



## **Start managing apps**

Astra

Ben Cammett, Erika Barcott, Adam Newton  
August 16, 2021

# Table of Contents

- Start managing apps ..... 1
  - Install apps on your cluster ..... 1
  - Manage apps ..... 1
  - What about system apps? ..... 7

# Start managing apps

After you [add Kubernetes compute to Astra Control](#), you can install apps on the cluster (outside of Astra Control), and then go to the Apps page in Astra Control to start managing the apps.

## Install apps on your cluster

Now that you've added your compute to Astra Control, you can install apps on the cluster. Persistent volumes will be provisioned on the new storage classes by default. After the pods are online, you can manage the app with Astra Control.

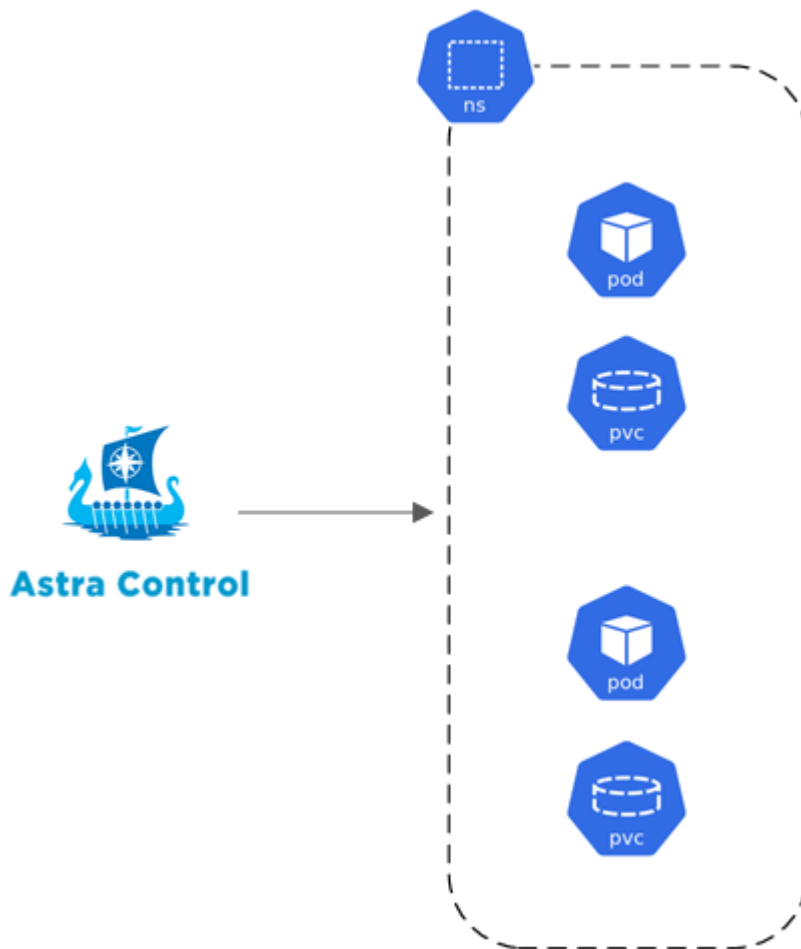
Astra Control will manage stateful apps only if the storage is on a storage class installed by Astra Control.

[Learn about storage classes for AKS clusters](#)

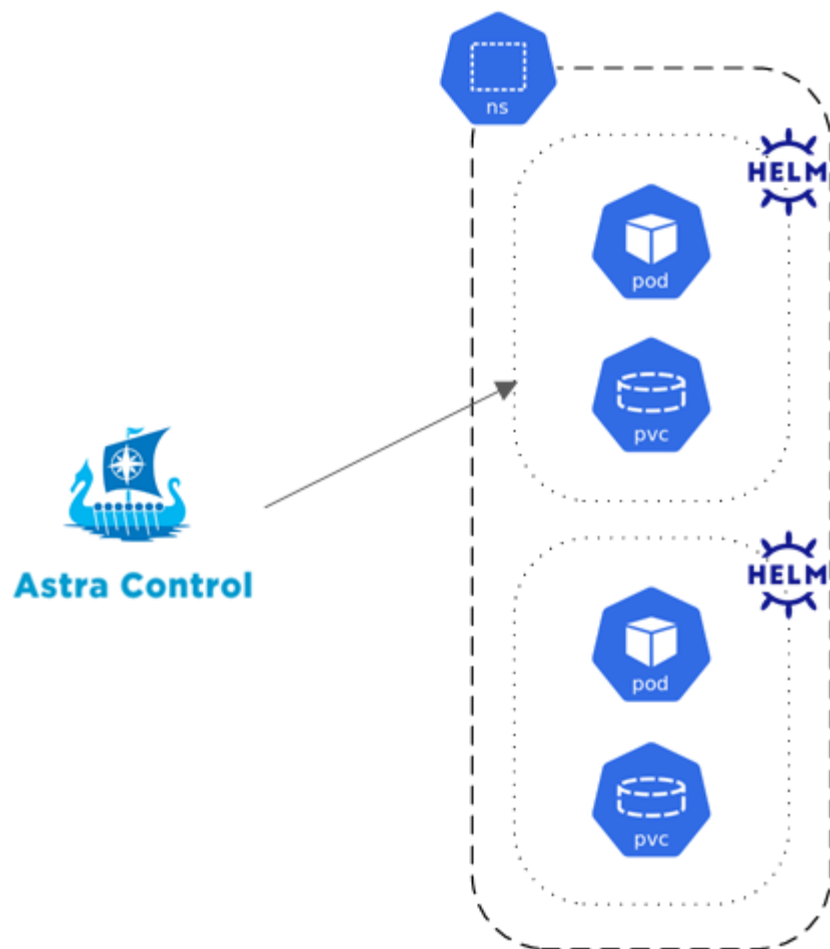
## Manage apps

When Astra Control discovers the apps running on your clusters, they are unmanaged until you choose how you want to manage them. A managed application in Astra Control can be any of the following:

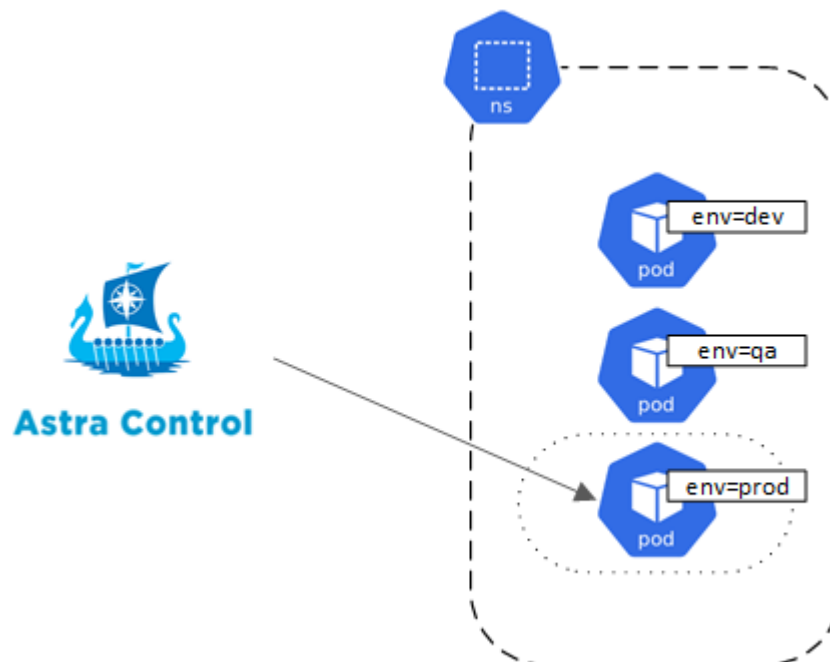
- A namespace, including all resources in that namespace



- An individual application deployed with helm3 within a namespace



- A group of resources that are identified by a Kubernetes label (this is called a *custom app* in Astra Control)



The sections below describe how to manage your apps using these options.

## Manage apps by namespace

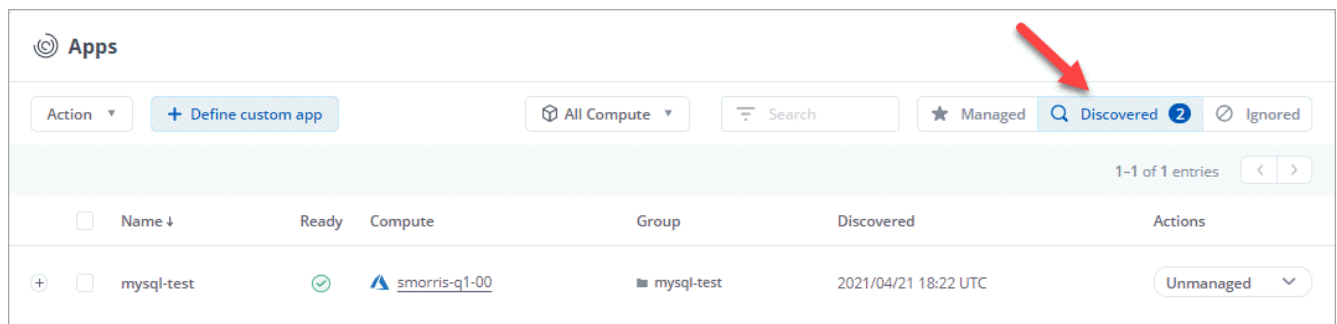
The **Discovered** section of the Apps page shows namespaces and the Helm-installed apps or custom-labeled apps in those namespaces. You can choose to manage each app individually or at the namespace level. It all comes down to the level of granularity that you need for data protection operations.

For example, you might want to set a backup policy for "maria" that has a weekly cadence, but you might need to back up "mariadb" (which is in the same namespace) more frequently than that. Based on those needs, you would need to manage the apps separately and not under a single namespace.

While Astra Control allows you to separately manage both levels of the hierarchy (the namespace and the apps in that namespace), the best practice is to choose one or the other. Actions that you take in Astra Control can fail if the actions take place at the same time at both the namespace and app level.

### Steps

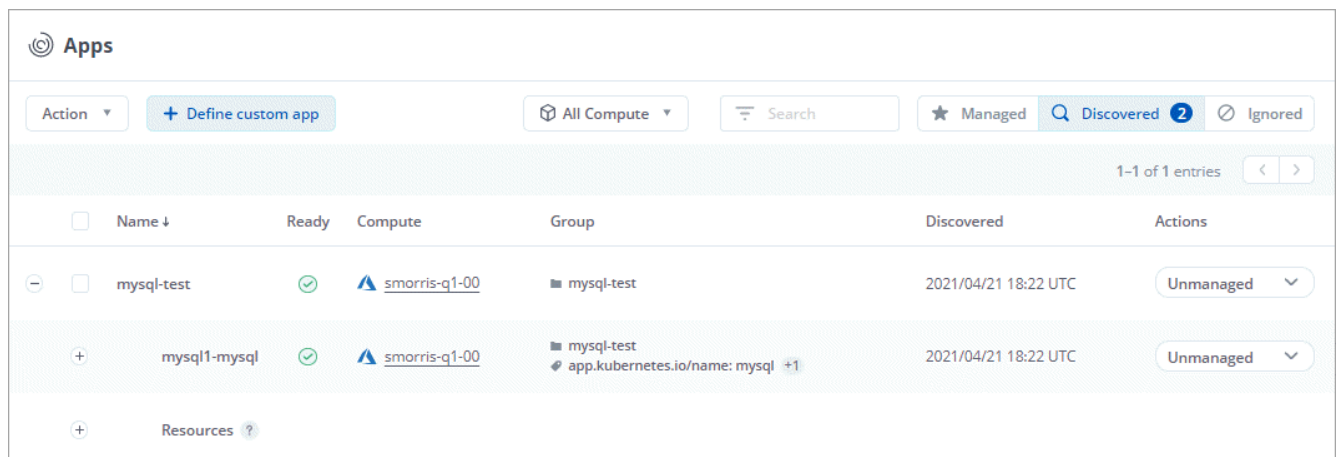
1. Click **Apps** and then click **Discovered**.



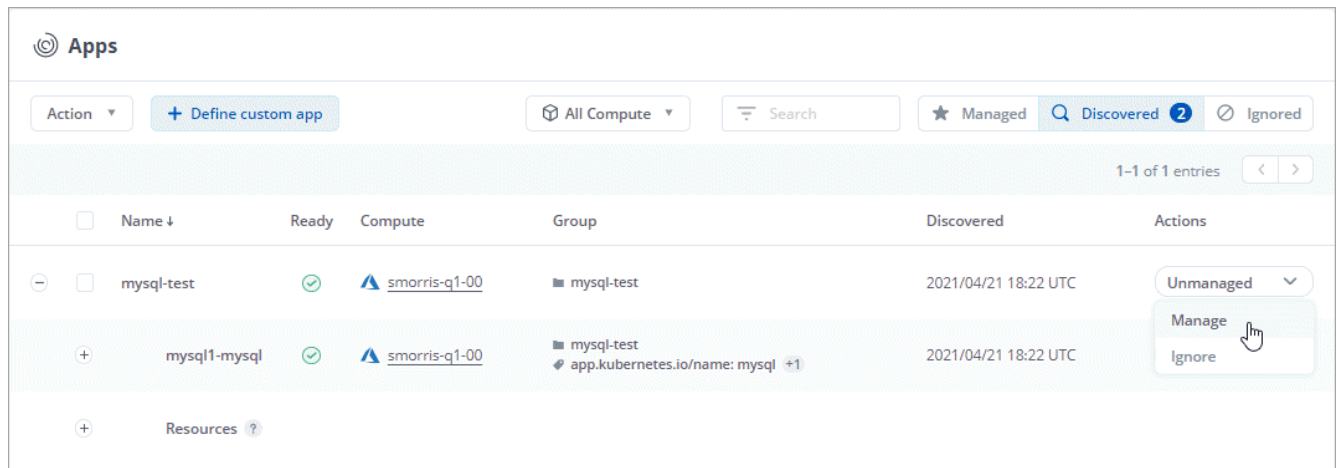
2. View the list of discovered namespaces and expand a namespace to view the apps and associated resources.

Astra Control shows you Helm apps and custom-labeled apps in namespace. If Helm labels are available, they're designated with a tag icon.

Here's an example with one app in a namespace:

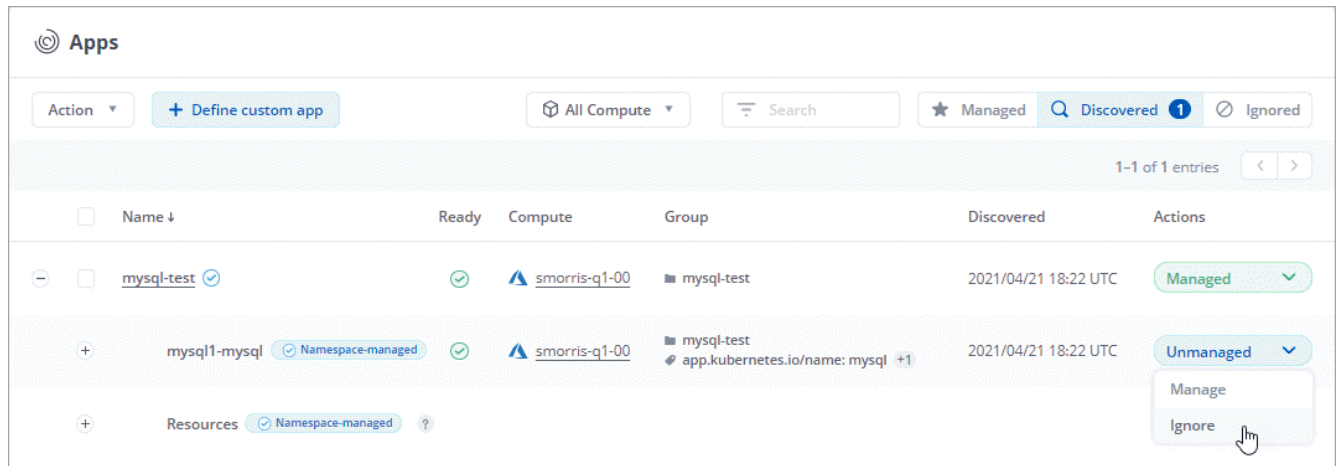


3. Decide whether you want to manage each app individually or at the namespace level.
4. At the desired level in the hierarchy, click the drop-down list in the **Actions** column and click **Manage**.



5. If you don't want to manage an app, click the drop-down list in the **Actions** column for the desired app and click **Ignore**.

For example, if you wanted to manage all apps under the "mysql-test" namespace together so that they have the same snapshot and backup policies, you would manage the namespace and ignore the apps in the namespace:



## Result

Apps that you chose to manage are now available from the **Managed** tab. Any ignored apps will move to the **Ignored** tab. Ideally, the Discovered tab will show zero apps, so that as new apps are installed, they are easier to find and manage.

## Manage apps by Kubernetes label

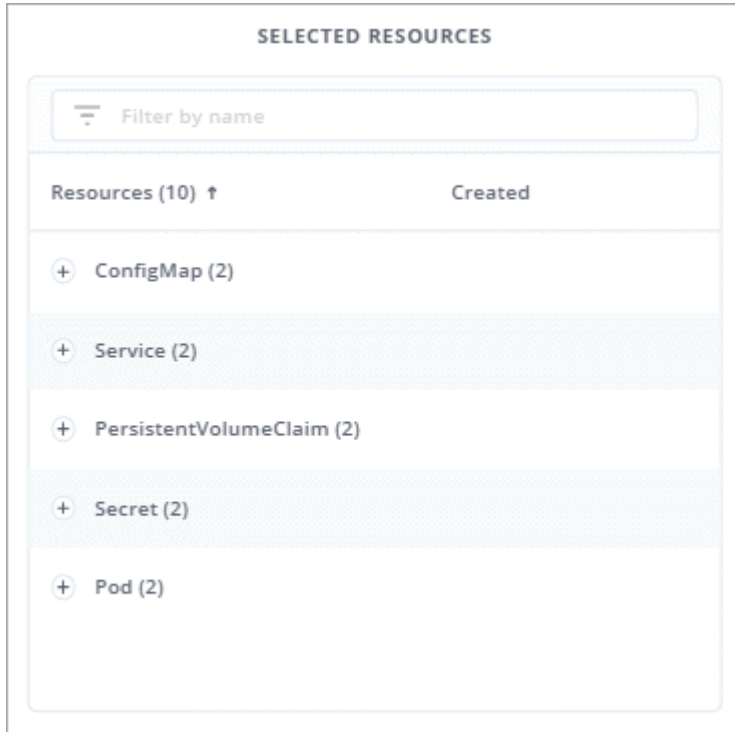
Astra Control includes an action at the top of the Apps page named **Define custom app**. You can use this action to manage apps that are identified with a Kubernetes label. [Learn more about defining apps by Kubernetes label](#).

## Steps

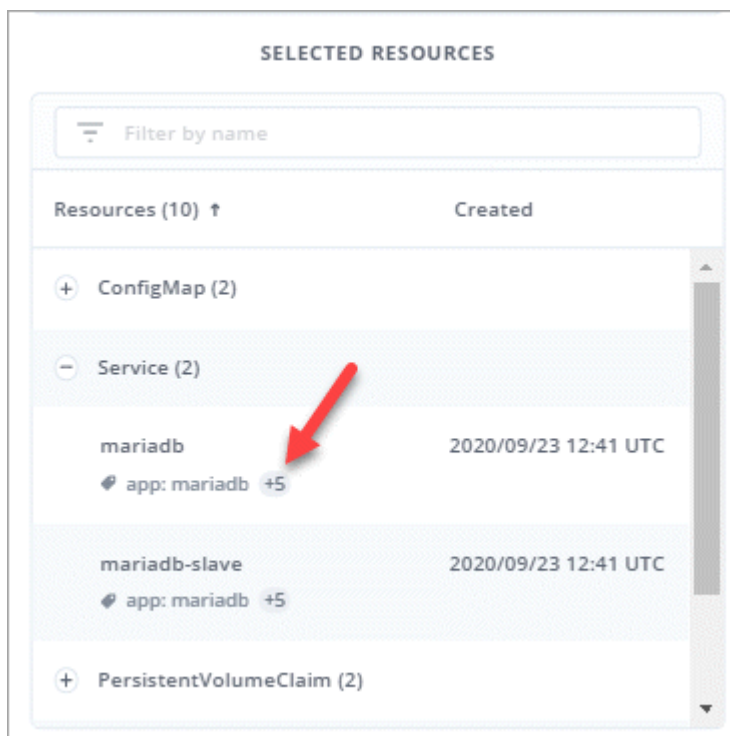
1. Click **Apps > Define custom app**.
2. In the **Define Custom Application** dialog box, provide the required information to manage the app:
  - a. **New App**: Enter the display name of the app.
  - b. **Compute**: Select the compute where the app resides.

- c. **Namespace:** Select the namespace for the app.
- d. **Label:** Enter a label or select a label from the resources below.
- e. **Selected Resources:** View and manage the selected Kubernetes resources that you'd like to protect (pods, secrets, persistent volumes, and more).

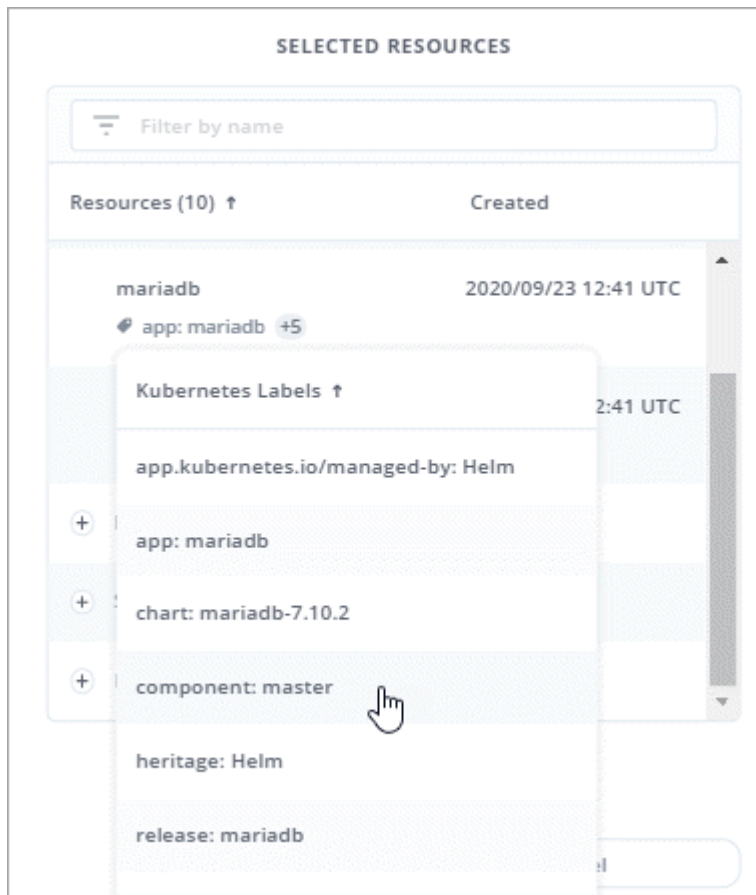
Here's an example:



- View the available labels by expanding a resource and clicking the number of labels.



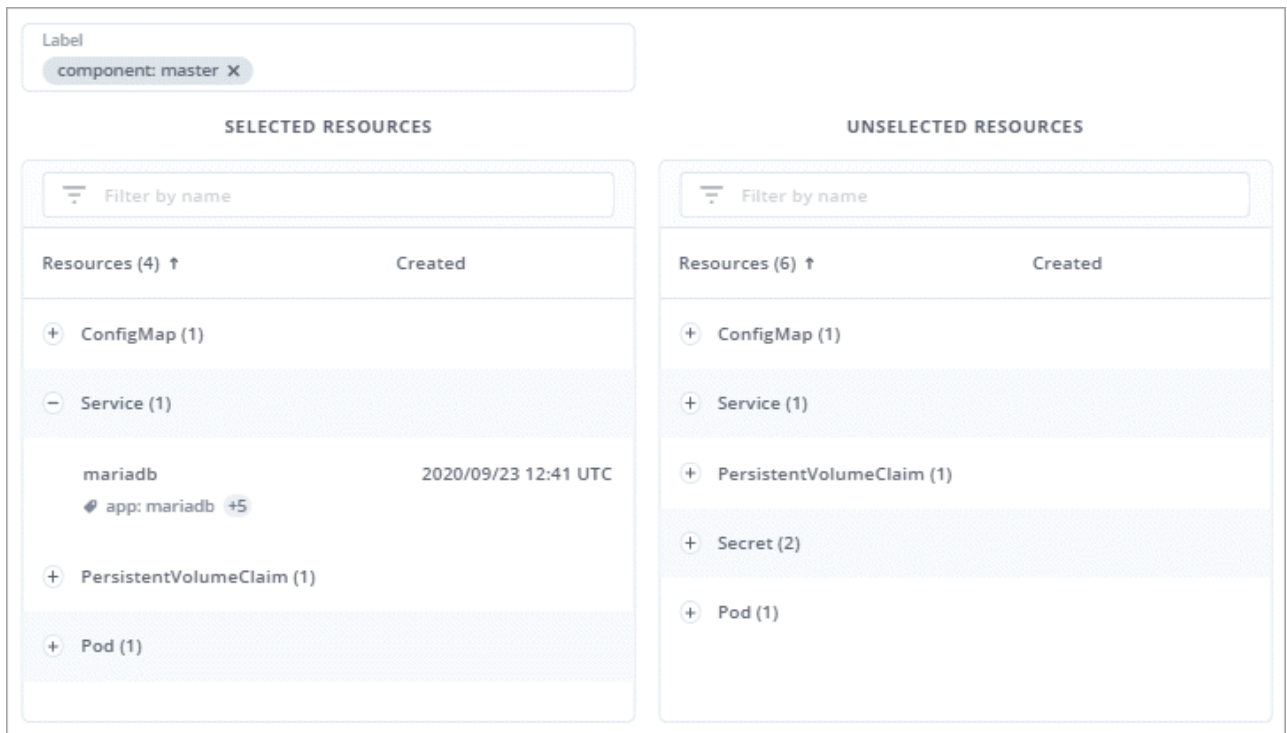
- Select one of the labels.



After you choose a label, it displays in the **Label** field. Astra Control also updates the **Unselected Resources** section to show the resources that don't match the selected label.

- f. **Unselected Resources:** Verify the app resources that you don't want to protect.





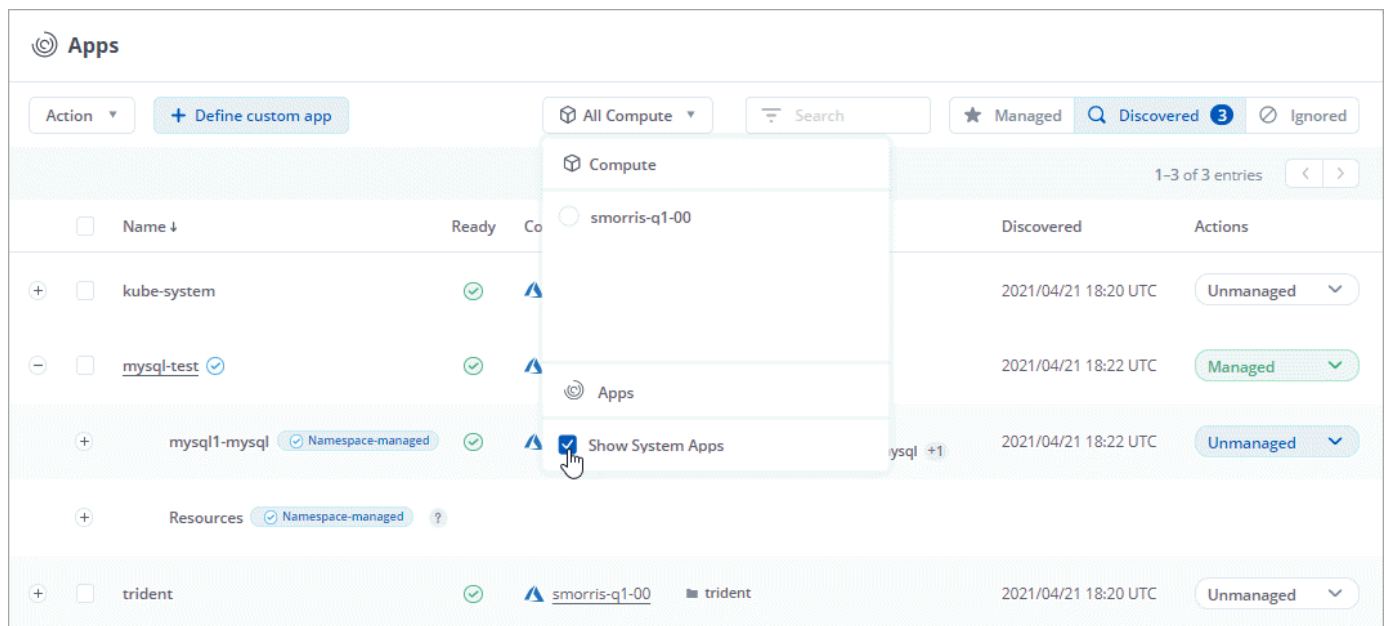
3. Click **Define Custom App**.

## Result

Astra Control enables management of the app. You can now find it in the **Managed** tab.

## What about system apps?

Astra Control also discovers the system apps running on a Kubernetes cluster. You can view them by filtering the Apps list.



We don't show you these system apps by default because it's rare that you'd need to back them up.

## Copyright Information

Copyright © 2021 NetApp, Inc. All rights reserved. Printed in the U.S. No part of this document covered by copyright may be reproduced in any form or by any means-graphic, electronic, or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, taping, or storage in an electronic retrieval system-without prior written permission of the copyright owner.

Software derived from copyrighted NetApp material is subject to the following license and disclaimer:

THIS SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED BY NETAPP "AS IS" AND WITHOUT ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, WHICH ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED. IN NO EVENT SHALL NETAPP BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE GOODS OR SERVICES; LOSS OF USE, DATA, OR PROFITS; OR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION) HOWEVER CAUSED AND ON ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE) ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE USE OF THIS SOFTWARE, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGE.

NetApp reserves the right to change any products described herein at any time, and without notice. NetApp assumes no responsibility or liability arising from the use of products described herein, except as expressly agreed to in writing by NetApp. The use or purchase of this product does not convey a license under any patent rights, trademark rights, or any other intellectual property rights of NetApp.

The product described in this manual may be protected by one or more U.S. patents, foreign patents, or pending applications.

RESTRICTED RIGHTS LEGEND: Use, duplication, or disclosure by the government is subject to restrictions as set forth in subparagraph (c)(1)(ii) of the Rights in Technical Data and Computer Software clause at DFARS 252.277-7103 (October 1988) and FAR 52-227-19 (June 1987).

## Trademark Information

NETAPP, the NETAPP logo, and the marks listed at <http://www.netapp.com/TM> are trademarks of NetApp, Inc. Other company and product names may be trademarks of their respective owners.