



Distributed data stores on Kubernetes

* and other things

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Prerequisites

- Kubernetes cluster
- Basic understanding of Cassandra

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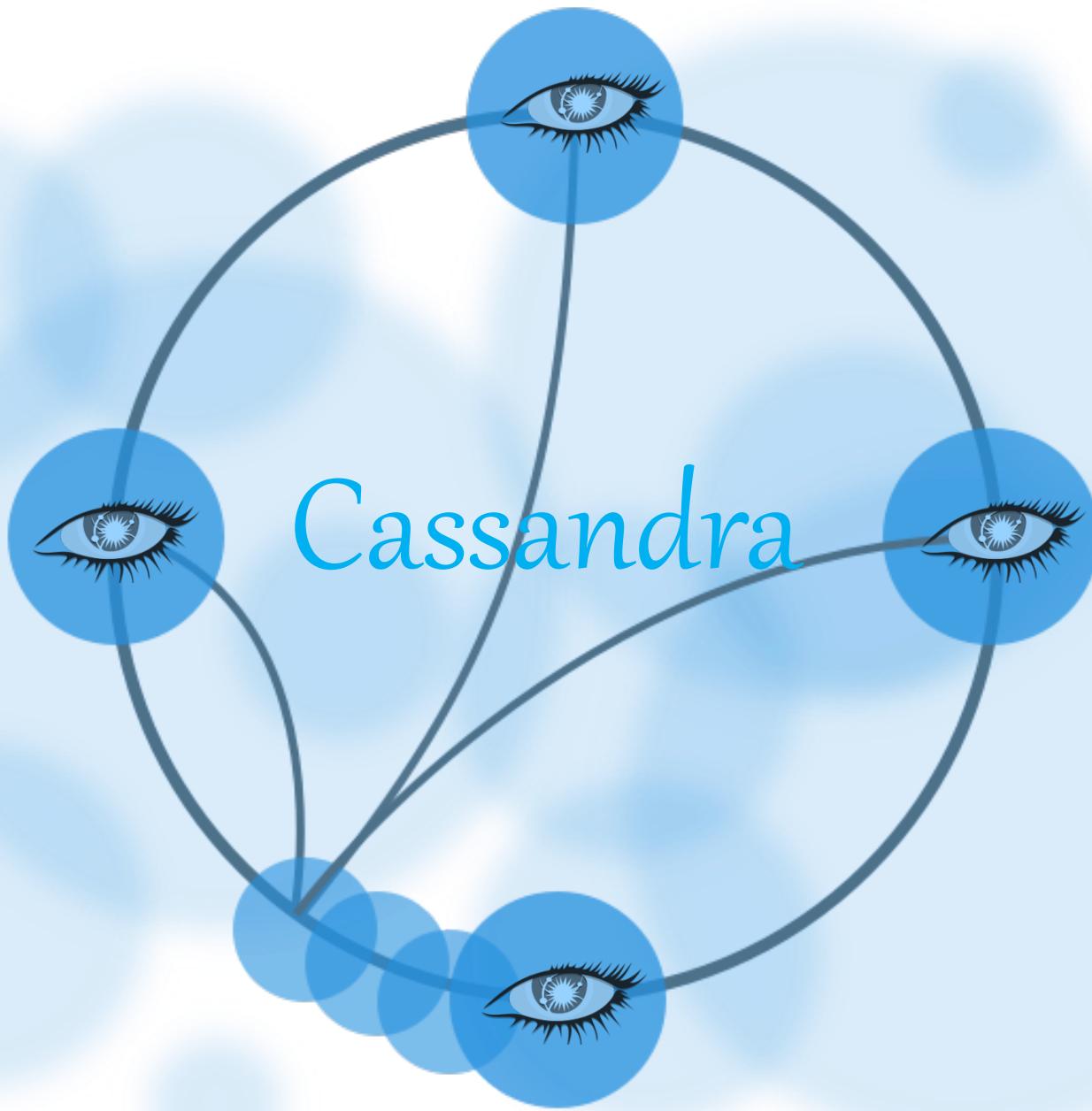
- Kubernetes cluster
- Basic understanding of Cassandra
- Courage

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Motivation

Talk plan

- ✓ Kubernetes and Cassandra refresher
- ✓ Stateful Sets, PVs, PVCs, Storage Classes, and more
- ✓ Example: Cassandra Stateful Set
- ✓ Kubernetes Jobs
- ✓ Example: Writing data into Cassandra using Jobs
- ✓ Spark jobs on Kubernetes
- ✓ Example: Spark and Cassandra on Kubernetes

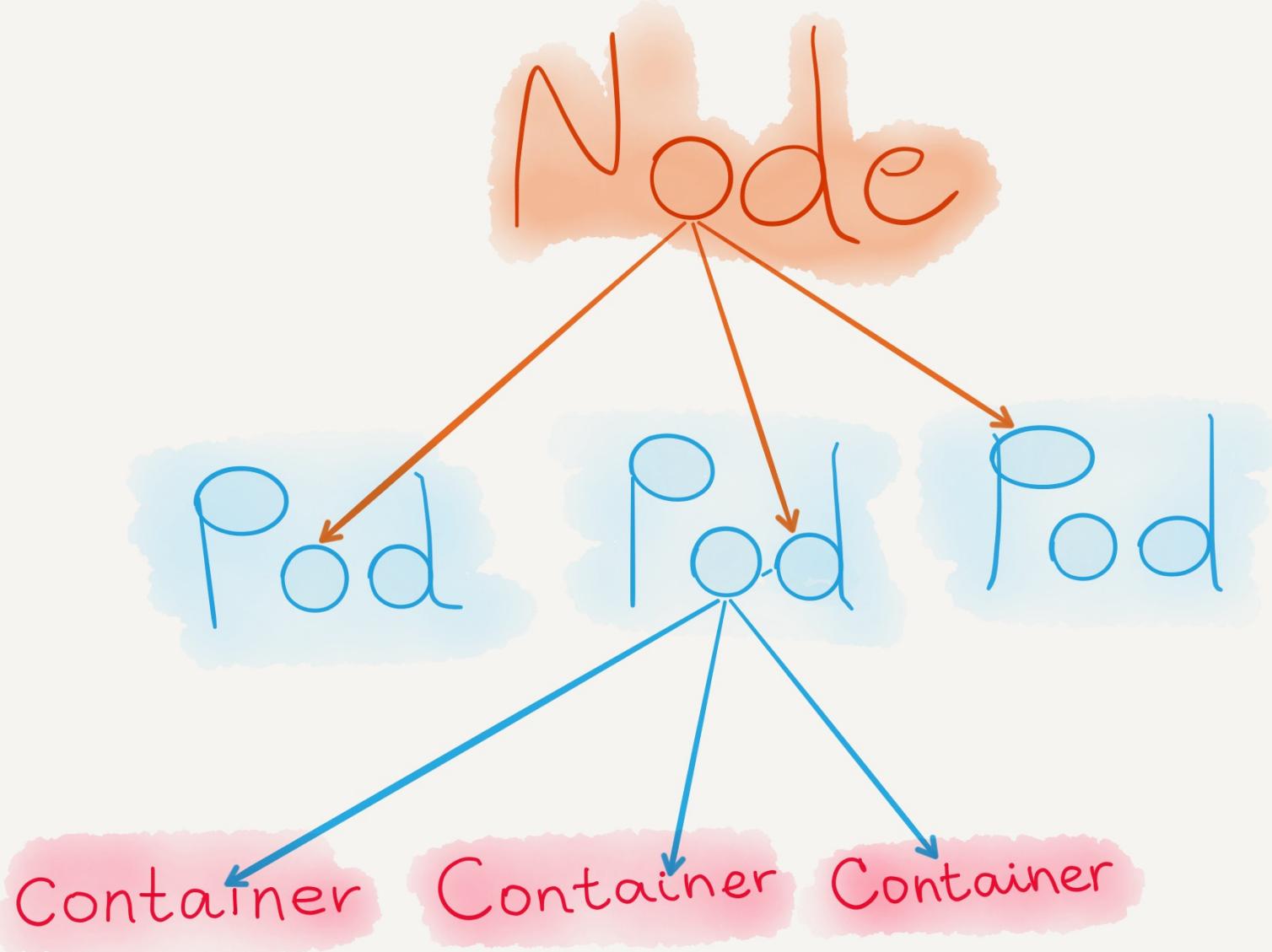


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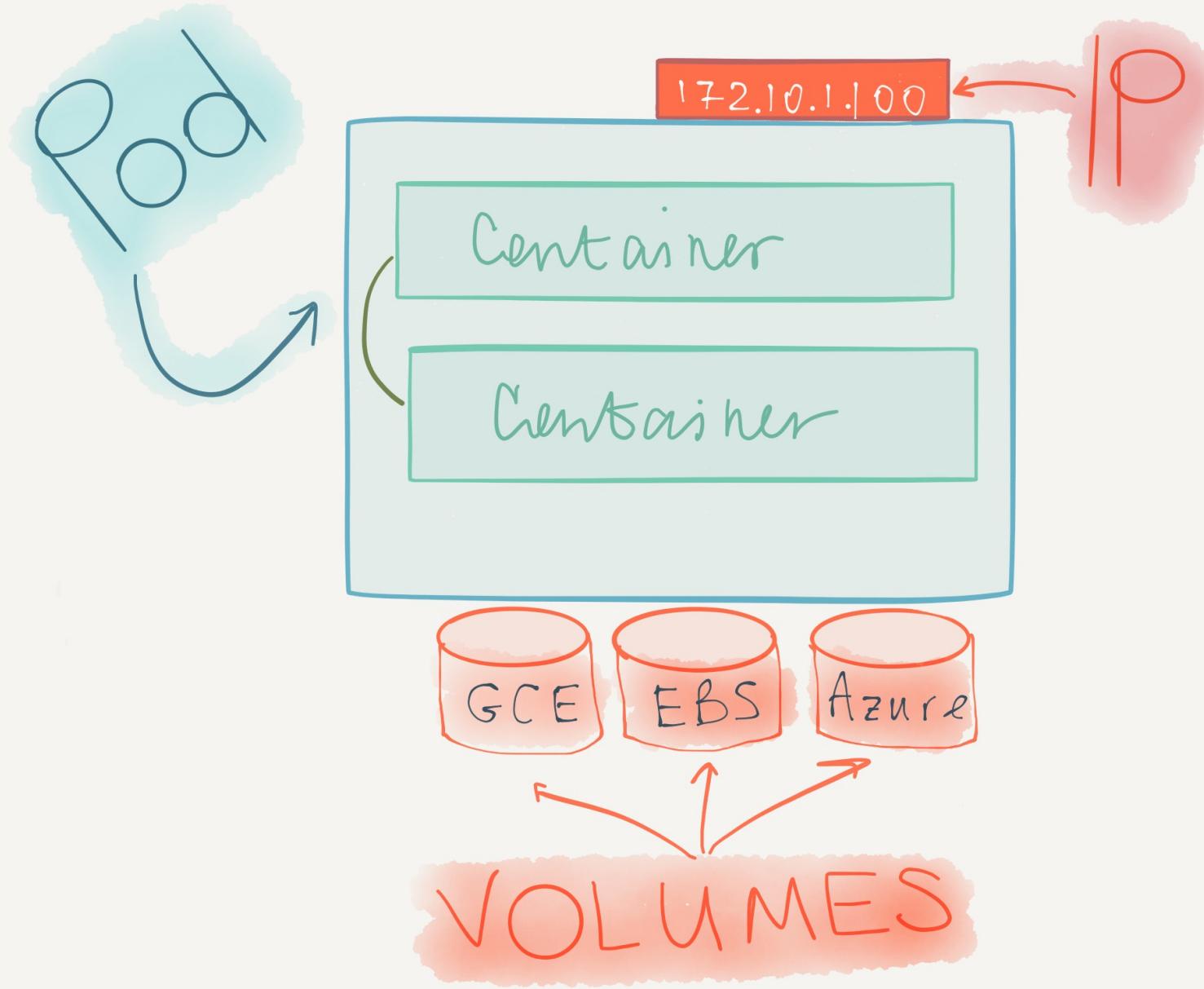
- Distributed database, has a [ring topology](#), uses [consistent hashing](#)
- Highly available system with [tunable consistency](#) and [hinted hand off](#)
- Data is grouped by the [partition key](#) and stored together physically
- Stores data in [SSTable](#) on disk and RAM and tracks operations in the [commit log](#)
- Data can be ordered by a [clustering key](#)
- Supports equality, inequality, aggregation queries and custom functions
- Hash ranges can be mapped to [Simple Nodes](#) or to [Vnodes](#)

Kubernetes Refresher

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Kubernetes Deployments/Replica Sets

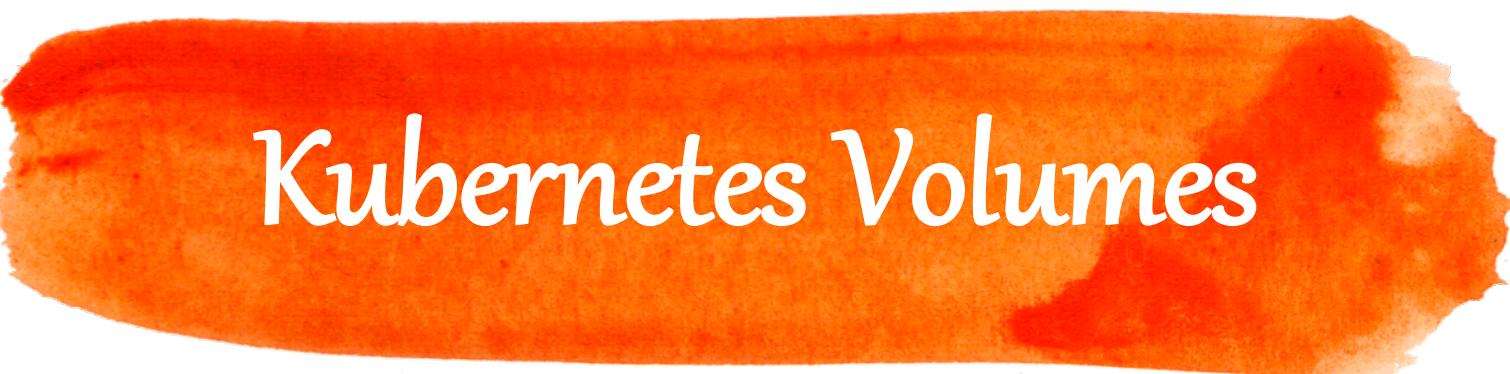
Keeps specified number of pod replicas running at any given time

Ephemeral containers



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*Distributed databases - systems that require
stable persistence*



Kubernetes Volumes

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What if we try...
Replicated containers with volumes?

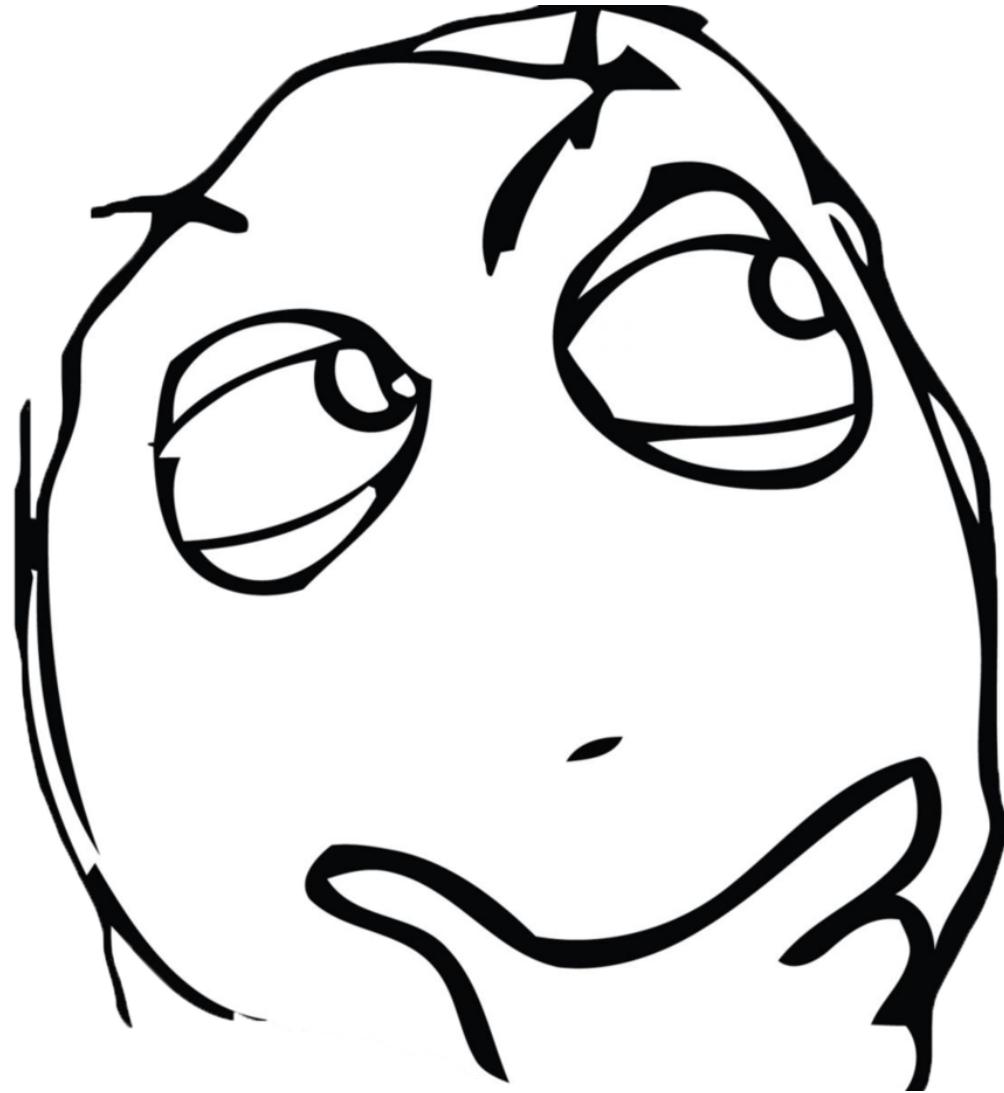
Standard containers are not persistent

Even combined with Kubernetes volumes, there are issues:

- Non-deterministic, **random** names
- Random order in which pods start, scale and terminate



So, replica sets with volumes won't work



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Prior to creating the database cluster :

- We need to have certain **guarantees** about cluster nodes
- Database nodes should have **discoverable names**
- Nodes need to start in **predictable order**
- Stable persistent storage

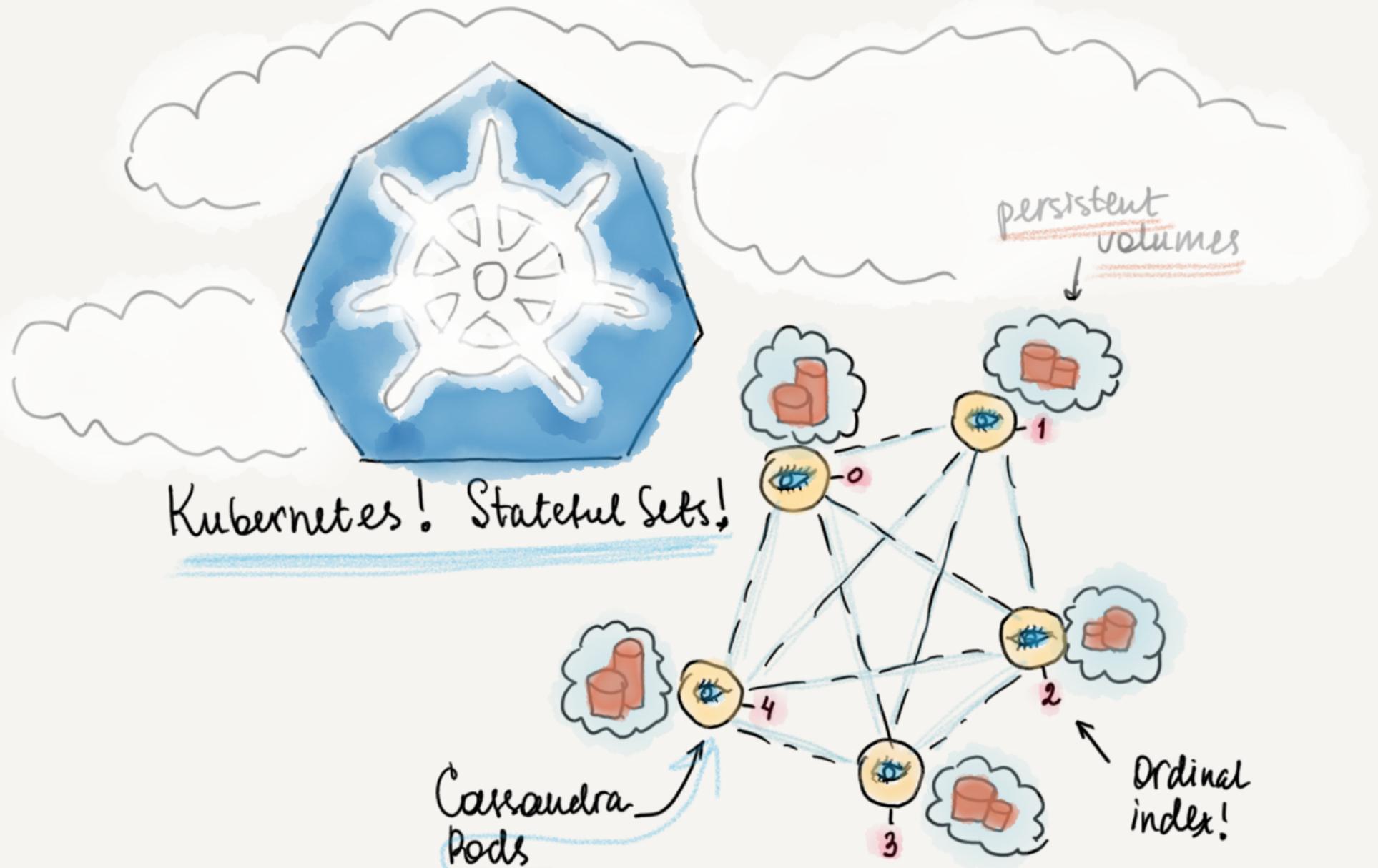


Stateful Sets

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Stateful Set pods have identity ...

- Stable, **unique** network identifiers
- **Stable**, persistent storage, and link from pod to storage
- **Ordered** deployment, scaling, termination, rolling updates



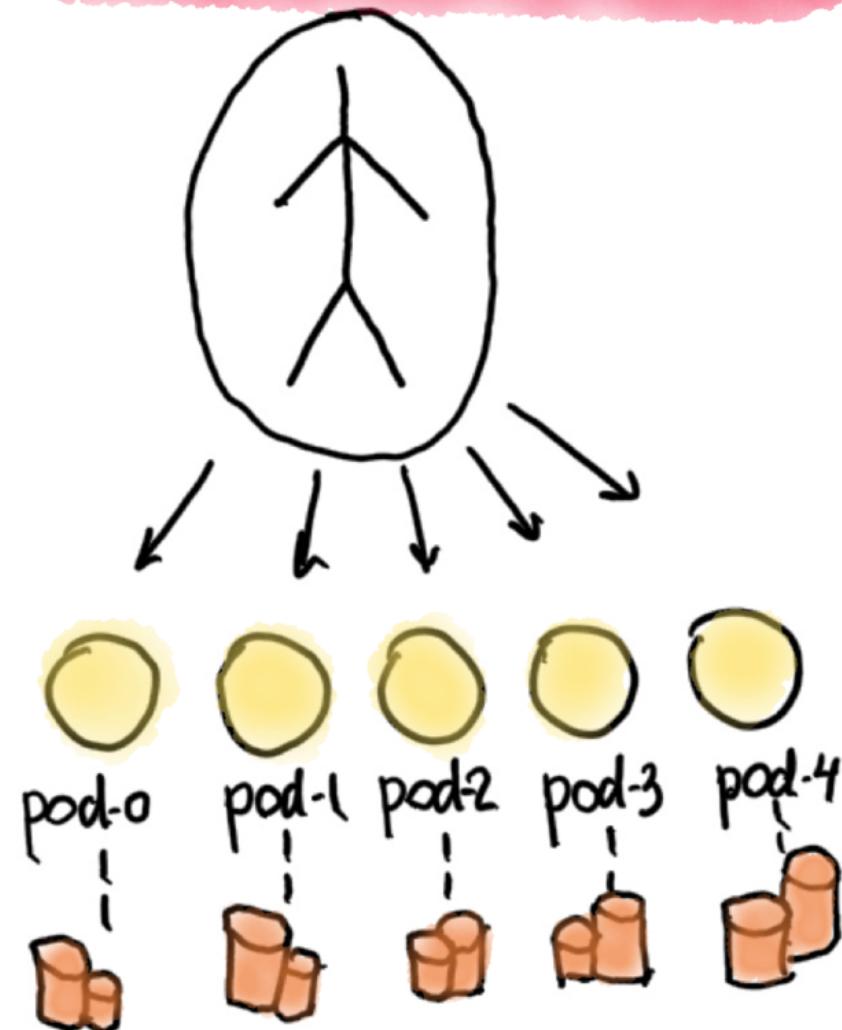
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Headless Service

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! cassandra-service.yaml X



...

```
1 apiVersion: v1
2 kind: Service
3 metadata:
4   labels:
5     app: cassandra
6     name: cassandra
7   spec:
8     clusterIP: None
9     ports:
10    - port: 9042
11     selector:
12       app: cassandra
13
```





Storage Classes

! storage-class.yaml ×

```
1  {
2      "apiVersion": "storage.k8s.io/v1beta1",
3      "kind": "StorageClass",
4      "metadata": {
5          "annotations": {},
6          "labels": {
7              "kubernetes.io/cluster-service": "true"
8          },
9          "name": "managed-premium",
10         "namespace": ""
11     },
12     "parameters": {
13         "kind": "Managed",
14         "storageaccounttype": "Premium_LRS"
15     },
16     "provisioner": "kubernetes.io/azure-disk"
17 }
```





Persistent Volume Claims

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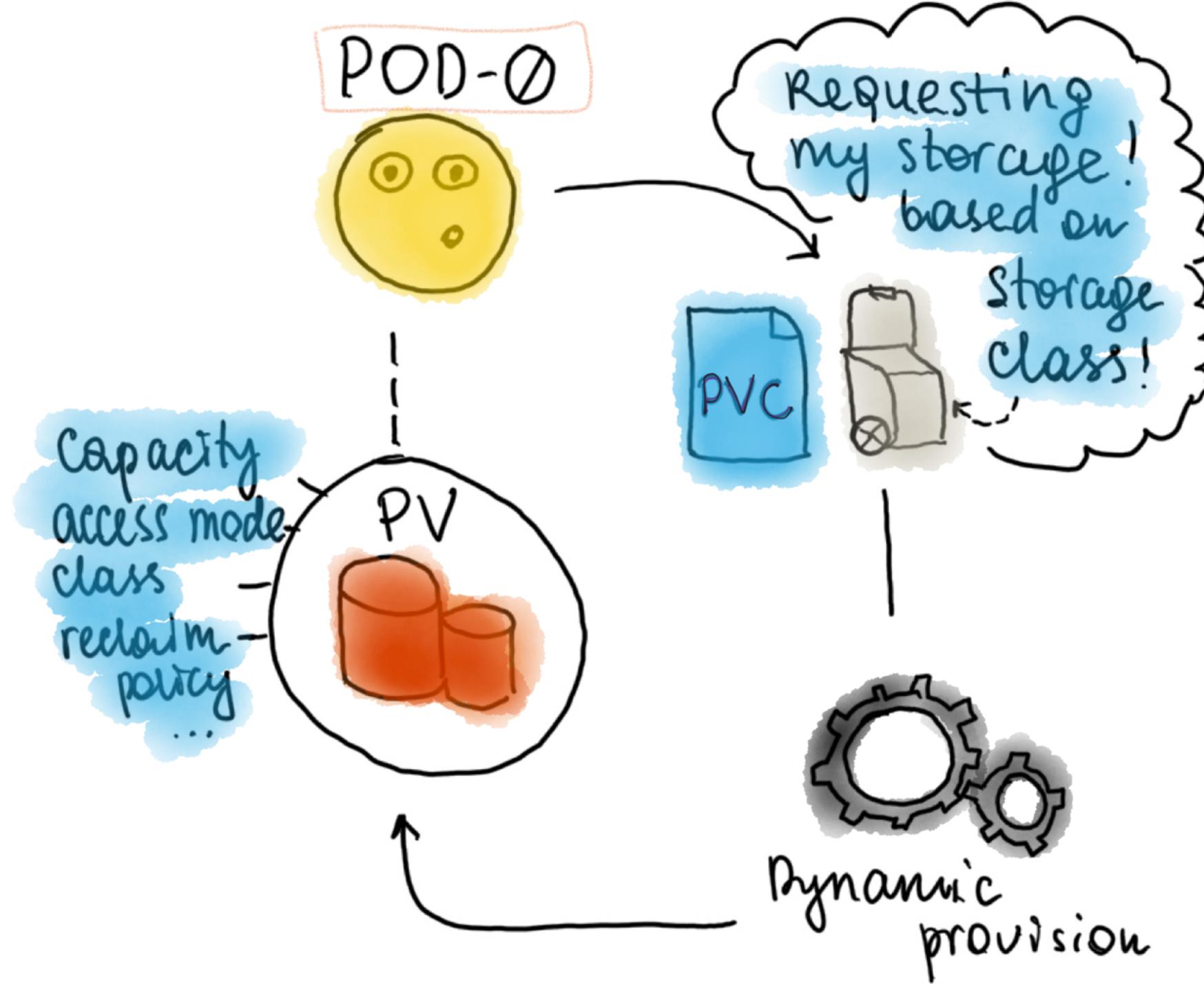
Persistent Volumes

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*A story of persistent
volumes and persistent
volume claims*

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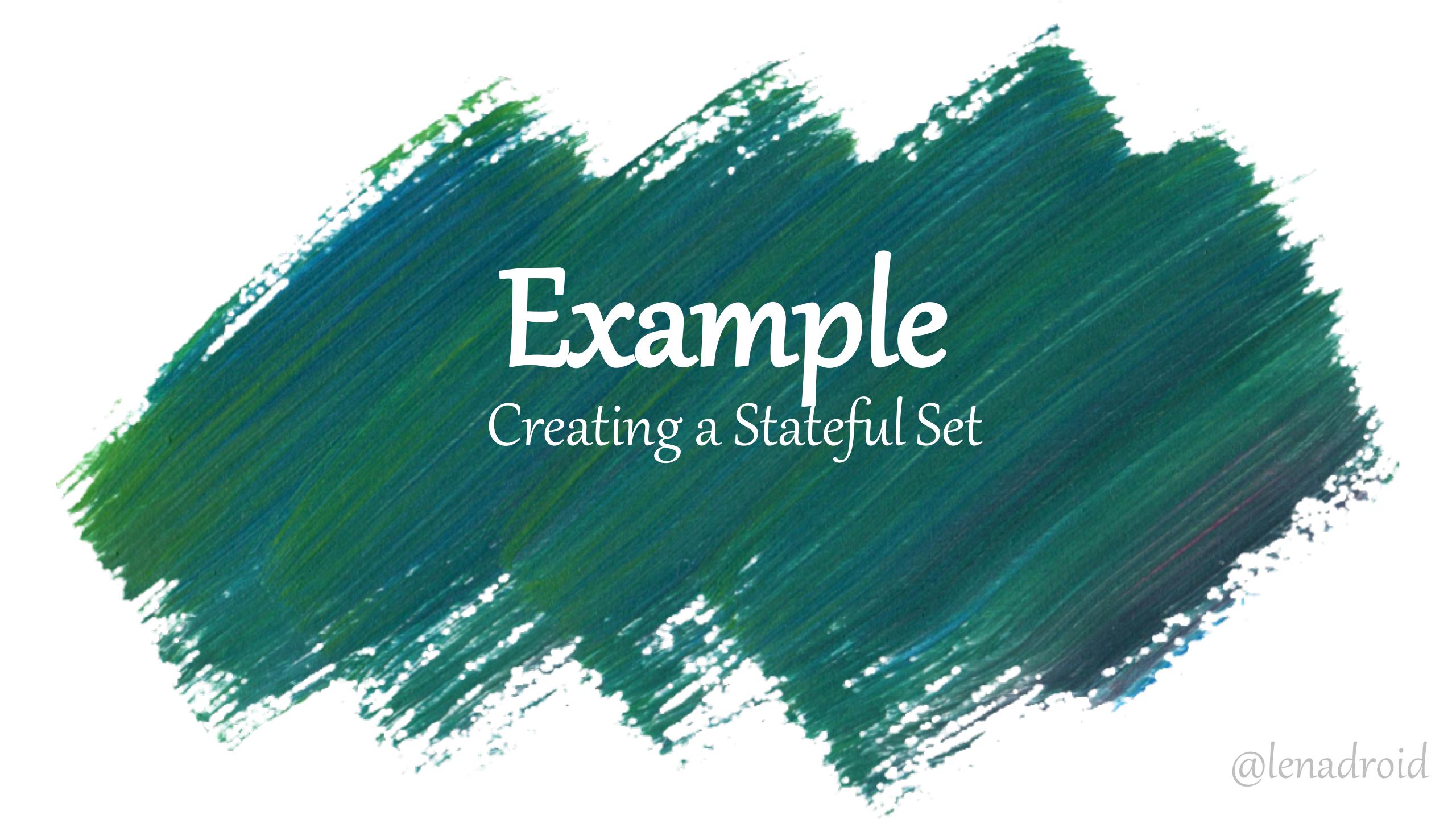


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```

1  apiVersion: apps/v1
2  kind: StatefulSet
3  metadata:
4    name: cassandra
5    labels:
6      app: cassandra
7  spec:
8    serviceName: cassandra
9    replicas: 5
10   selector:
11     matchLabels:
12       app: cassandra
13   template:
14     metadata:
15       labels:
16         app: cassandra
17     spec:
18       terminationGracePeriodSeconds:
19         1800
20       containers:
21         - name: cassandra
22           image:
23             gcr.io/google-samples/cassandra:v13
24           imagePullPolicy: Always
25           ports:
26             - containerPort: 7000
27               name: intra-node
28             - containerPort: 7001
29               name: tls-intra-node
30             - containerPort: 7199
31               name: jmx
32             - containerPort: 9042
33               name: cql
34             resources:
35               limits:
36                 cpu: "2"
37                 memory: 3.5Gi
38             requests:
39               cpu: "2"
40               memory: 3.5Gi
41             securityContext:
42               capabilities:
43                 add:
44                   - IPC_LOCK
45             lifecycle:
46               preStop:
47                 exec:
48                   command:
49                     - /bin/sh
50                     - -c
51                     - nodetool drain
52             env:
53               - name: MAX_HEAP_SIZE
54                 value: 512M
55               - name: HEAP_NEWSIZE
56                 value: 100M
57               - name: CASSANDRA_SEEDS
58                 value:
59                   "cassandra-0.cassandra.default.svc.cluster.local"
60             - name:
61               CASSANDRA_CLUSTER_NAME
62                 value: "chicago"
63               - name: CASSANDRA_DC
64                 value: "DC1-chicago"
65               - name: CASSANDRA_RACK
66                 value: "Rack1-chicago"
67             - name: POD_IP
68               valueFrom:
69                 fieldRef:
70                   fieldPath:
71                     status.podIP
72             readinessProbe:
73               exec:
74                 command:
75                   - /bin/bash
76                   - -c
77                   - /ready-probe.sh
78             initialDelaySeconds: 15
79             timeoutSeconds: 5
80             volumeMounts:
81               - name: cassandra-data
82                 mountPath: /cassandra_data
83             volumeClaimTemplates:
84               - metadata:
85                 name: cassandra-data
86             spec:
87               accessModes: [
88                 "ReadWriteOnce"
89               ]
90               storageClassName:
91                 managed-premium
92               resources:
93                 requests:
94                   storage: 1Gi

```



Example

Creating a Stateful Set

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1. bash

lena:gotochicago lenok\$ █

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```
lena:gotochicago lenok$ kubectl get services
```

NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
cassandra	ClusterIP	None	<none>	9042/TCP	45m
cassandra-external	LoadBalancer	10.0.186.193	52.234.227.80	9042:30734/TCP	1d
kubernetes	ClusterIP	10.0.0.1	<none>	443/TCP	1d

```
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```



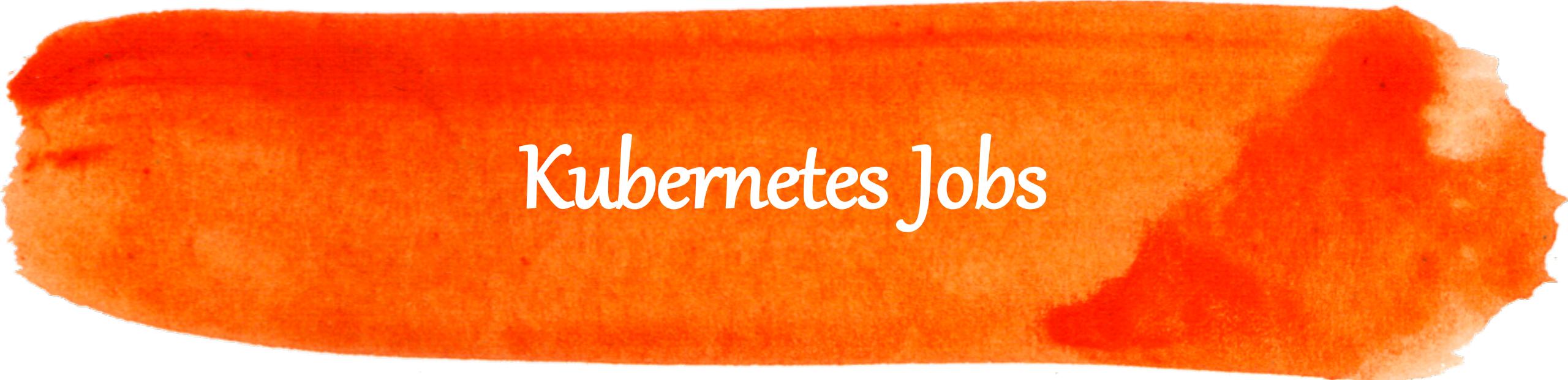
Example

Test for writing data



◆ HousingData.fsx ×

```
1  #r "packages/CassandraCSharpDriver/lib/net40/Cassandra.dll"
2  #r "packages/Mono.Posix/lib/net40/Mono.Posix.dll"
3  #r "packages/FSharp.Data/lib/net45/FSharp.Data.dll"
4  #r "packages/FSharp.Collections.ParallelSeq/lib/net40/FSharp.Collections.ParallelSeq.dll"
5
6  open Cassandra
7  open System
8  open FSharp.Data
9  open FSharp.Collections.ParallelSeq
10
11 let startIndex = fsi.CommandLineArgs |> Seq.tail |> Seq.head |> int
12 let writesPerJob = fsi.CommandLineArgs |> Seq.tail |> Seq.item 1 |> int
13 let increment = fsi.CommandLineArgs |> Seq.tail |> Seq.item 2 |> int
14
15 printfn "Start index: %A" startIndex
16 printfn "Items to add: %A" writesPerJob
17 printfn "Increment: %A" increment
18
19 type Addresses = CsvProvider<"data/address-format.csv",
20           |> HasHeaders = true,
21           |> Schema = "LON (decimal), LAT (decimal), NUMBER (string), STREET (string),,,,"
22           |> POSTCODE (int option),, HASH (string)">
23
24 type Address = {
25   Lon: decimal
26   Lat: decimal
27   Number: string
28   Street: string
29   Postcode: int option
```



Kubernetes Jobs

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! fsharp-job.yaml ×

```
1  apiVersion: batch/v1
2  kind: Job
3  metadata:
4    name: "process-item-$START"
5    labels:
6      jobgroup: fsharpjob
7  spec:
8    template:
9      metadata:
10     name: fsharpjob
11     labels:
12       jobgroup: fsharpjob
13   spec:
14     containers:
15     - name: fsharpjob
16       image: lenandroid/fsharp-job
17       command:
18         - fsharpi
19         - HousingData.fsx
20         - "$START"
21         - "$STEP"
22         - "$INCR"
23     resources:
24       requests:
25         memory: "1Gi"
26         cpu: "870m"
27       limits:
28         memory: "1Gi"
29         cpu: "870m"
30   restartPolicy: Never
31
```



prepare-jobs.sh ×

```
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  jobCount=10
4  increment=1000
5  step=10000
6
7  jobDir=jobs
8
9  if [ -d "$jobDir" ]; then rm -Rf $jobDir; fi
10 mkdir $jobDir
11
12 for ((i=0; i <= $jobCount-1; i++))
13 do
14     startIndex=$((i * $step))
15     echo "Creating a job for rows starting from $startIndex"
16     cat fsharp-job.yaml | sed -e "s/\$START/$startIndex/" -e "s/\$STEP/$step/" -e "s/\$INCR/$increment/" >
17     ./${jobDir}/job-$startIndex.yaml
18 done
```





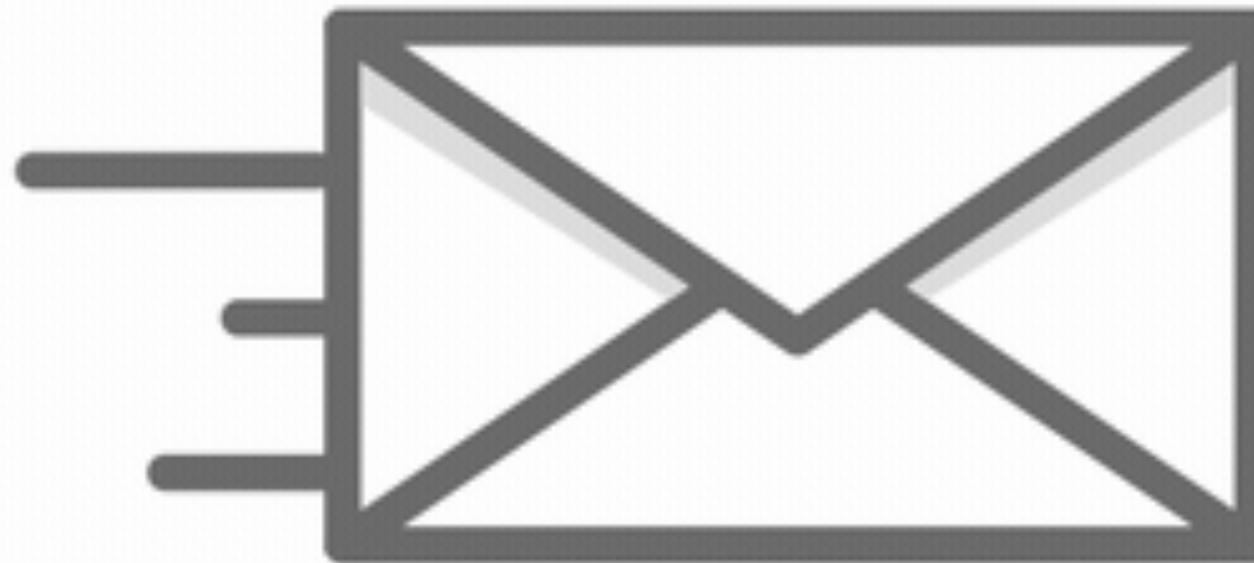
Example

Creating Kubernetes Jobs

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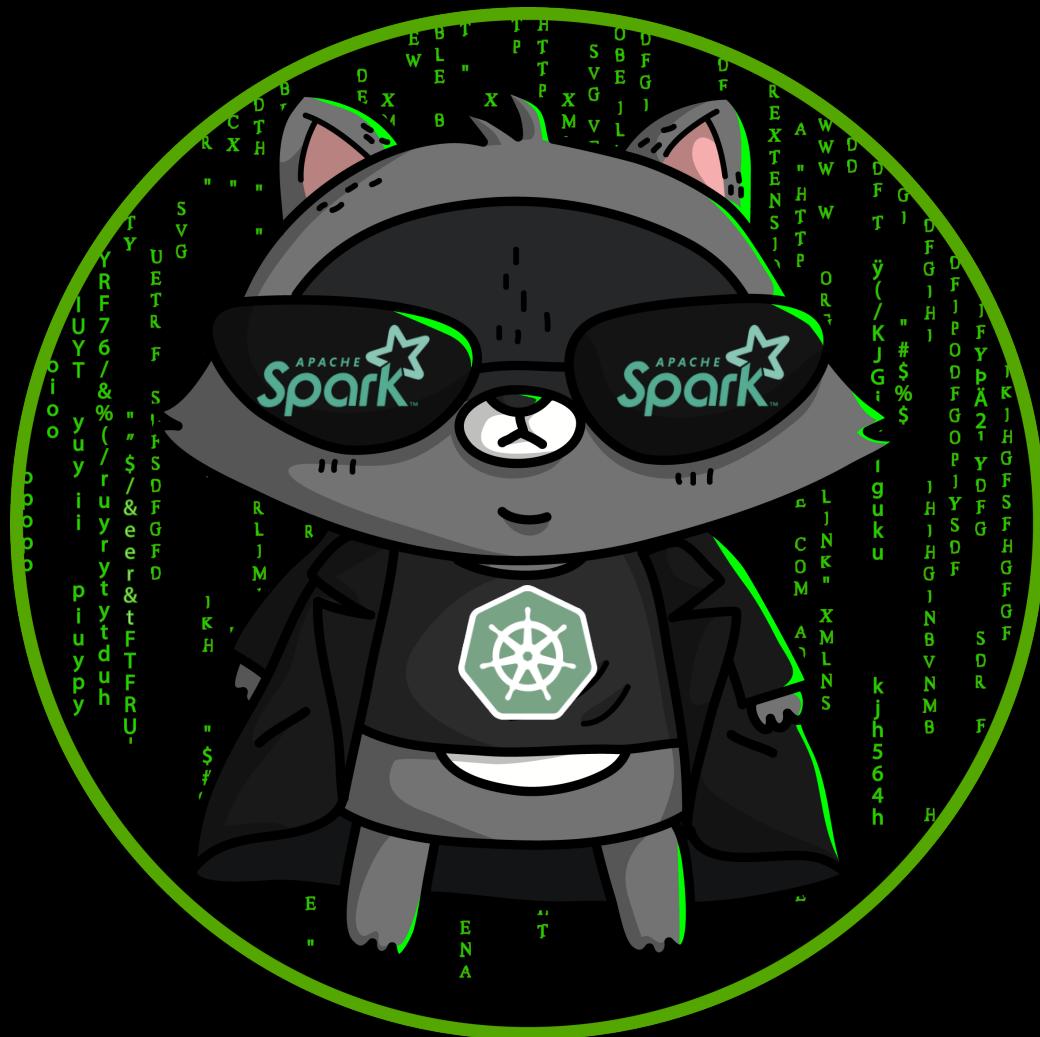
github.com/lenadroid/fsharp-job-kube



Things to note

- Persistent Volumes are not deleted automatically
- Stateful Sets were in beta before Kubernetes 1.9
- Node-affinity

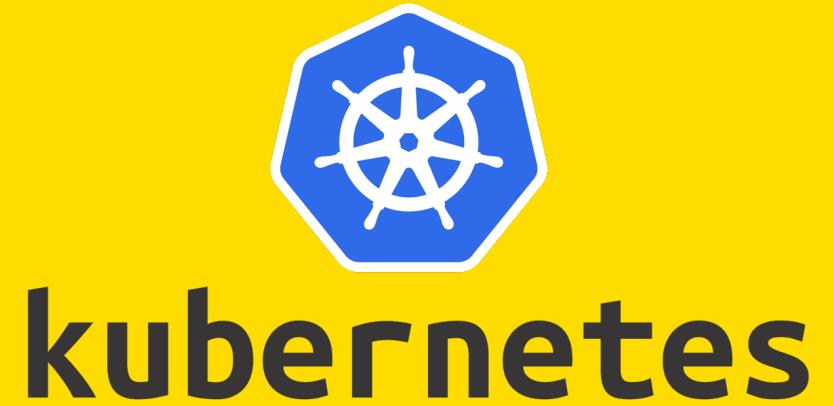
Running Spark jobs with Kubernetes scheduler



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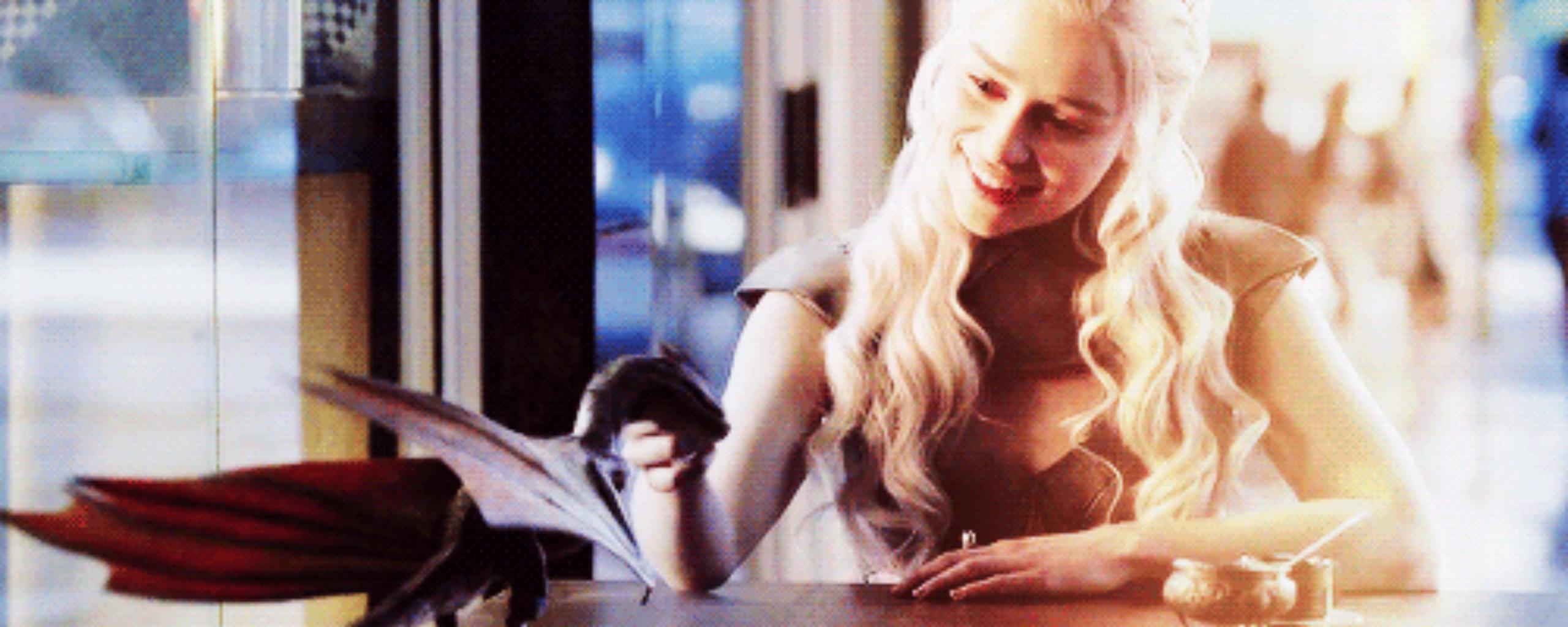
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Native Kubernetes support is very new for Spark!



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Spark Driver



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Spark Executors



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Example

Running Spark jobs on Kubernetes
& with Cassandra

bash %61 bash %62 bash %63

lena:~ lenok\$

}

Is running Spark jobs on Kubernetes a good idea?

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Maybe

- > For a test environment
- > To try out a custom version of Spark quickly
- > If you already have Kubernetes & want to use spare cycles
- > Don't want to have too many different orchestrators

Should I run it in production?

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Not yet

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BUT IT WILL GET BETTER

YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT BETTER¹

Note:

This is not the same as running standalone
Spark on Kubernetes

These are  -native spark jobs

github.com/lenadroid/goto-cassandra-spark



Resources

- Cassandra blog post:
<https://lenandroid.github.io/posts/cassandra-docker-fsharp.html>
- Distributed systems algorithms talk:
<https://www.safaribooksonline.com/library/view/oscon-2017-/9781491976227/video306675.html>
- Stateful Sets article:
<https://lenandroid.github.io/posts/stateful-sets-kubernetes-azure.html>
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