

Kubernetes Basics

Christoph Stoettner

+49 173 8588719

christoph.stoettner@panagenda.com

Make Your Data Work for You

Christoph Stoettner



+49 173 8588719

christoph.stoettner@panagenda.com

linkedin.com/in/christophstoettner

stoeps.de

christophstoettner

@stoeps



- Senior Consultant at [panagenda](#)
 - Linux (Slackware) since 1995
 - IBM Domino since 1999
 - IBM Connections since 2009
- Experience in
 - Migrations, Deployments
 - Performance Analysis, Infrastructure
- Focusing in
 - Monitoring, Security
- More and more
 - DevOps stuff

Agenda

- History
- Kubernetes Infrastructure
- kubectl

History - Borg System

- **2003 / 2004**
- First unified container-management system
- Developed at Google
- Based on Linux control groups (cgroups)
- Container support in the Linux kernel became available
 - Google contributed much of this code to the kernel



Isolation between latency-sensitive user-facing services and CPU-hungry batch processes

History - Omega

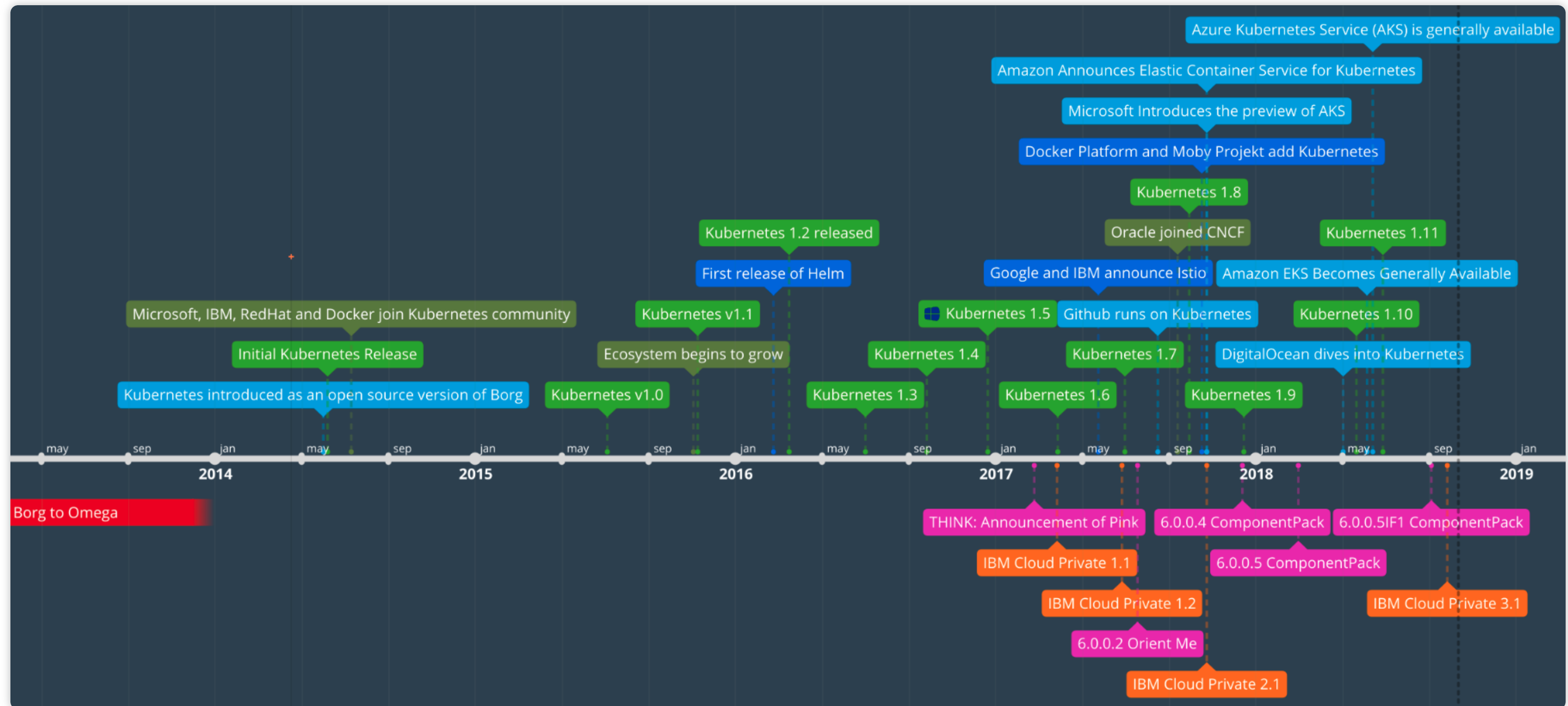
- **2013**
- Offspring of Borg
- Improve the software engineering of the Borg ecosystem
- Built from ground up
 - more consistent, principled architecture
- Seperate components which acted as peers
- Multiple schedulers
- No funneling through centralized master

History Kubernetes

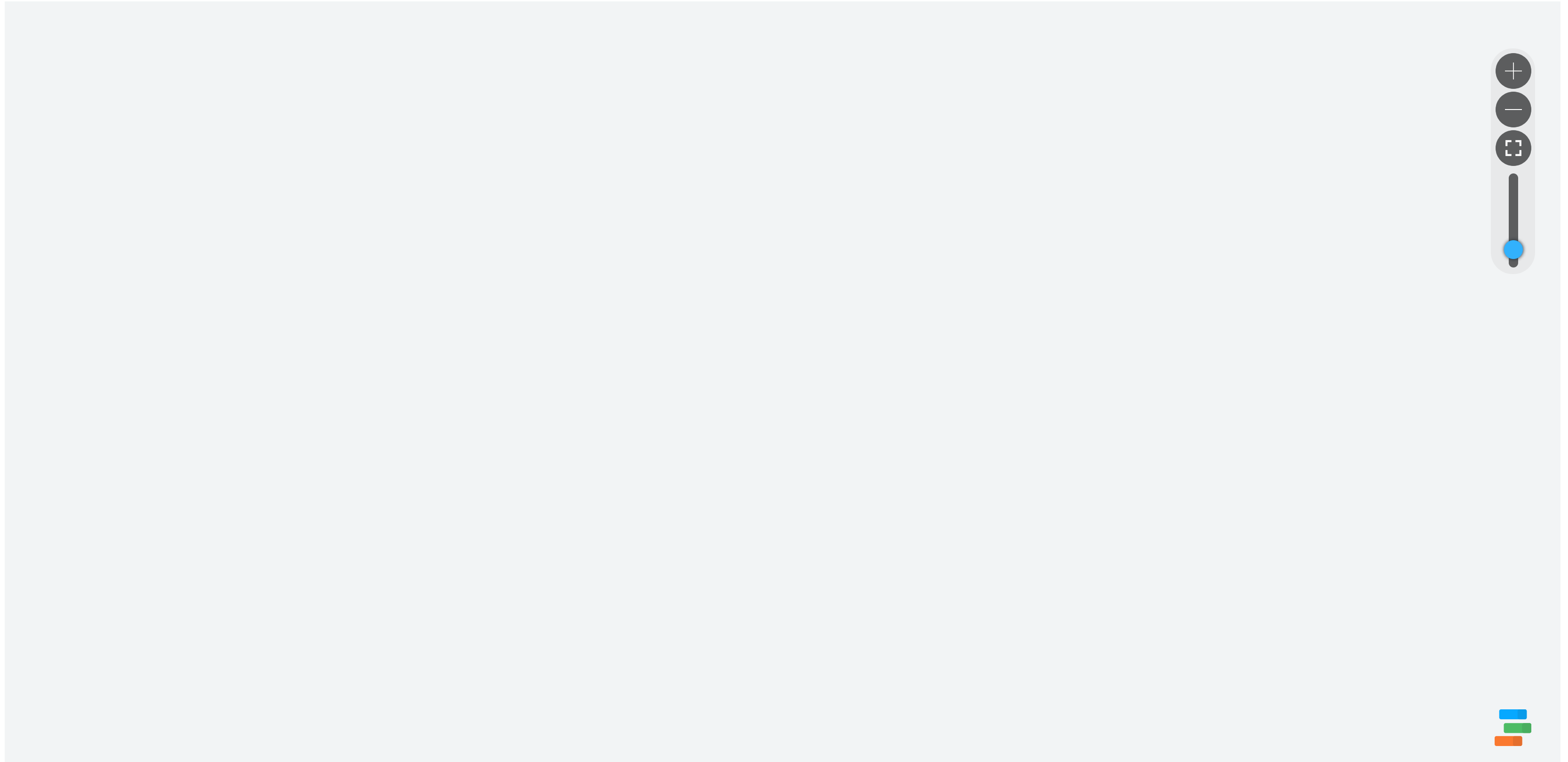
- **June 2014**
- Third container management system developed at Google
- Conceived and developed when external developers became interested in Linux containers
- Google released the code as Opensource to the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF)
- Around six weeks after the release:
 - Microsoft, IBM, Red Hat and Docker joined the Community

<https://cloudplatform.googleblog.com/2014/07/welcome-microsoft-redhat-ibm-docker-and-more-to-the-kubernetes-community.html>

Overview

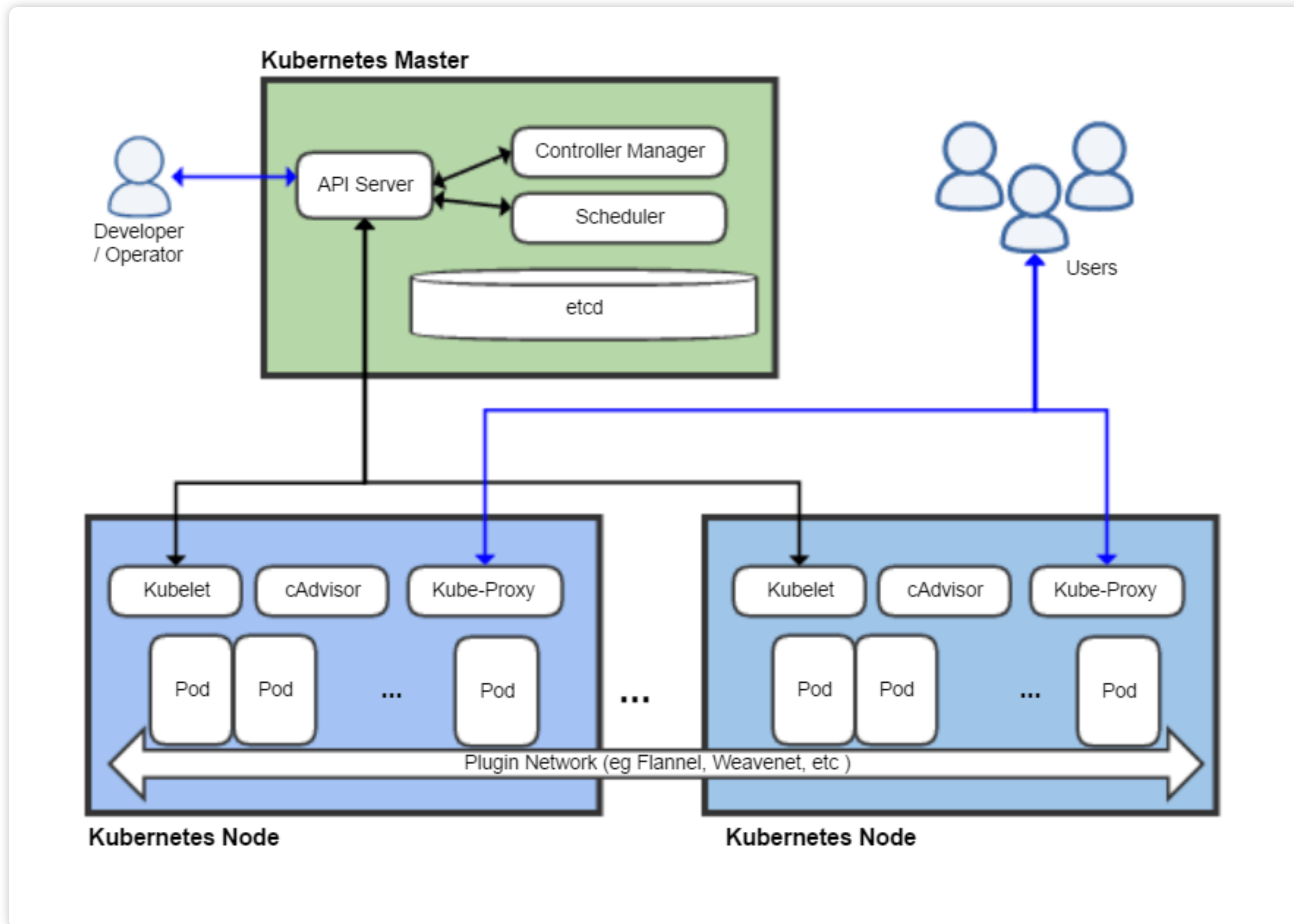


Dynamic Timeframe



Kubernetes

Kubernetes Architecture



Linux Kernel

- Namespaces
 - lightweight process virtualization
 - Isolation: enable a process to have different views of the system than other processes
 - Much like Zones in Solaris
 - No hypervisor layer!
- cgroups (control groups)
 - Resource Management providing a generic process-grouping framework



Cgroups is not dependent upon namespaces.

Container

- A container is a Linux userspace process
- LXC (Linux Containers)
 - Operating System Level virtualization
- Docker
 - Linux container engine
 - Initially written in Python, later in Go
 - Released by dotCloud 2013
 - Docker < 0.9 used LXC to create and manage containers

Pods

- Pods are the smallest unit in Kubernetes
- Have a relatively short life-span
- Born, and destroyed
- They are never healed



- system heals itself
 - by creating new Pods
 - by terminating those that are unhealthy
- system is long-living
- Pods are not

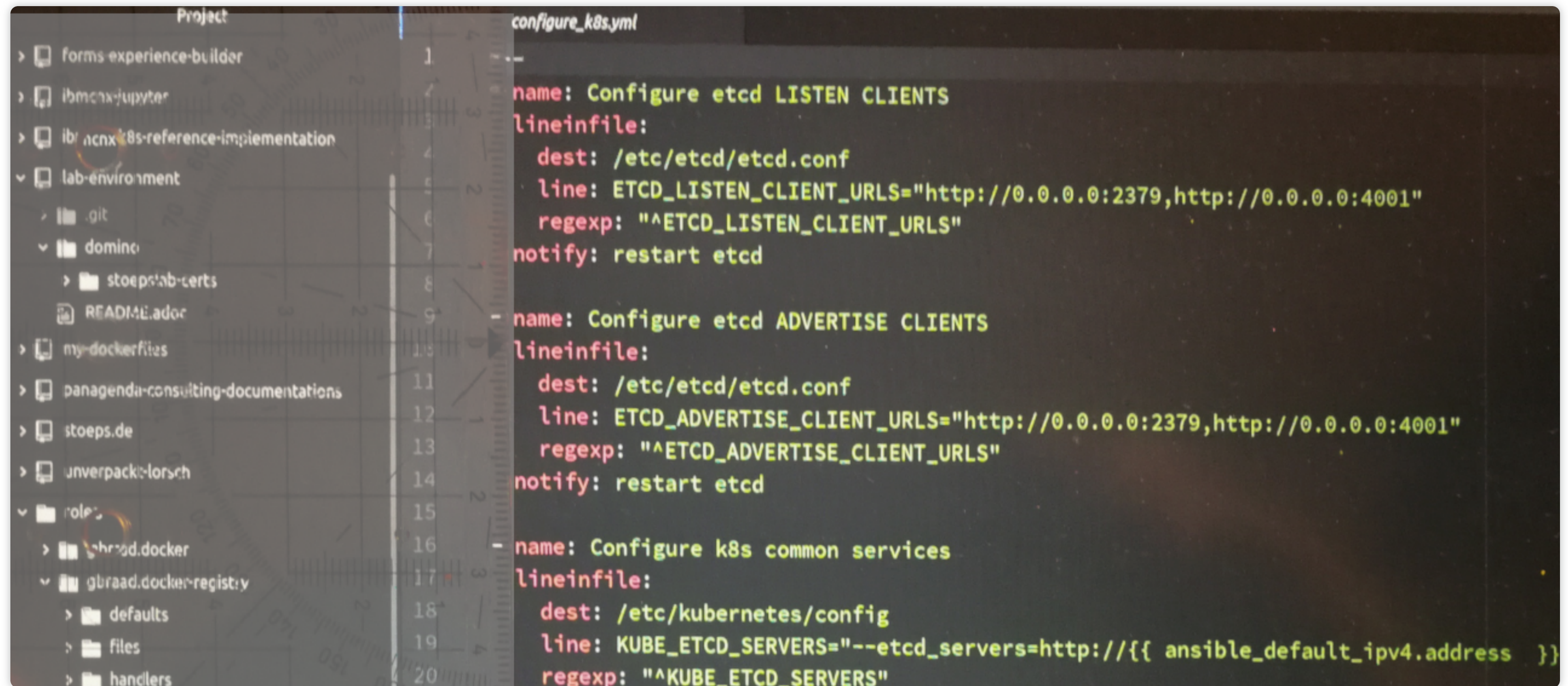
YAML with VIM

.vimrc

```
set cursorline          " highlight current line
hi CursorLine    cterm=NONE ctermbg=235 ctermfg=NONE guifg=gray guibg=black
set cursorcolumn        " vertical cursor line
hi CursorColumn ctermfg=NONE ctermbg=235 cterm=NONE guifg=gray guibg=black gui=bold
```

```
10  env:~
9   # set GLUSTER_BLOCKD_STATUS_PROBE_ENABLE to "1" so the~
8   # readiness/liveness probe validate gluster-blockd as well~
7   - name: GLUSTER_BLOCKD_STATUS_PROBE_ENABLE~
6     value: "1"~
5   - name: GB_GLFS_LRU_COUNT~
4     value: "15"~
3   - name: TCMU_LOGDIR~
2     value: "/var/log/glusterfs/gluster-block"~
1   resources:~
36  requests:~
1    memory: 100Mi~
2    cpu: 100m~
3  volumeMounts:~
4    - name: glusterfs-heketi~
5      mountPath: "/var/lib/heketi"~
6    - name: glusterfs-run~
```

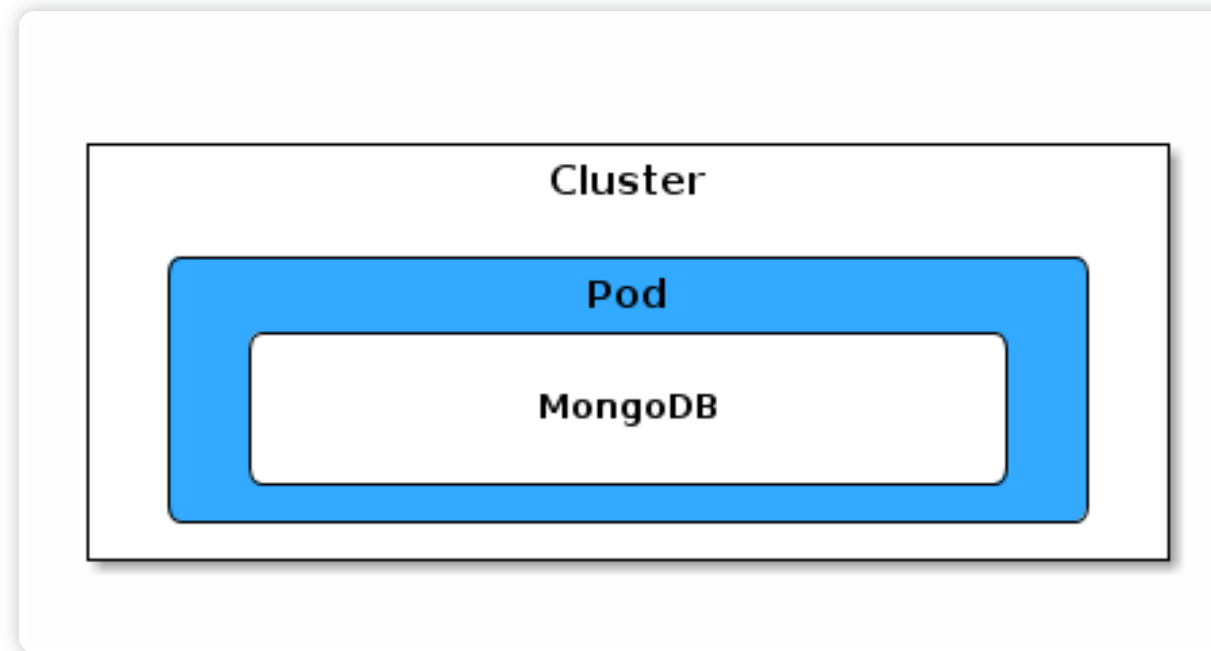
YAML → or use a ruler



Simple Pods

- Run a simple pod

```
kubectl run db --image mongo
```



Quick and dirty! Deprecated!

Simple Pod - what happens?

- Kubernetes automatically creates
 - ReplicaSet
 - Deployment

```
Every 2,0s: kubectl get all -o wide
```

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE	IP	NODE	NOMINATED NODE
pod/db-5789985d94-pl9gt	1/1	Running	0	2m	10.42.3.7	rancher3	<none>

NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE	SELECTOR
service/kubernetes	ClusterIP	10.43.0.1	<none>	443/TCP	3d	<none>

NAME	DESIRED	CURRENT	UP-TO-DATE	AVAILABLE	AGE	CONTAINERS	IMAGES	SELECTOR
deployment.apps/db	1	1	1	1	2m	db	mongo	run=db

NAME	DESIRED	CURRENT	READY	AGE	CONTAINERS	IMAGES	SELECTOR
replicaset.apps/db-5789985d94	1	1	1	2m	db	mongo	pod-template-hash=1345541850,run=db

Create a pod with a yaml file

nginx.yaml

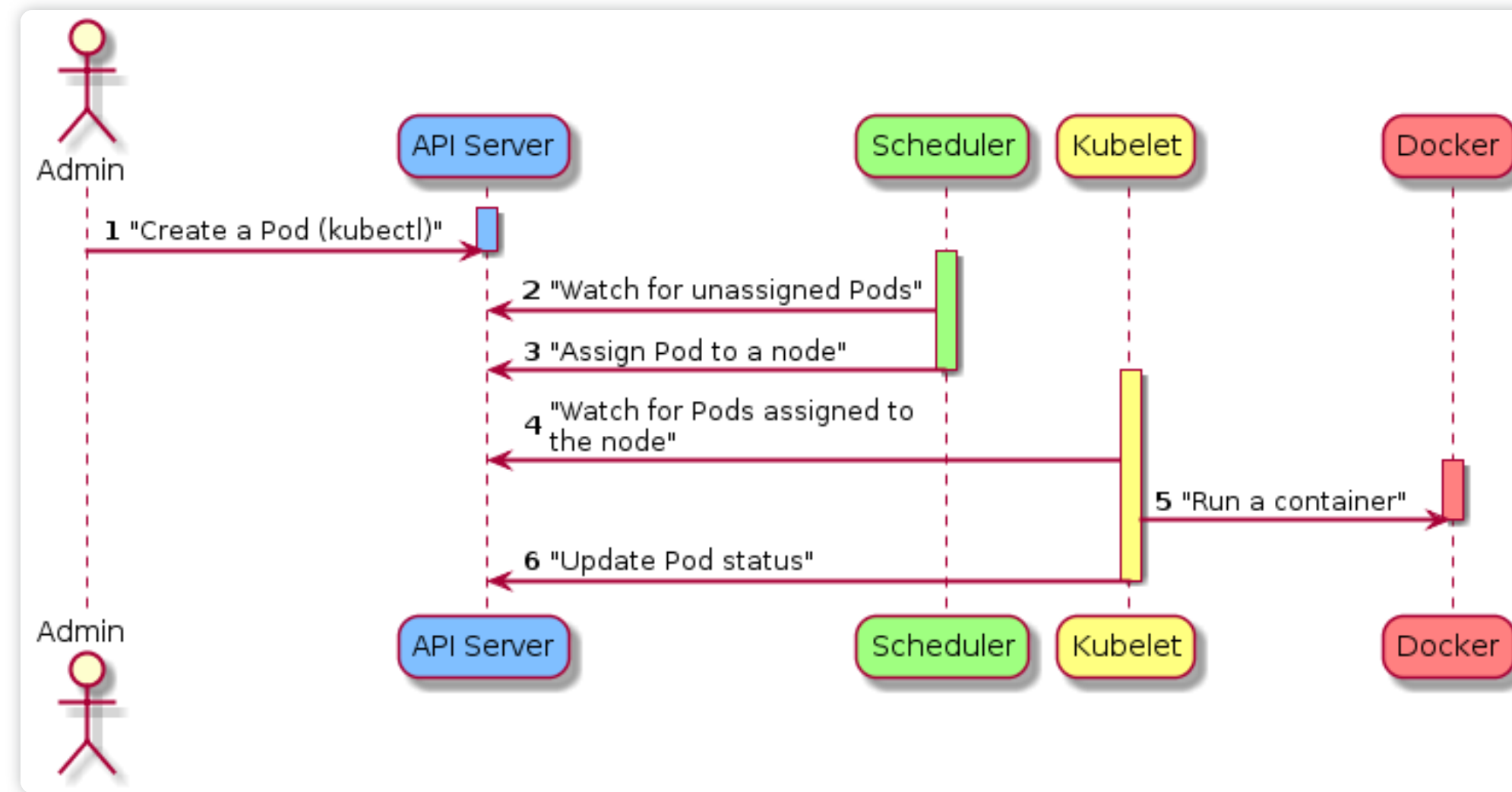
```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: nginx
spec:
  containers:
  - name: nginx
    image: nginx:1.7.9
    ports:
    - containerPort: 80
```

```
$ kubectl create -f nginx.yaml
```

```
$ kubectl get all -o wide
```

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE	IP	NODE
pod/nginx	1/1	Running	0	4m	10.42.1.13	rancher2

Overview creating pod



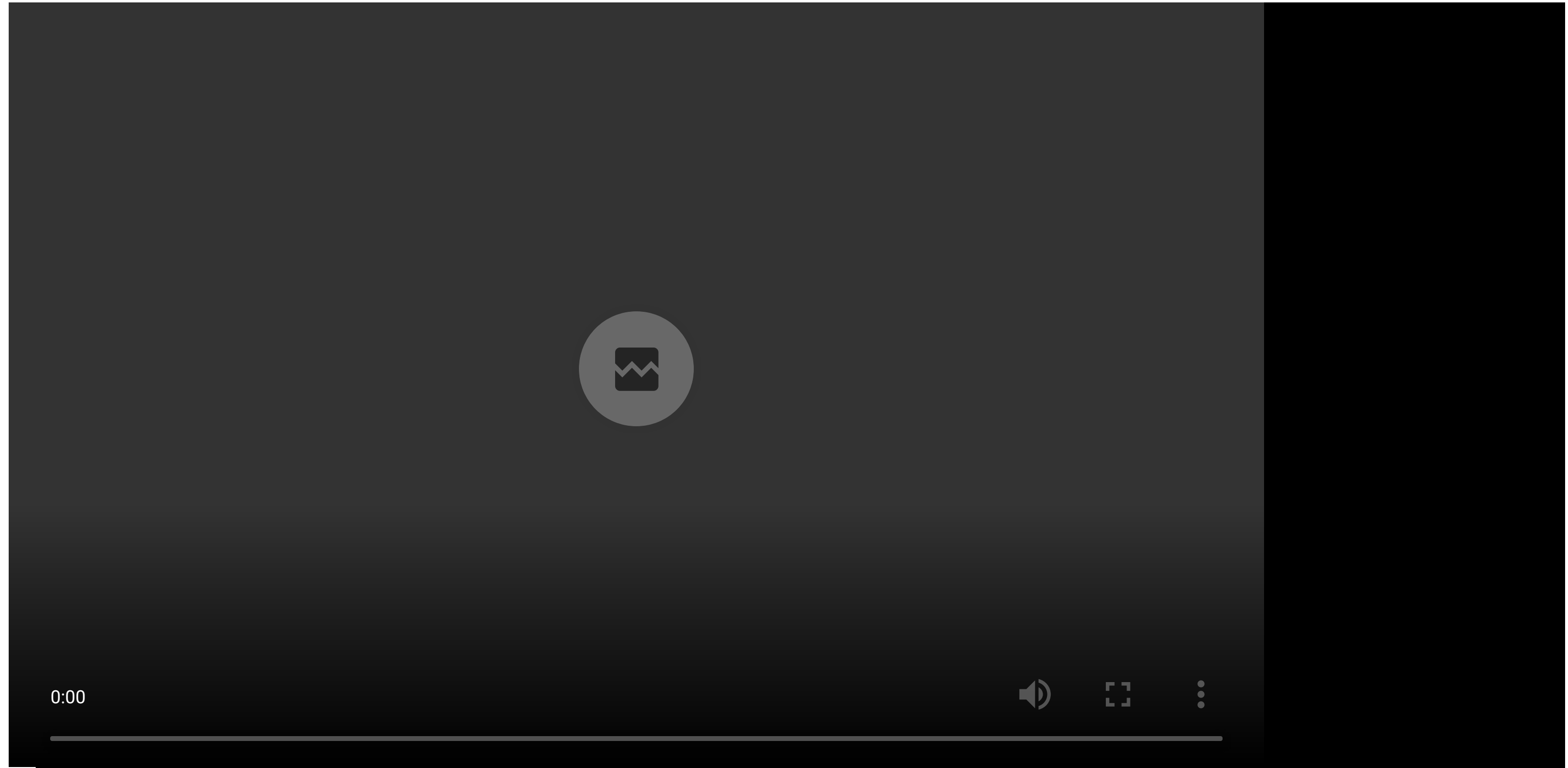
`kubectl create pod -f pod.yml`

Liveness Check

```
...  
- containerPort: 80  
env:  
- name: nginx  
  value: localhost  
livenessProbe:  
  httpGet:  
    path: / 1  
    port: 80  
  initialDelaySeconds: 5 2  
  timeoutSeconds: 2 3  
  periodSeconds: 5 4  
  failureThreshold: 1 5
```

- 1 Check path - example with non existend path
- 2 Wait 5 seconds before performing the first probe
- 3 Timeout (no answer for 2 seconds → error)
- 4 Liveness check all 5 seconds
- 5 Kubernetes tries n times before giving up

Automatic restart



Check Events

```
Every 2,0s: kubectl get all -o wide                                stoeps-th
NAME          READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE   IP          NODE   NOMINAT
pod/nginx     1/1     Running   0          7m    10.42.3.14  rancher3   <none>
pod/nginx-broken 0/1     CrashLoopBackOff 3          1m    10.42.2.10  rancher4   <none>
```

```
$ kubectl describe pod nginx-broken
```

```
Events:
Type      Reason      Age           From          Message
----      -
Normal    Scheduled   4m46s        default-scheduler Successfully assigned examples/nginx-broken to rancher4
Normal    Pulling     4m42s        kubelet, rancher4 pulling image "nginx:1.7.9"
Normal    Pulled      4m18s        kubelet, rancher4 Successfully pulled image "nginx:1.7.9"
Normal    Created     3m48s (x4 over 4m18s) kubelet, rancher4 Created container
Normal    Started     3m48s (x4 over 4m17s) kubelet, rancher4 Started container
Warning   Unhealthy   3m39s (x4 over 4m9s) kubelet, rancher4 Liveness probe failed: HTTP probe failed with statuscode: 404
Normal    Killing     3m38s (x4 over 4m8s) kubelet, rancher4 Killing container with id docker://nginx:Container failed liveness probe.. Container will be killed and recreated.
Warning   BackOff     3m22s (x3 over 3m38s) kubelet, rancher4 Back-off restarting failed container
Normal    Pulled      3m9s (x4 over 4m8s) kubelet, rancher4 Container image "nginx:1.7.9" already present on machine
```

Pods vs Container

- Pod is smallest deployment in Kubernetes
- A pod contains minimum one container (Docker or RKT)
- Can contain multiple containers
 - Not very common
 - Most pods have one container
 - Easier to scale
- A pod runs on one node and shares resources

ReplicaSet

- ReplicaSet as a self-healing mechanism
- Pods associated with a ReplicaSet are guaranteed to run



ReplicaSet's primary function is to ensure that the specified number of replicas of a service are (almost) always running.

```
1  apiVersion: apps/v1~
2  kind: ReplicaSet~
3  metadata:~
4    name: webserver~
5  spec:~
6    replicas: 3~
7    selector:~
8      matchLabels:~
9        type: backend~
10       service: nginx~
11  template:~
12    metadata:~
13      labels:~
14        type: backend~
15       service: nginx~
16    spec:~
17      containers:~
18        - name: nginx~
19          image: nginx:1.7.9~
20          env:~
21            - name: nginx~
22              value: localhost~
23          livenessProbe:~
24            httpGet:~
25              path: /~
26              port: 80~
27            initialDelaySeconds: 5~
28            timeoutSeconds: 2~
29            periodSeconds: 5~
30            failureThreshold: 1~
```

ReplicaSet (2)

```
$ kubectl create -f nginx-rs.yaml --record --save-config
```

1 2

```
$ kubectl get pods
```

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE	IP	NODE	NOMINATED	NODE
pod/webserver-79r7j	1/1	Running	0	15m	10.42.3.15	rancher3	<none>	
pod/webserver-dg5bp	1/1	Running	0	15m	10.42.2.11	rancher4	<none>	
pod/webserver-rmkgx	1/1	Running	0	15m	10.42.1.14	rancher2	<none>	

NAME	DESIRED	CURRENT	READY	AGE	CONTAINERS	IMAGES	SELECTOR
replicaset.apps/webserver	3	3	3	15m	nginx	nginx:1.7.9	service=nginx,type=backen

- 1 --record saves history
- 2 --save-config enables the use of `kubectl apply`, so we can change the ReplicaSet

ReplicaSet Scale

- Change Replicas to 9
- Apply file

```
...
spec:
  replicas: 9
```

```
$ kubectl apply -f nginx-rs-scaled.yaml
```

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE	IP	NODE	NOMINATED	NODE
pod/webserver-bw259	1/1	Running	0	5m	10.42.1.15	rancher2	<none>	
pod/webserver-frcr7	1/1	Running	0	4m	10.42.1.16	rancher2	<none>	
pod/webserver-g6zqd	1/1	Running	0	5m	10.42.2.12	rancher4	<none>	
...								
pod/webserver-p6k7f	1/1	Running	0	4m	10.42.2.13	rancher4	<none>	
pod/webserver-wjwfd	1/1	Running	0	5m	10.42.3.16	rancher3	<none>	

NAME	DESIRED	CURRENT	READY	AGE	CONTAINERS	IMAGES	SELECTOR
replicaset.apps/webserver	9	9	9	5m	nginx	nginx:1.7.9	service=nginx

Deployment

- Not supposed to create Pods directly or with ReplicaSet
- Use Deployments instead

```
$ kubectl create -f nginx-deploy.yaml --record
```

```
$ kubectl get all
```

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
pod/nginx-54f7d7ffcd-wzjnf	1/1	Running	0	1m

NAME	DESIRED	CURRENT	UP-TO-DATE	AVAILABLE	AGE
deployment.apps/nginx	1	1	1	1	1m

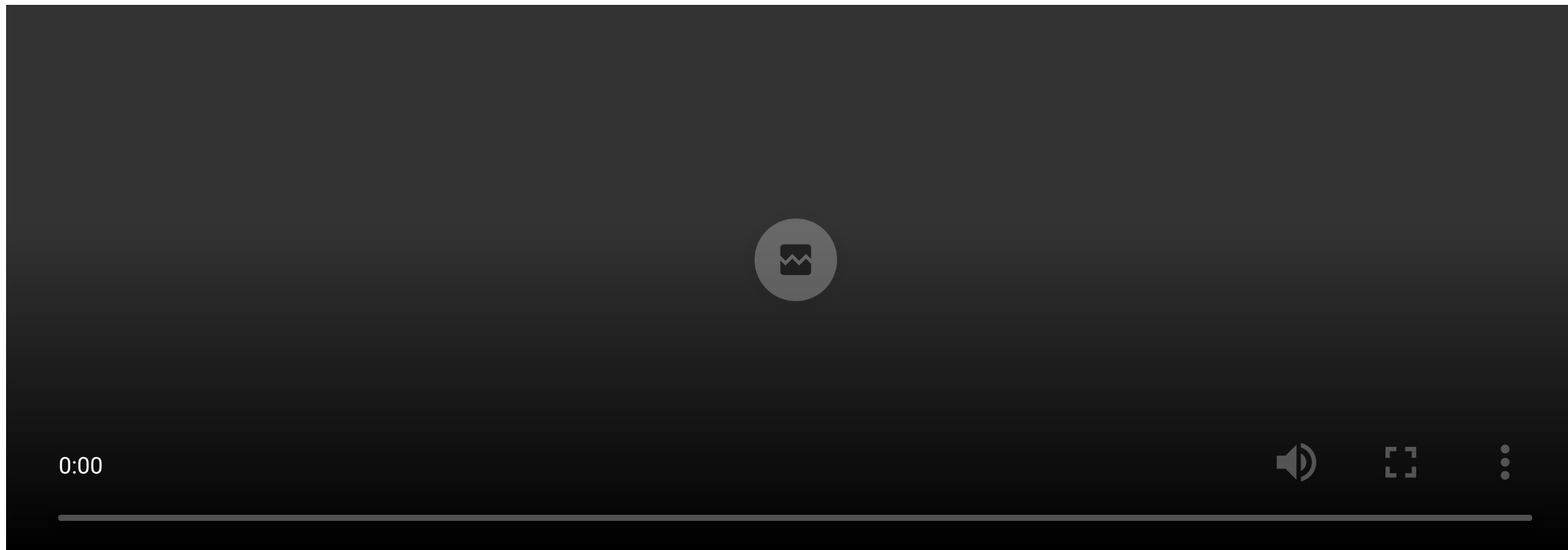
NAME	DESIRED	CURRENT	READY	AGE
replicaset.apps/nginx-54f7d7ffcd	1	1	1	1m

nginx-deploy.yaml

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: nginx
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      type: backend
      service: nginx
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        type: backend
        service: nginx
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: nginx
          image: nginx:1.7.9
          ports:
            - containerPort: 80
              protocol: TCP
```

Scale, Rollout and Undo

```
$ kubectl create -f nginx-deploy.yaml --record
$ kubectl apply -f nginx-deploy-scaled.yaml
$ kubectl scale deployment nginx --replicas 9 --record
$ kubectl scale deployment nginx --replicas 5 --record
$ kubectl rollout history -f nginx-deploy.yaml
$ kubectl set image -f nginx-deploy-scaled.yaml nginx=nginx:1.8.1 --record
$ kubectl rollout history -f nginx-deploy.yaml
$ kubectl rollout undo -f nginx-deploy-scaled.yaml --to-revision=1
```



Kubernetes Networking model

- all containers can communicate with all containers without NAT
- all nodes can communicate with all containers without NAT
- the IP that a container sees itself as the same IP that others see it
- this is provided through overlay network providers like
 - Flannel (Overlay network provider)
 - Calico (secure L3 networking and network policy provider)
 - Canal (unites Flannel and Calico)



Exposed ports are accessible from all containers/pods.

Istio

- service mesh
- microservices
 - secure
 - connect
 - monitor
- Automatic load balancing for HTTP, WebSocket and TCP traffic
- Fine grained traffic control
- Policy layer



Secure service-to-service communication in a cluster

Services

- Kubernetes Services provide addresses through which associated Pods can be accessed
- Services are resolved by kube-proxy

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: nginx
spec:
  type: NodePort 1
  ports:
    - port: 80
      nodePort: 30001 2
      protocol: TCP
  selector:
    service: nginx
```

- 1 NodePort: available within the cluster and from outside on each node
- 2 explicit port, without Kubernetes creates a random one

NodePort

- Port is exposed on each Node's IP at a static port
- A ClusterIP service is automatically created



No need that the pod is running on the node!

```
$ kubectl scale deployment nginx --replicas 1 --record
```

- Create the service:

```
kubectl create -f nginx-svc.yaml --record --save-config
```

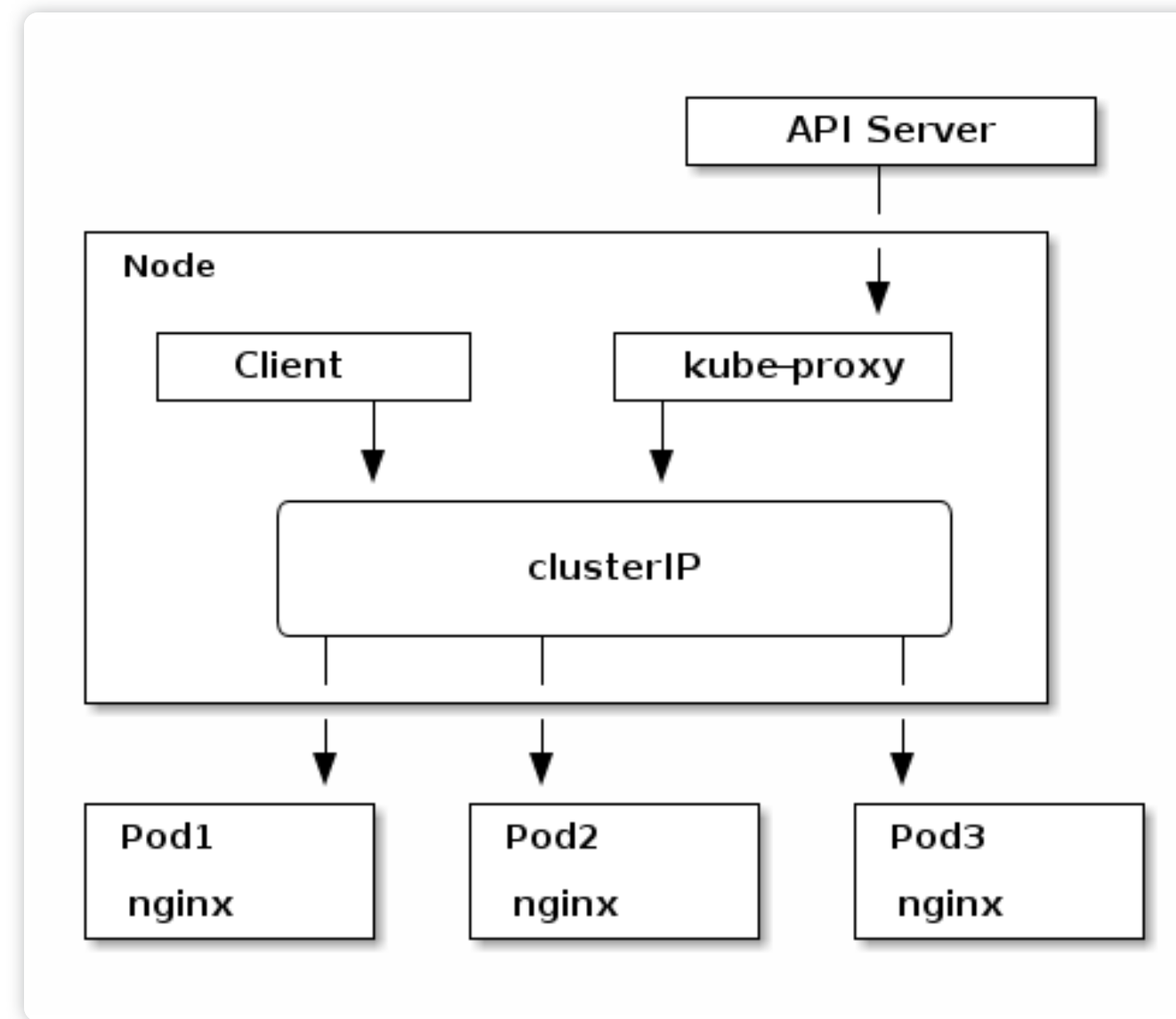
Check the Webserver

- Our nginx pod is only running on one of the the three worker nodes
 - Check if all workers deliver the webpage

```
for i in 2 3 4
do
    curl -s http://rancher$i.stoepslab.local | grep title
done
<title>Welcome to nginx!</title>
<title>Welcome to nginx!</title>
<title>Welcome to nginx!</title>
```

ClusterIP

- Exposes the service on a cluster-internal IP
- makes the service only reachable from within the cluster
- default `ServiceType`



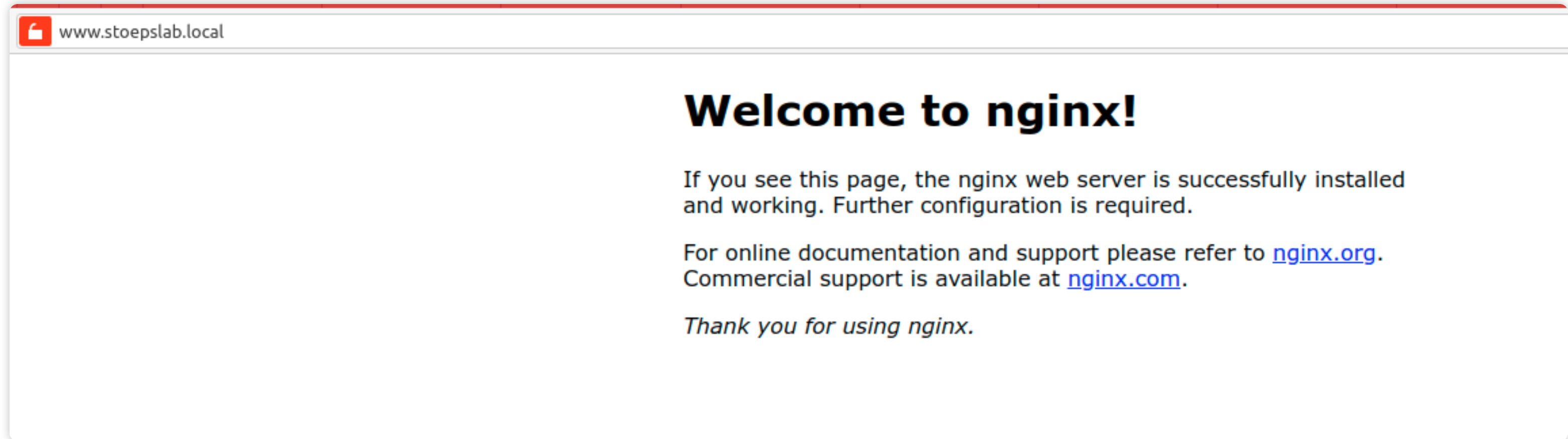
Ingress

- Route requests to services, based on
 - request host
 - path

```
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  name: my-ingress
spec:
  rules:
  - host: www.stoepslab.local
    http:
      paths:
      - backend:
          serviceName: nginx
          servicePort: 80
```

Working Ingress

- After adding the hostname to DNS or `/etc/hosts`



Storage / Volumes

- Docker knows a concept of volumes
- More complicated on Kubernetes
 - Different nodes need to have access to them
 - Network storage
- Kubernetes knows a lot of different storage types
- Examples:
 - local, iscsi, glusterfs, hostPath, nfs
 - configmap, secret
 - different cloud providers (aws, gce ...)
- <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/volumes/>

Persistent Volume

- Persistent Volume (PV)
 - piece of storage in the cluster
 - provisioned by an administrator
- PersistentVolumeClaim (PVC)
 - request for storage by an user (size and access mode)
 - PVC consume PV resources
- PV have different properties
 - performance, backup, size



Cluster Admins need to be able to offer a variety of PersistentVolumes

StorageClass

- StorageClass: a way to describe the classes of storage
- different classes for
 - quality-of-service levels
 - backup policies
- Reclaim Policy
 - Delete or Retain
- Some storage classes auto provision PersistentVolumes
 - Heketi/Glusterfs, Rancher/Longhorn



NFS on one of your K8s nodes → single point of failure

ConfigMaps

- decouple configuration artifacts from image content
- keep containerized applications portable
- Configmaps can contain
- folder/files (mainly for config/properties)
 - `kubectl create configmap nginx-soccnx --from-file=html`

```
spec:
  containers:
  - name: nginx
    image: nginx:1.7.9
    volumeMounts:
    - name: nginx-soccnx
      mountPath: /usr/share/nginx/html
  volumes:
  - name: nginx-soccnx
    configMap:
      name: nginx-soccnx
```

ConfigMaps (2)

- Value pairs

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: special-config
  namespace: default
data:
  SPECIAL_LEVEL: very
  SPECIAL_TYPE: charm
```

```
spec:
  containers:
    - name: nginx-soccnx
      image: alpine:latest
      command: [ "/bin/sh", "-c", "env" ]
      envFrom:
        - configMapRef:
            name: special-config
```

ConfigMaps results

- `index.html` in a configMap
- <https://www.stoepslab.local>

Welcome to Social Connections 14!

If you see this page, you probably sit in the session of [@stoeps](#)

`kubectl logs nginx-soccnx`

```
...  
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin  
PWD=/  
SHLVL=1  
SPECIAL_LEVEL=very  
SPECIAL_TYPE=charm
```

Secrets

- object that contains a small amount of sensitive data
- reduces risk of accidental exposure
- Secrets are base64 encoded

```
$ kubectl create secret generic db-user-pass \  
  --from-literal=username=dbadmin \  
  --from-literal=password=MyGreatPassword  
secret 'db-user-pass' created
```

```
$ kubectl create secret generic db-user-env \  
  --from-env-file=password.txt
```

password.txt

```
username=dbadmin  
password=myGreatPassword
```

Get secrets

```
→ kubectl get secret db-user-env -o yaml
apiVersion: v1
data:
  password: TXlHcmVhdFBhc3N3b3Jk
  username: ZGJhZG1pbG==
kind: Secret
```

```
→ kubectl get secret db-user-env -o jsonpath="{.data.password}" | base64 --decode
MyGreatPassword%
```

Mount secret into pod

```
volumes:
- name: db-creds
  secret:
    secretName: db-user-env
    defaultMode: 0444
  items:
    - key: username
      path: username
    - key: password
      path: password
```

Secrets compared with ConfigMaps

- Both allow to inject content into pods
 - files
 - literal values
 - files with environment variables
- Secrets
 - creates files in tmpfs → in memory files
- A step towards security, but should be combined with authorization policies
- 3rd party tool: [Hashicorp Vault](#)



Any user with permission to run pod can mount a secret.

Namespaces

- Namespaces are a way to devide cluster resources between multiple users
- Namespaces provide a scope for names
 - Names of resources need to be unique within a namespace
- It's not necessary to use multiple namespaces just to seperate different resources
 - use `labels` to distinguish resources within the same namespace



When you delete a namespace, all objects in the namespace are deleted too!

Namespace and kube-dns

- You can reuse pod and service names in different namespaces
- kube-dns uses podname.namespace then

Example

```
$ kubectl exec -it <pod> -- sh  
  
curl http://nginx.texting:8080  
curl http://nginx.production:8080
```

- Namespaces are no extra security layer!
- Pods can connect to services and pods in other namespaces

kubectl config

- When you use `kubectl` you have to add `-n namespace`
 - or `--all-namespaces` (works only with `get`)
- During configuration phases it's easier to switch the default namespace
- Very handy if you use different clusters too

```
$ kubectl create namespace soccnx

$ kubectl config set-context soccnx --namespace soccnx \
  --cluster rancher-cluster --user admin

$ kubectl config view

$ kubectl config use-context soccnx
```

Install additional products

Helm

- Kubernetes Package Manager
 - manage Kubernetes charts
 - Charts are packages of pre-configured Kubernetes resources
- Main tasks
 - Find and use popular software packaged as Helm charts
 - Share your own applications as Helm charts
 - Create **reproducible** builds of your Kubernetes applications
 - Manage releases of Helm packages
- 2 parts
 - client (helm)
 - server (tiller)

Examples

- Install a Docker registry
- Use ELK or EFK Stack for your logfiles
- GUI within IBM Cloud Private or Rancher

```
→ helm search elastic
```

```
→ helm install stable/kibana
```

Troubleshooting

Get log messages

- `kubectl logs <podname>`
- `kubectl logs <podname> -f`
- `kubetail`
- Multiple containers in your pod?

```
kubectl logs <podname> -c <containername>
```

- Log of a restarted pod

```
kubectl logs --previous ${POD_NAME} ${CONTAINER_NAME}
```

Troubleshooting Pod

- Get a shell in a running pod
- Depending on the image:
 - `/bin/sh`, `sh`
 - `/bin/bash`, `bash`
 - `/bin/ash`, `ash` (alpine)

```
# Single container pod
```

```
kubectl exec -it shell-demo -- /bin/bash
```

```
# Pod with multiple containers
```

```
kubectl exec -it my-pod --container main-app -- /bin/bash
```



☎ +49 173 8588719

✉ christoph.stoettner@panagenda.com

in linkedin.com/in/christophstoettner

🔗 stoeps.de

💬 christophstoettner

🐦 @stoeps



THANK YOU!

