



A full application environment
for every PR





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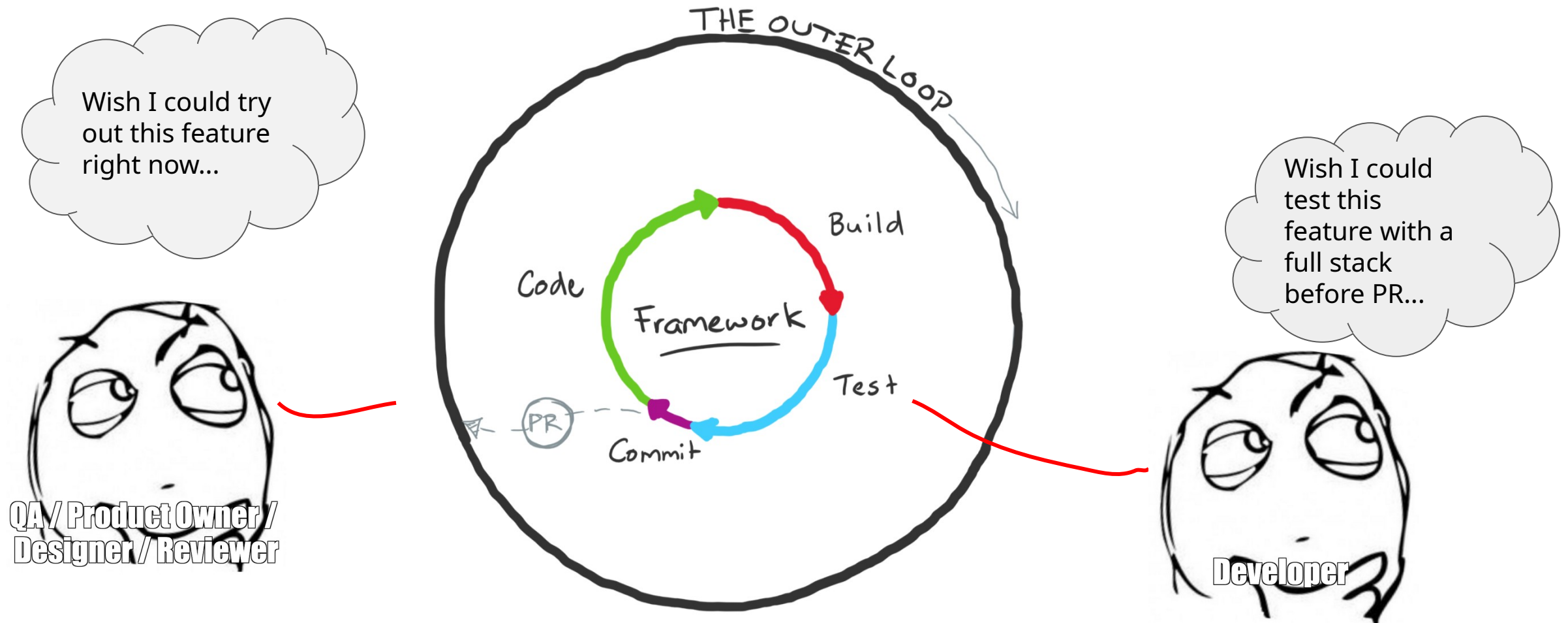


Agenda

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Who needs an ephemeral environment?

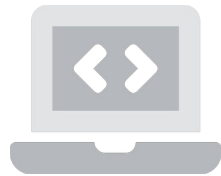
Inner/Outer Loop of Development



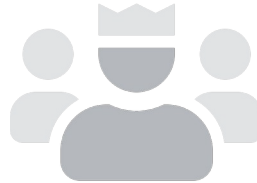
Evaluation criteria for an ephemeral environment



**Cost Per
Environment**



**User
Experience**



**Complexity &
Team
Maturity**



**Quality
Experience**



**Product
Experience**

Since *everything* in K8s
must be nautically
themed...

Production is a battle group



Existing solutions are sailing vessels



Where we're going,
we want *speedboats*

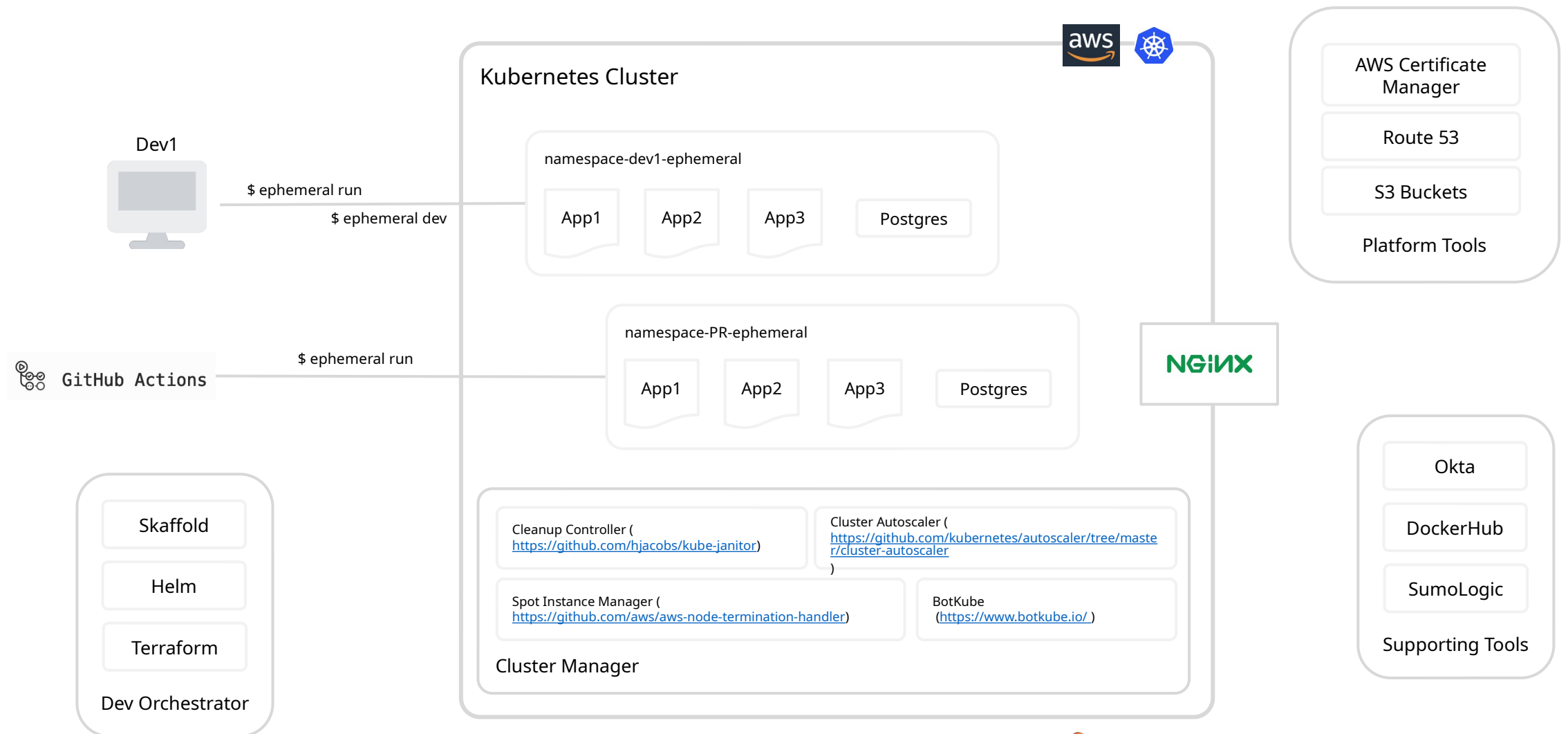


Solution Overview

It's *not* just scaffolding

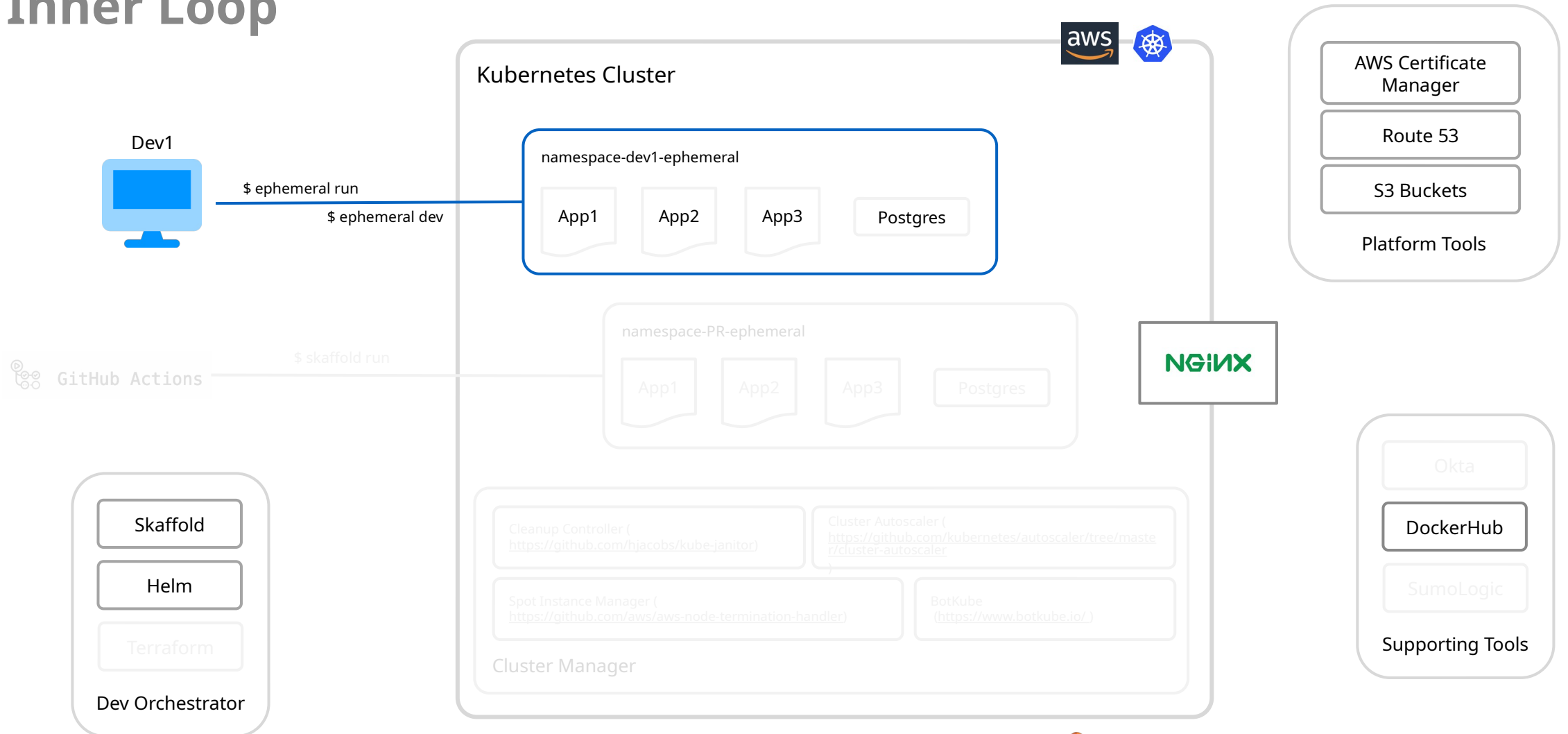


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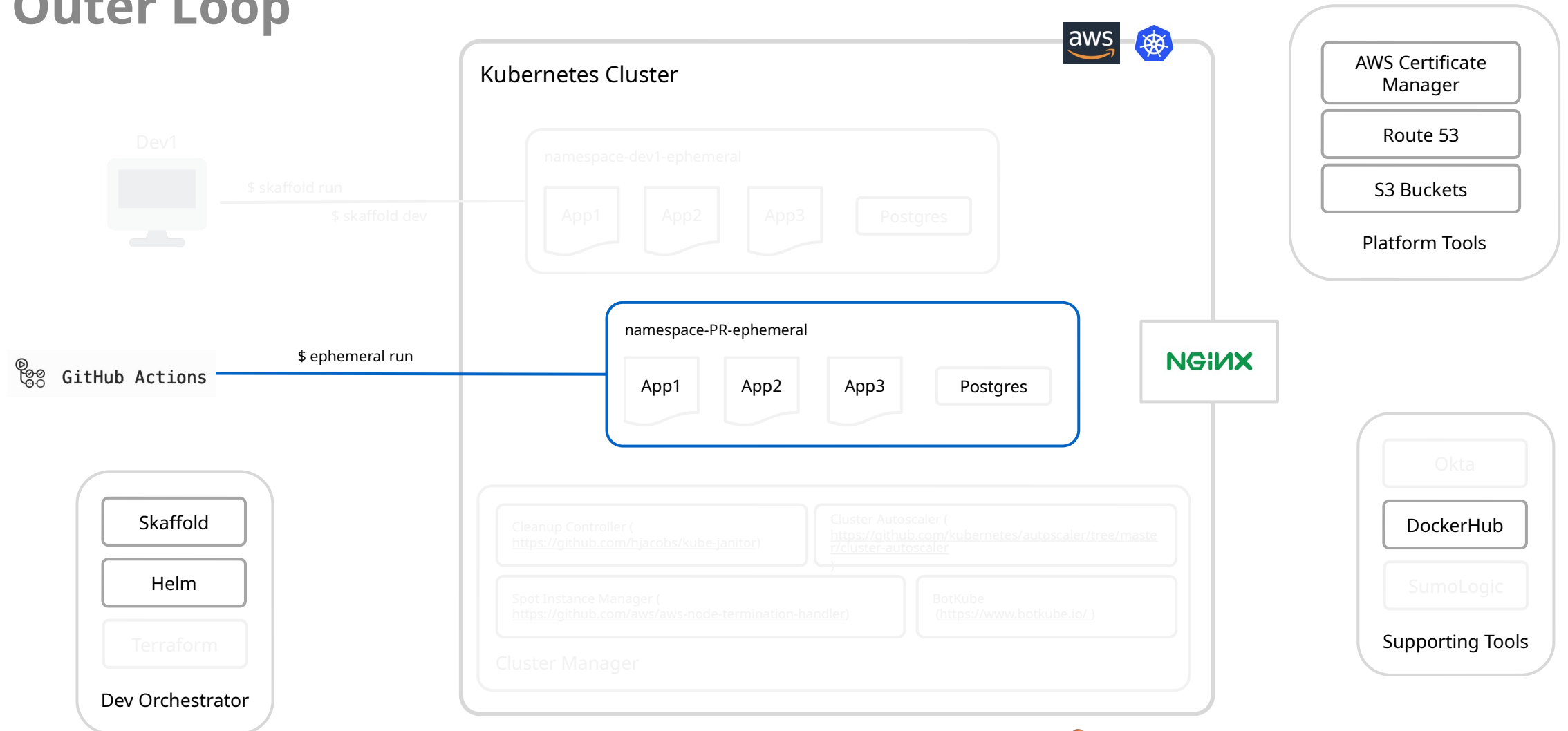
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Inner Loop



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Outer Loop



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Cost Control

Using AWS Spot Instances.

Spot Instance Manager handles spot instance termination for workloads.

TTL on ephemeral Environments

No environment runs beyond a set time to live.

Set auto-scaling with min and max limits

Auto scaling upper limits ensure cost is not blown out of budget. And cluster is downsized when not in use.

Cleanup Controller (
<https://github.com/hjacobs/kube-janitor>)

Spot Instance Manager (
<https://github.com/aws/aws-node-termination-handler>)

Cluster Manager

Cluster Autoscaler (
<https://github.com/kubernetes/autoscaler/tree/master/cluster-autoscaler>)

BotKube (
<https://www.botkube.io/>)



AWS Certificate Manager

Dev1

\$ scaffold run

\$ scaffold dev

Scaffold

Helm

Terraform

Dev Orchestrator

App1

App2

App3

Postgres

Okta

DockerHub

SumoLogic

Supporting Tools



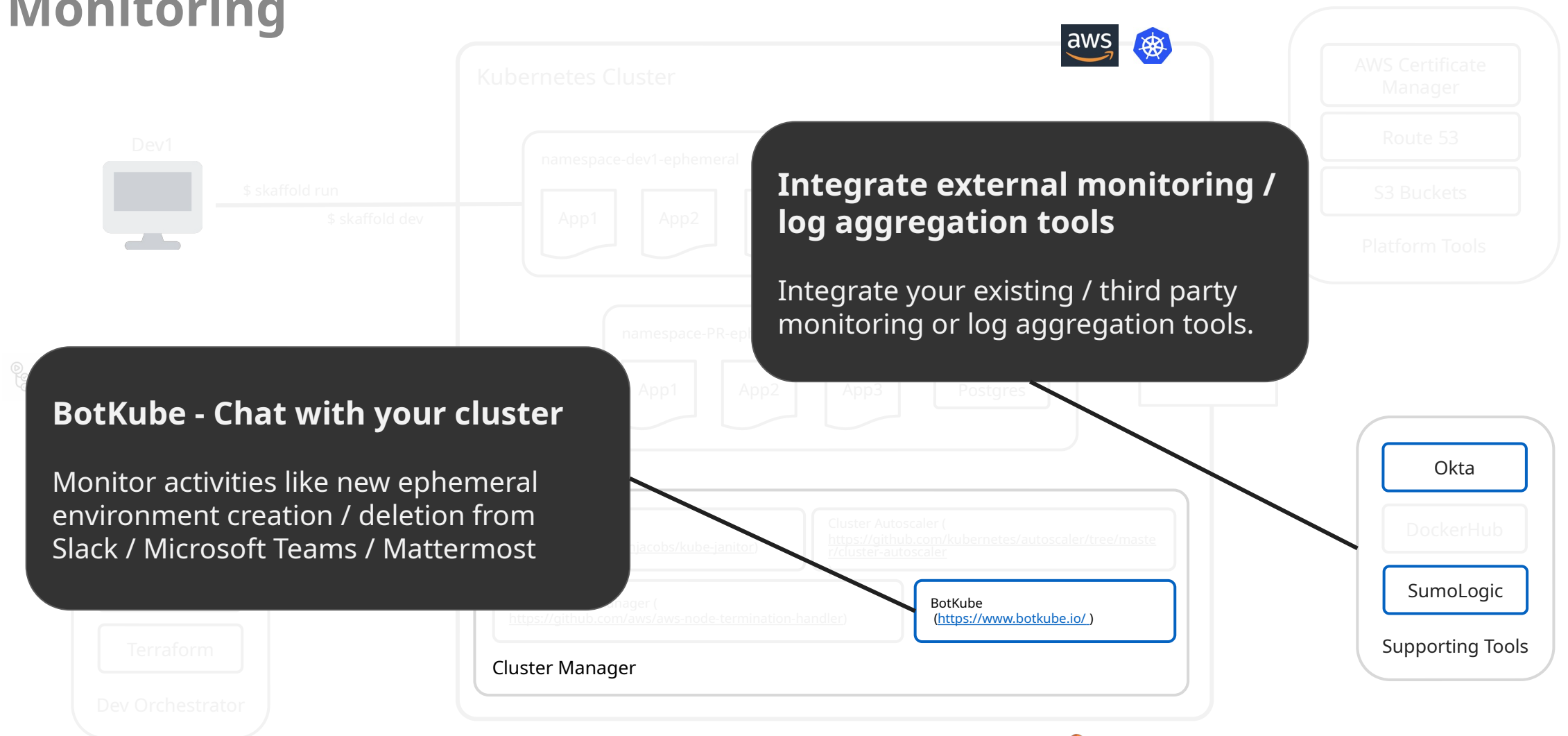
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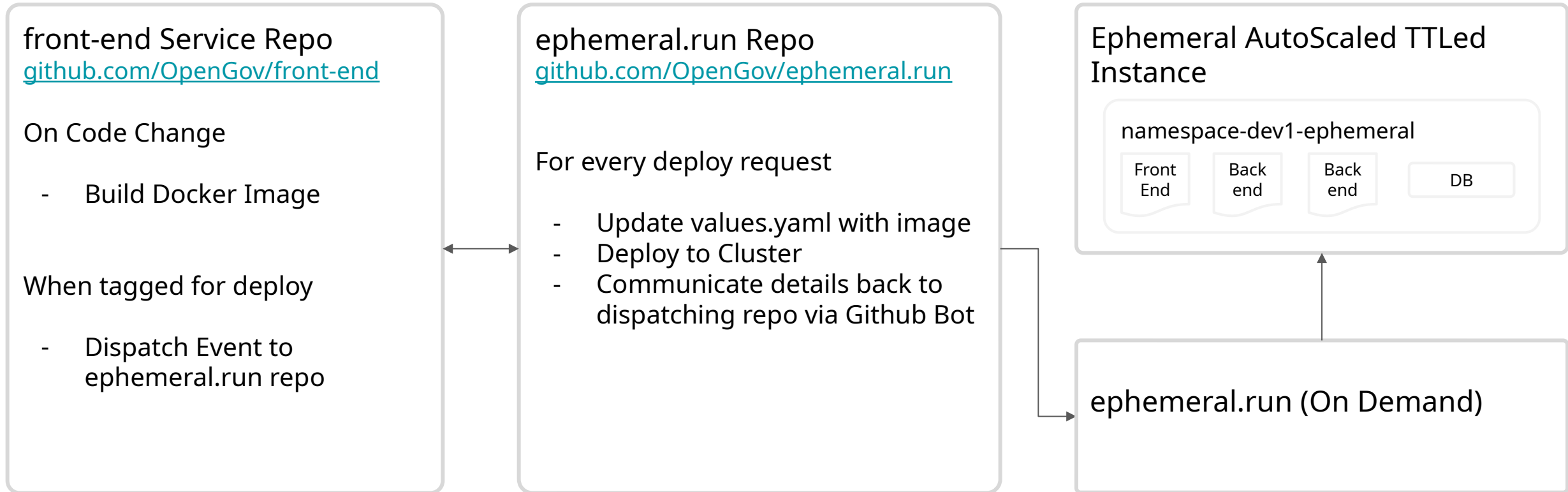
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Solution Overview

Monitoring



Repo Structure



Demo

Numbers

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- In 2020, engineers started an average of *four* legacy Chef environments per month.
- These were limited, unreliable, took hours to start, and were not representative of production.
- Legacy environments cost \$150/day/env, and *thousands* per month in fixed costs.

Numbers

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- 10x usage: Engineers started 50 environments with ephemeral.run in the first month.
- 10x faster: Environments start in ~15 minutes, and can be updated in five minutes.
- 10x cheaper: \$15/day/env (billed by the minute) and \$200/month in fixed costs.
- Priceless: New defects discovered immediately, and for the first time, pre-merge.

Roadmap Items

Join the Project!

- A generic, fork-friendly framework with simplified configuration DSL/templates
- A loving and proactive @runbot (like GitHub's @dependabot)
- Suspend/Resume Compute
- Dynamic TTLs on cluster resources
- Local-to-remote telepresence
- CI integration
- Smarter Pod scheduling to optimize autoscaling
- BotKube integration and ChatOps
- Centralized Control Plane with UI
- Usage reporting and analytics
- Budgeting policies

Resources

Project and Reference Implementation

Fork us to try it, us for updates, and open an issue or PR to join us!
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