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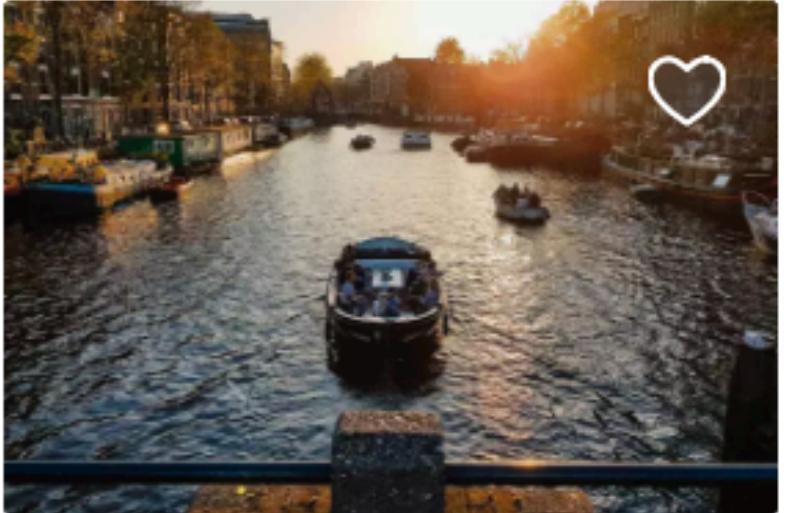


Experiences



Restaurants

Experiences near your home in Amsterdam



BOAT RIDE
Amsterdam Experience Cruise
\$59 per person
4.89 ★★★★★ 836



FOOD WALK
The all Dutch food & history tour
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PHOTO WALK
Capture the city & you on a photo walk
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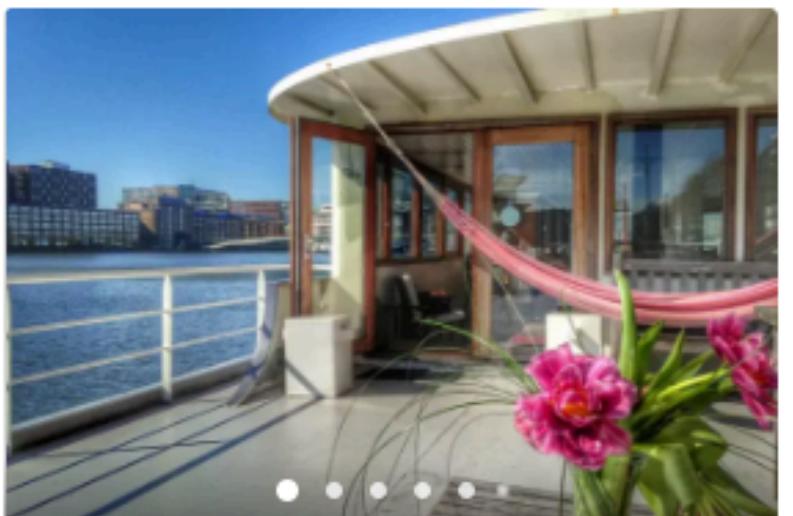
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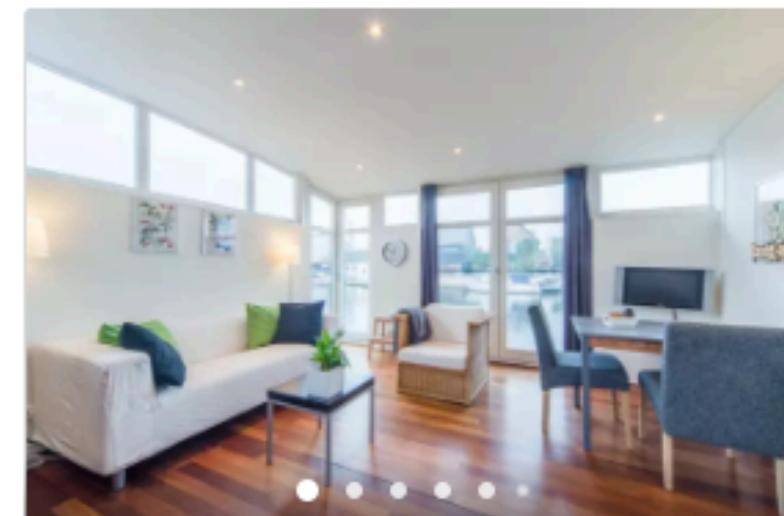
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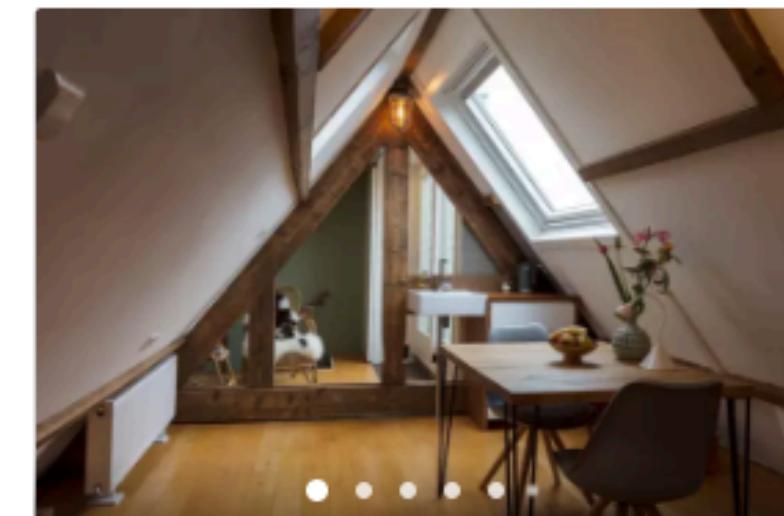
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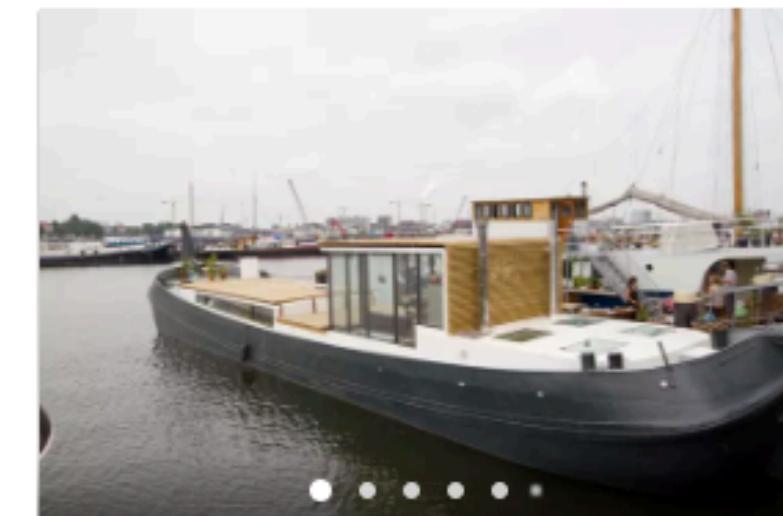
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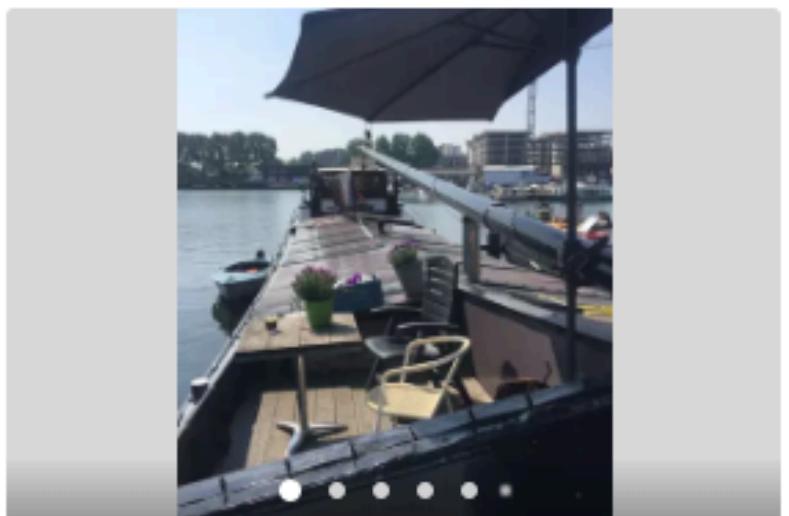
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What is airbnb?

AN ONLINE MARKETPLACE FOR SHARING HOMES AND EXPERIENCES

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cities

191+

countries

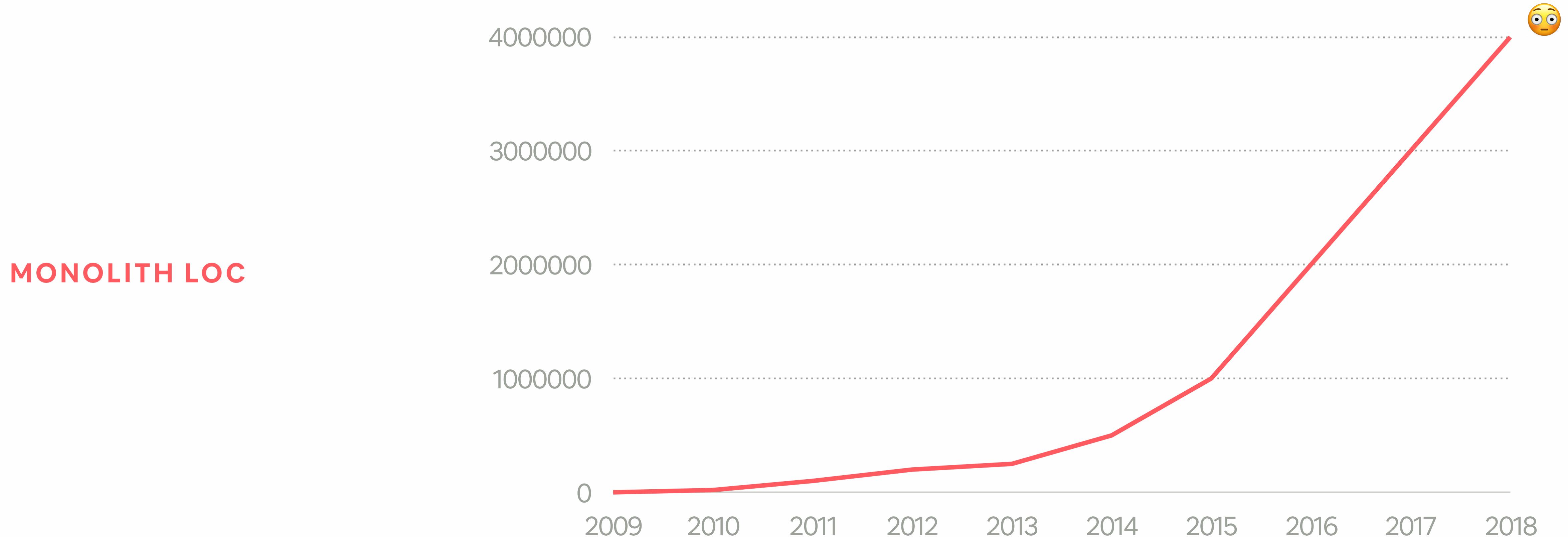
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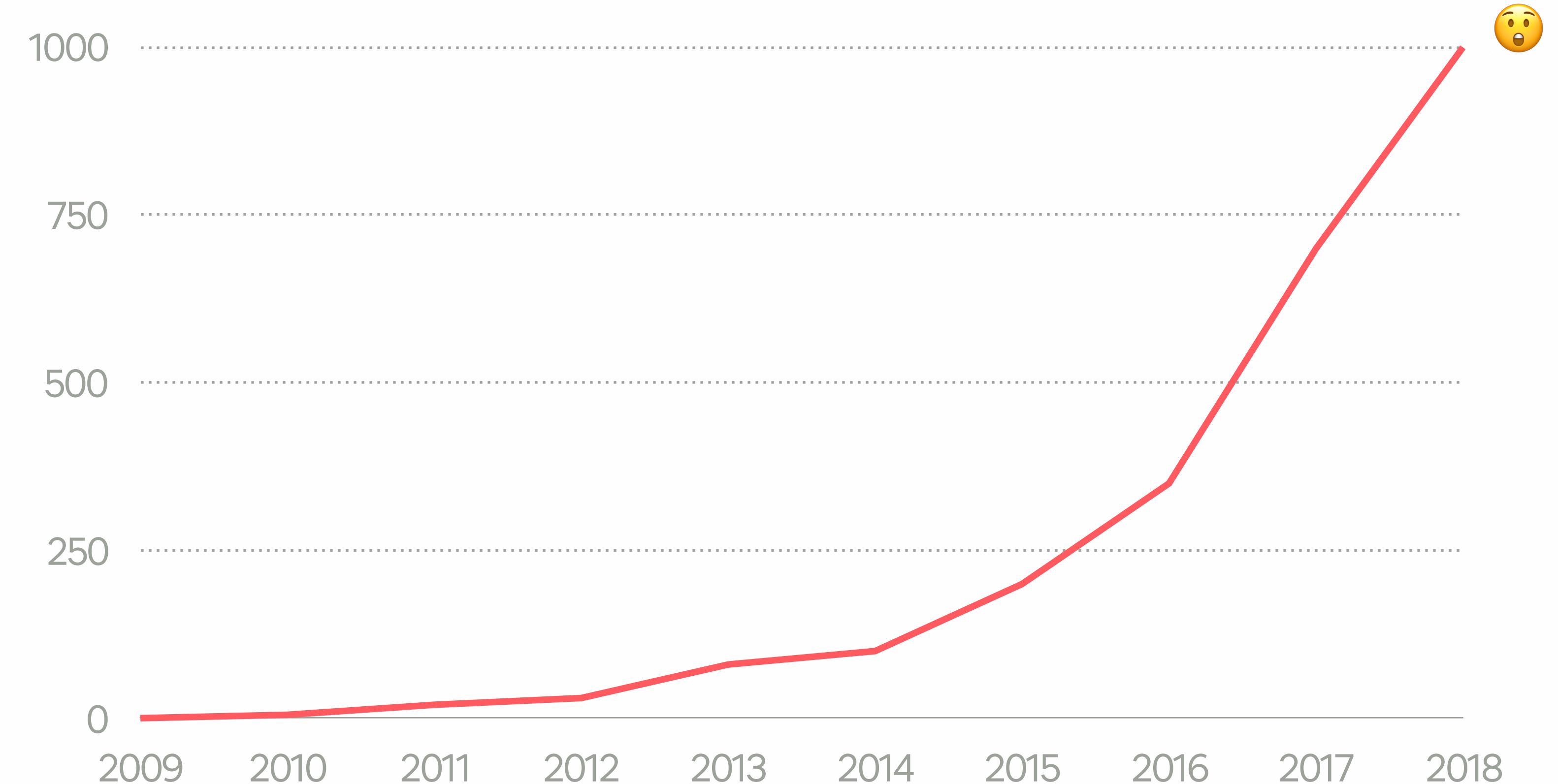
A BRIEF HISTORY

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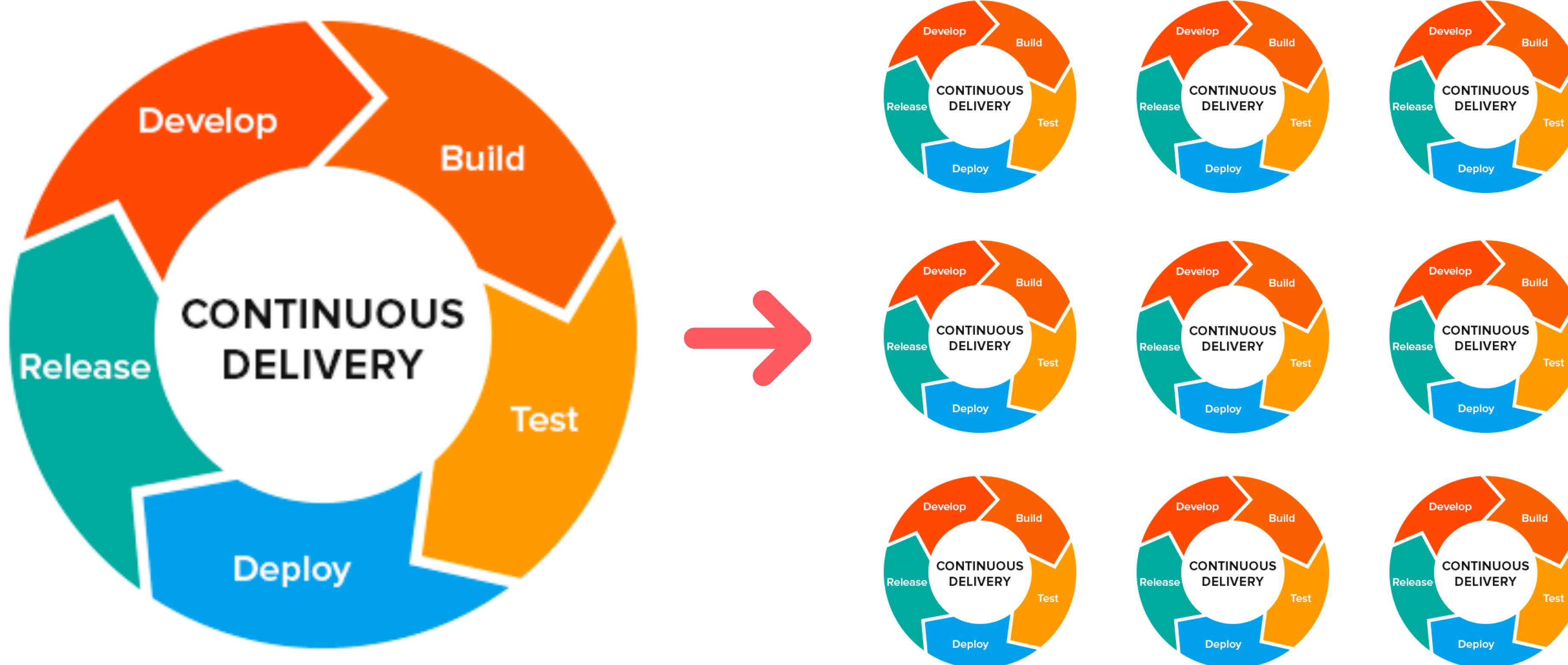
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ENGINEERING TEAM



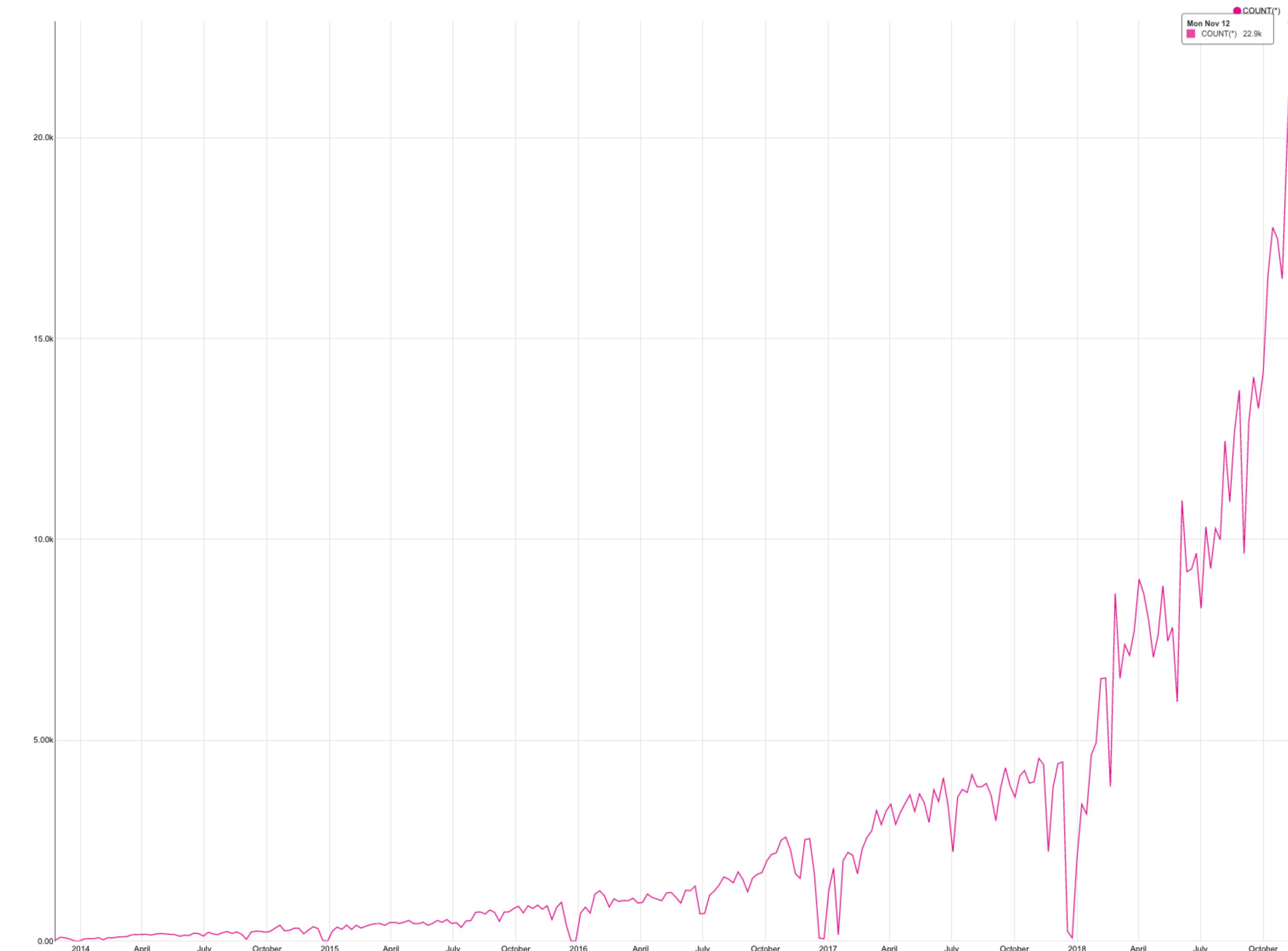
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SCALING CONTINUOUS DELIVERY



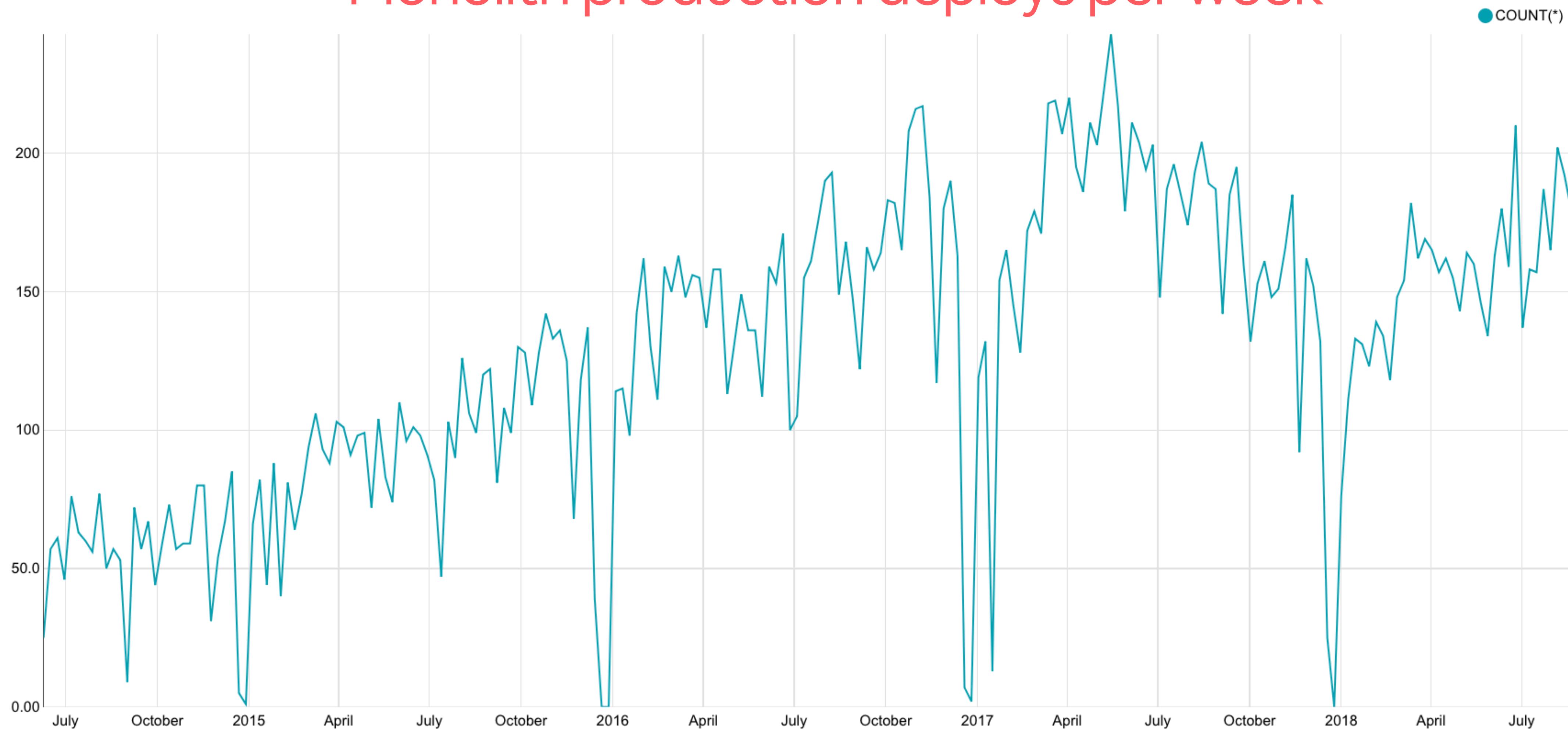
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Deploys per week (all apps, all environments)



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Monolith production deploys per week



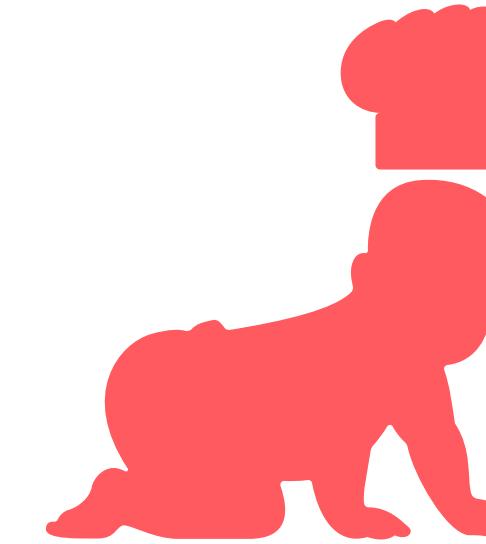
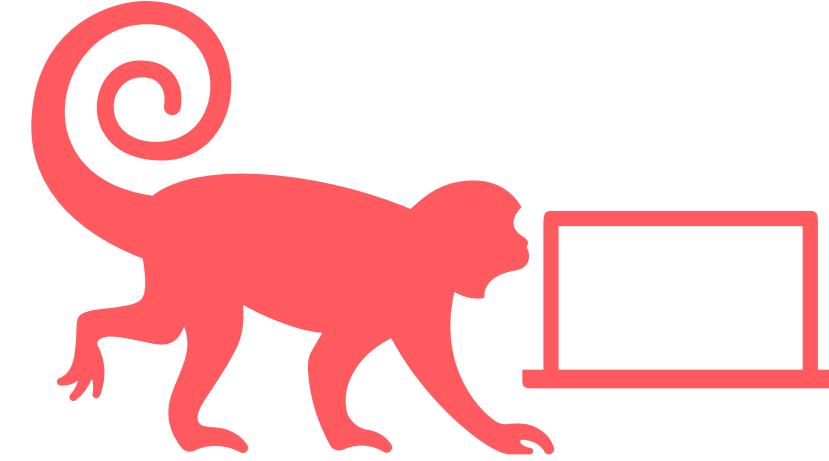
Why Microservices?

125,000

production deploys
per year

Why kubernetes?

EVOLUTION OF CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

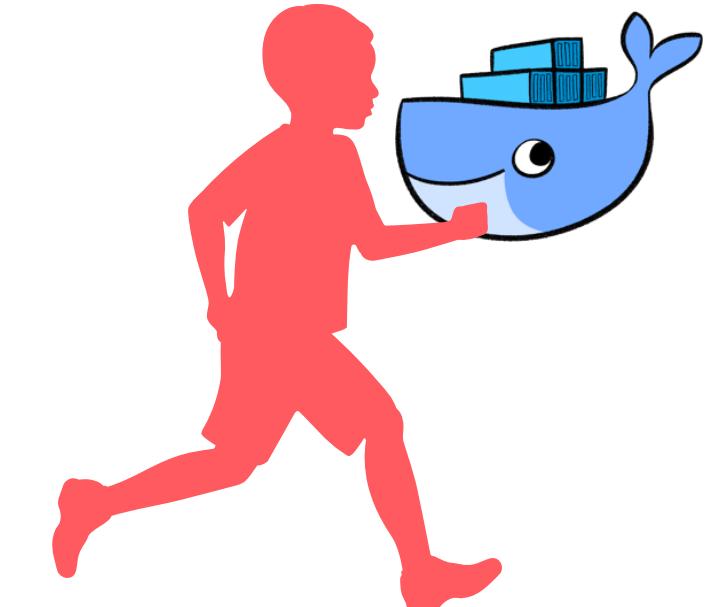


Manually configuring
boxes

Automate
configuration of
applications with Chef

Automate
configuration and
orchestration of
containerized
applications with
Kubernetes

Why kubernetes?



- declarative
- efficient scheduling
- extensible API

- portable
- immutable
- reproducible

- human-friendly data
- standard format

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- complex configuration
- complex tooling
- open issues
- integrating with your current infrastructure

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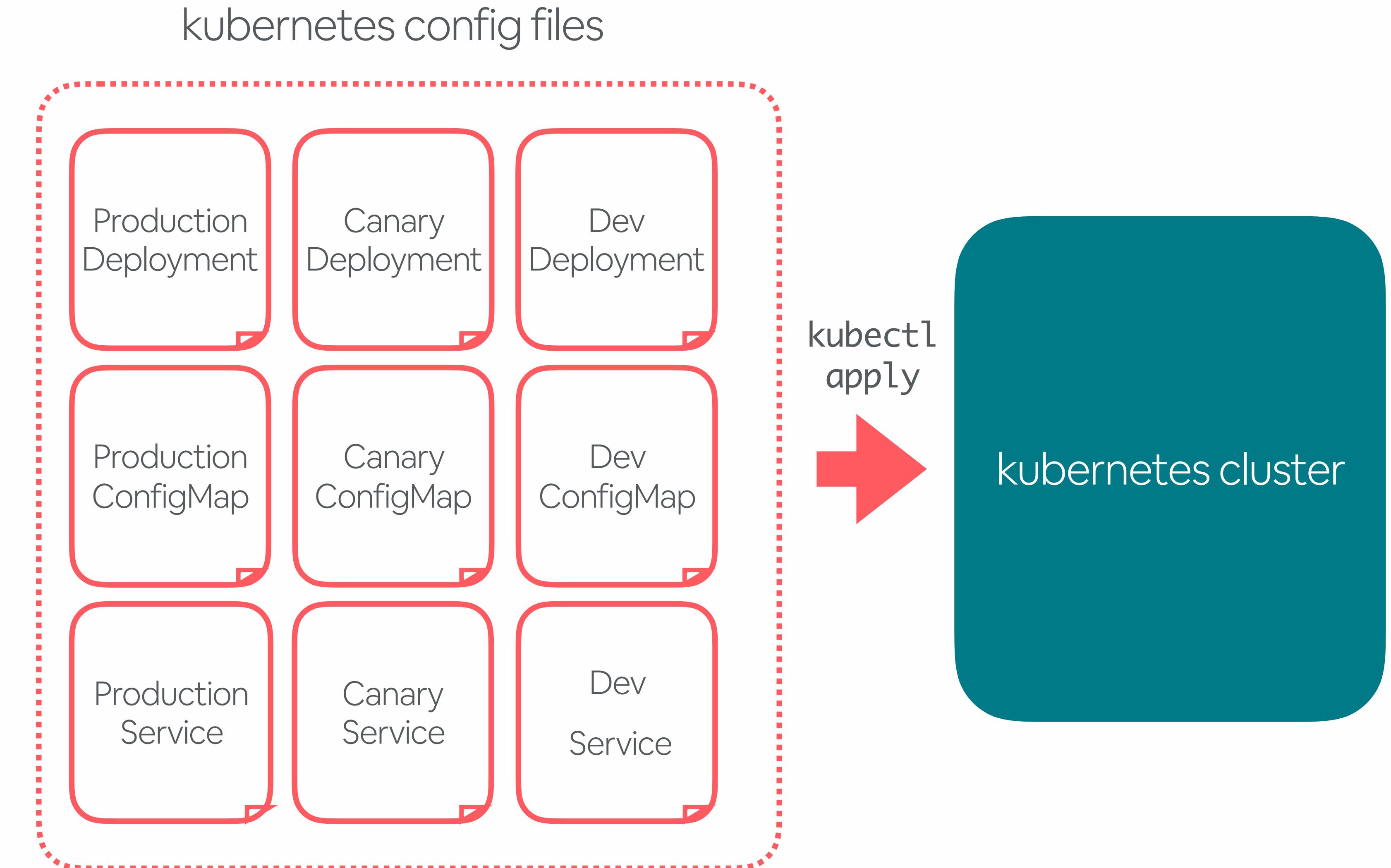
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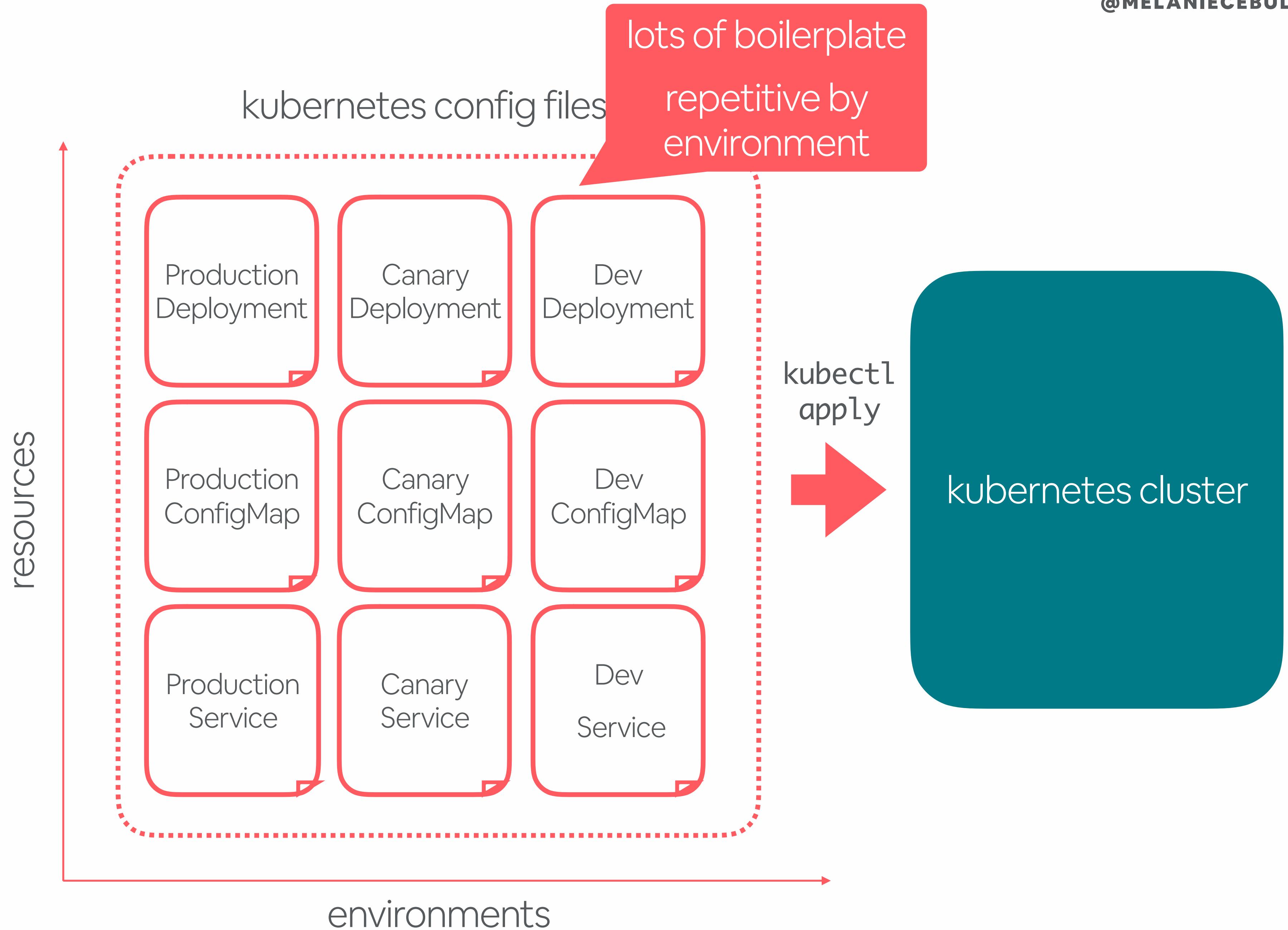
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GENERATING KUBERNETES FILES

kubernetes



kubernetes



Reducing boilerplate

OUR REQUIREMENTS

- **Prefer templating** over file inheritance
- Input should be **optionally templated YAML** files
- Make it easier to **migrate legacy services**
- Make it easier to **retrain >1000 engineers**

Reducing boilerplate

WHAT WE WENT WITH

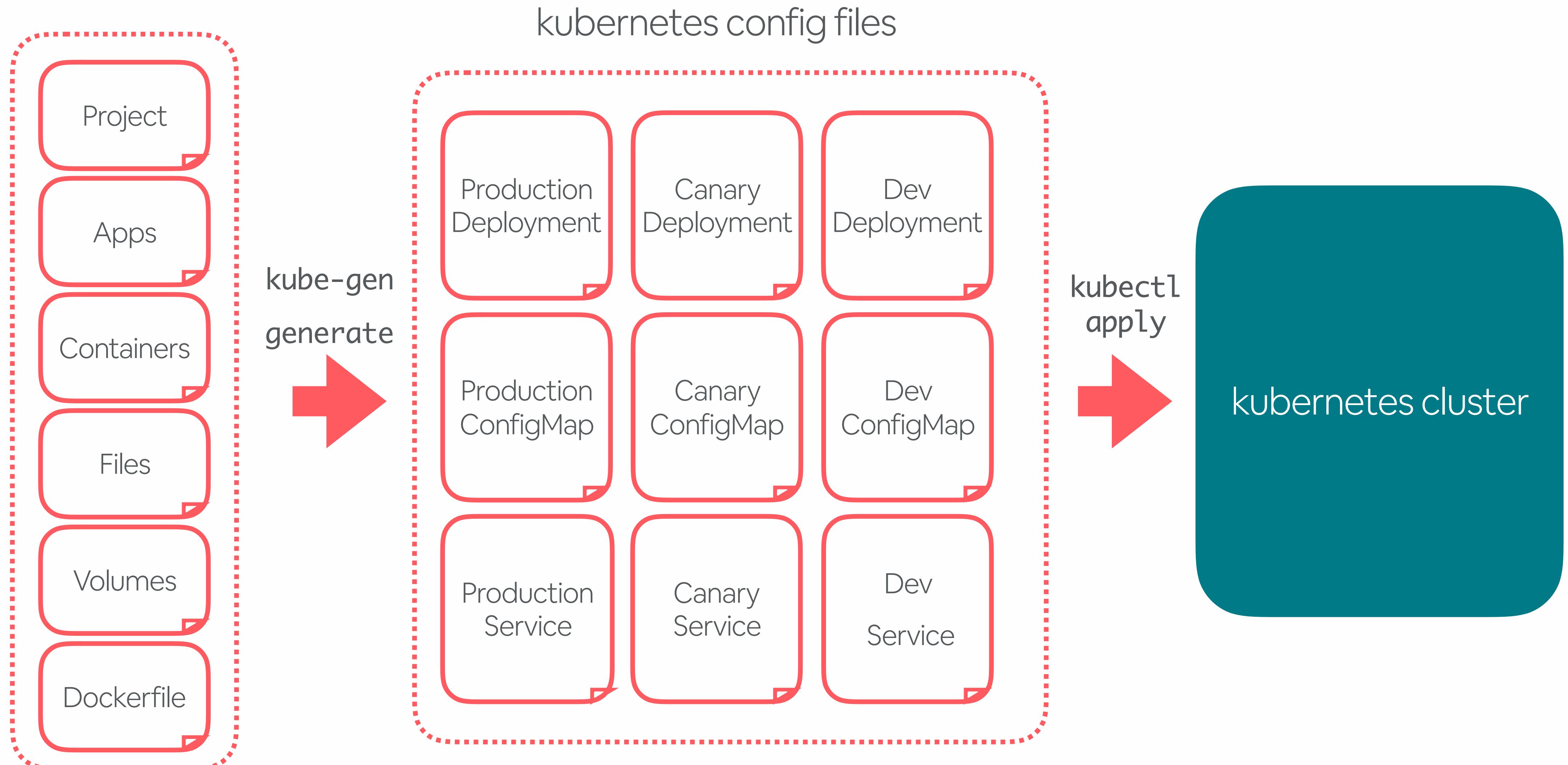
- Use custom files that map legacy concepts to k8s
- Support go templating
- Tools handle both k8s files and custom files

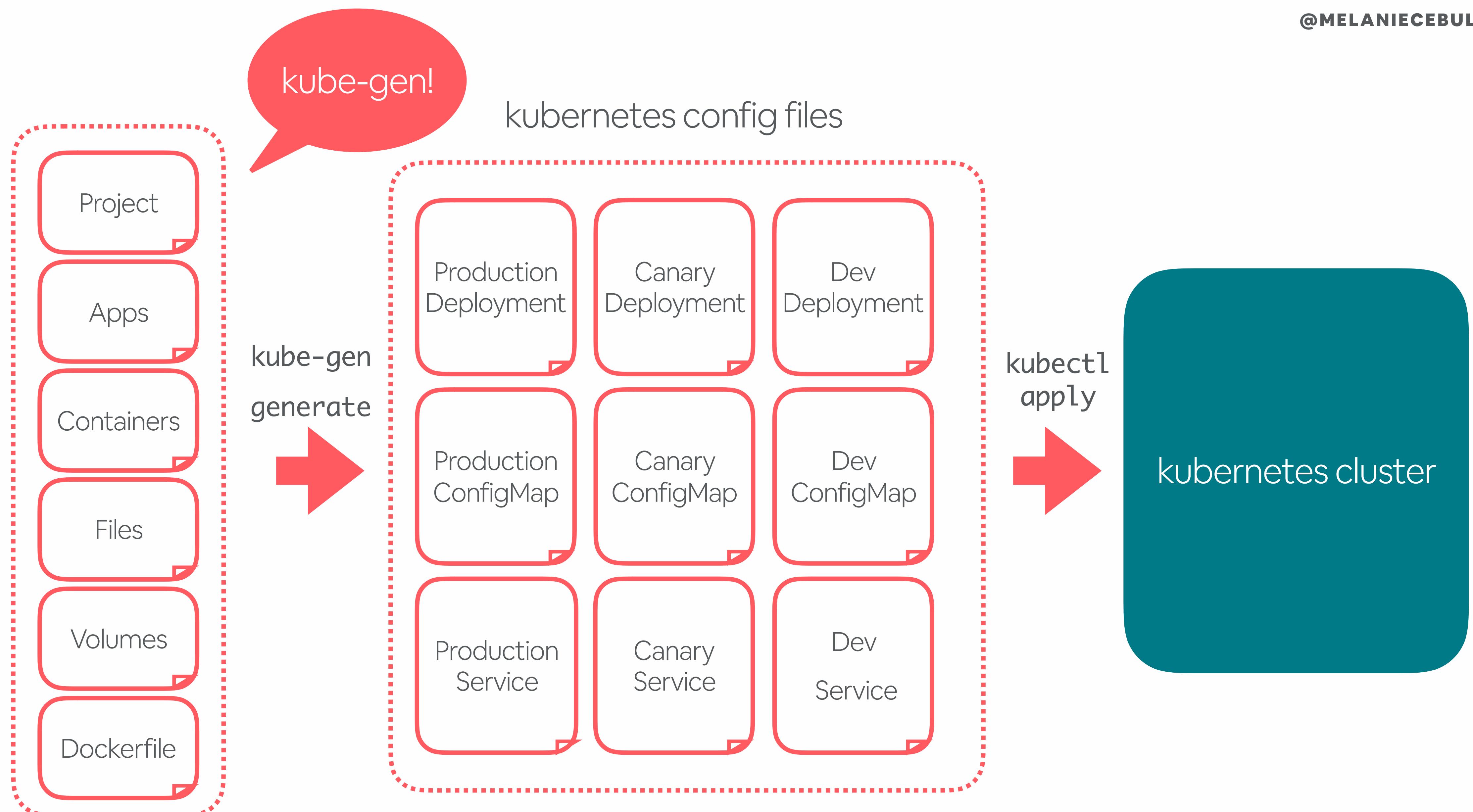
Reducing boilerplate

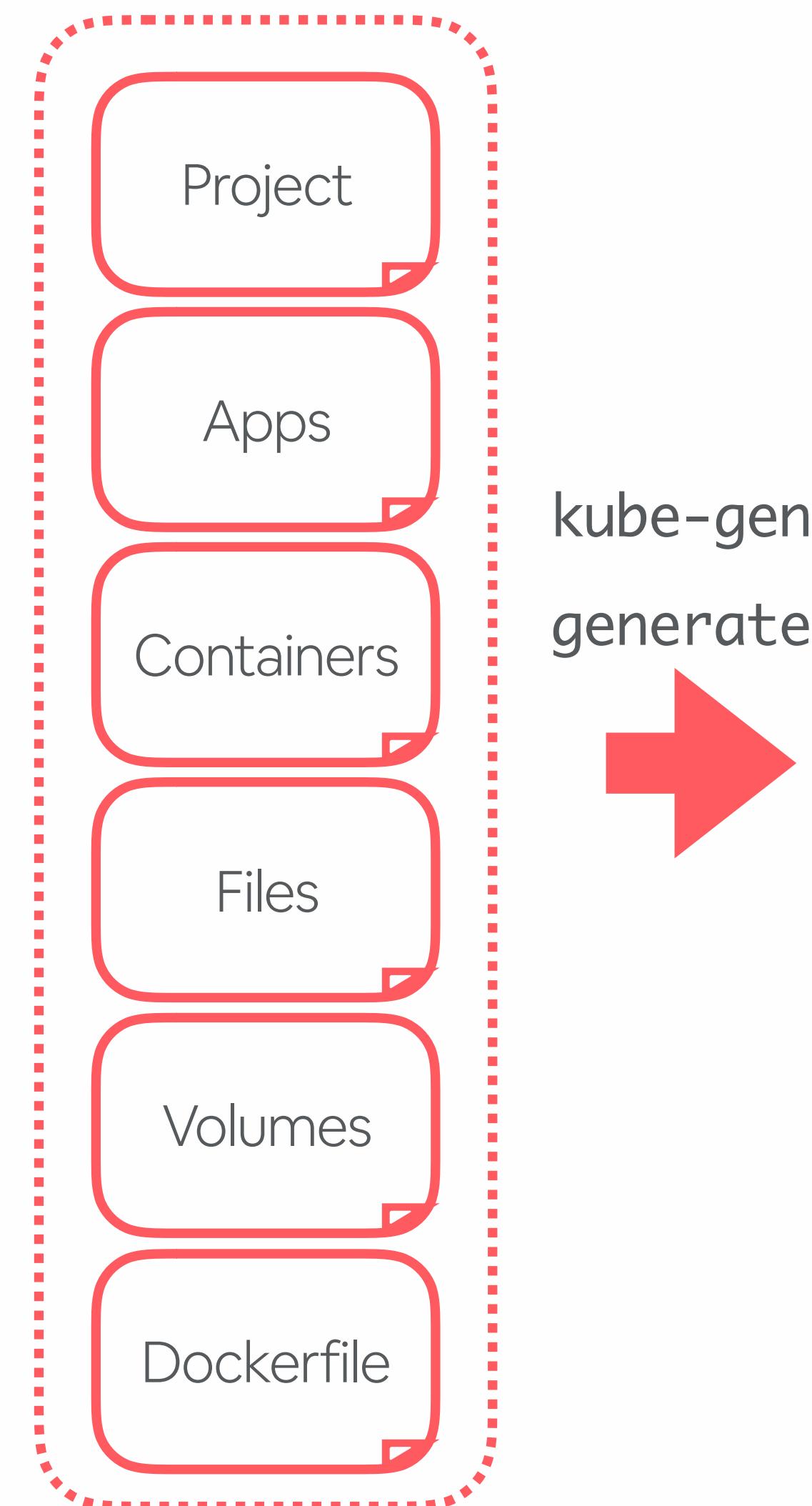
OPEN SOURCE OPTIONS

1. Combine with package management (ex: helm)
2. Override configuration via file inheritance (ex: kustomize)
3. Override configuration via templating (ex: kapitan)

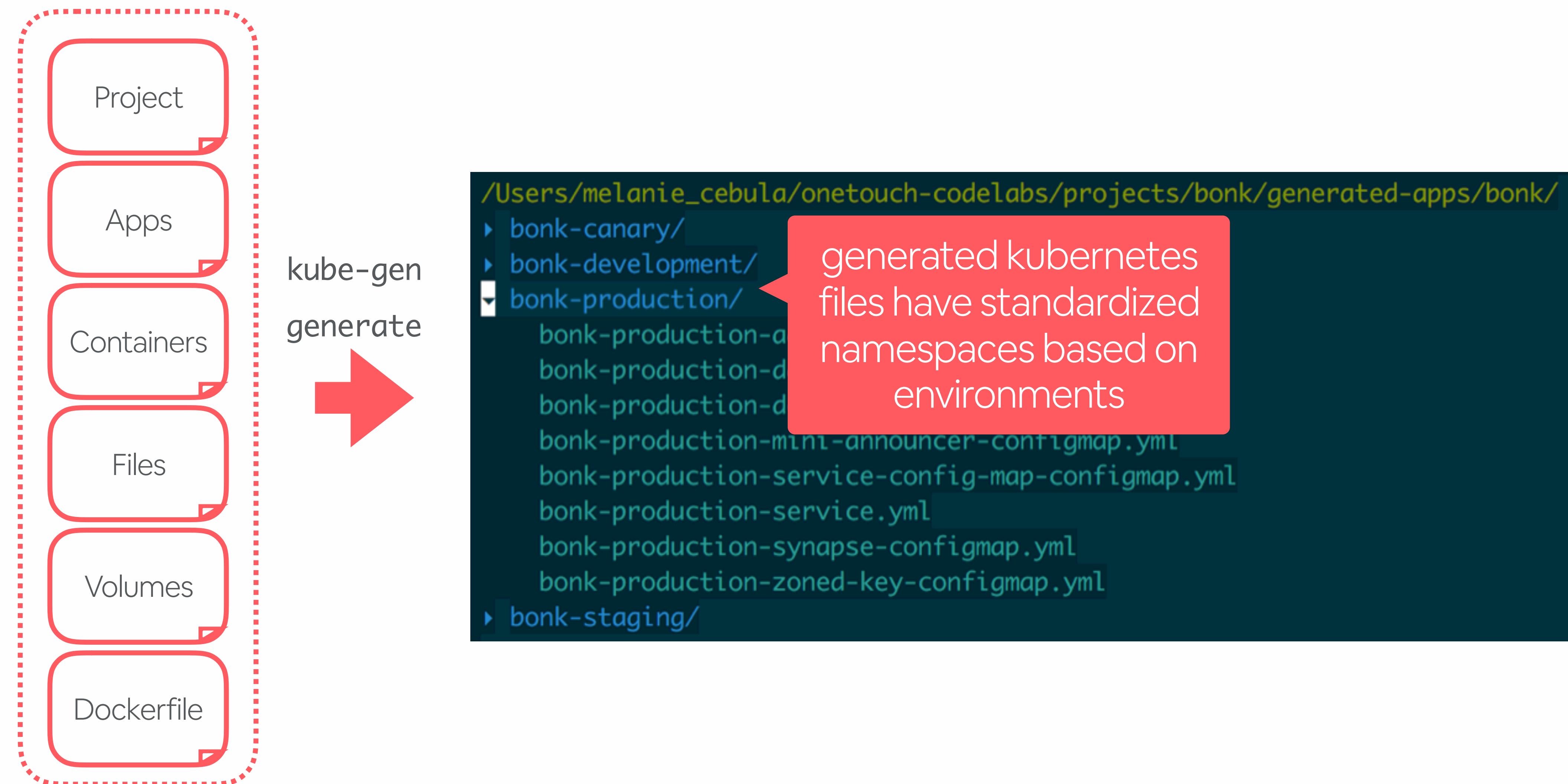






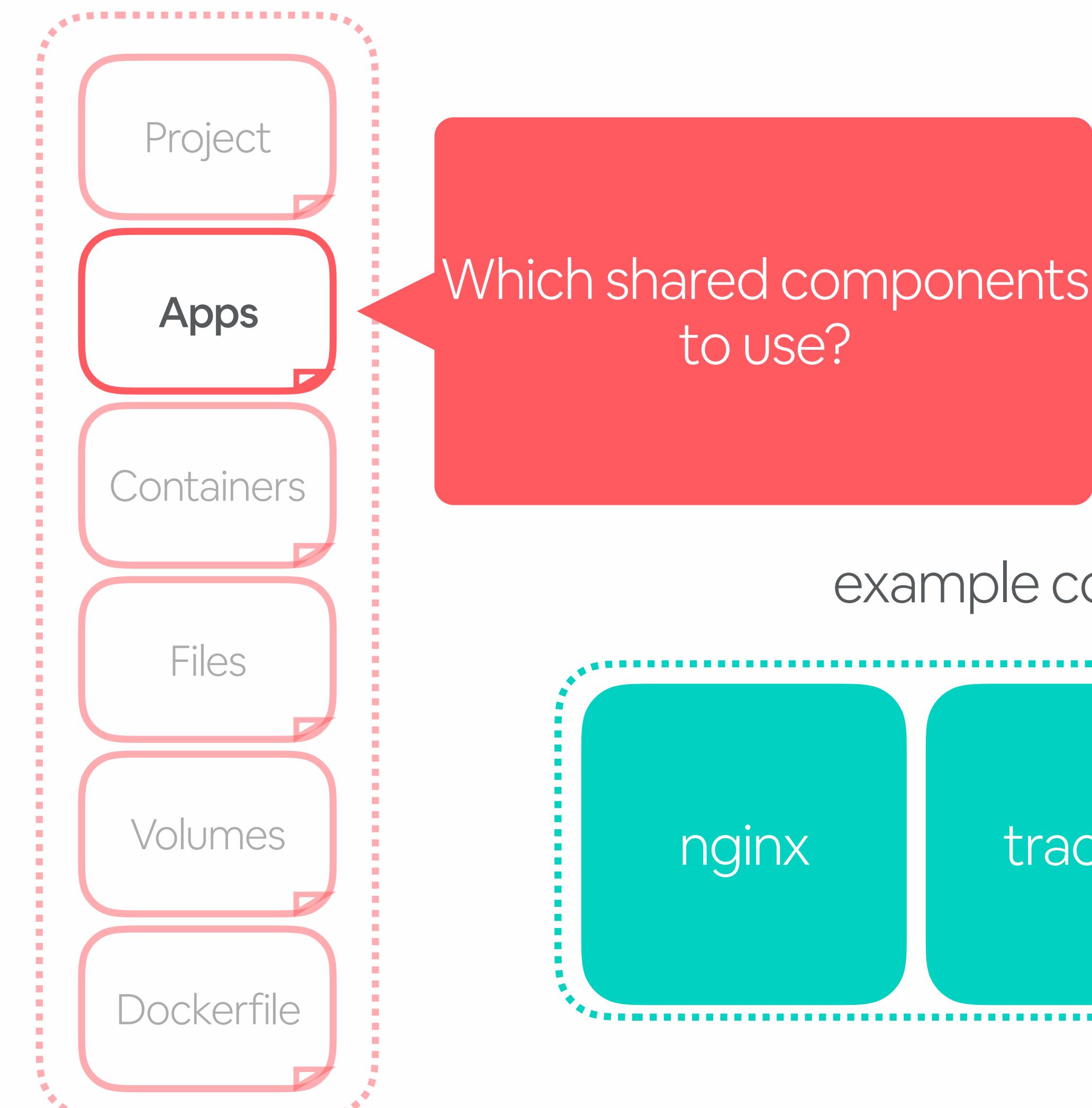


```
/Users/melanie_cebula/onetouch-codelabs/projects/bonk/generated-apps/bonk/
  ▶ bonk-canary/
  ▶ bonk-development/
  ▶ bonk-production/
    bonk-production-admin-role-binding.yml
    bonk-production-databag-bonk-configmap.yml
    bonk-production-deployment.yml
    bonk-production-mini-announcer-configmap.yml
    bonk-production-service-config-map-configmap.yml
    bonk-production-service.yml
    bonk-production-synapse-configmap.yml
    bonk-production-zoned-key-configmap.yml
  ▶ bonk-staging/
```



kube-gen

COMPONENTS



kube-gen

COMPONENTS

nginx component



- common patterns are abstracted into a component
- component yaml merged into project
- can require or set default params

Takeaways

- Reduce kubernetes boilerplate
- Standardize on environments and namespaces

GENERATING SERVICE BOILERPLATE

Everything about a service is in one place in git, and managed with one process.

Configuration LIVES IN ONE PLACE

```
/Users/melanie_cebula/bonk/
└── _infra/
    ├── ci/
    ├── docs/
    ├── keys/
    ├── kube/
    ├── secrets/
    │   ├── airlab.yml
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    │   ├── README.md
    │   └── unicorn.rb
```

Everything about a service is in one place in git

- All configuration lives in `_infra` alongside project code
- Edit code and configuration with one pull request
- Easy to add new configuration
- Statically validated in CI/CD

Configuration

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What we support:

- kube-gen files
- framework boilerplate
- API boilerplate
- CI/CD
- docs
- AWS IAM roles
- project ownership
- storage
- .. and more!

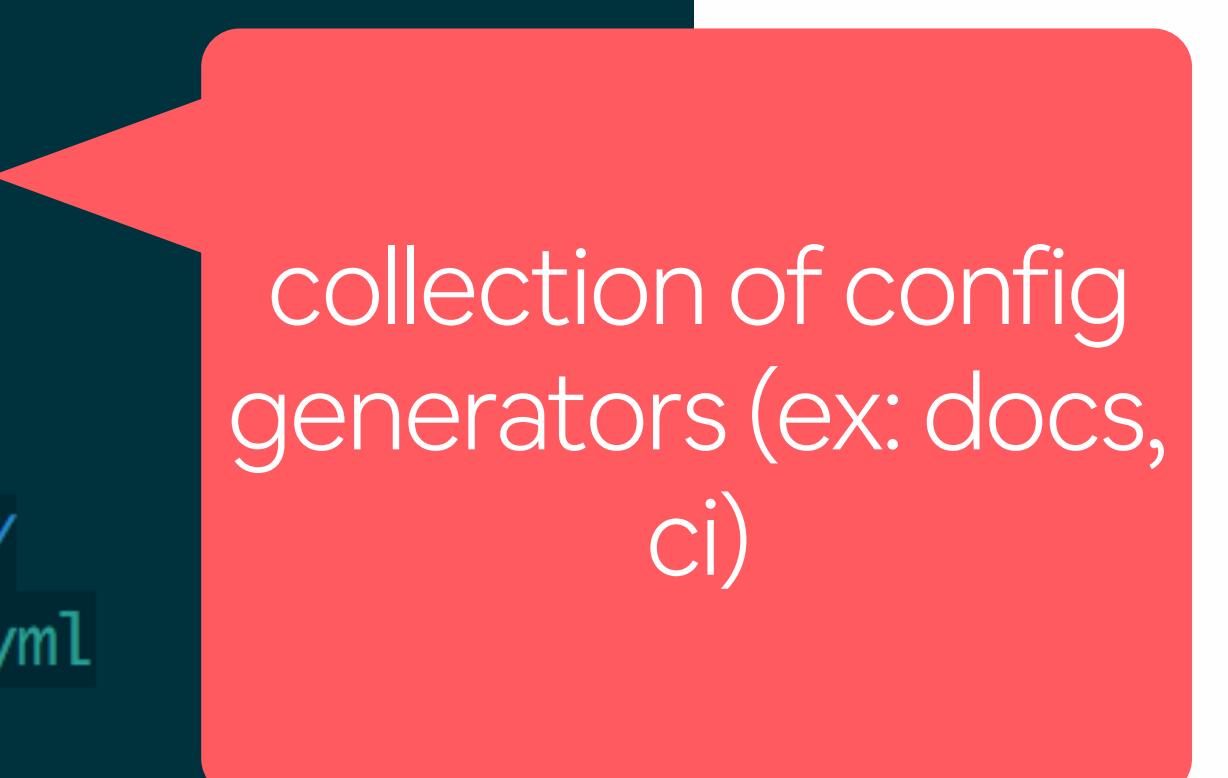
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this “hello world”
service was created
in one command

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collection of config generators (ex: docs, ci)

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collection of
framework-specific
generators (ex: Rails,
Dropwizard)

Configuration CAN BE GENERATED

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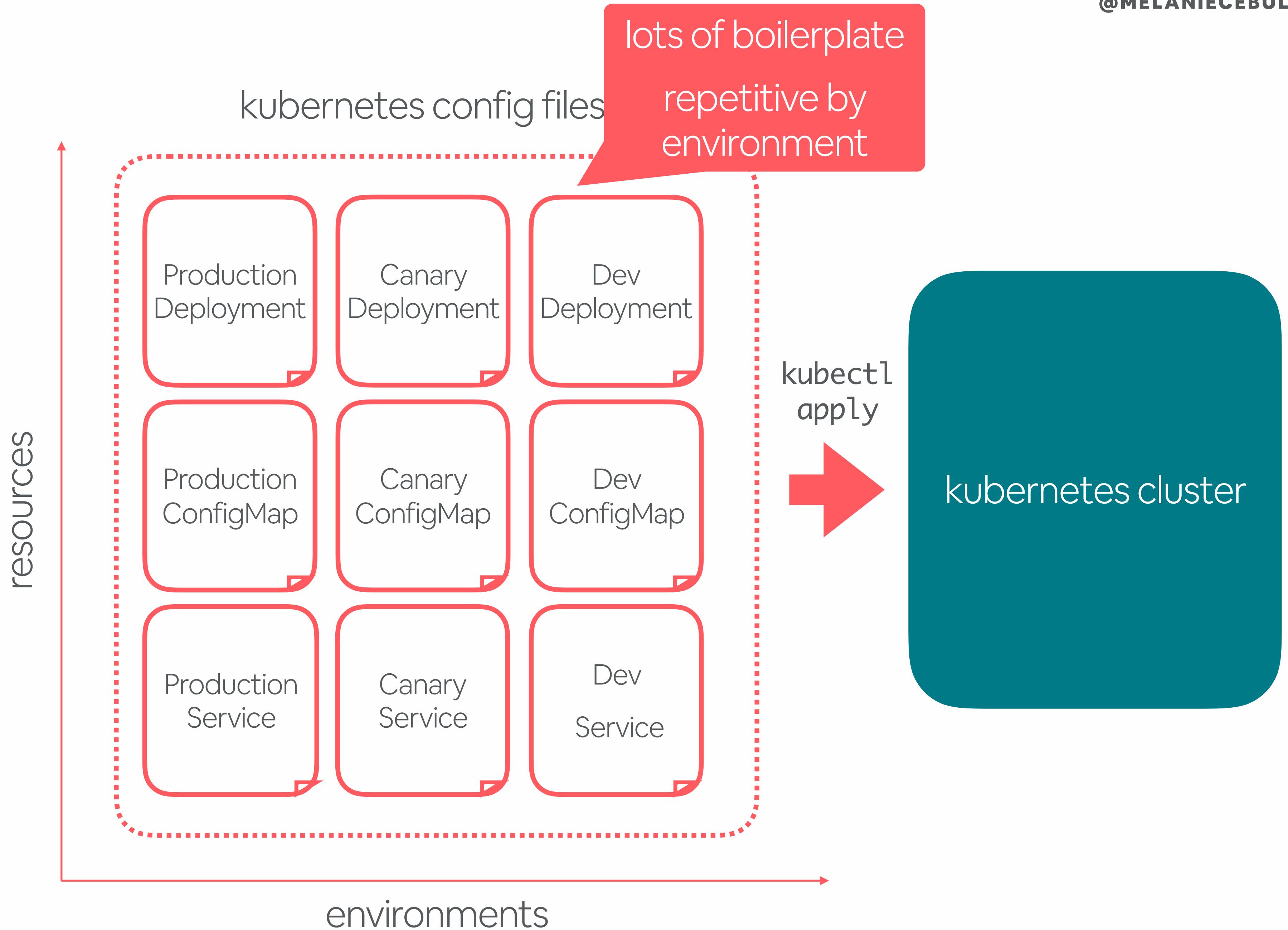
- make best practices the *default* (ex: deploy pipeline, autoscaling, docs)
- run generators individually or as a group
- support for review, update, commit

Takeaways

- Everything about a service should be in one place in git
- Make best practices the *default* by generating configuration

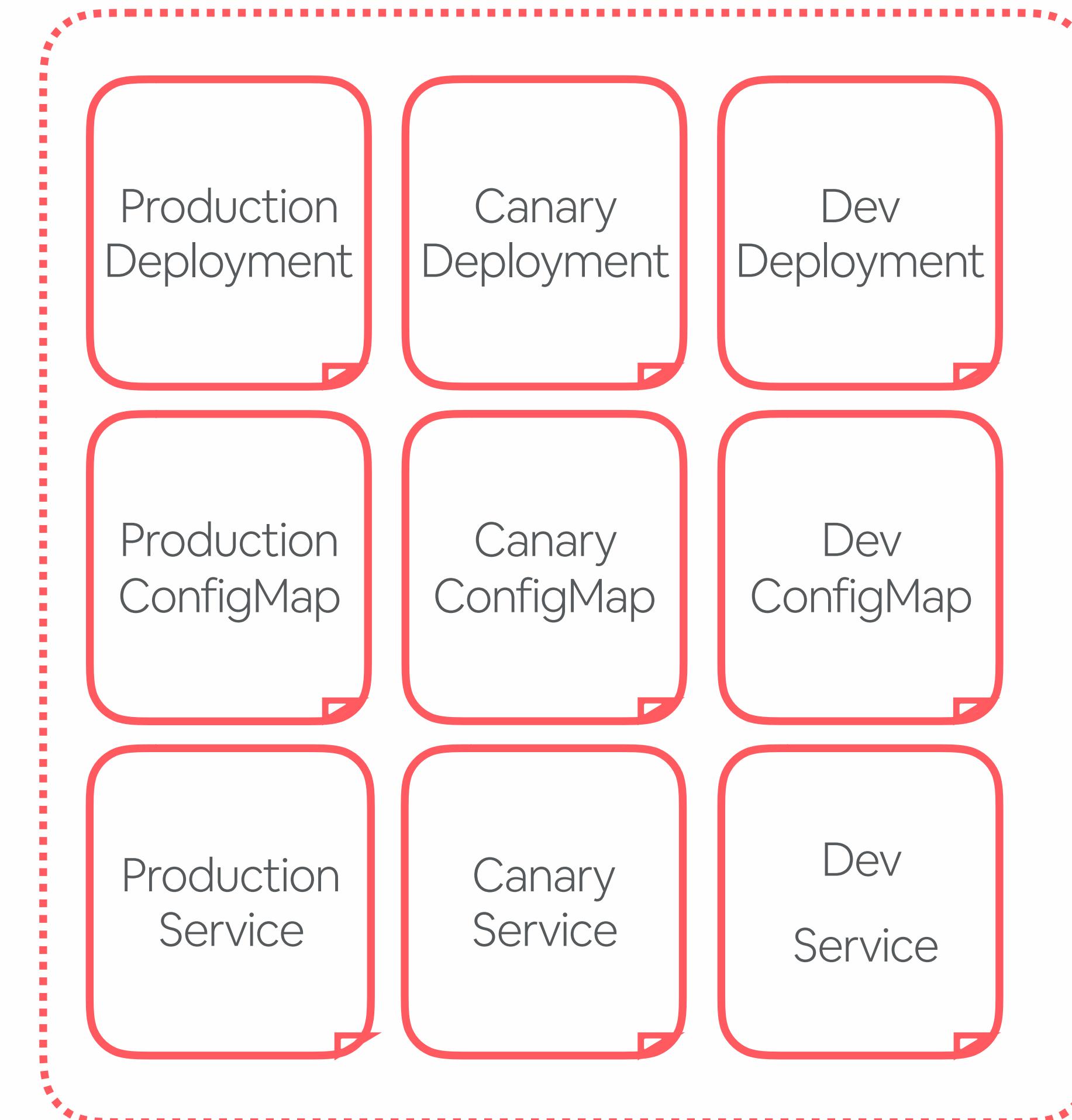
KUBECTL WRAPPER

kubernetes



kubernetes

kubernetes config files



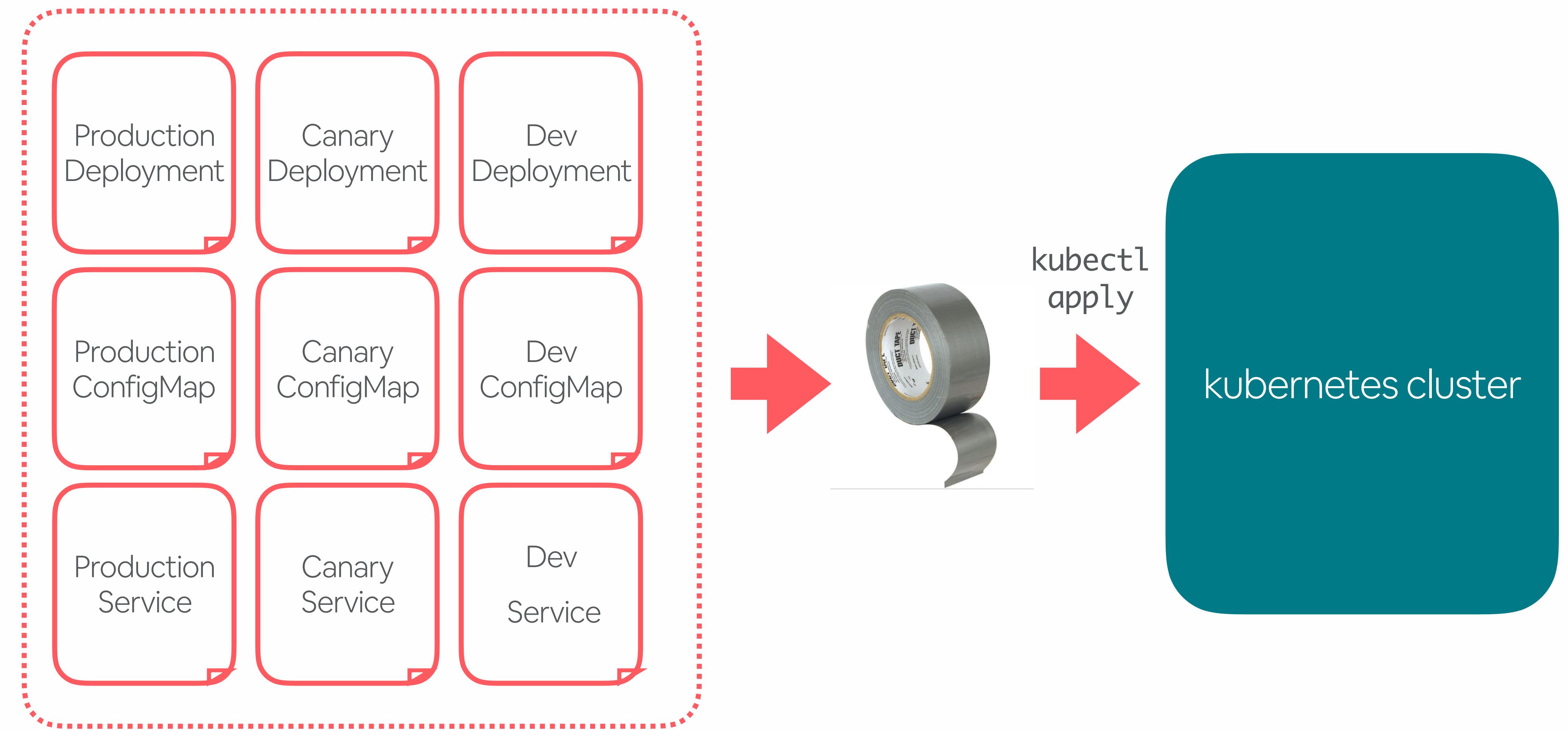
`kubectl
apply`



verbose
repetitive by
namespace

k tool

KUBECTL WRAPPER



k tool

THE ALL PURPOSE CLI WRAPPER



k tool

USES ENV VARS

- Runs in the project home directory:

```
$ cd /path/to/bonk  
$ k status
```

- Environment variables for arguments:

```
$ k status ENV=staging
```

- Prints the command that it will execute:

```
$ k status ENV=staging
```

```
kubectl get pods --namespace=bonk-staging
```

standardized namespaces!

k tool

SIMPLIFIES BUILDS AND
DEPLOYS

- `k generate` transforms kube-gen files to kubernetes files
- `k build` performs project build, docker build and docker push with tags
- `k deploy` creates namespace, applies/replaces kubernetes files, sleeps and checks deployment status
- can chain commands; ex: `k all`

k tool

A DEBUGGING TOOL

- defaults to random pod, main container:

```
$ k ssh ENV=staging
```

- specify particular pod, specific container:

```
$ k logs ENV=staging POD=... CONTAINER=statsd-proxy
```

- automates debugging with `k diagnose`:

1. `k status ENV=... POD=...`

2. for each unready container, output message and last state, and get logs with `k logs CONTAINER=...`

3. `kubectl get events` with field-selector for `POD` and filter out “Normal” events

Takeaways

- Create a wrapper for kubectl commands
- Automate common k8s workflows

CI/CD



405 Builds

0 Running

0 Scheduled

New Build

Pipeline Settings

Log the changed files of a PR

Build #404 | julia--log-changed-files | 44318ff

Passed in 3m 51s



Validations (DEPLOY_PIPELI...

RSpec [ci_required]

RuboCop [ci_required]

Build (PROJECT_NAME=sta...

Build Docs (PROJECT_NAM...



Julia Wang

Created Wednesday at 11:09 AM

Triggered from Webhook

↻ Rebuild

✓ 404 jorb_dispatcher_buildkite --version && jorb_dispatcher_buildkite _infra/ci/dispatch.yml --gl... ⏺ Ran in 36s ⏺ Waited 9s 📂 i-04e77746cbe296415-75

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Log

Artifacts

Agent

Environment

+ Expand groups - Collapse groups

- 1 ▶ Running global environment hook
- 5 ▶ Running global pre-checkout hook
- 11 ▶ Preparing working directory
- 14 ▶ Running global checkout
- 18 ▶ Running global post-checkout
- 24 ▶ Running commands
- 42 ▶ Running 'install kubelet'
- 106 ▶ Running 'k generate'
- 160 ▶ Running 'k build'
- 1003 ▶ Running 'create titanic build info in ./config'
- 1004 ▶ Running 'set build tags'
- 1008 ▶ Running 'tar artifact (project only)'
- 1023 ▶ Running 'upload titanic artifact'
- 1036 ▶ Running 'k clean'
- 1053 ▶ Running global pre-exit hook

Each step in our CI /CD jobs are
RUN steps in a build Dockerfile

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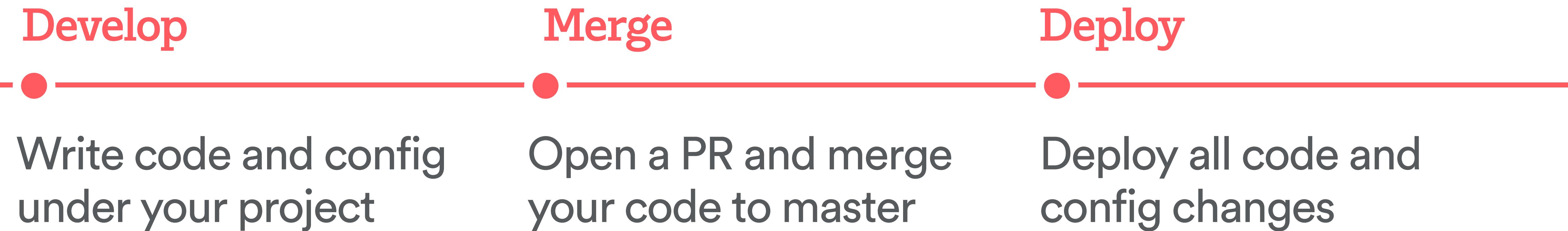
runs k commands

Takeaways

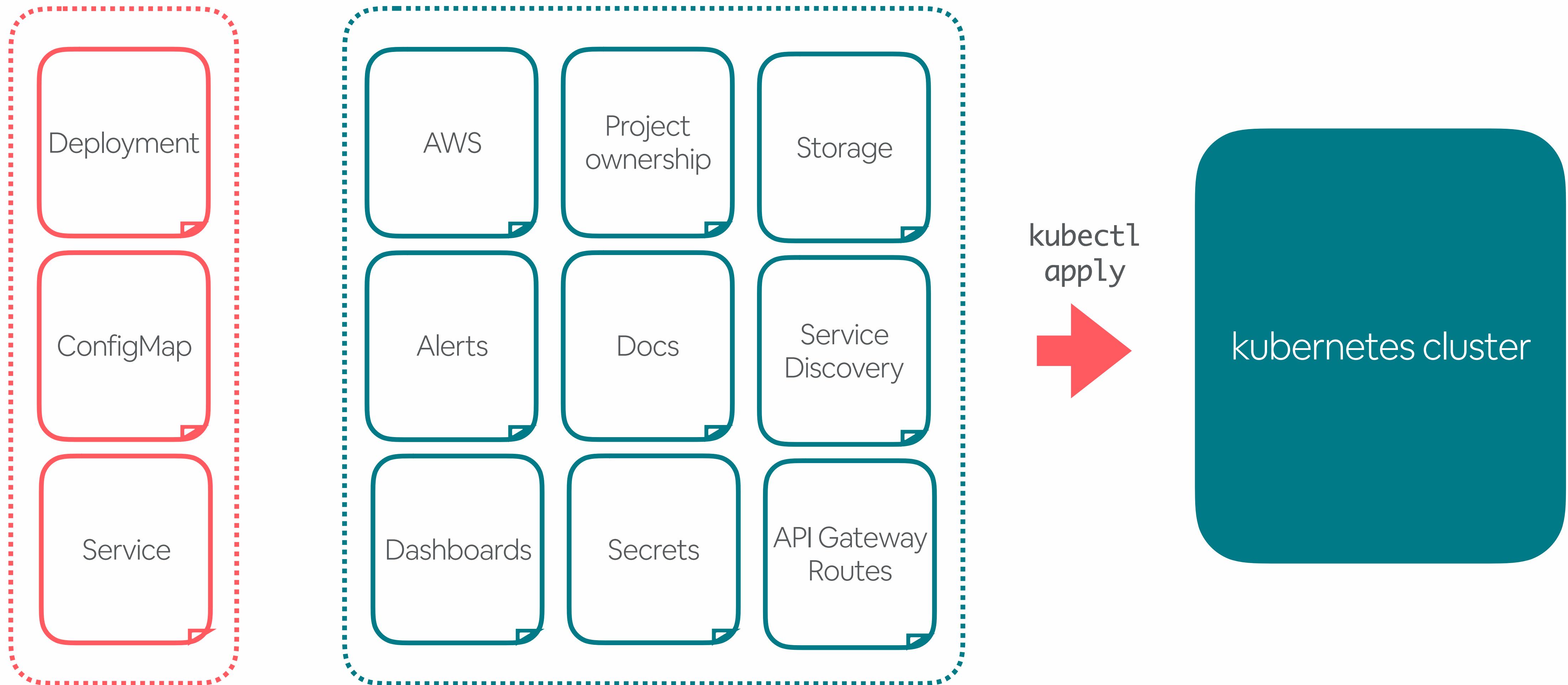
- CI/CD should run the same commands that engineers run locally
- CI/CD should run in a container
- Validate configuration as part of CI/CD

DEPLOY PROCESS

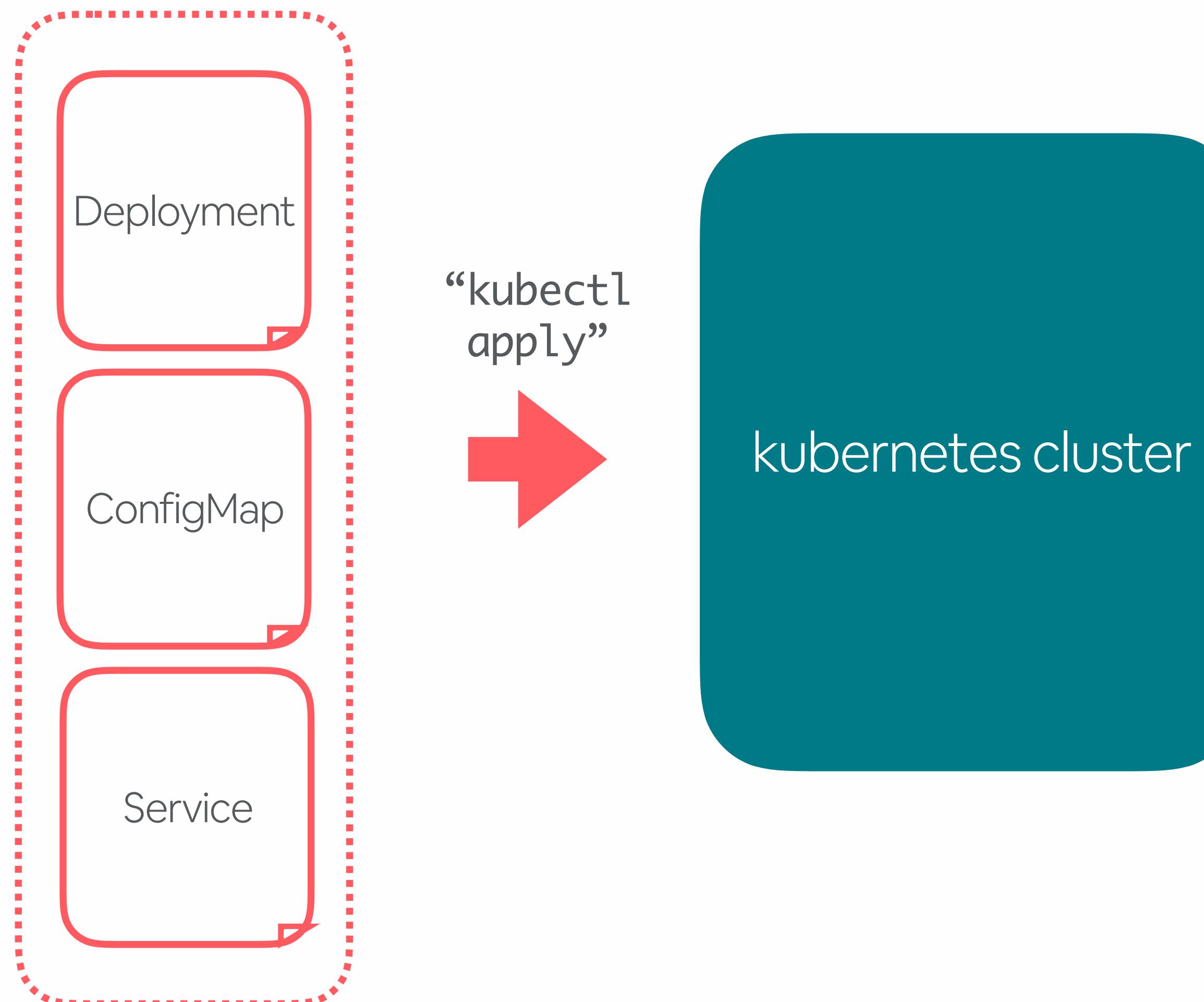
A single deploy process for every change



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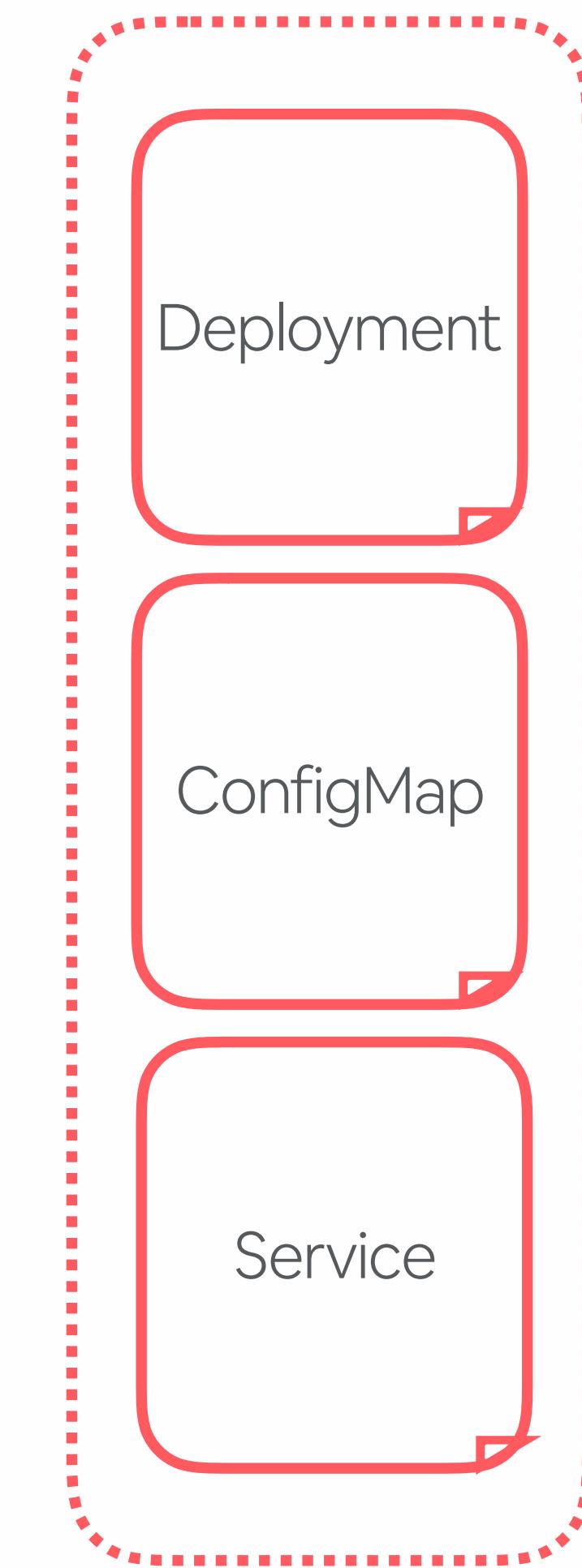
How do we apply k8s configuration?



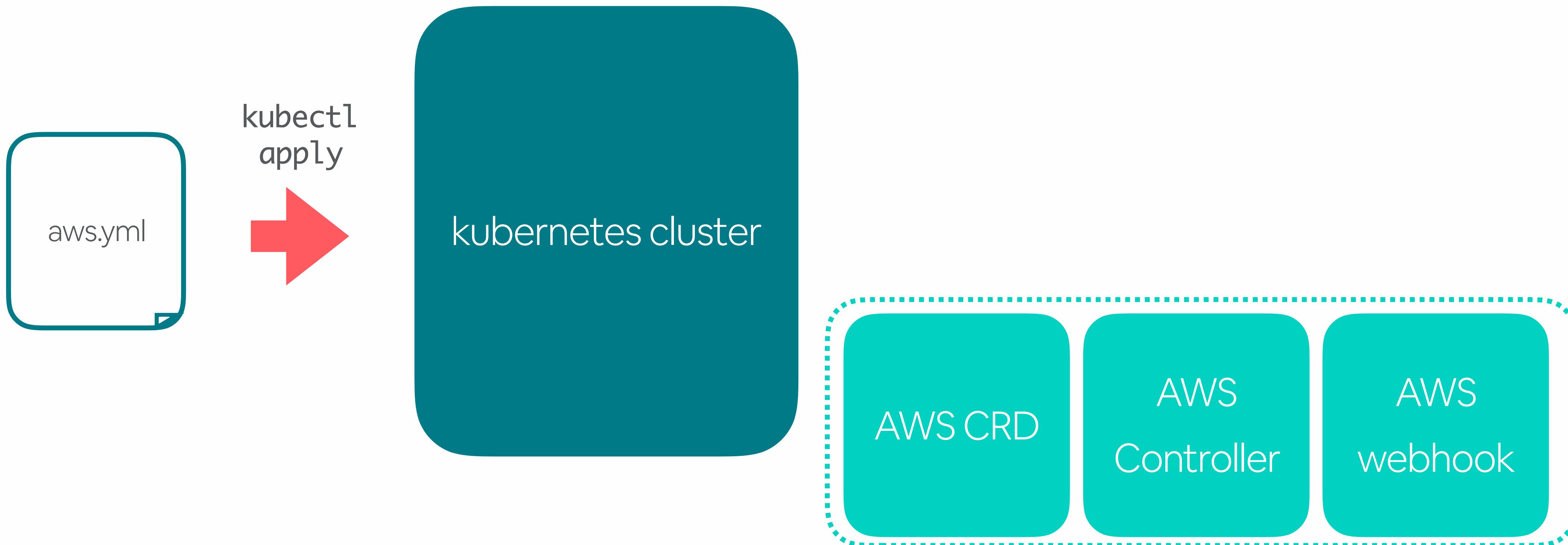
- `kubectl apply` all files
- in some cases where `apply` fails, replace files without force
- always restart pods on deploy to pick up changes
- return atomic success or failure state by sleeping and checking status

How do you always restart pods on deploy?

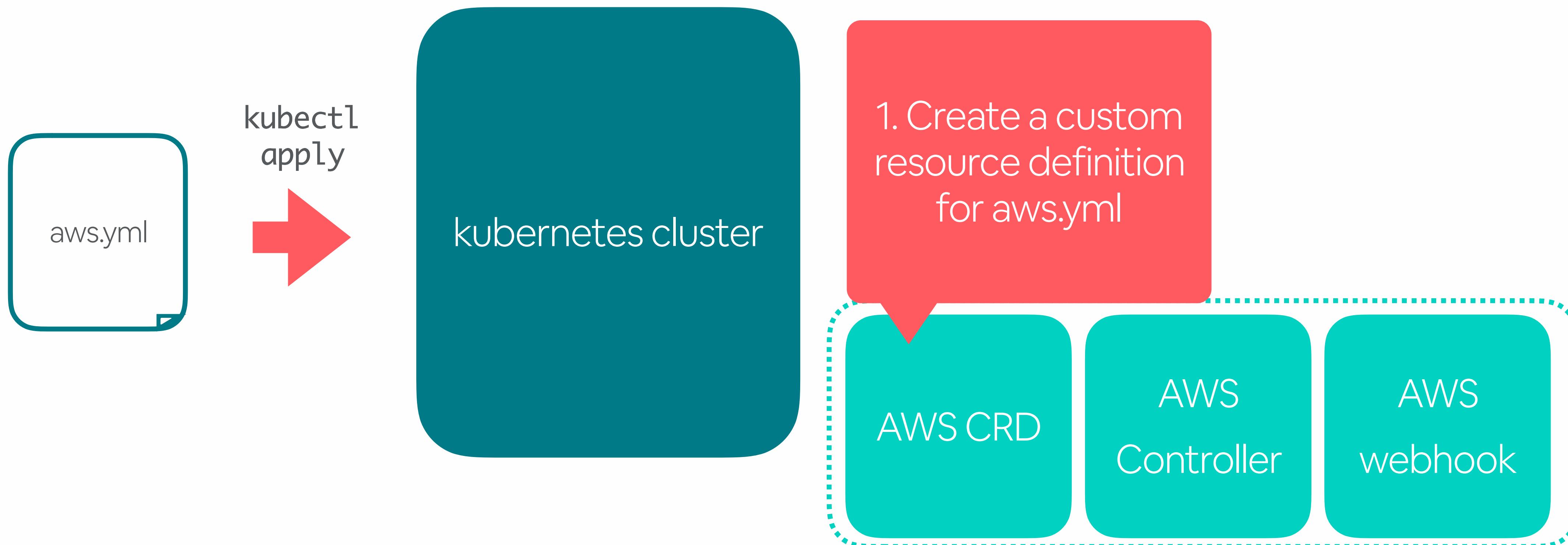
We add a date label
to the pod spec,
which convinces k8s
to relaunch all pods



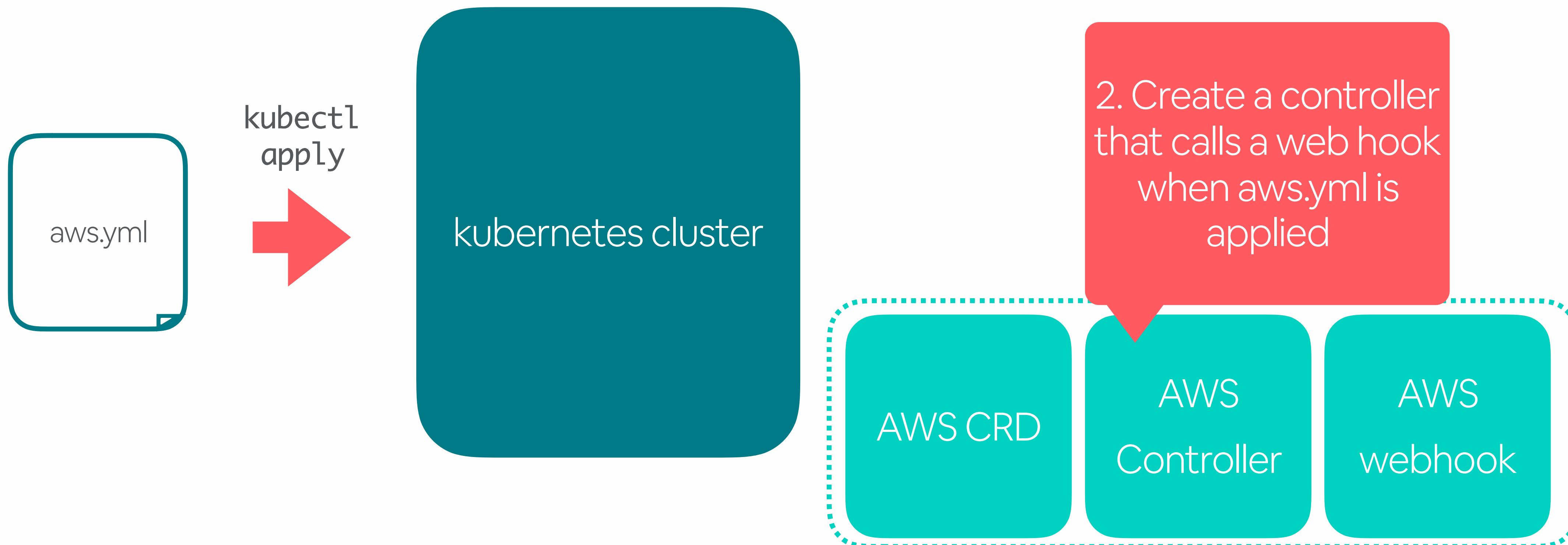
How do we apply custom configuration?



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How do we apply custom configuration?



How do we apply custom configuration?



Takeaways

- Code and configuration should be deployed with the same process
- Use custom resources and custom controllers to integrate k8s with your infra

10 Takeaways

1. **Reduce kubernetes boilerplate**
2. **Standardize** on environments and namespaces
3. Everything about a service should be in **one place in git**
4. **Make best practices the default** by generating configuration
5. **Create a wrapper** for kubectl commands
6. **Automate** common k8s workflows
7. **CI/CD should run the same commands** that engineers run locally, **in a container**
8. **Validate configuration** as part of CI/CD
9. Code and configuration should be **deployed with the same process**
10. **Use custom resources and custom controllers** to integrate with your infrastructure

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