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# CI/CD, Kubernetes, and Databases: Better Together

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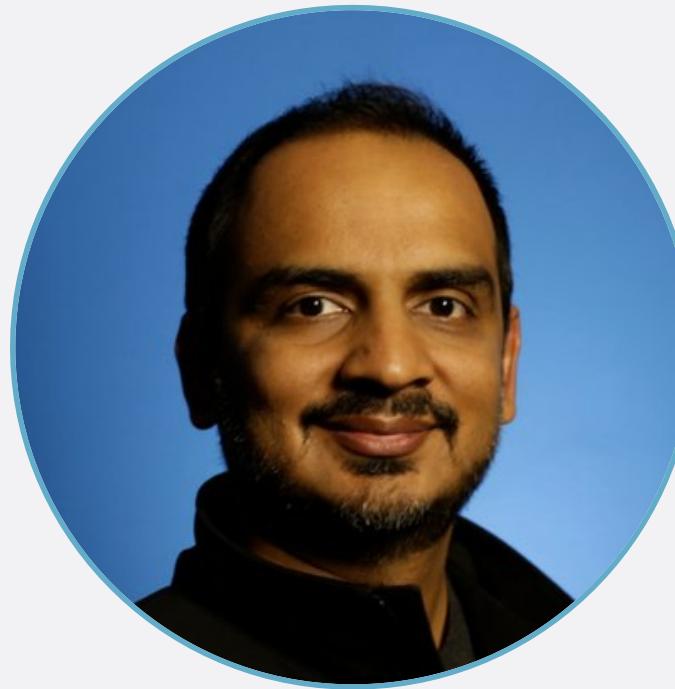
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# about us



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our goal:

move fast and test  
with real data

# what we will not cover in this talk



## Kubernetes Ready for Production Stateful Apps

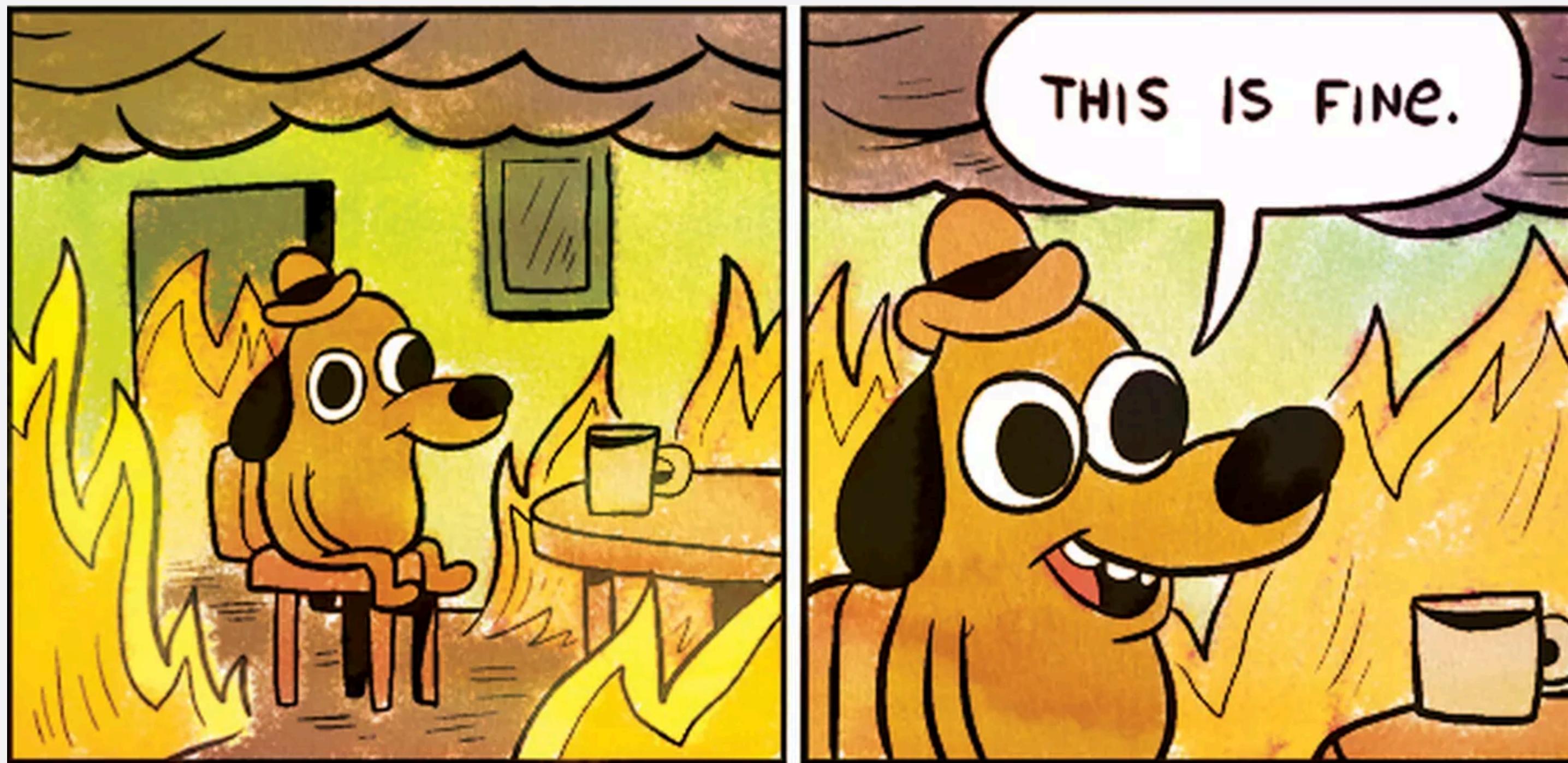
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## Implementing a Data Protection Strategy

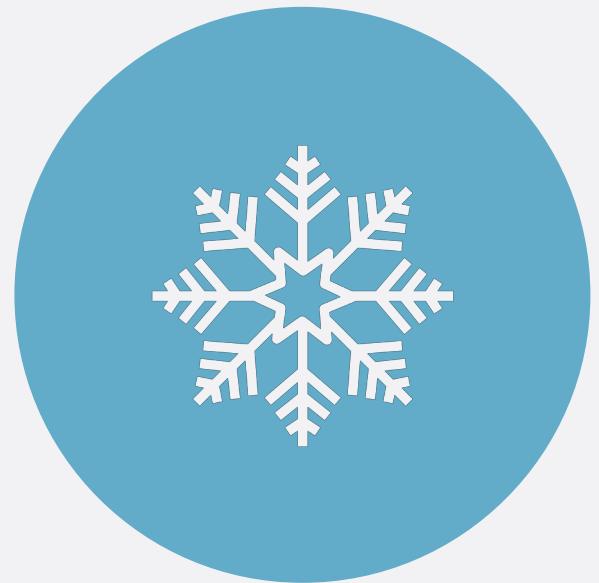
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## | current state of databases in a cloud-native world

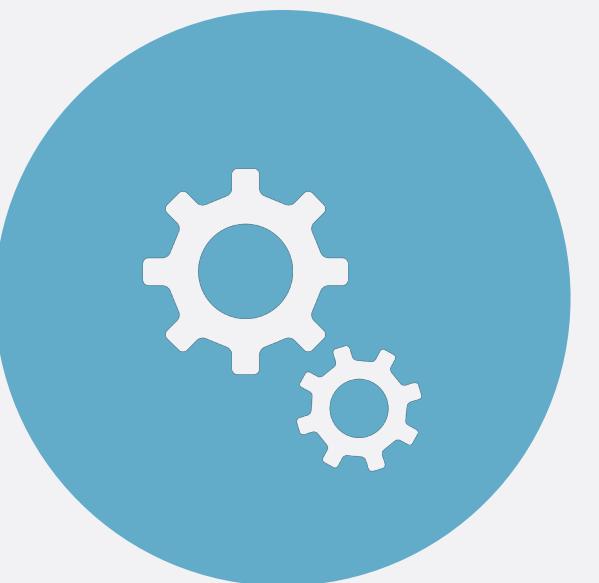


# | cloud-native and databases why is there so much fear and risk?



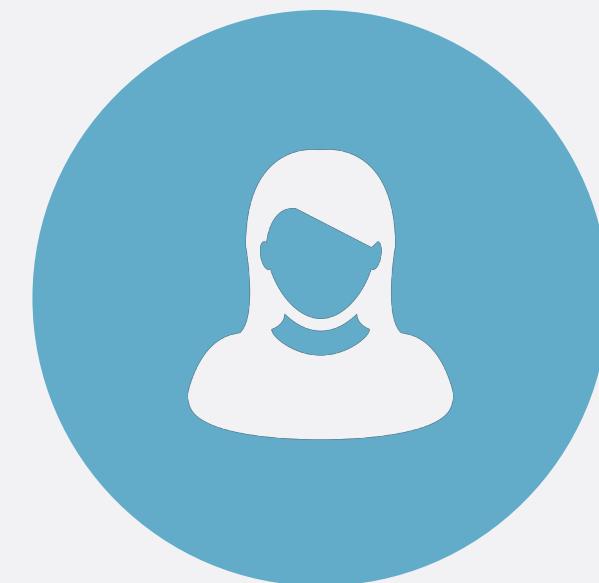
## Snowflakes

Databases are isolated from the application, might have manual changes applied, treated as pets.



## Automation Gap

Not built into CI/CD pipelines. Test datasets have manual imports and get stale quickly.

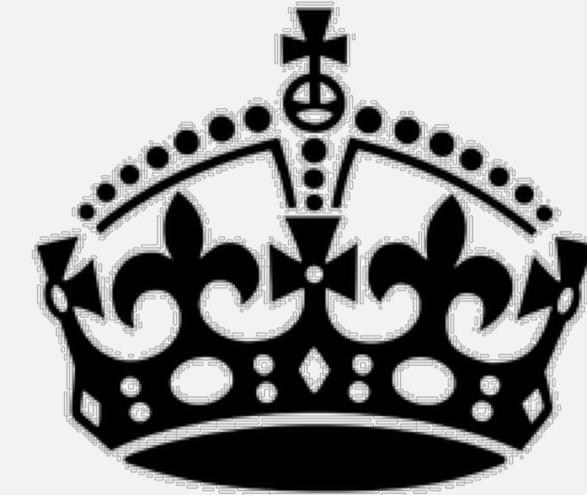


## DBAs and Ops

Still see database groups isolated from both dev and infra ops groups. Not part of app dev.



What should  
the future  
look like?



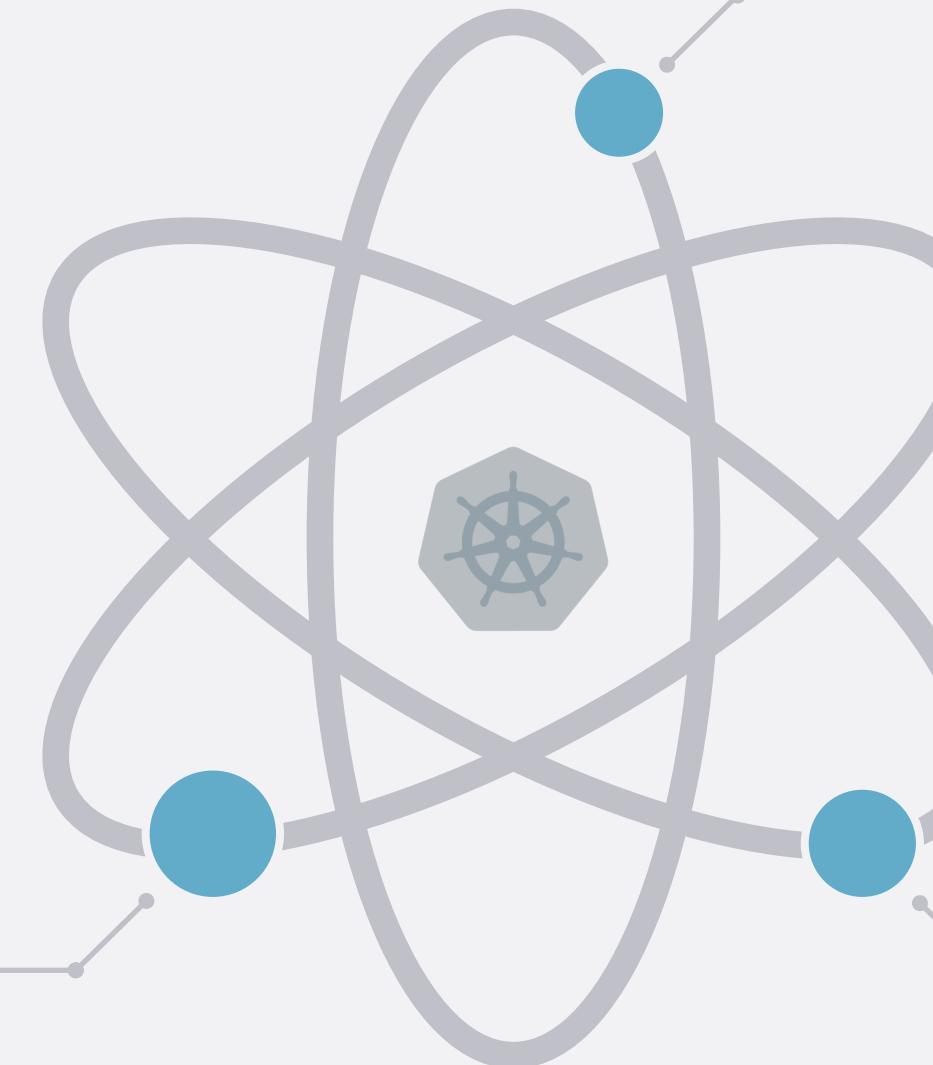
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
AUTOMATE ALL  
THE THINGS**

# increasing agility with databases in a cloud-native environment

*Kubernetes to tie it all  
together!*

Automate testing all database  
changes and modifications

CI/CD Pipeline



Source Control

Include all schema changes,  
upgrades changes, tools, etc. in the  
application repository

Database Infrastructure

Deliver database infrastructure and  
configuration as code

# | how kubernetes makes | a difference



## Enforces Good DevOps Hygiene

Immutability, config as code, automation makes repeatable and reliable testing easy

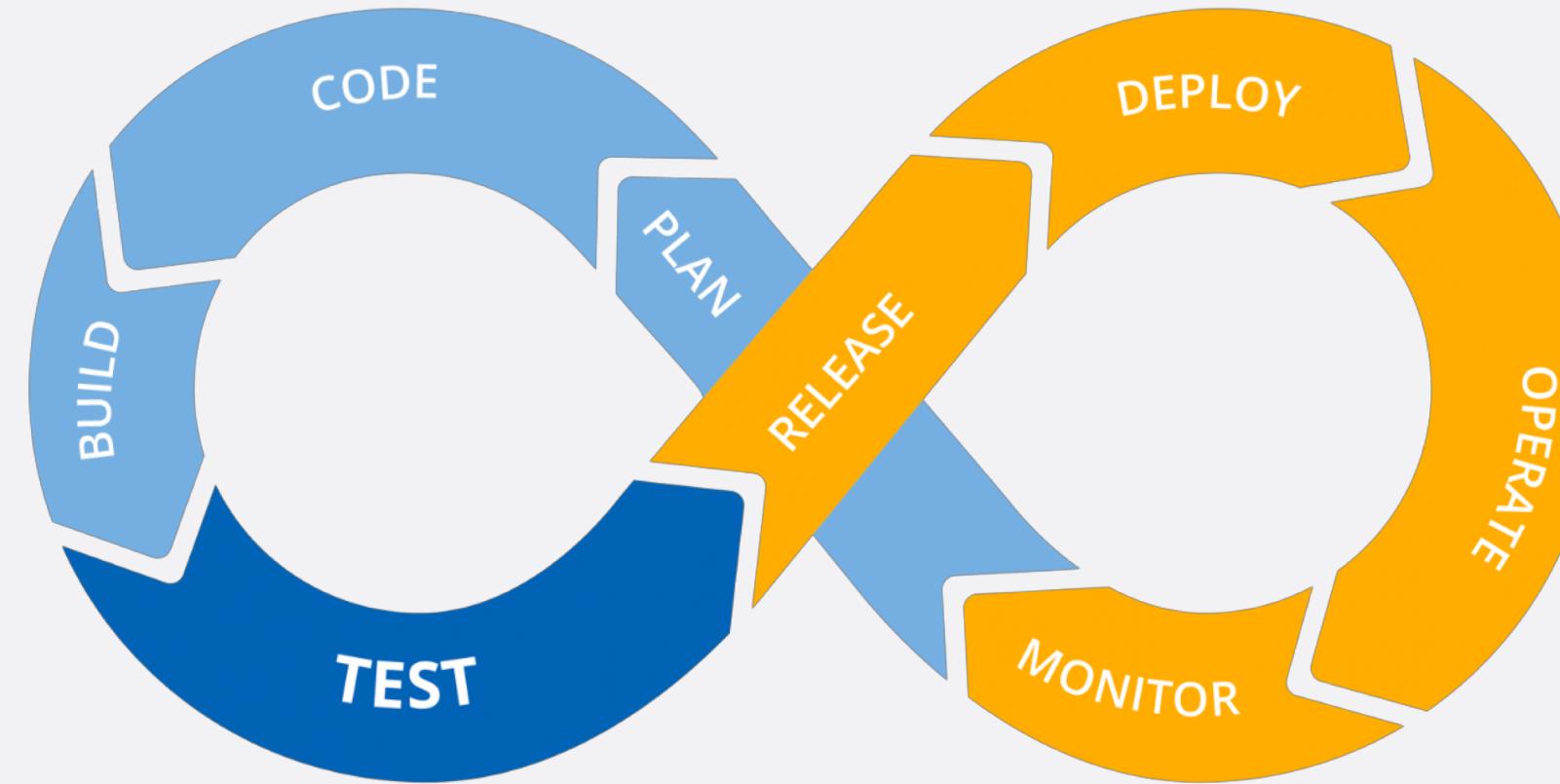
## Efficient, High Resource Utilization

Declarative systems approach supports reliable use of multiple testing environments to test at scale

## Universal Control Plane

Use the same management plane as you use for all other components of your application

# ci/cd advantages for databases



## Automated testing

- Enforces the app and DB are always in sync
- Higher-confidence releases

## Engineering agility

- Faster change iteration with automated testing
- High velocity prod DB deployments

## Catch issues early

- Unit tests for coverage
- Integration and staging environments for behavioral



MIND THE GAP

But, it's a database!  
So, what about the data?

A photograph showing a row of yellow hard hats hanging from a red metal structure, likely a fence or railing. The hats are arranged in a descending staircase pattern from left to right. In the background, there's a white building with some orange and red trim. A black circle with a white border is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image, containing text.

**Need to safely  
test with  
production  
data**

(but not in production!)

# | data based testing

## number of integration challenges



### Storage Integration

Might need to integrate with volume-level storage APIs for efficiency.

### Database Integration

For consistent data capture including w/ eventually consistent data stores

### Application Integration

Polyglot persistence in micro-service based applications needs app-level coordination. So does data masking to protect sensitive data.

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**Supporting  
Data  
Mobility**



## kanister: A Kubernetes-native framework for application-level data management

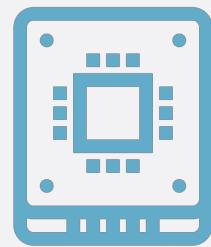
- Supports complex data management workflows
- Easy to integrate against your CI/CD pipeline
- Actions invoked via Custom Resources (CRs)
- Easy to extend via simple “recipes” or Blueprints



<https://github.com/kanisterio>



# kanister: the highlights



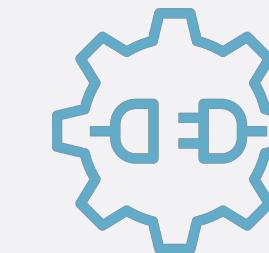
## Data Capture/Export

- File/Block integration via native API and CSI v1.0
- S3 API support for object stores



## Database Manipulation

- Filters
- Masking
- Incremental Capture



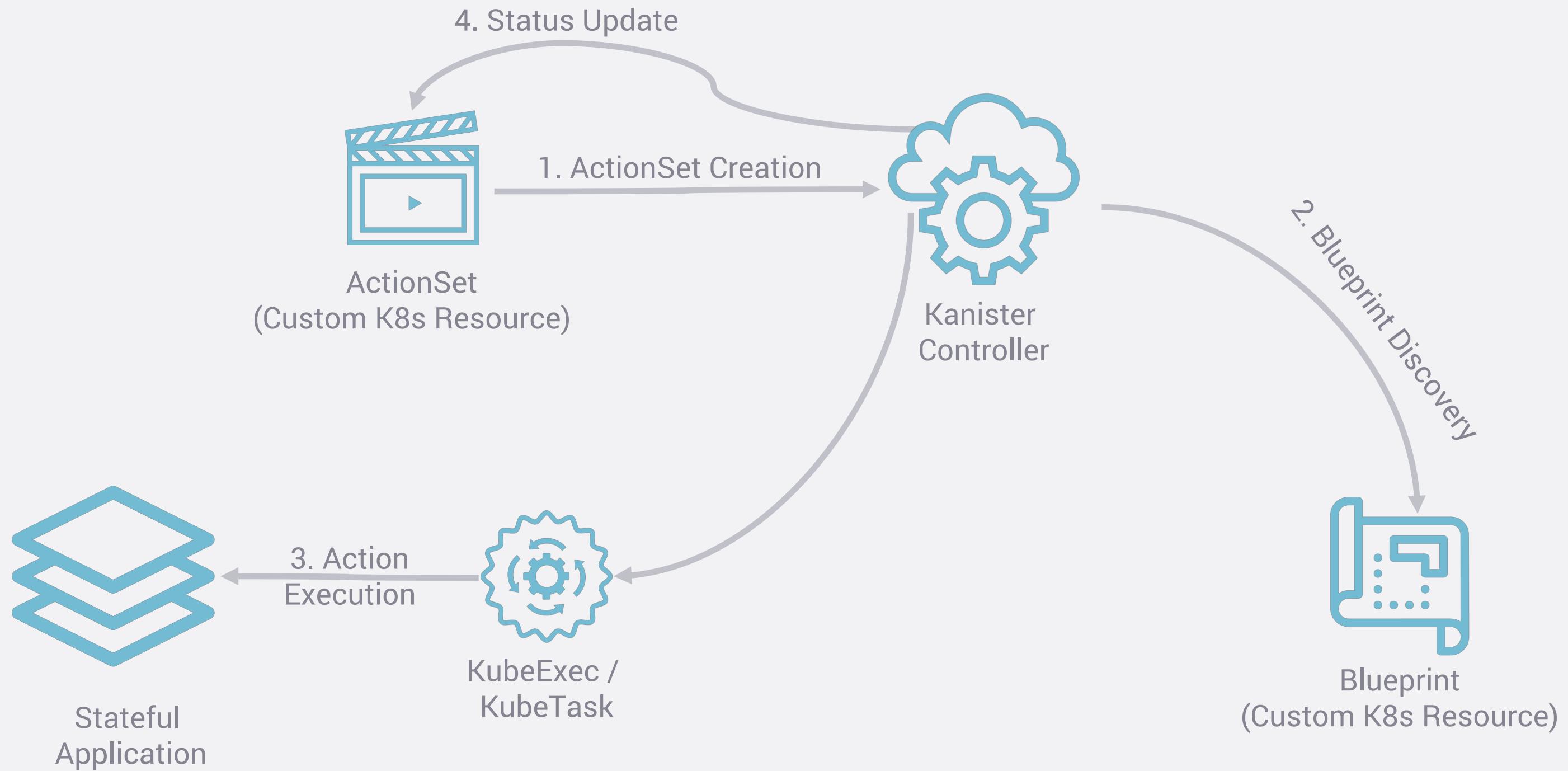
## Control Plane Integration

- Ties K8s and DB control planes
- Library support for complex workflows (e.g., scale up/down)

Visit <https://kasten.io/kanister> for more information



# kanister workflow



# kanister

## actionset (abridged)

```
apiVersion: cr.kanister.io/v1alpha1
kind: ActionSet
spec:
  actions:
    - name: backup
      blueprint: postgresql
      object:
        kind: StatefulSet
        name: postgresql-cluster
        namespace: default
      configMaps:
        ...

```



# kanister blueprint (abridged)

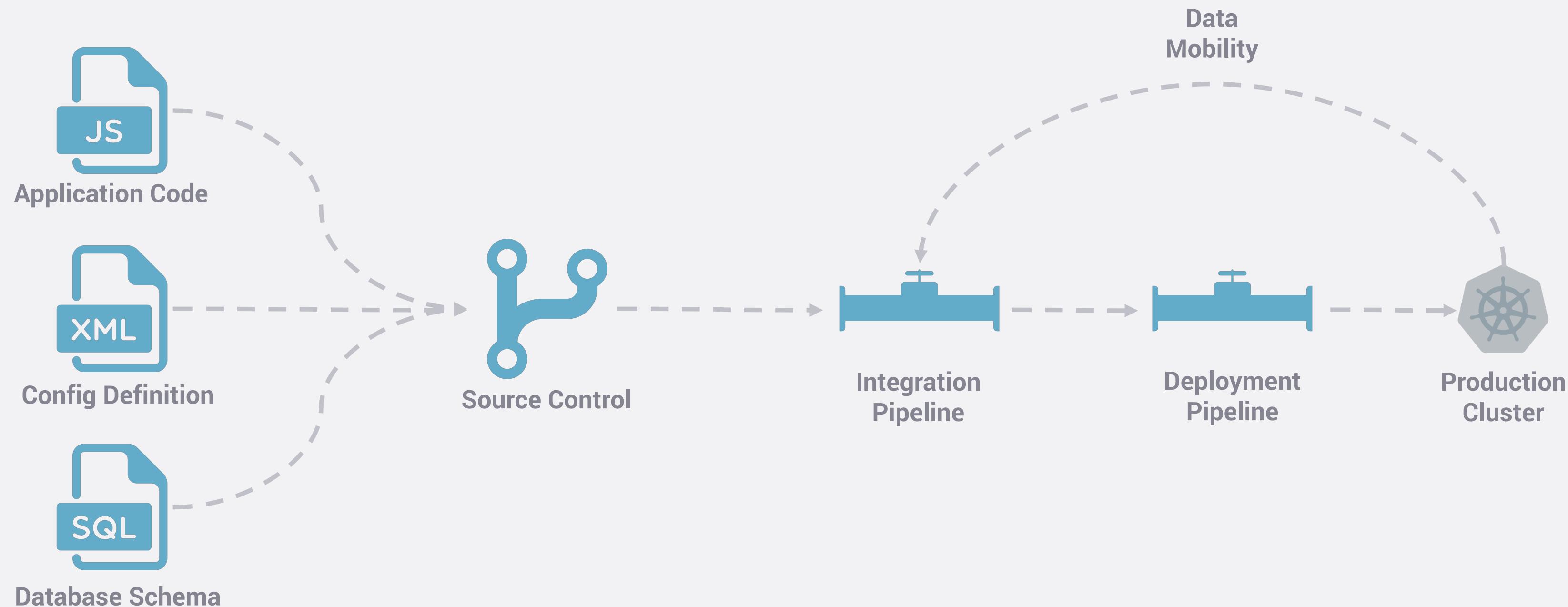
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apiVersion: cr.kanister.io/v1alpha1
kind: Blueprint
actions:
  backup:
    type: StatefulSet
    phases:
      - func: KubeExec
        args:
          - '{{ .StatefulSet.Namespace }}'
          - '{{ index .StatefulSet.Pods 0 }}'
          - postgresql-tools-sidecar
          - bash
          - -C
          - wal-e ...
      - func: ...
  restore:
    ...
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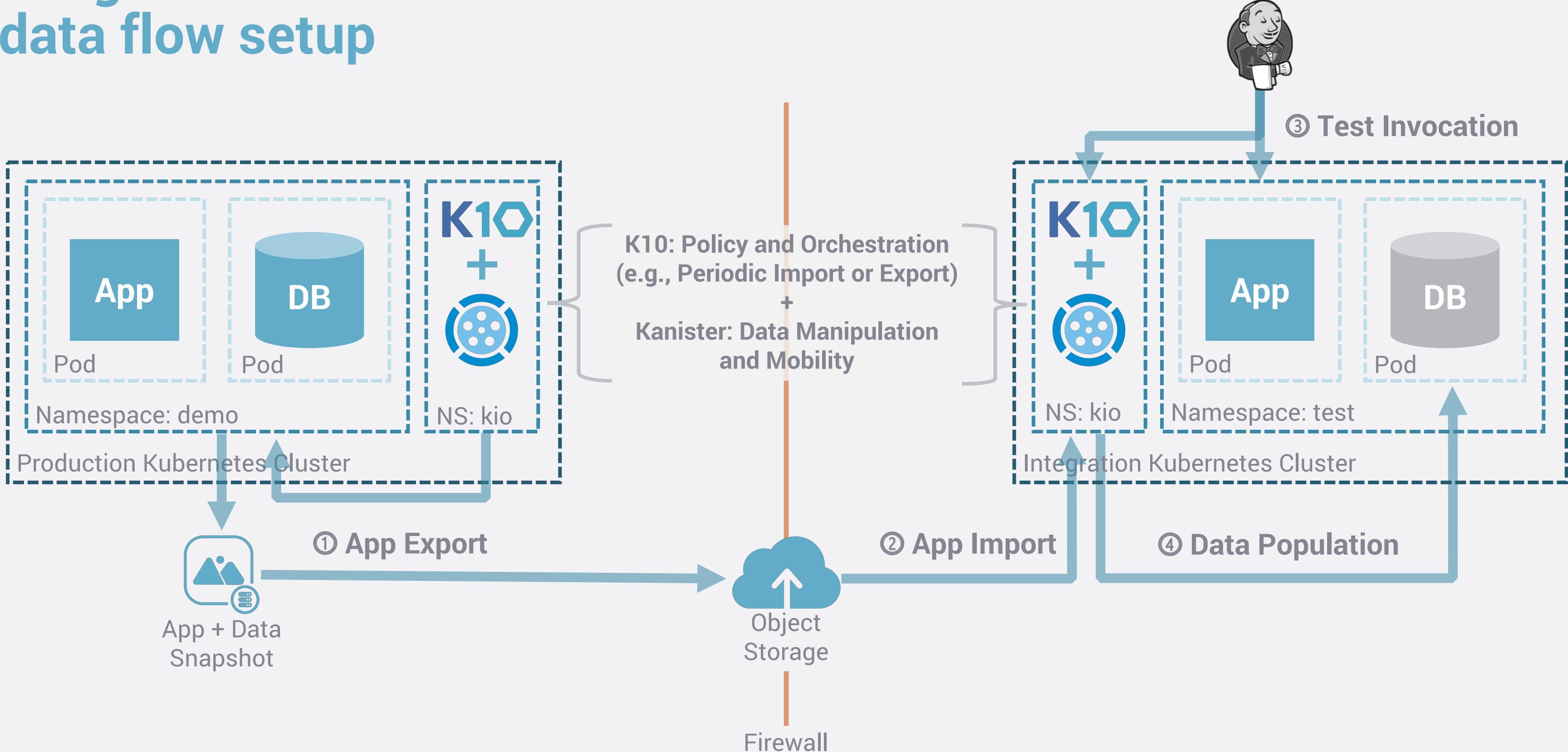


**Demo!**

# demo: pipeline setup

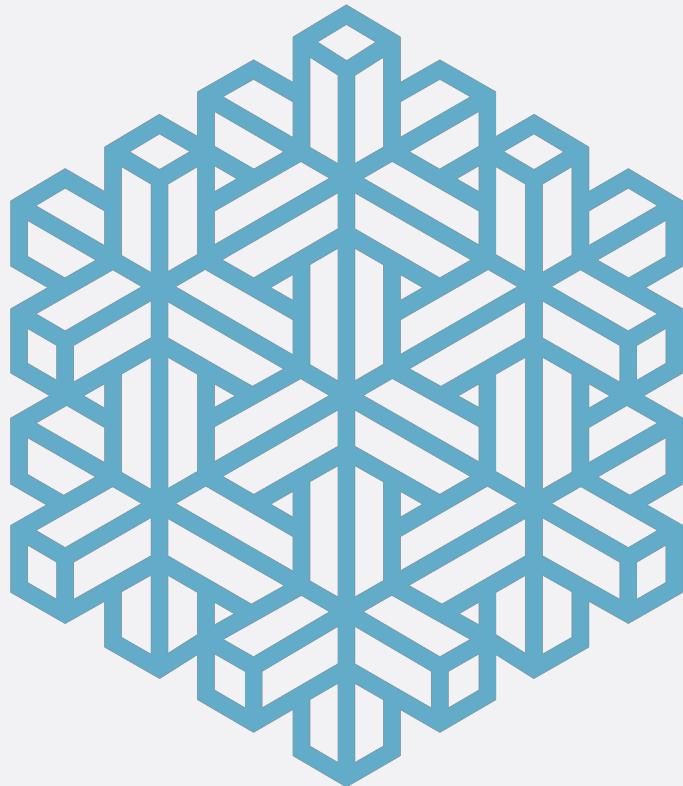


# integration demo: data flow setup



end-to-end  
demo

# **advanced topics (hopefully) coming soon to a conf. near you**



## **CD w/ schema changes**

Deploying schema changes (and rollbacks) can be a lot more involved. Backup/recovery is a critical part of this.

## **Managed Services**

Apart from cost, these slides apply to managed services too but do track emerging best practices

## **Masking and Sampling**

Kanister has support for injecting your own code to mask sensitive data or only extract a subset

## **Dataset Promotion**

There are situations where you might want to promote data from dev → staging → prod

# kubernetes, ci/cd, and databases wrapping up



**Build & Standardize your DB  
Pipeline on Kubernetes!**



- 01** **Automate your DB Pipeline**  
Deploy database updates and changes with increased confidence
- 02** **Leverage Kubernetes**  
Deliver greater agility to your dev teams by allowing easy and reliable testing
- 03** **Use Real Data**  
Test on production data to reduce code quality risk when running against synthetic or stale data
- 04** **Make DB Engineering Agile**  
Integrate database teams into your DevOps and Agile journey. Break apart the silos!



# Questions?

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Booth S/E15

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