

Infrastructure as Code

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WHO IS THIS WORKSHOP FOR?



PRACTITIONERS AND LEADERS

You are, or will be, building infrastructure

- Developers
- Systems Administrators
- "DevOps" specialists
- Architects
- Technical Leaders



WHO ALREADY KNOW THE FUNDAMENTALS

You work with cloud (IaaS) infrastructure

- You have exposure to Infrastructure as Code tools (such as Ansible, Terraform, CloudFormation)



AND WANT IDEAS TO BUILD BETTER SYSTEMS

Design more complex infrastructure

Implement maintainable infrastructure

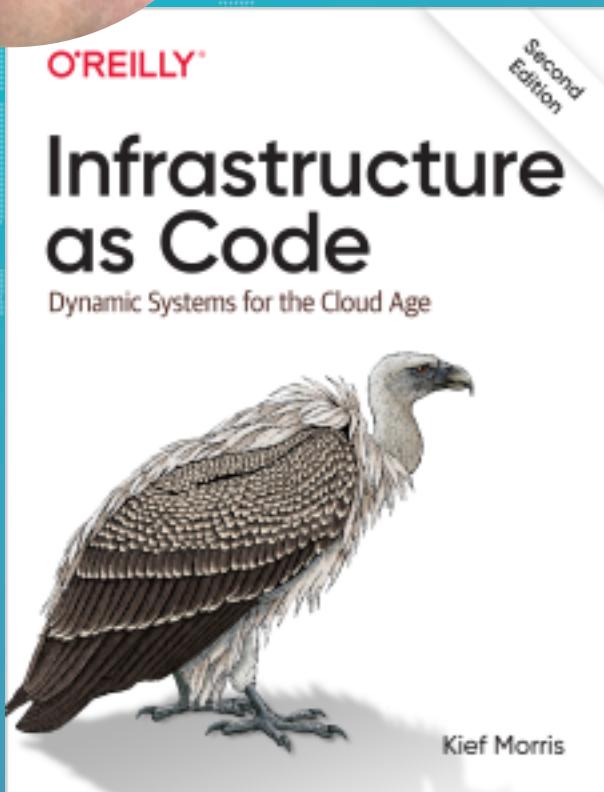
Grow and evolve your systems over time

NOT IN THIS WORKSHOP

- Hands-on coding
- How to use tool X, Y, or Z
- How to work with cloud A, B, or C

IN THIS WORKSHOP

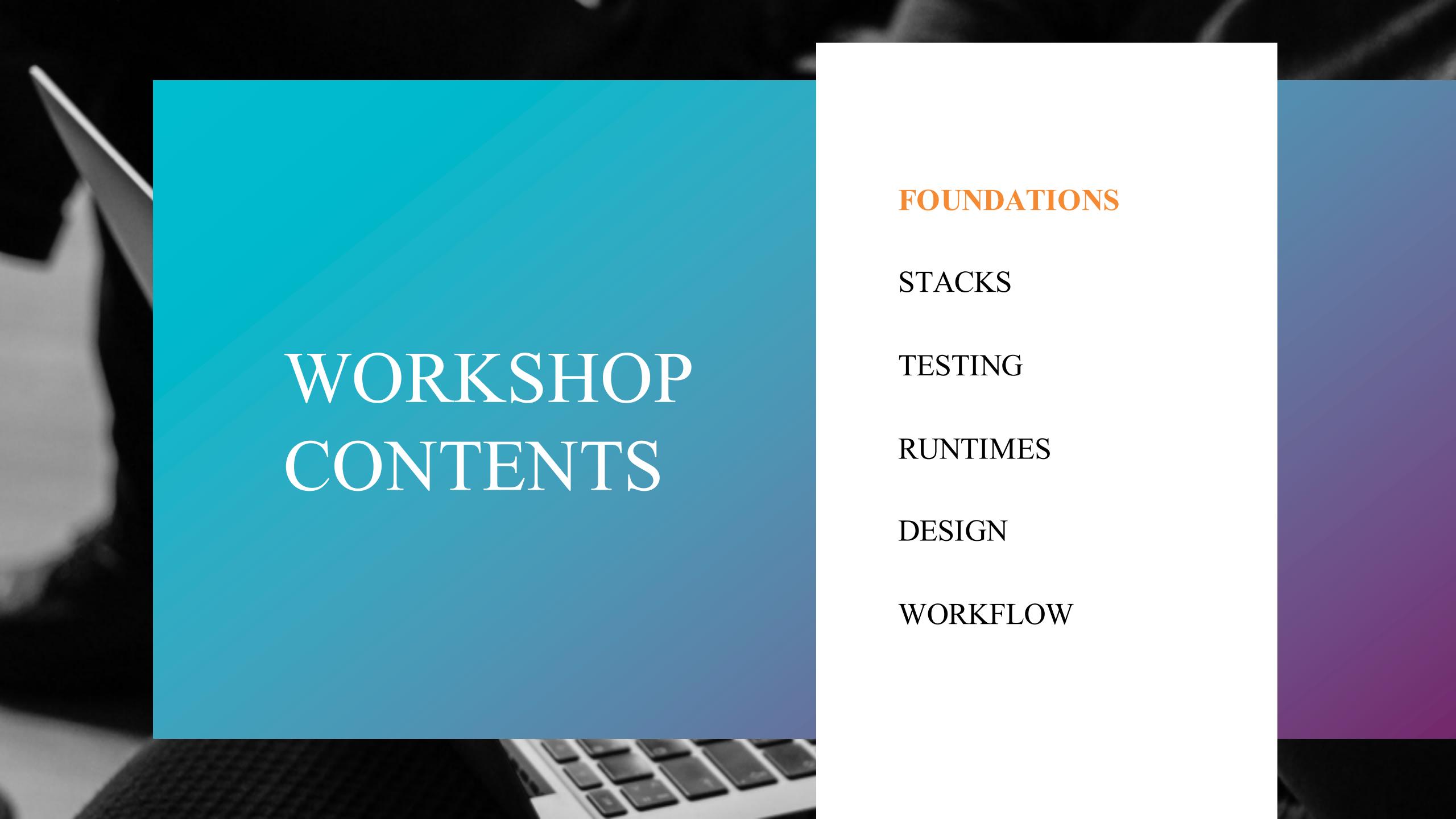
- Patterns and practices
- Applicable to most tools and clouds
- Design guidelines for coping with large and complex projects
- Thoughts on organizing and managing infra codebases
- Practices for testing and delivering code where change is constant, and reliability and safety are essential



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STACKS

TESTING

RUNTIMES

DESIGN

WORKFLOW



PART 1

FOUNDATIONS

WHY

PLATFORMS

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The background is a wide-angle photograph of a rugged, mountainous landscape at dusk or dawn. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. In the foreground, there's a dark, grassy field with some low-lying shrubs. The middle ground shows a valley with more hills and a small body of water. The overall mood is mysterious and contemplative.

WHY?

Automate your system so
you can change it

EASIL

Y

SAFEL

Y

R E A

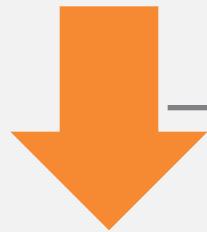
"We should build it first,
and worry about
automating it later"

"We don't make changes
often enough to justify
automating them"



"We have to choose
between speed and
quality"

QUALITY



FAST



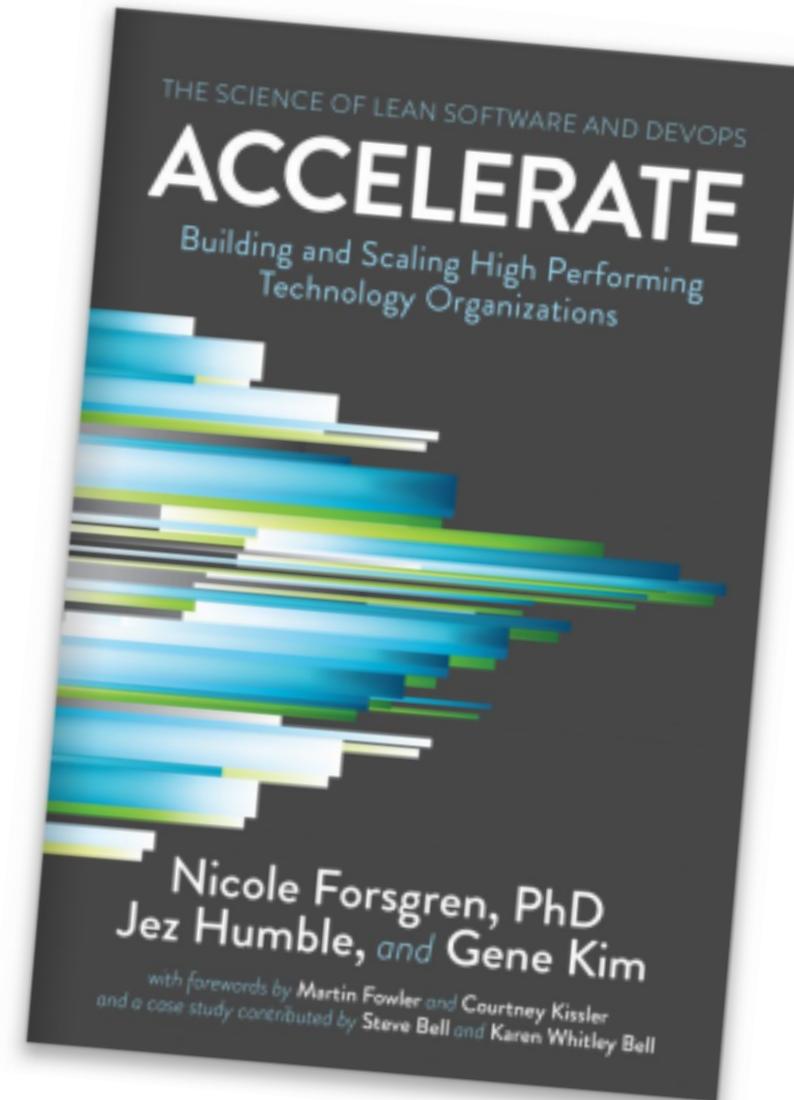
SLOW

LOW QUALITY

State of the DevOps Report

<https://devops-research.com/>

Accelerate,
Nicole Forsgren, PhD,
Jez Humble,
Gene Kim



The Four Metrics

THROUGHPUT

*DEPLOYMENT
FREQUENCY*

*LEAD TIME FOR
CHANGES*

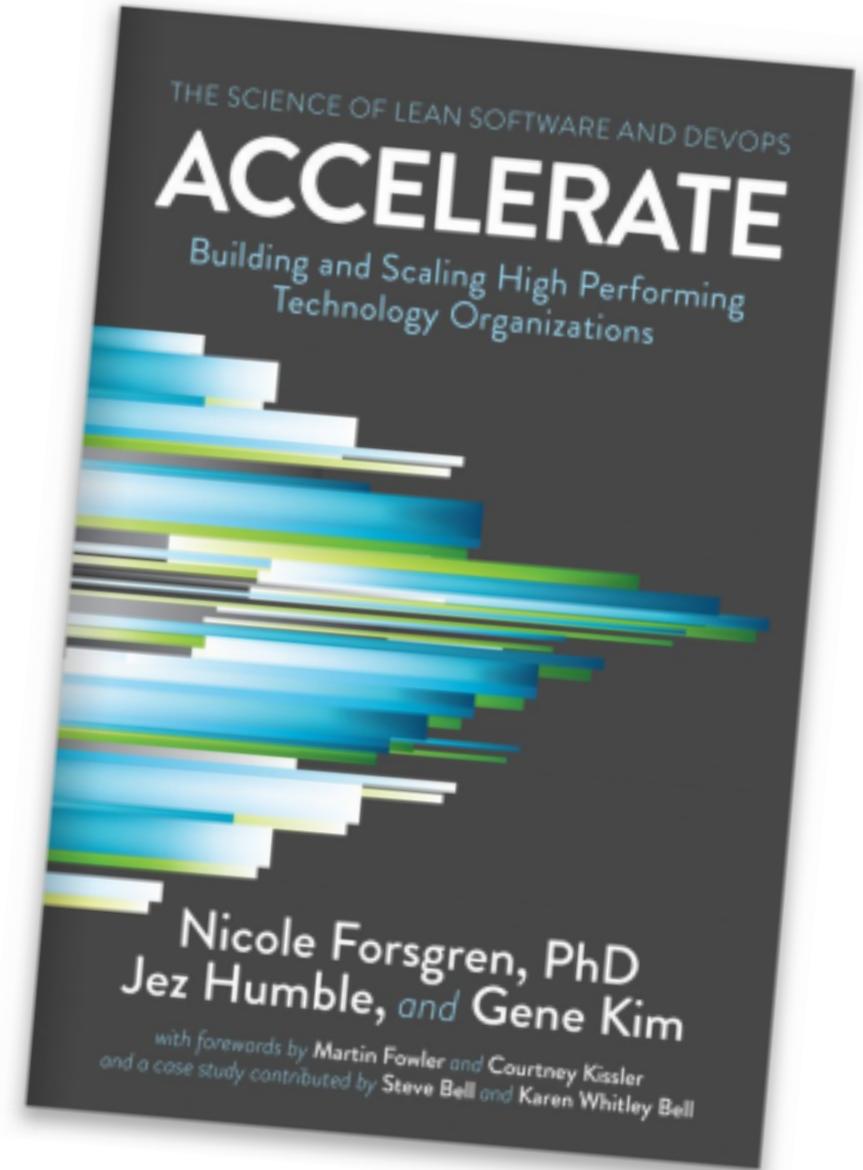
STABILITY

CHANGE FAIL RATE

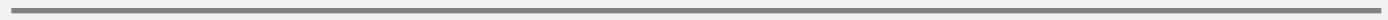
*TIME TO RESTORE
SERVICE*

"The highest performers
excel at throughput *and*
stability"

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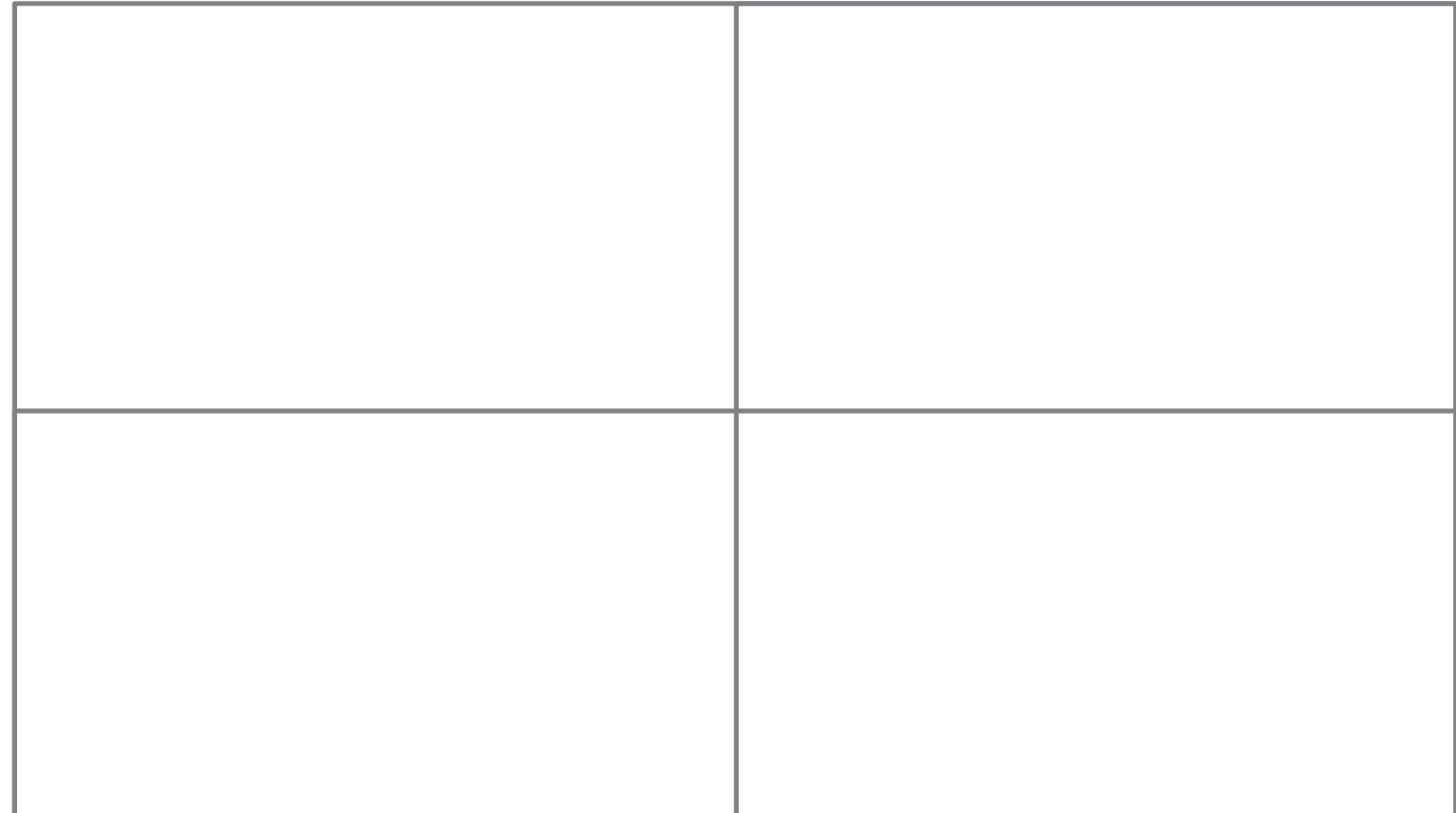


QUALITY



SPEED

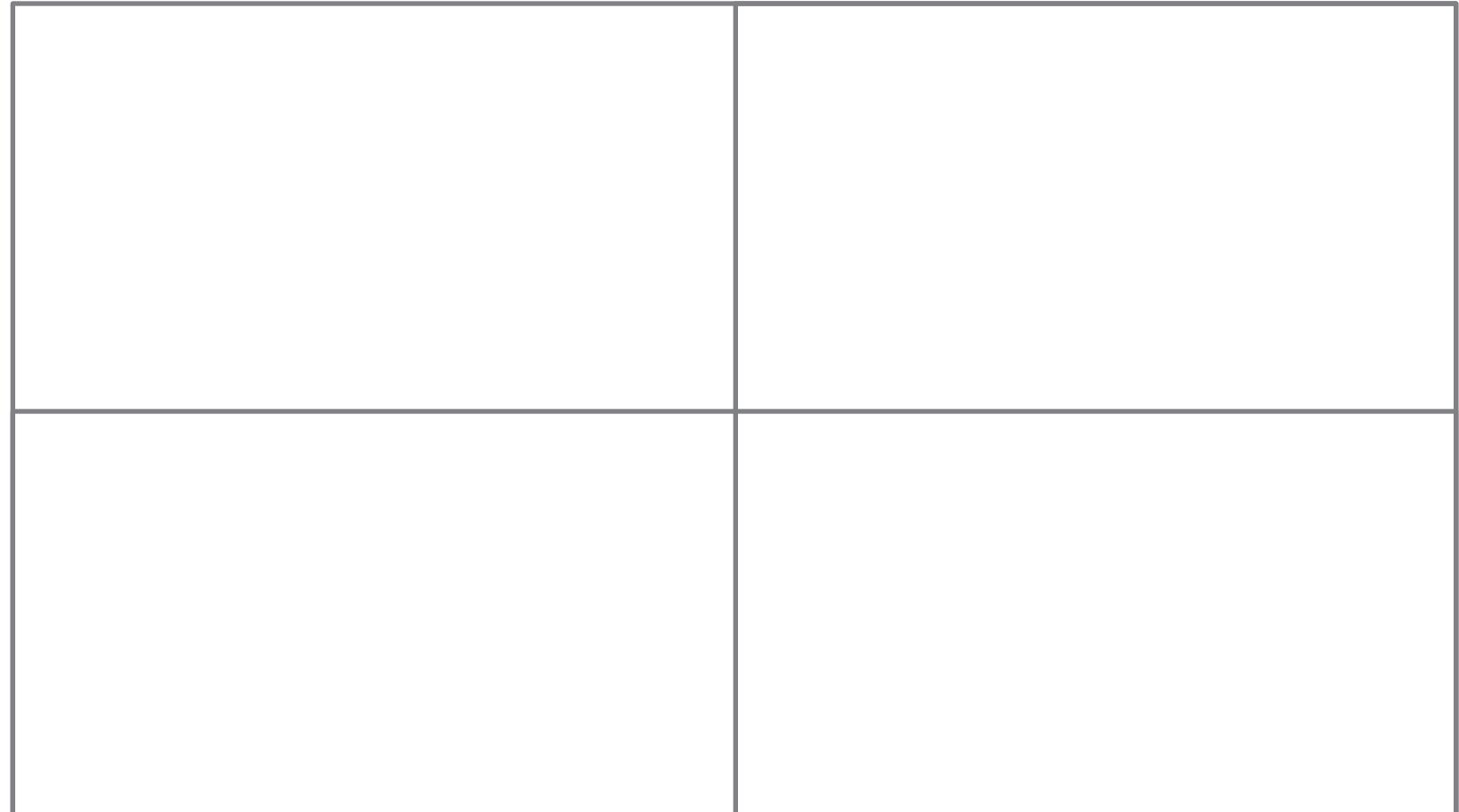
QUALITY



SPEED

HIGH QUALITY

LOW QUALITY



SLOW

FAST

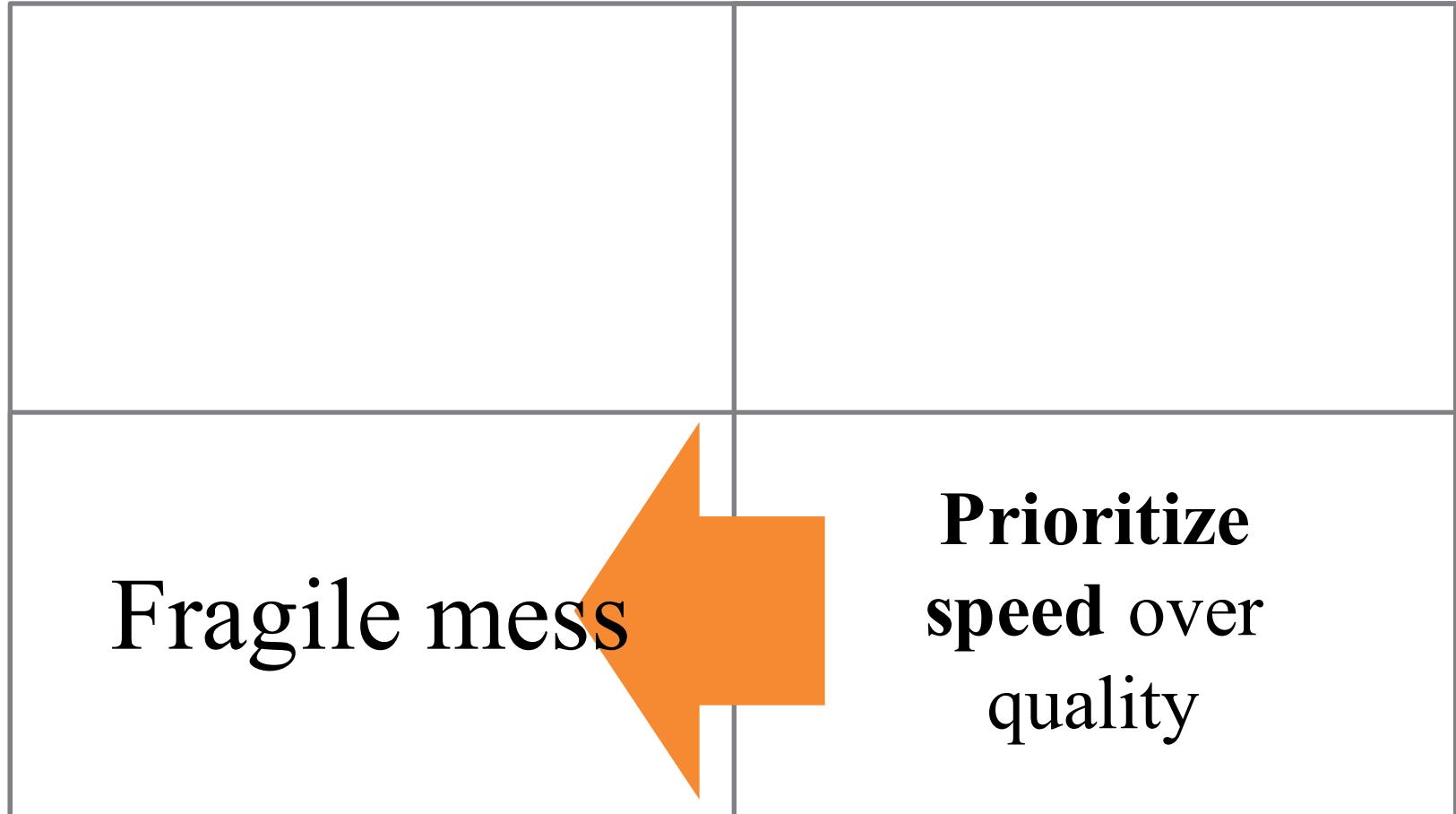
LOW QUALITY

Fragile mess

SLOW

Prioritize
speed over
quality

FAST



HIGH QUALITY

LOW QUALITY

Prioritize stability
over throughput



Fragile mess

SLOW

HIGH QUALITY

Use quality to
improve speed

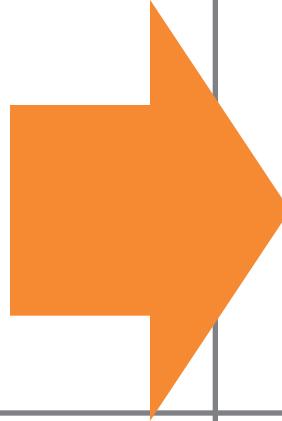
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SLOW

FAST

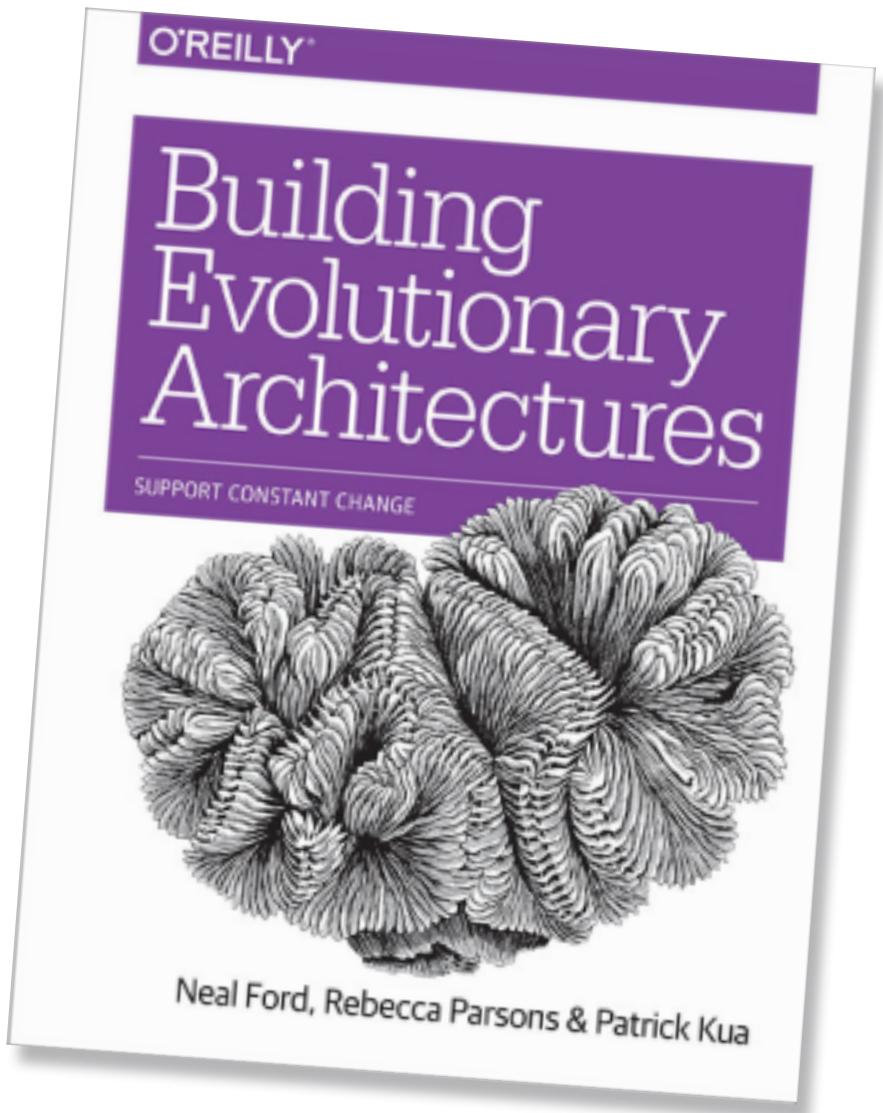
**Agile, Lean,
DevOps**

Use speed to
improve quality



"Since we can't avoid change, we need to exploit it"

Building Evolutionary Architectures
Neal Ford, Rebecca Parsons, Pat Kua



THREE CORE PRACTICES

For Infrastructure as Code



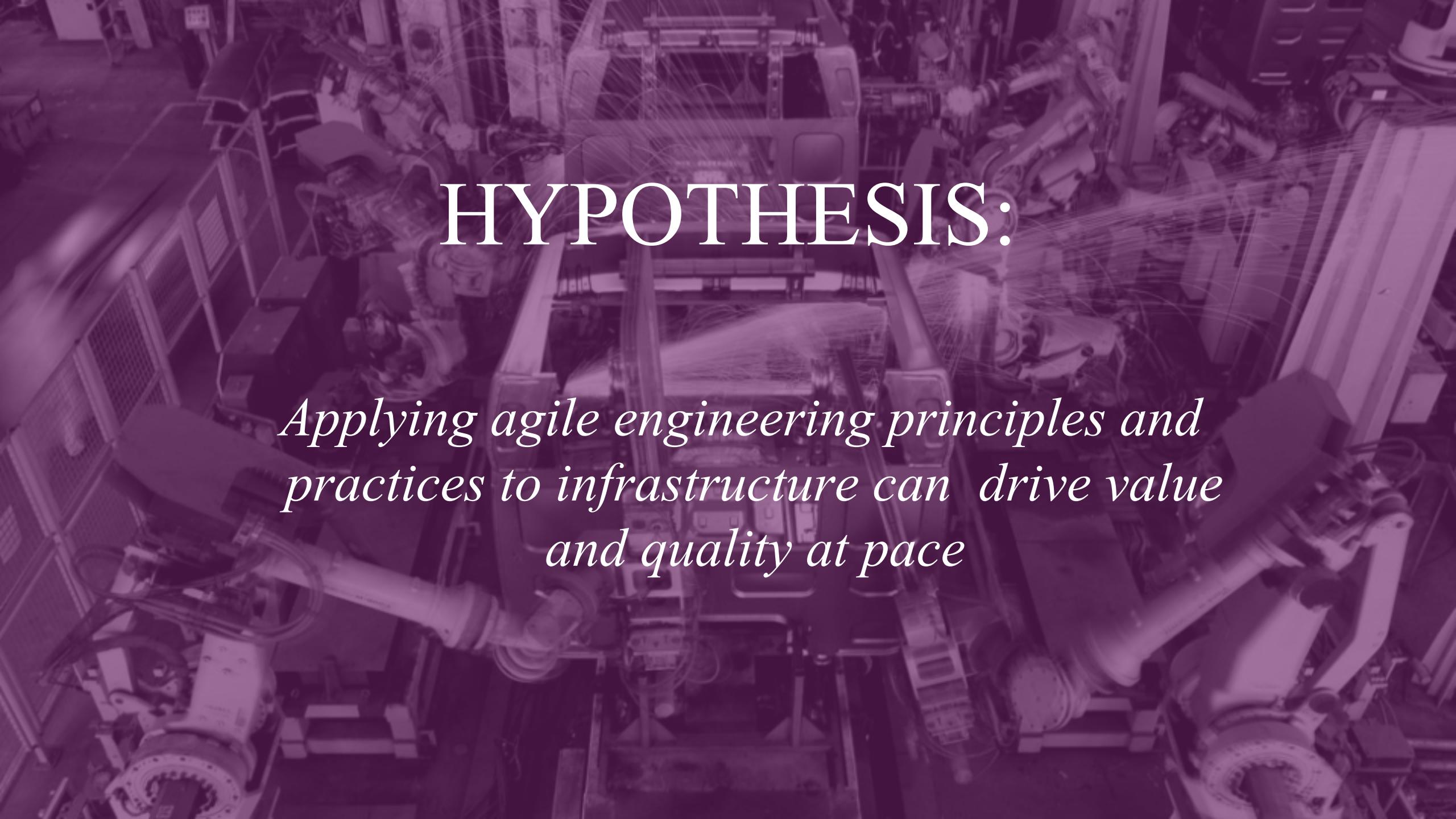
DEFINE
EVERYTHING
AS CODE



CONTINUOUSLY
VALIDATE AS
YOU WORK



BUILD SMALL,
SIMPLE PIECES



HYPOTHESIS:

Applying agile engineering principles and practices to infrastructure can drive value and quality at pace

Principles of Cloud Age infrastructure

- Assume unreliability
- Make things disposable
- Make things reproducible
- Minimize variations
- Avoid snowflakes

A wide-angle photograph of a rugged mountain range under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, there's a grassy, rocky hillside. The middle ground shows a valley with sparse vegetation and rocky outcrops. The background features several peaks, with one prominent peak on the right side.

PLATFORMS

CHANGE
DELIVERY
SERVICES

APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION RUNTIME PLATFORM

INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORM

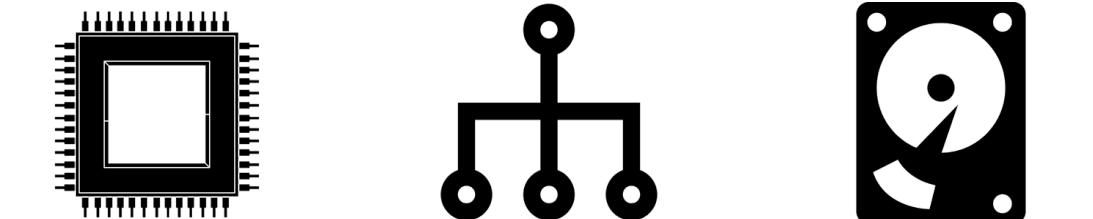
OPERATIONAL
SERVICES

WHAT:

- Compute
- Networking
- Storage

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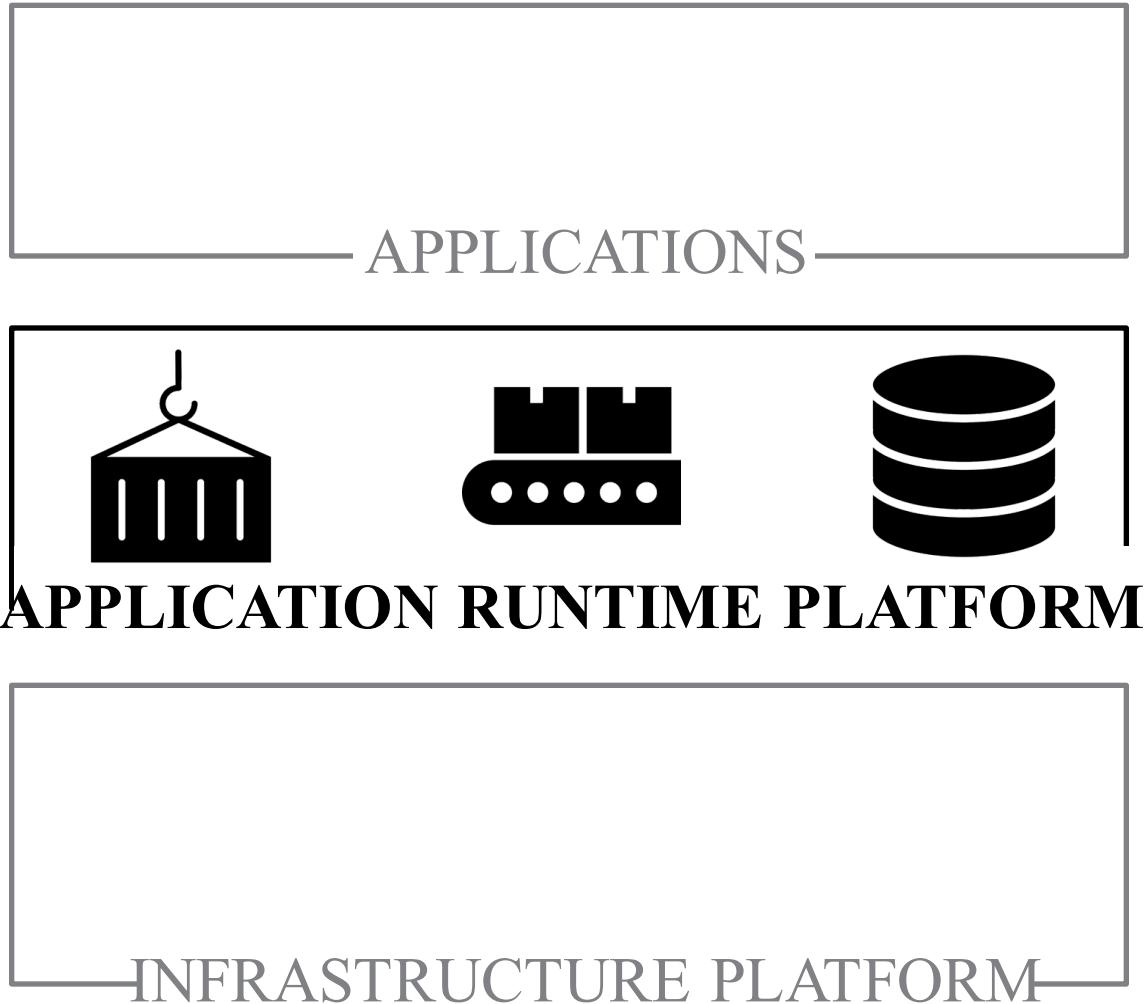
INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORM

EXAMPLES:

- Public IaaS cloud
- Private IaaS cloud
- Virtualization platform
- Bare metal cloud

WHAT:

- Process management
- Application orchestration
- Application-level connectivity
- Database services

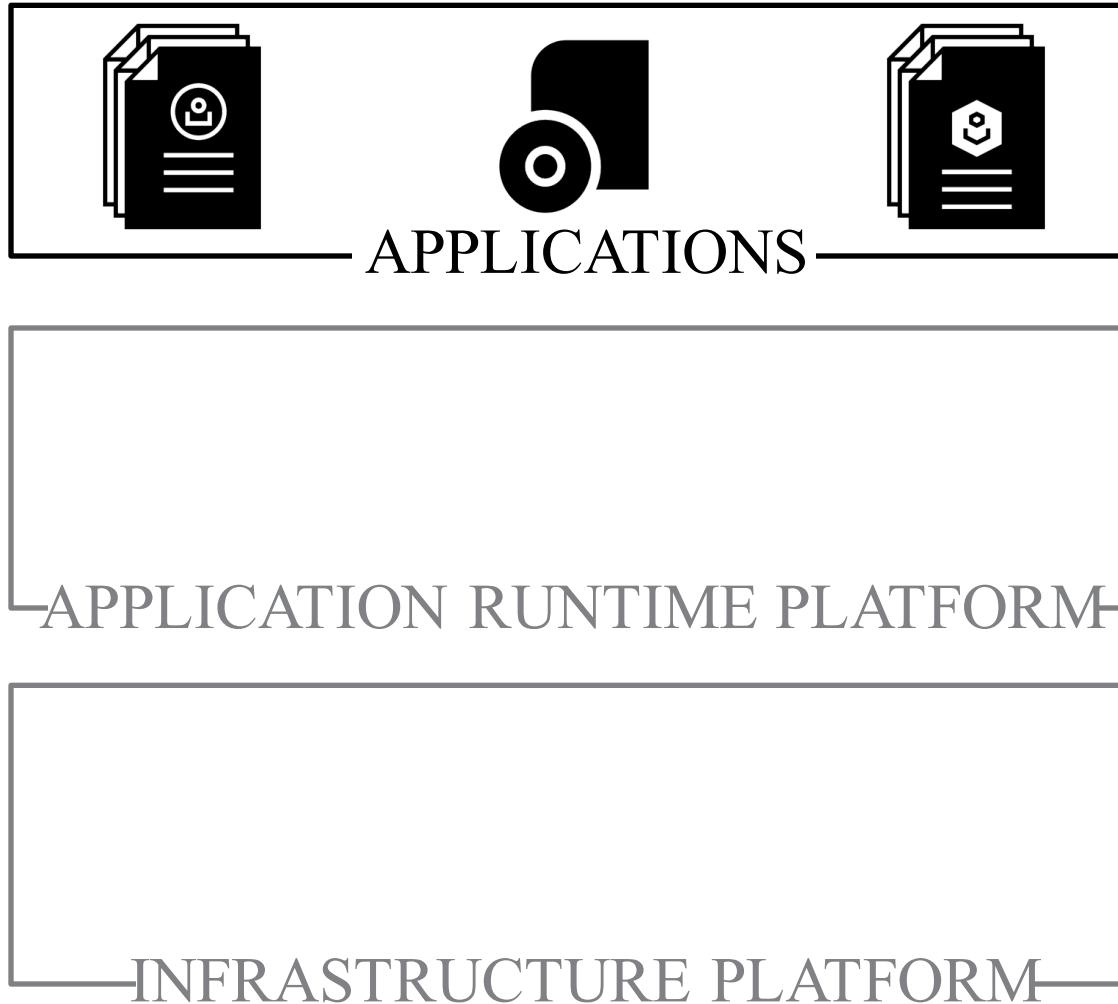


EXAMPLES:

- Operating system
- Application server
- Messaging
- Container cluster
- PaaS
- FaaS runtime
- Service mesh
- Database server

WHAT:

- Application packaging formats
- Application deployment



EXAMPLES:

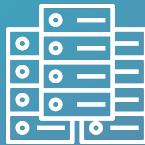
- OS package (RPM, MSI)
- Language package (.war, .gem)
- Container image

CLOUD

A model for provisioning resources



ON DEMAND



FROM A POOL OF
RESOURCES



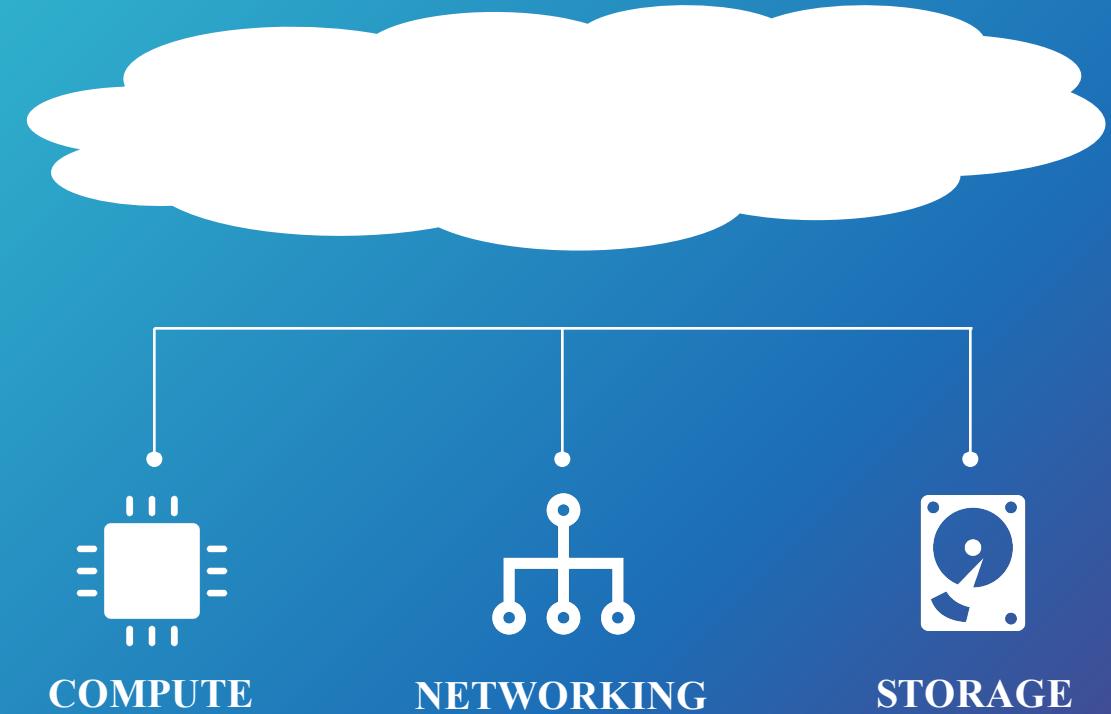
PROGRAMMATICALLY



INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORM

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Provides a pool of resources



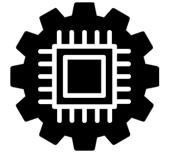
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Virtual Machines



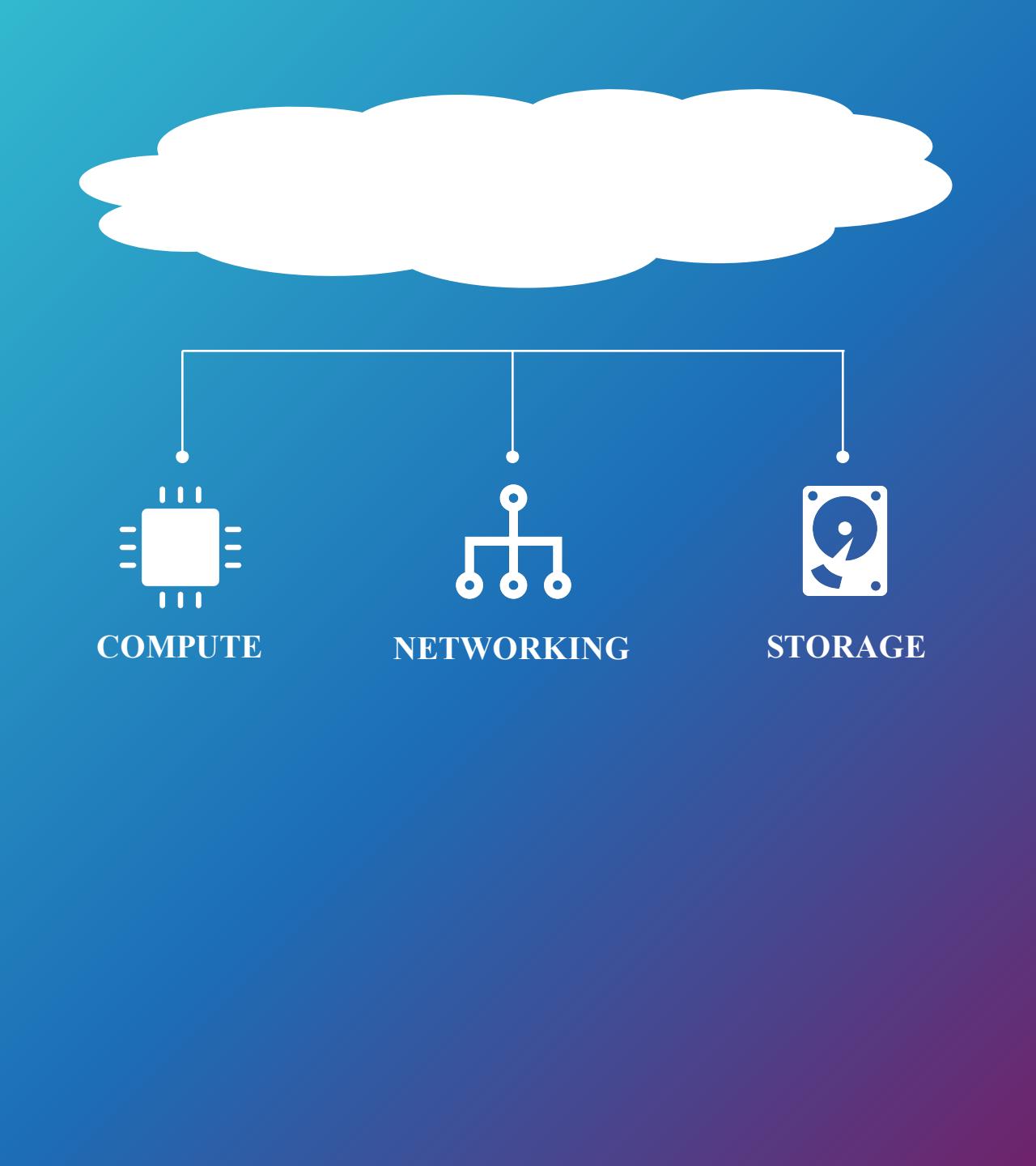
Serverless



Containers



Physical Servers



INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORM

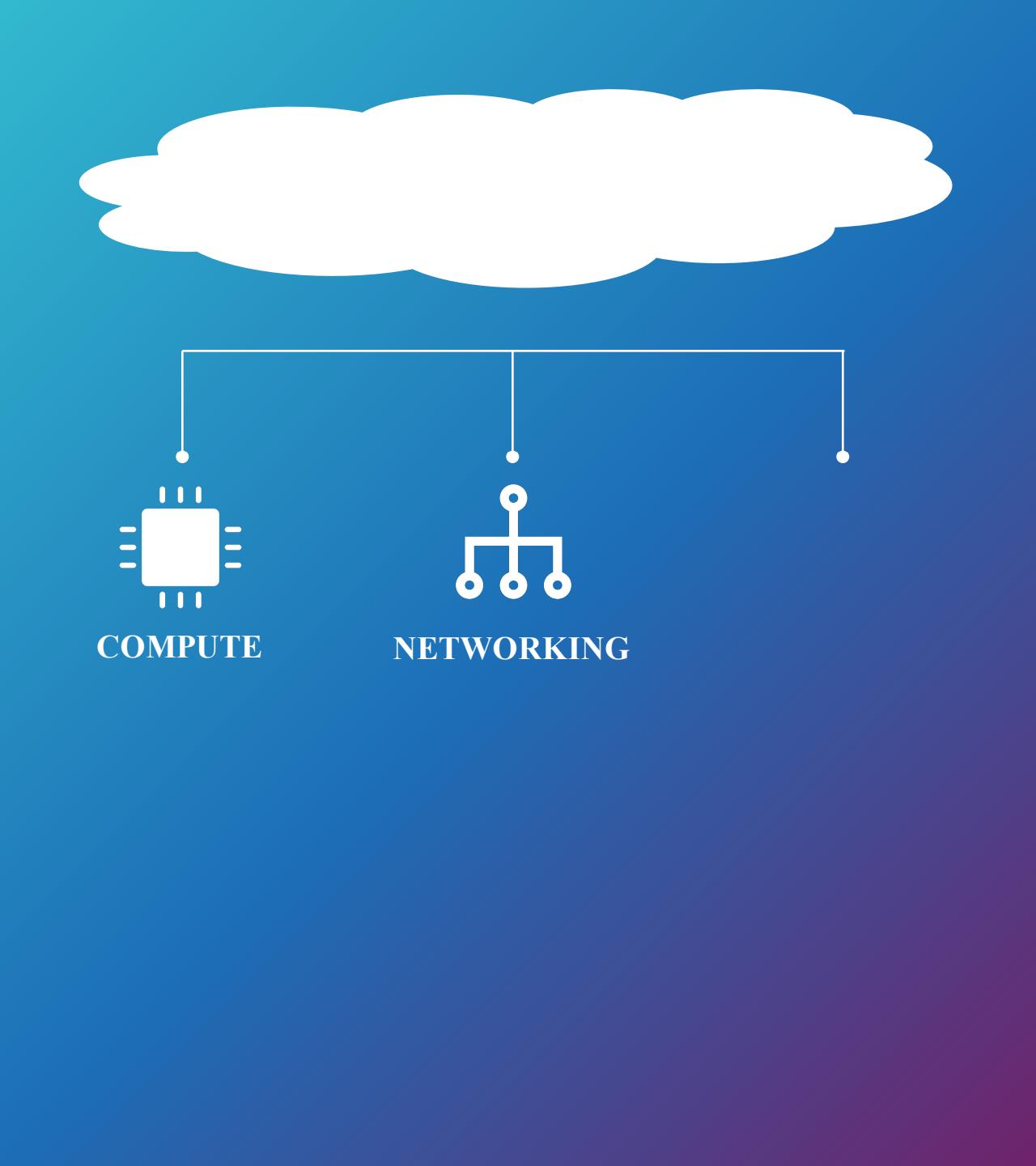
Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Provides a pool of resources

Address Blocks

Routing

Access Rules



INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORM

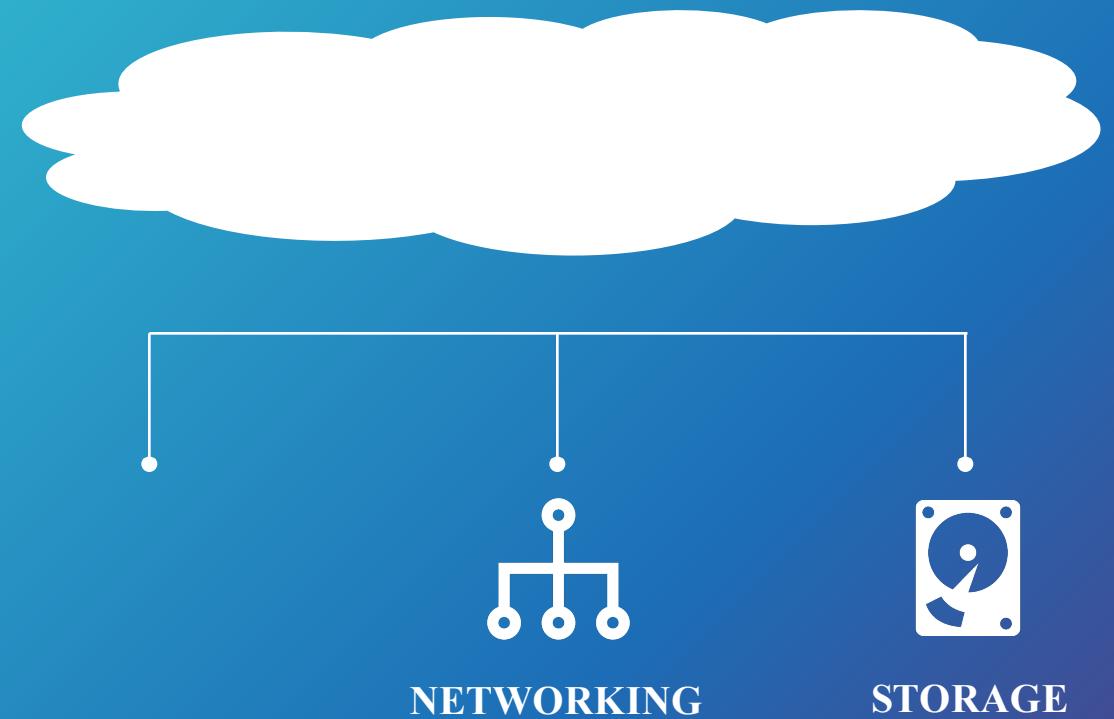
Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Provides a pool of resources

Block Storage Drives

Object Storage Buckets

Network Drives



INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORMS

Public and Private



PUBLIC IAAS

Alibaba Cloud
AWS
Azure
GCP
Digital Ocean
Linode
Oracle Cloud



PRIVATE IAAS

OpenStack
VMWare vCloud
VMWare with scripts



BARE METAL CLOUD

ILO, PXE
Foreman
MAAS
Razor
Rebar
Tinkerbell

The background image shows a wide, open landscape with rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The foreground is a grassy field.

TOOLS

APPLICATIONS

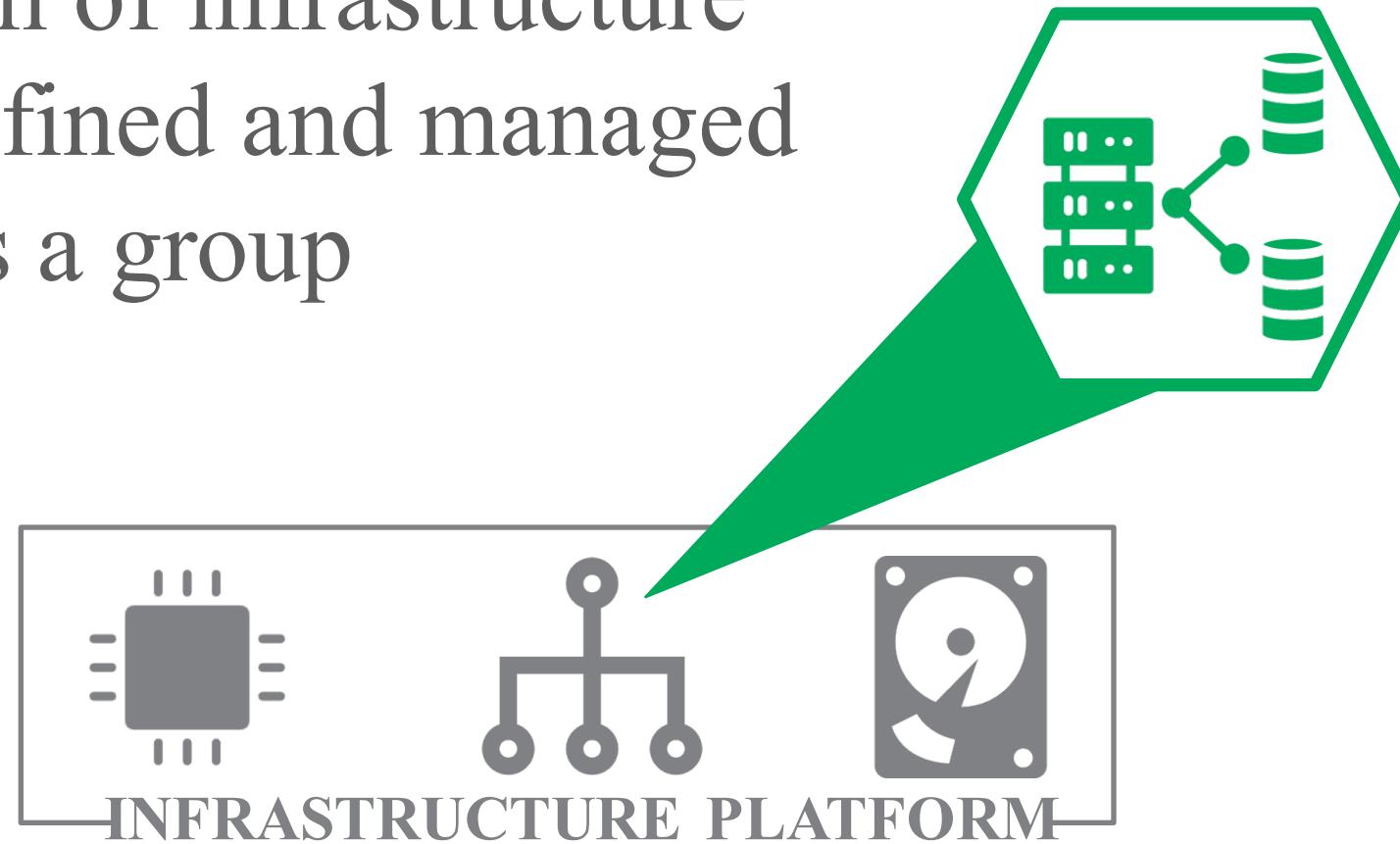
APPLICATIONS
Infrastructure Stack
Management Tools



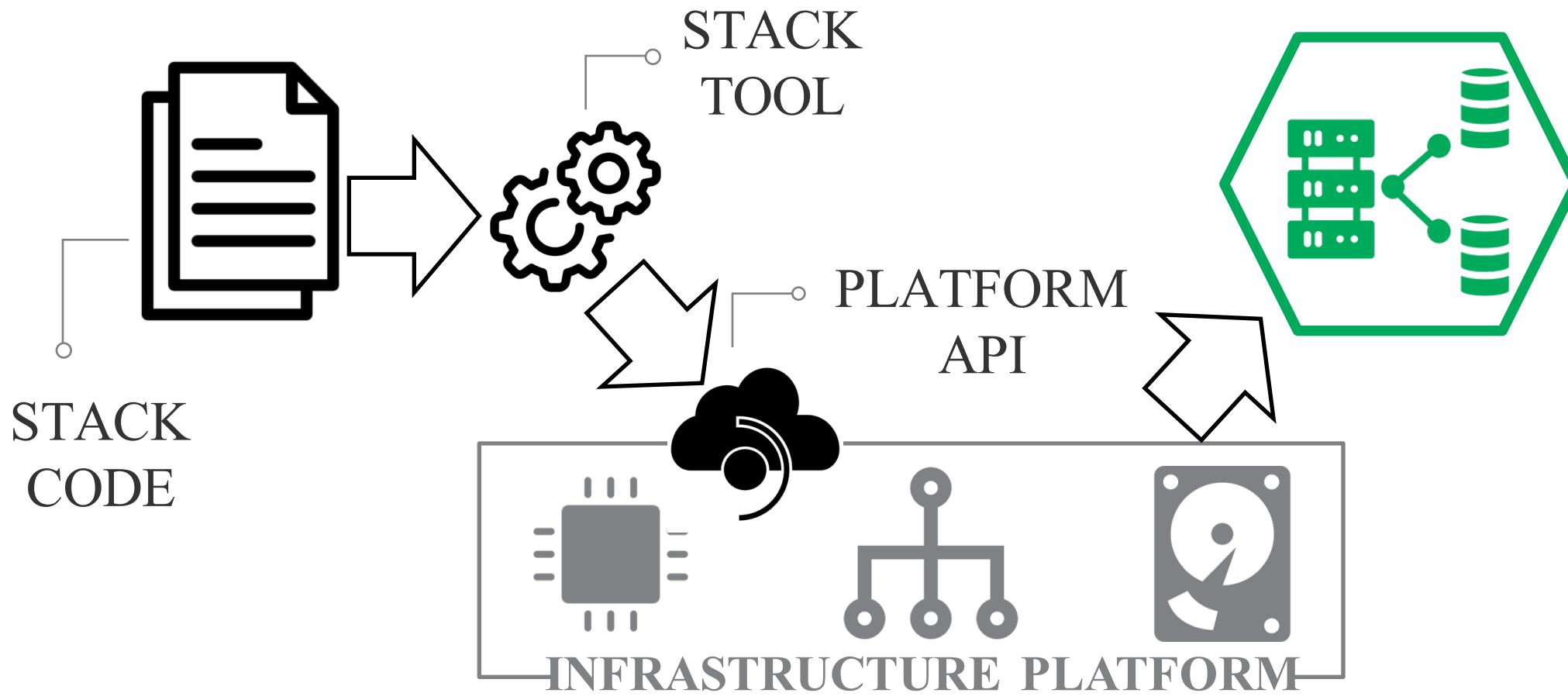
INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORM

INFRASTRUCTURE STACK

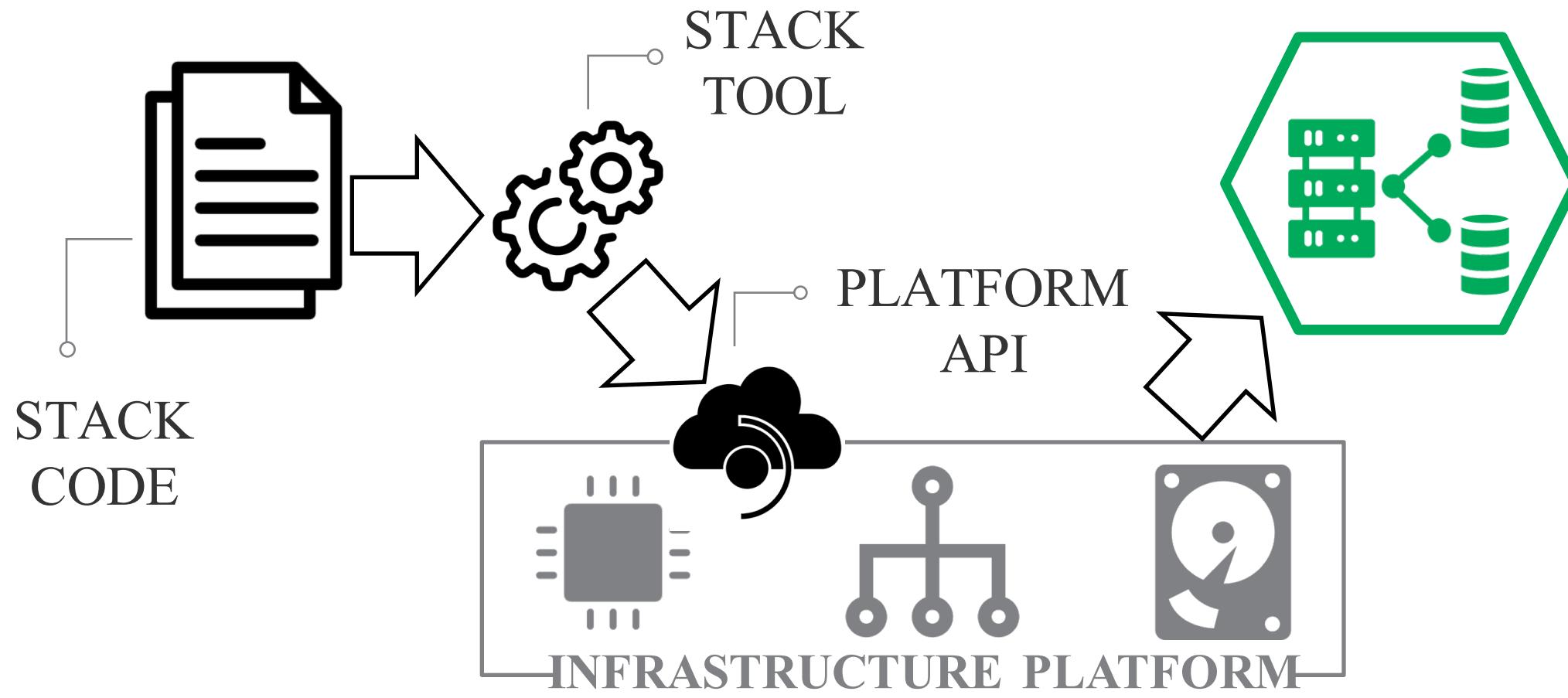
A collection of infrastructure resources defined and managed as a group



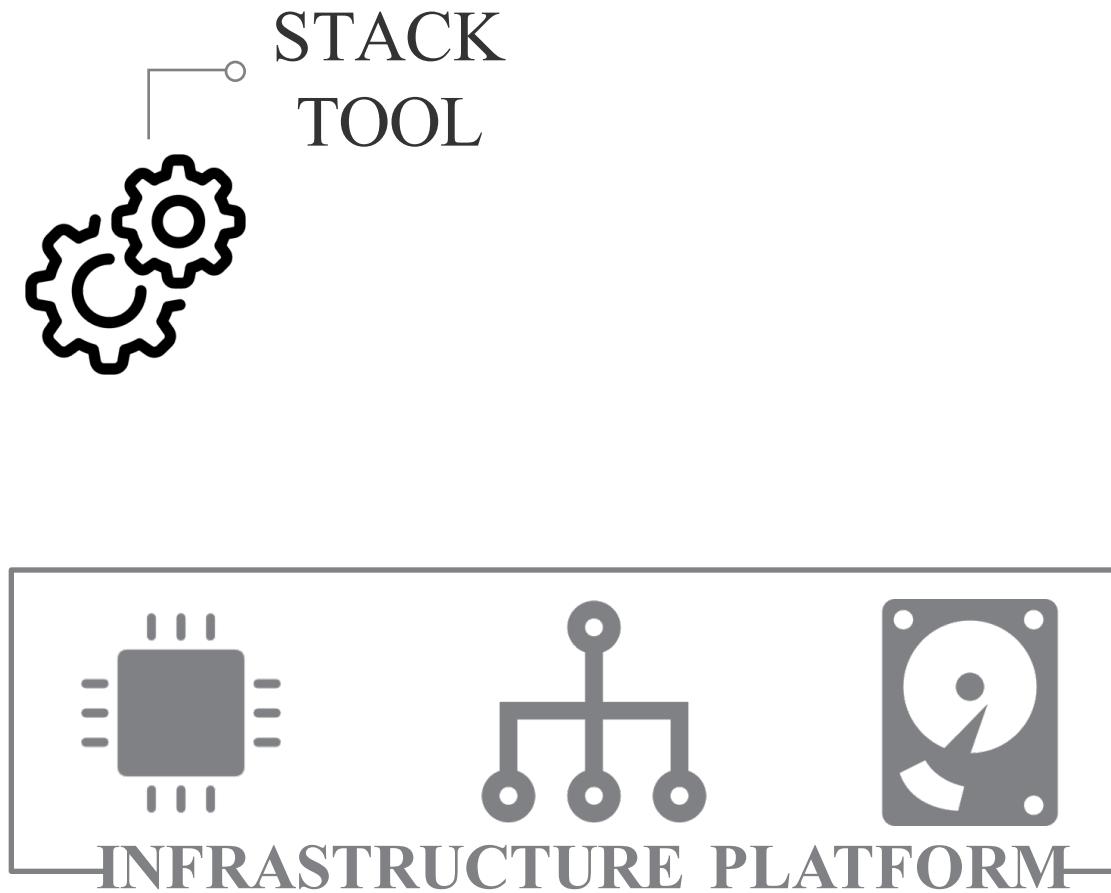
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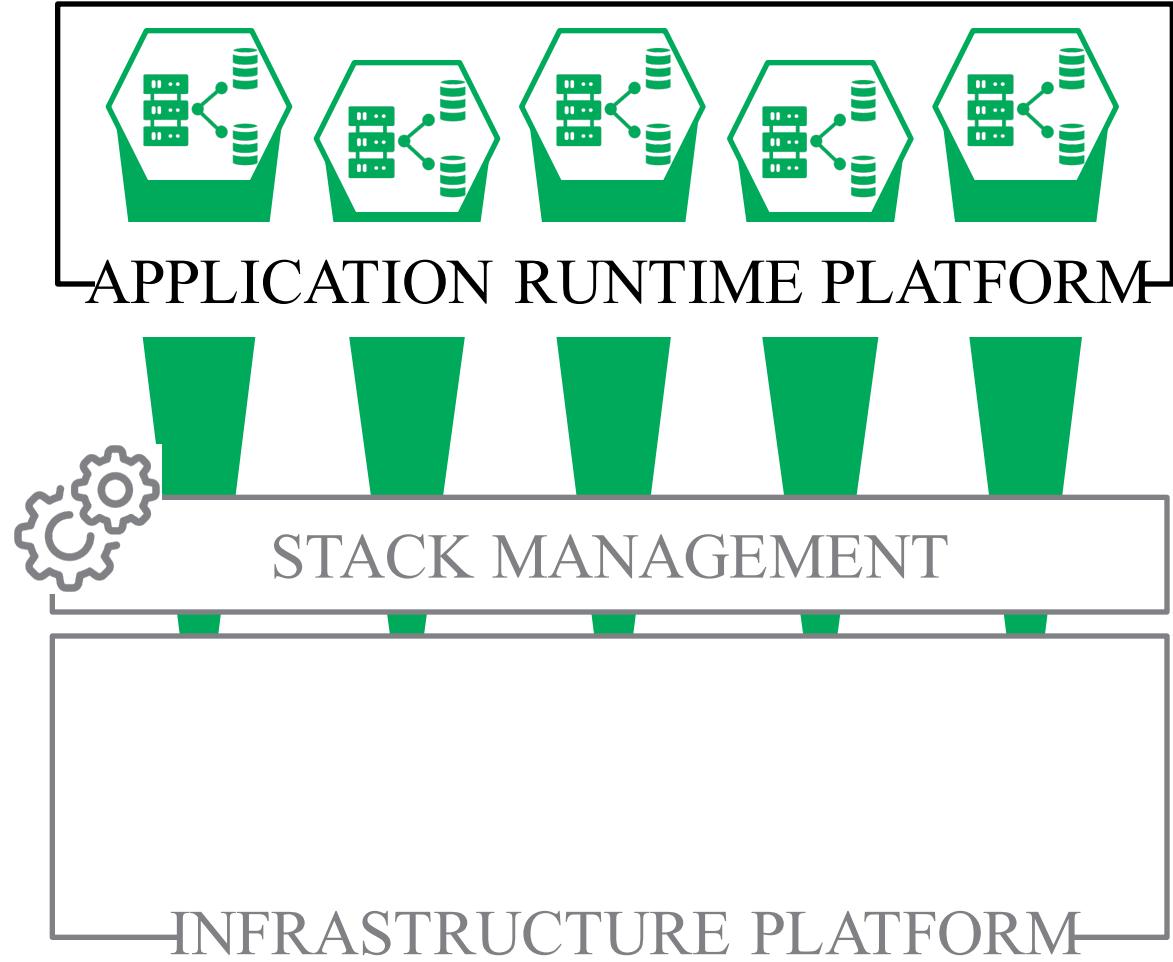
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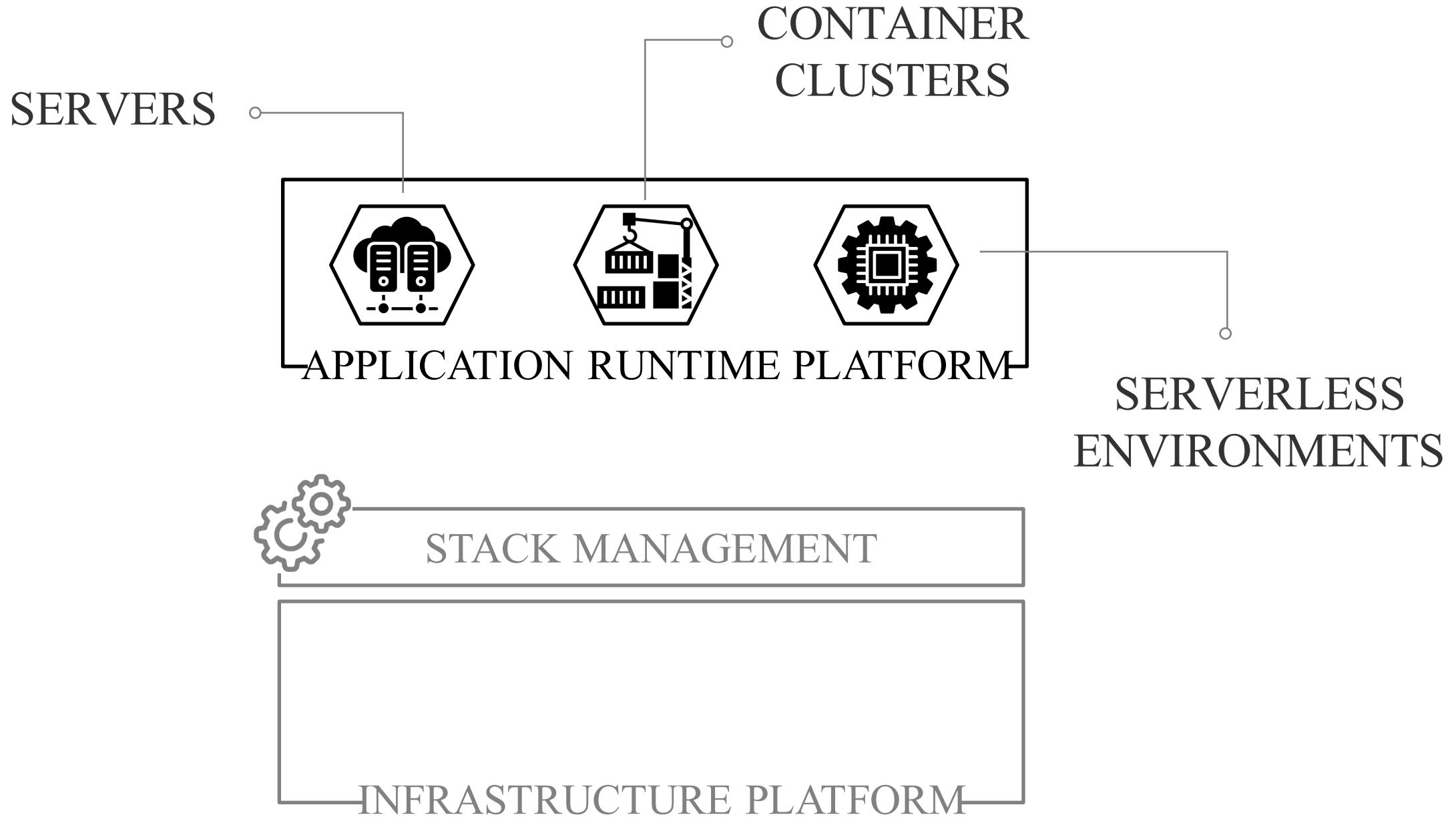


INFRASTRUCTURE STACK EXAMPLES:



- Terraform
- AWS CloudFormation
- Azure Resource Manager
- GCP Cloud Deployment Manager
- Pulumi
- OpenStack Heat
- Chef Provisioning
- Puppet Automated Provisioning
- Ansible Provisioning



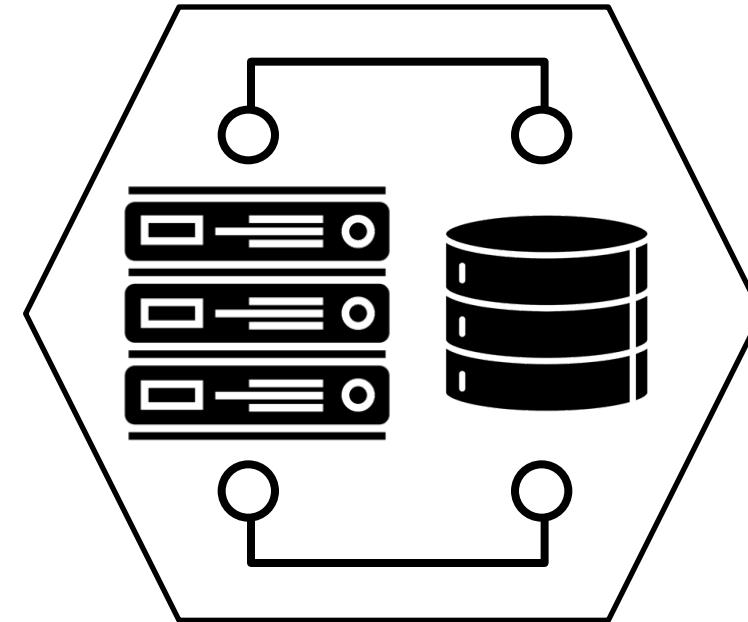


SERVERS AS CODE

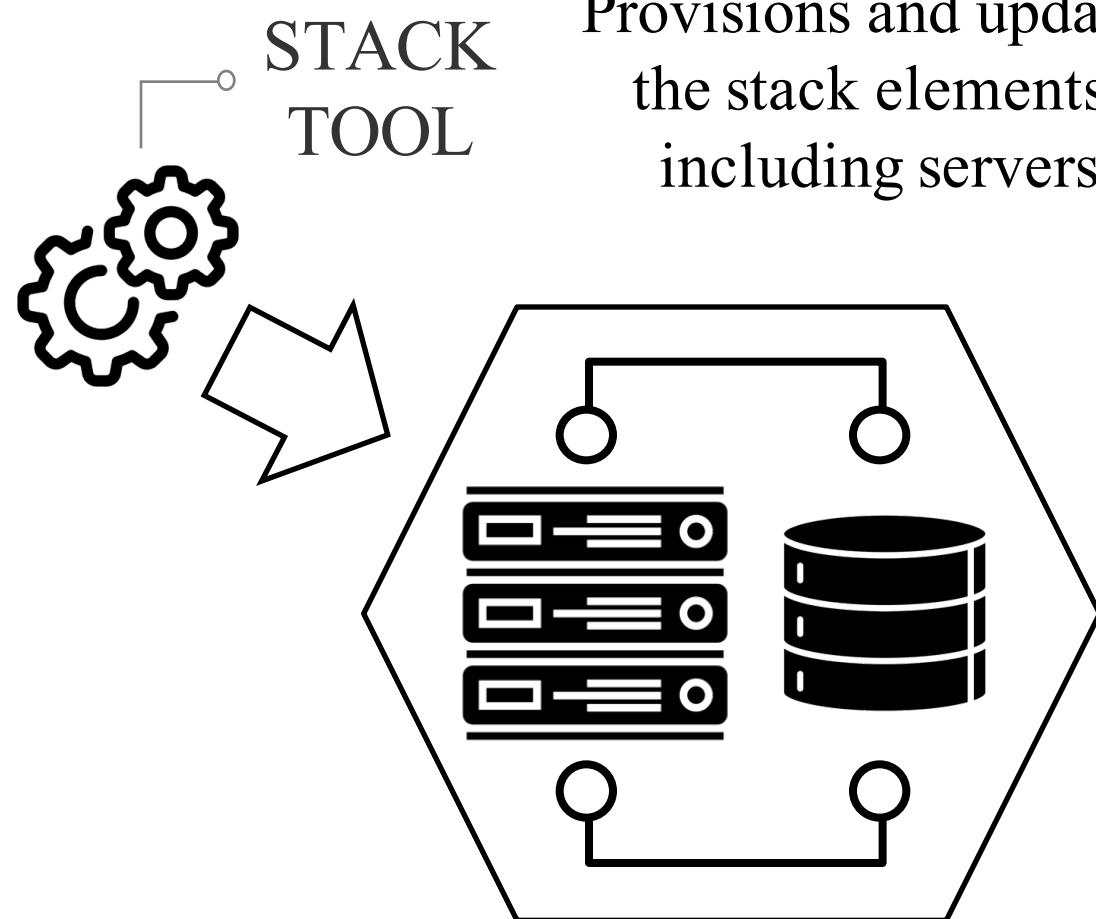
AN EXAMPLE STACK
APPLICATION INFRASTRUCTURE

INCLUDES

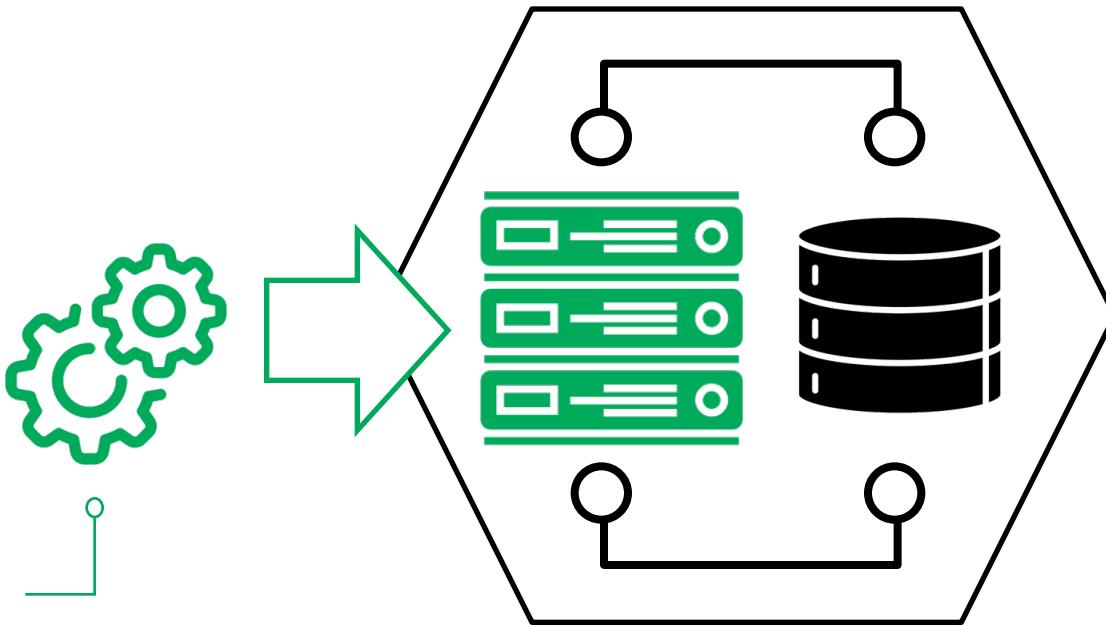
- Application Servers
- Network Routing
- Database Instance



Provisions and updates
the stack elements,
including servers



SERVER CONFIGURATION TOOL

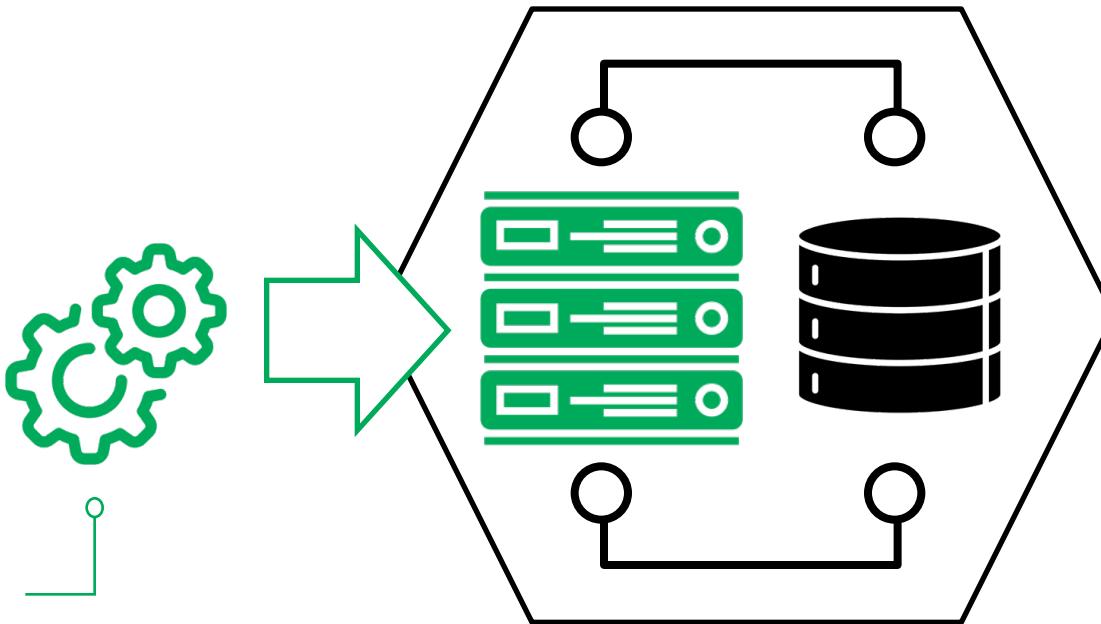


Configures and
updates elements on
each server

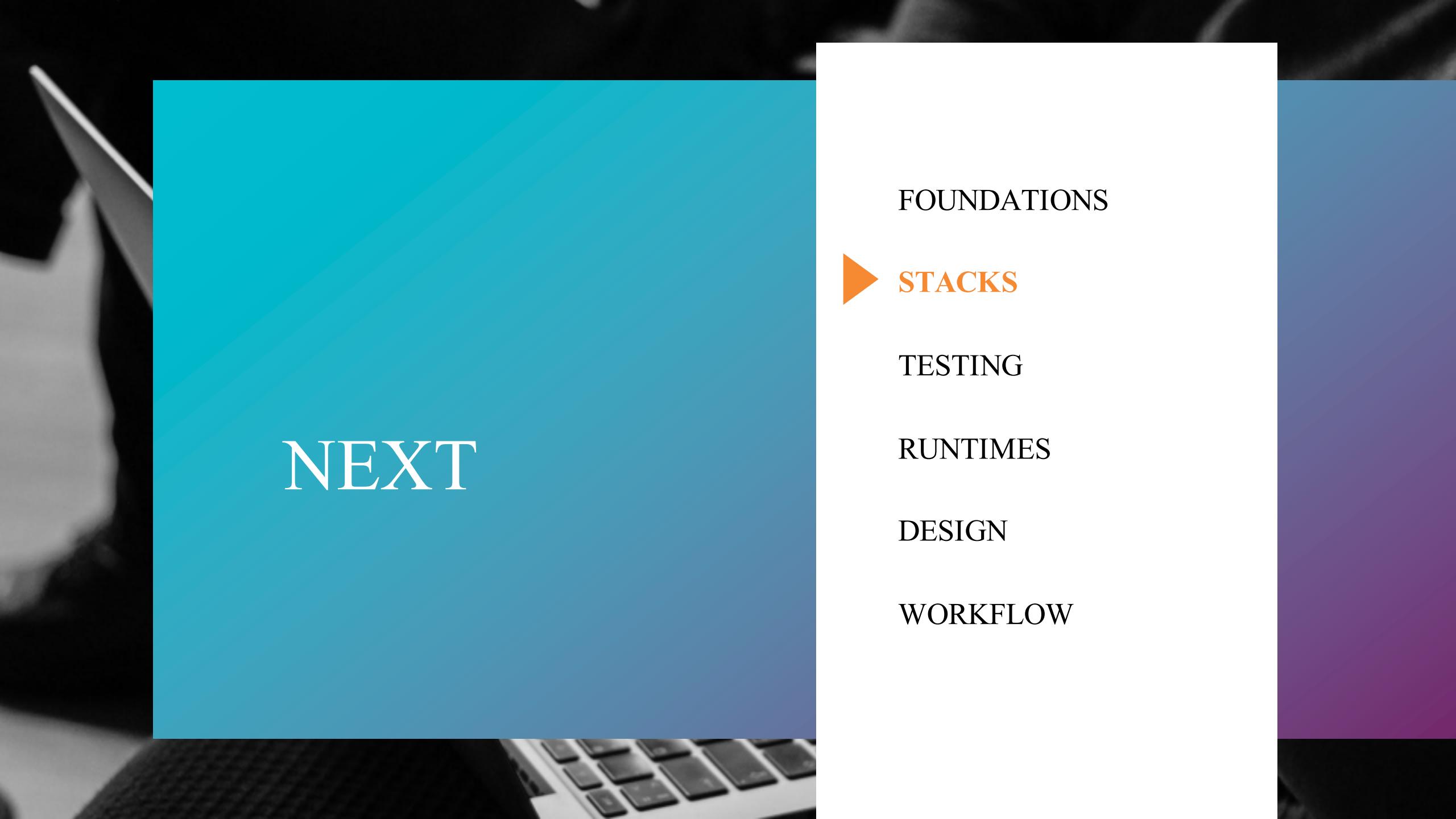
EXAMPLES:

- Ansible
- Chef
- Puppet
- Saltstack
- Packer

**SERVER
CONFIGURATION
TOOL**



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NEXT

FOUNDATIONS



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