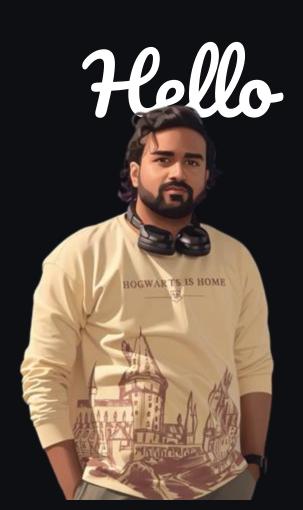


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# **Container Live Migration**

Moving workloads without downtime





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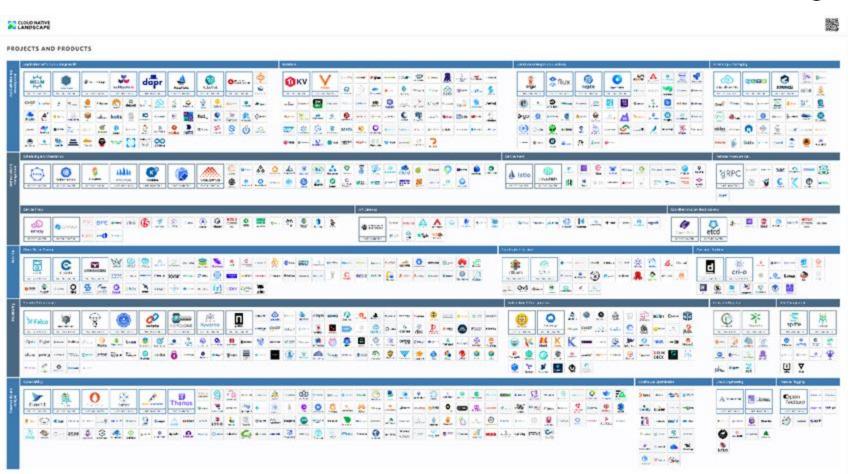
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# Kubernetes is easy

Isn't it?





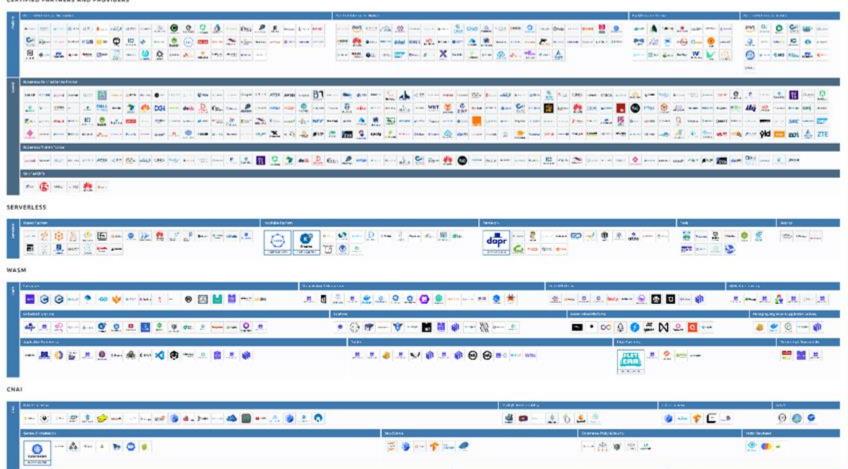
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Cli ninja skills

**Automation** 



# Automation kills my job



## NO WAY..!





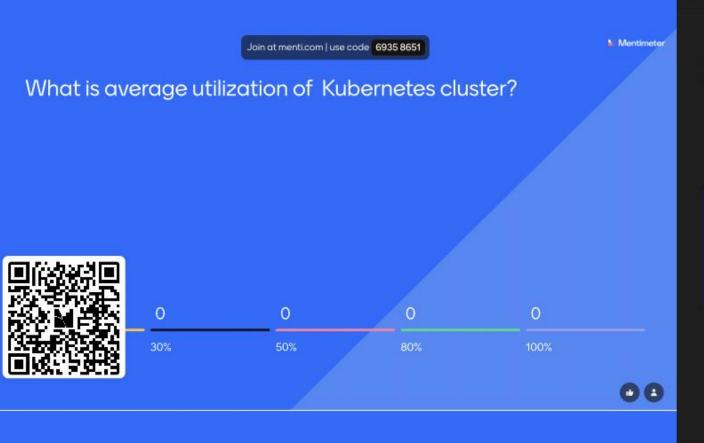
These culprits exist because managing cloud-native infrastructure manually is nearly impossible.

#### Automation tools:

- Select the type, size, and number of compute instances your K8s workloads actually need
- Bin-pack pods into nodes to maximize resource utilization
- Manage the entire Spot instance lifecycle,
- Set the right requests to fight cloud waste while maintaining performance (rightsize workloads)



# Kubernetes is efficient per default, no?







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### Key findings

### CPU and memory utilization

10%

CPU utilization across clusters is worse this year

AVERAGE CPU UTILIZATION

23%

AVERAGE MEMORY UTILIZATION

Surprisingly, the average CPU utilization across clusters is **worse** this year than last year by a lot more than we expected: now at 10% (23% worse than in 2024), while average memory utilization was marginally better at 23%, indicating no significant year-over-year improvement in resource efficiency across cloud platforms compared to our previous report from 2024.

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## Let's talk about infrastructure



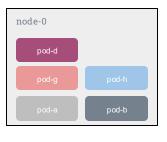
### **Autoscaling** with efficient compaction

Kubernetes distribute Workloads on nodes

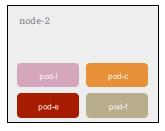
Distribution is adjusted based on need, configuration, workload

Only nodes cost money! (ok also traffic and control plane)

Cost saving is not so complicated!







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### **Autoscaling** with efficient compaction

Internal Scheduling and scaling is cost neutral

Resource sharing makes Kubernetes efficient

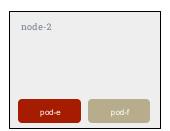
#### Underutilized nodes are expensive

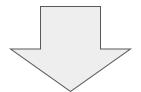
Make use of the elasticity of the cloud

Make sure you have a bin-packing solution

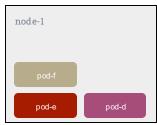












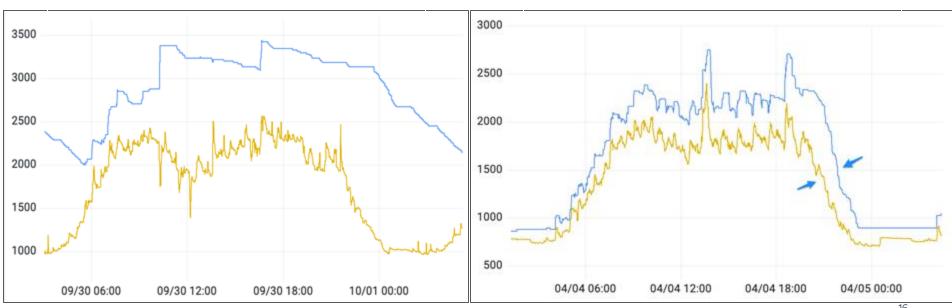




Reducing the gap between provisioned and used resources

### **Before optimization**

#### After optimization





## What about workload?





#### Horizontal Pod Autoscaler

Adjust number of pods for load (CPU,

requests)

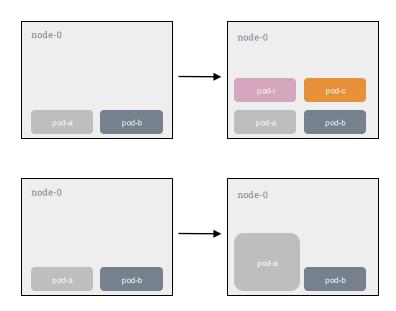
Requirement for efficient nodes scaling

#### **Vertical Pod Autoscaler**

Adjust pod resource request

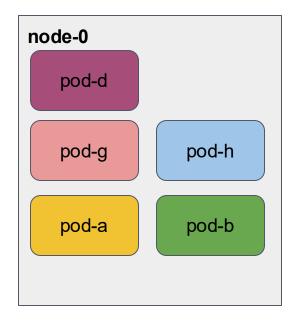
Dangerous side effects (pod too big to

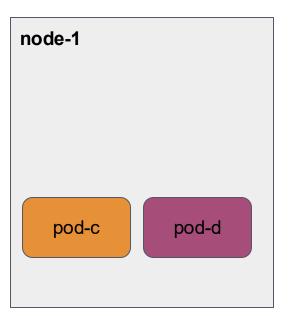
schedule)

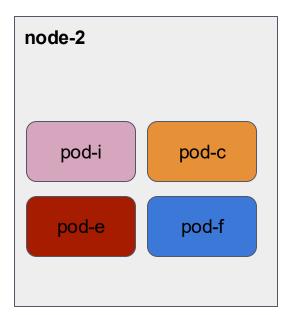




### Combining all of it - Before

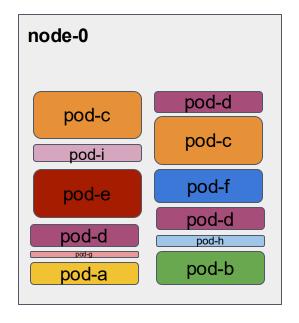




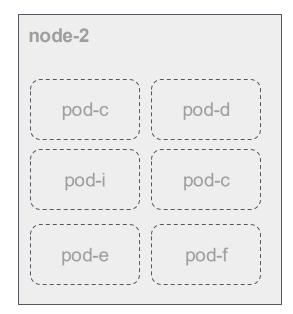




### Combining all of it - After









# What does "Container Live Migration" means?



The ability to move containers (pods) in the **SAME** cluster between nodes without interruption and restarts.

# How does it work?



#### Node A

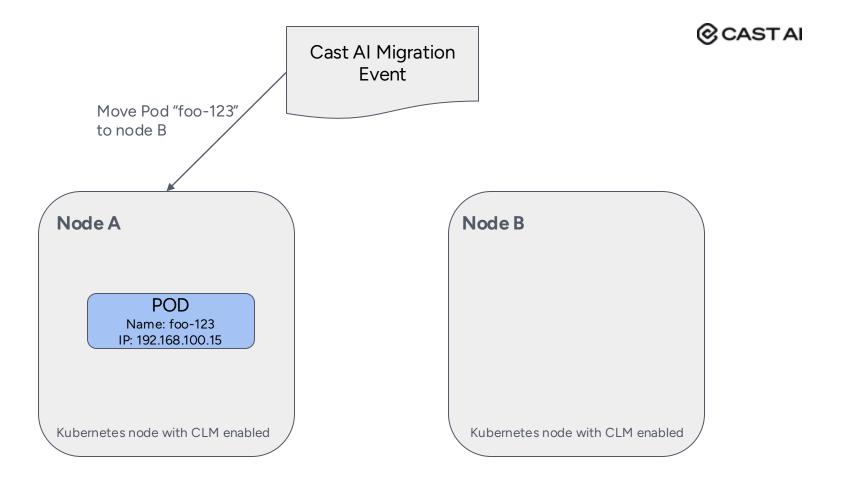
#### POD

Name: foo-123 IP: 192.168.100.15

Kubernetes node with CLM enabled

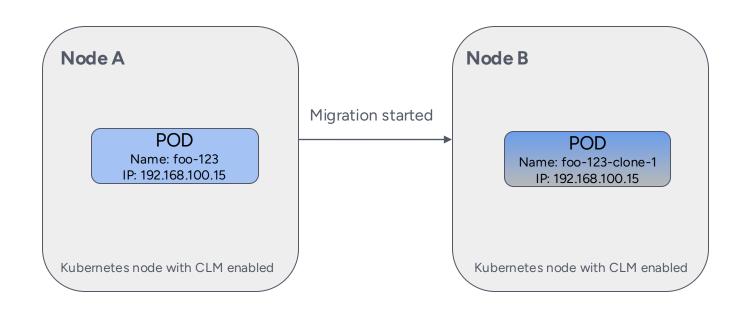
#### Node B

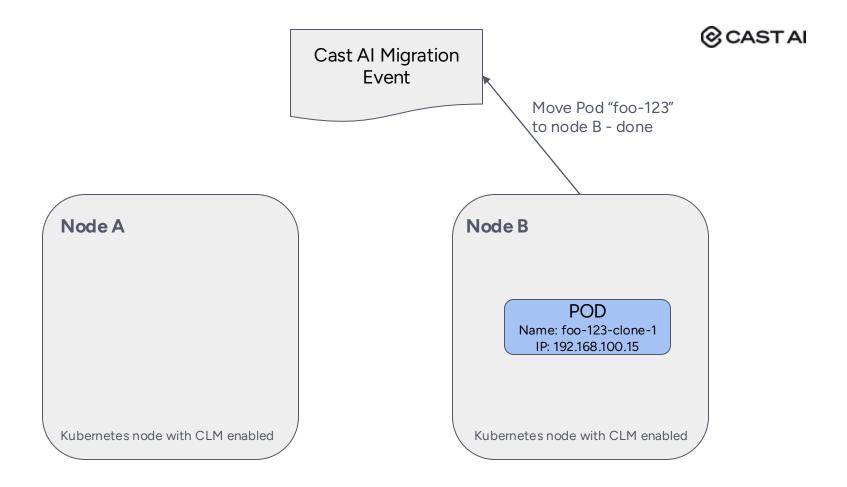
Kubernetes node with CLM enabled





#### Cast Al Migration Event





## No interruption, no downtime, no restart



# Let's live migrate a Minecraft server during we're playing



# But wait..... Why do i need this in Kubernetes environments?





### Some of the use cases

Stateful workloads **Extend Spot footprint** Legacy workloads Operation headache Migrate the state Running non-spot JVM monoliths Bin-packing of Single instead of restart the ready workloads on Lift and shift replicas workloads, which are InPlaceVertivalPodRig Spot pod Keep (TCP) sessions Running (longnot designed for K8s htsizing for Ease of operation running) jobs on Spot and cannot benefit for Kubernetes version < K8s (single replicas, 1.33 no vertical scaling, long startup times, etc)



### When is it GA?

**AWS EKS** 





**GCP GKE** 

Q4 / 2025 😀



Azure AKS

2026 😔



# THANK YOU



