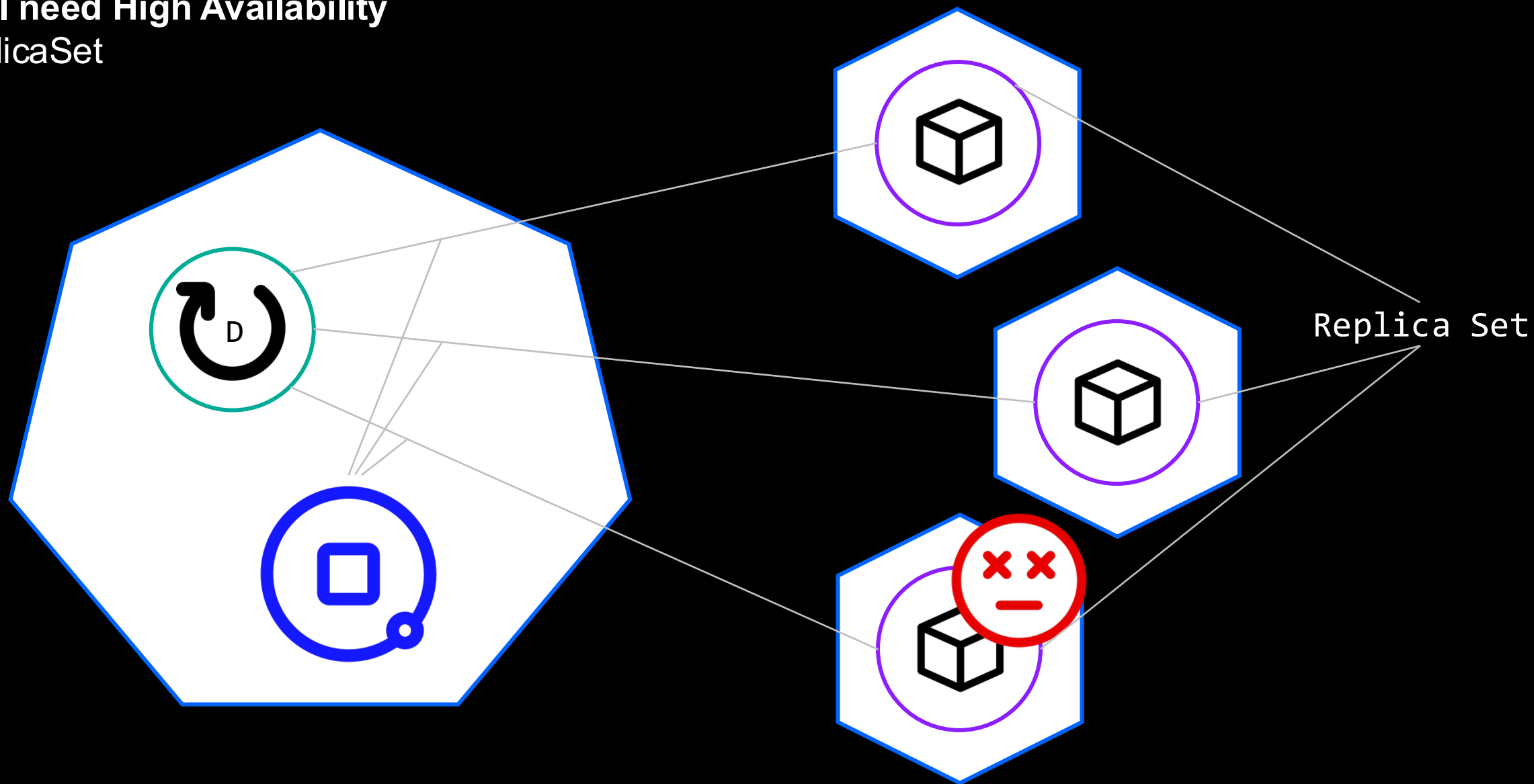
What's a Deployment?

Deployment



<https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/workloads/controllers/deployment/>

But I need High Availability ReplicaSet



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How to configure the containers?

ConfigMap



ConfigMap



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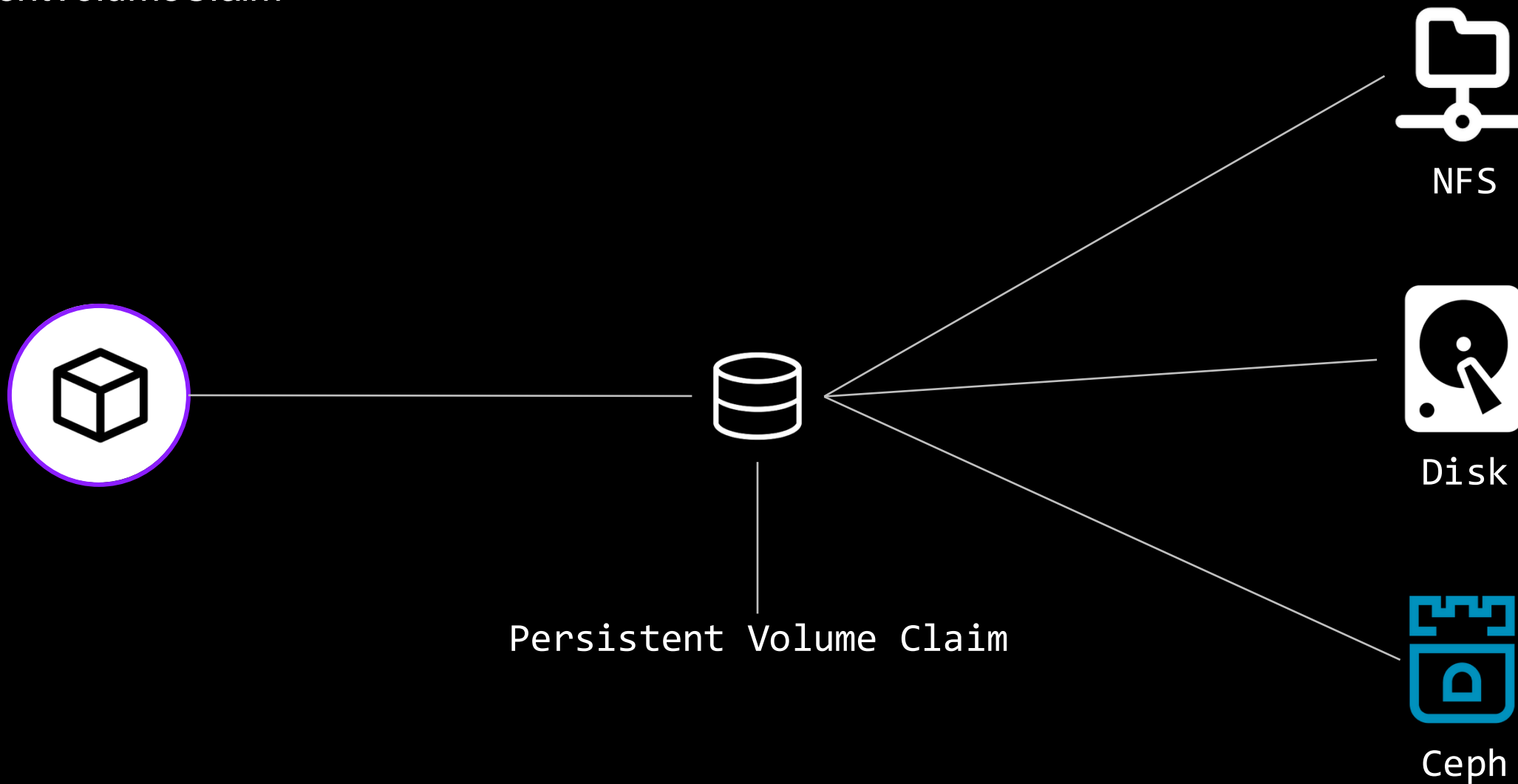
```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: my-app-config
data:
  MAX_WORKERS: "3"
  CONFIG_DIR: "/var/www"
```



```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: my-app-config
data:
  application.properties: |
    max.workers=3
    config.dir=/var/www
```

Stateless is cool, but I like building complex things

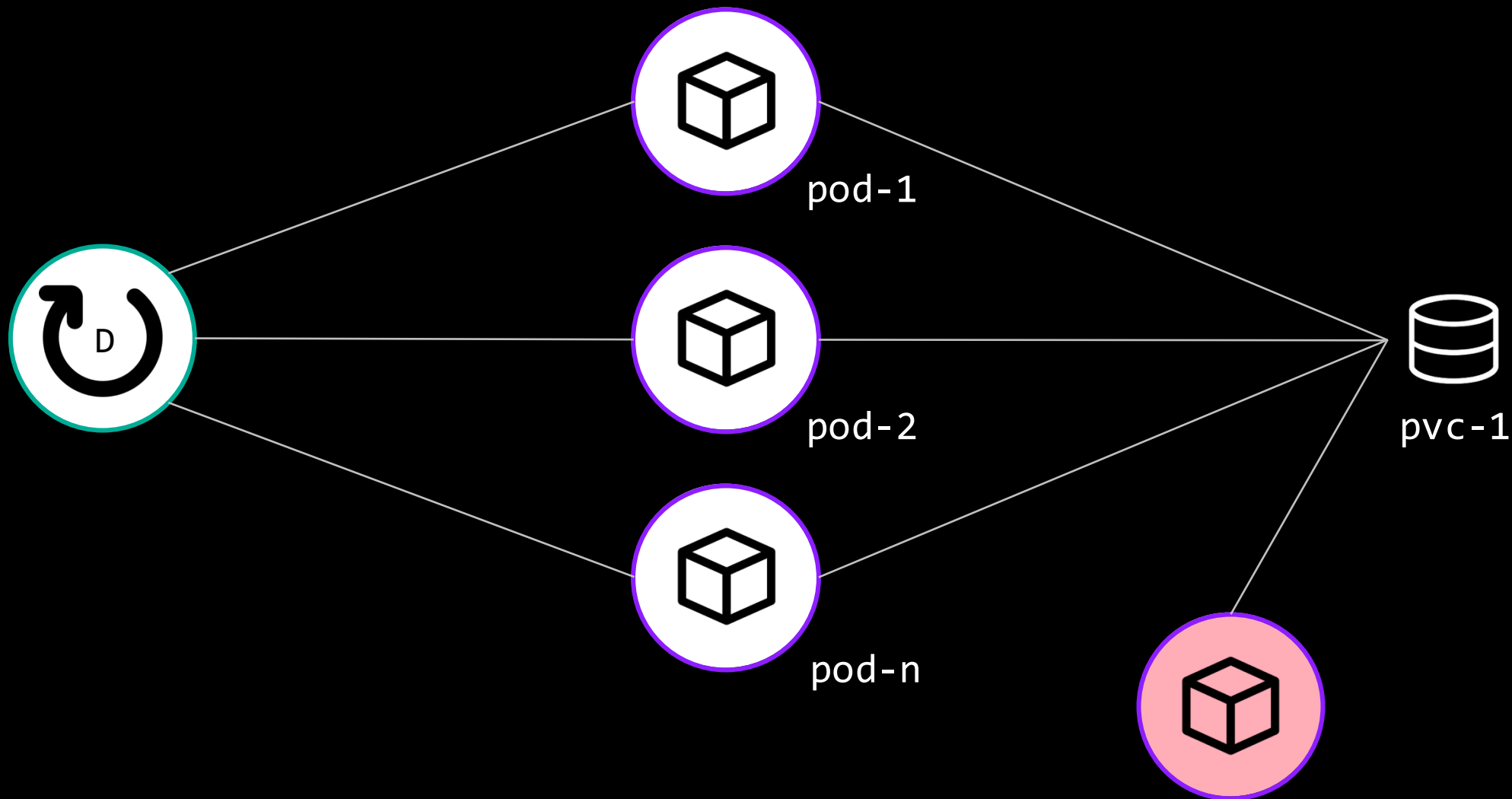
PersistentVolumeClaim



<https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/persistent-volumes/>

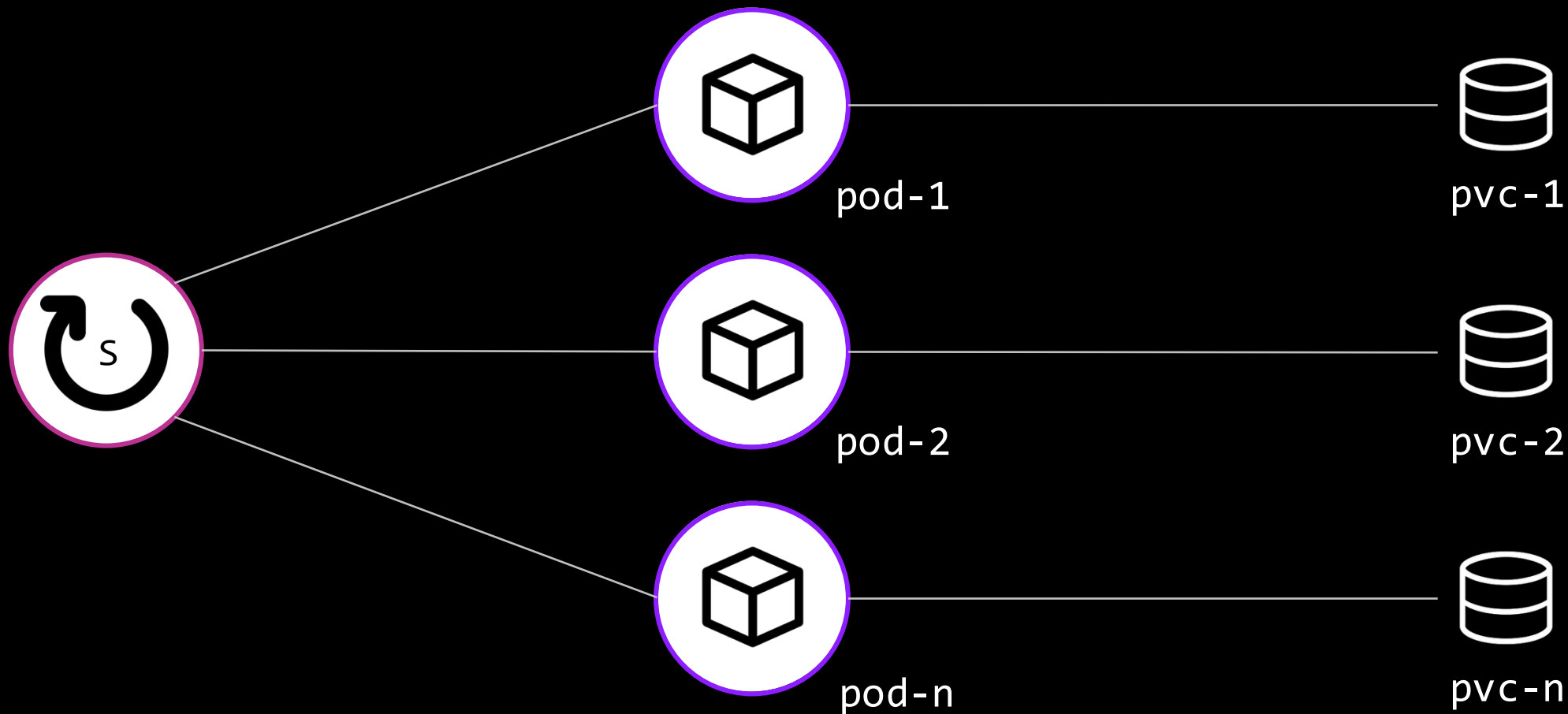
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Even more complex StatefulSet

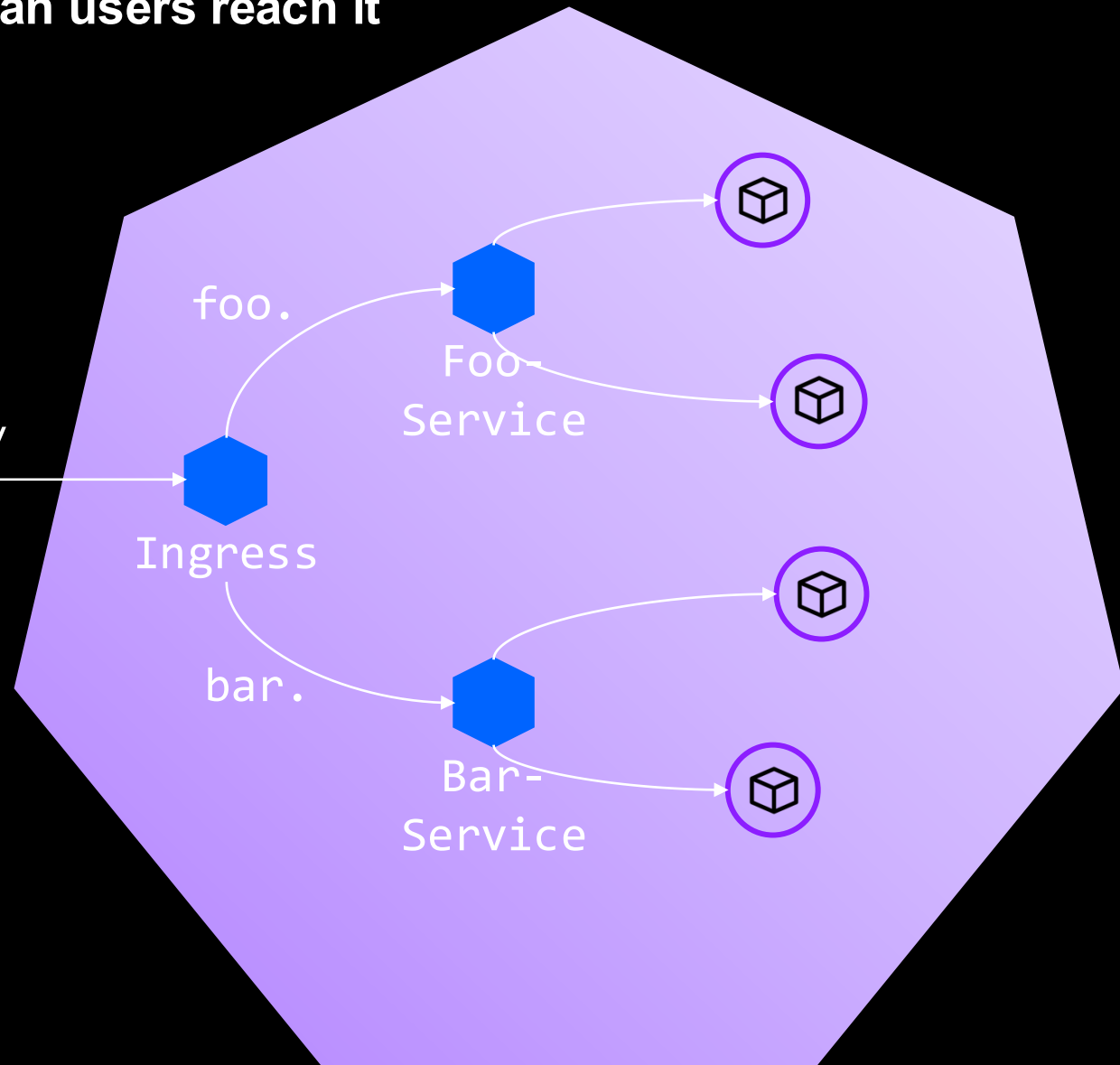


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My app is up and running, but how can users reach it



`https://foo.example.com/`

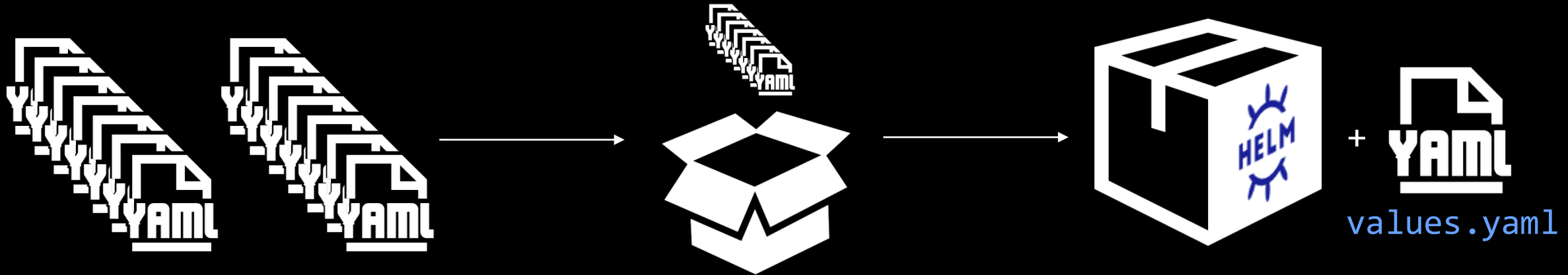


<https://kubernetes.io/de/docs/tutorials/kubernetes-basics/explore/explore-intro/>



Helm

Package Manager for Kubernetes



```
helm install -f my-happy-panda-values.yaml happy-panda bitnami/wordpress
```

values name package

<https://helm.sh/>

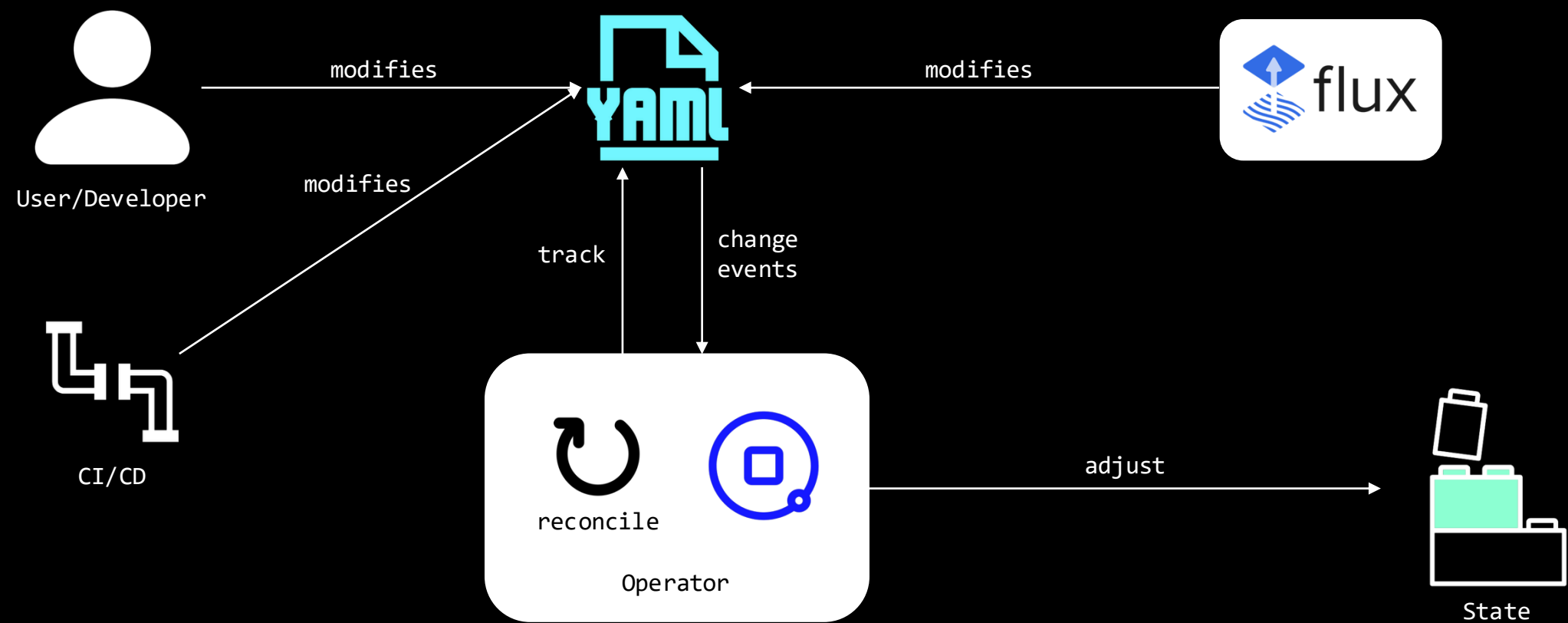
<https://www.redhat.com/en/topics/devops/what-is-helm>

Can I build my own Resources?

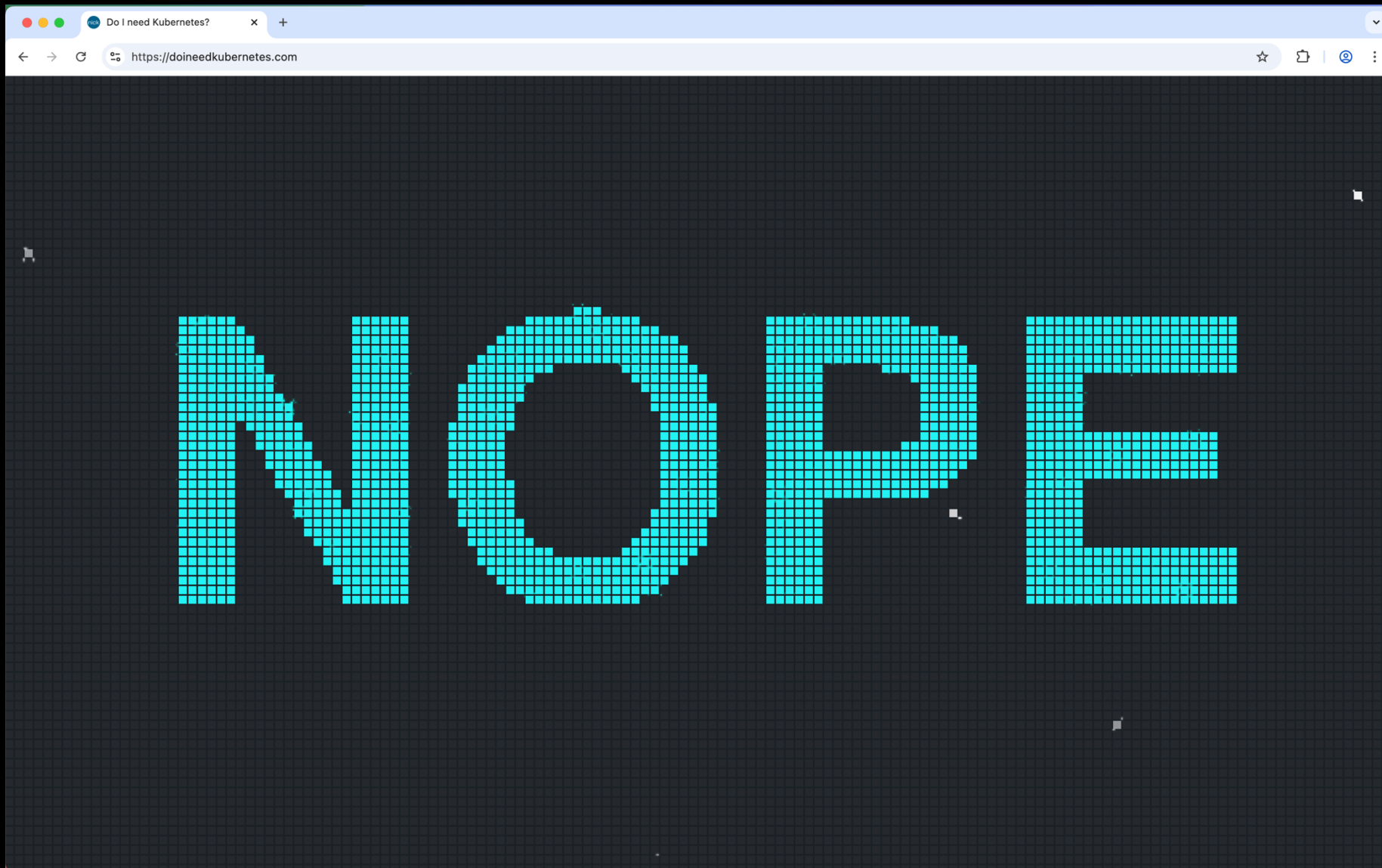


*like Json Schema, describing Json with Json

Operating your own Resources



<https://doineedkubernetes.com/>



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Microservices

Multiple Machines

High Availability

Multi-Cloud or Cross-Cloud

GitOps Tools like FluxCD or ArgoCD

Declarative, exensible and reproducible Environment

Sound like lots of fun

Chessernetes : The game of Kings.

<https://youtu.be/Cb2lFFbm294>

Custom Operator and Custom Resource Definition to manage a Chess-Game as Kubernetes Resources

Manage physical mail with kubernetes

<https://github.com/circa10a/postk8s>

Custom Operator and Custom Resource Definition to manage an api for sending postcards managed as Kubernetes Resources

I NEED TO KNOW WHY MOVING
OUR APP TO THE CLOUD DIDN'T
AUTOMATICALLY SOLVE ALL OUR
PROBLEMS.



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LET ME RE-
ARCHITECT THE
APP TO BE
CLOUD-NATIVE.

JUST PUT IT
IN
CONTAINERS.



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