

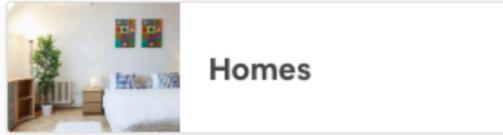
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# Developing Kubernetes Services

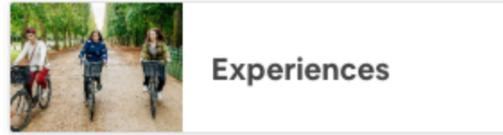
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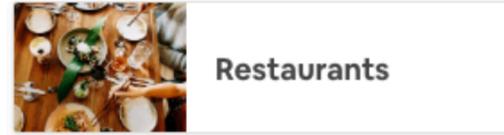
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## Experiences near your home in Amsterdam



**BOAT RIDE**  
**Amsterdam Experience Cruise**

\$59 per person  
4.89 ★★★★★ 836



**FOOD WALK**  
**The all Dutch food & history tour**

\$91 per person  
4.91 ★★★★★ 196



**PHOTO WALK**  
**Capture the city & you on a photo walk**

\$35 per person  
4.83 ★★★★★ 132



**BOAT RIDE**  
**Early morning- Canals all to ourselves**

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**BOAT RIDE**  
**Romantic Waters Boattour**

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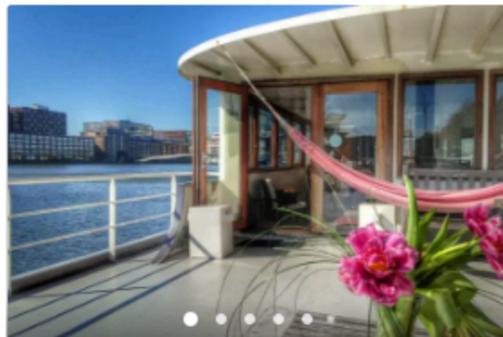


**BIKE RIDE**  
**Jewish tour & visit to AnneFrank house**

\$43 per person  
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## Where to stay



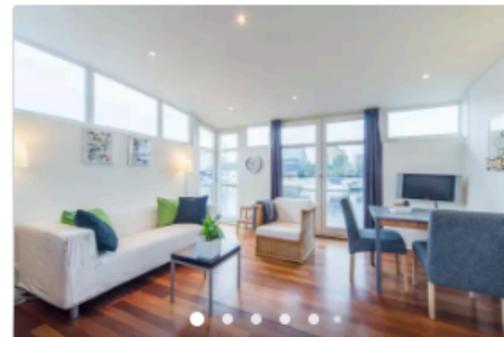
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\$162 per night · Free cancellation  
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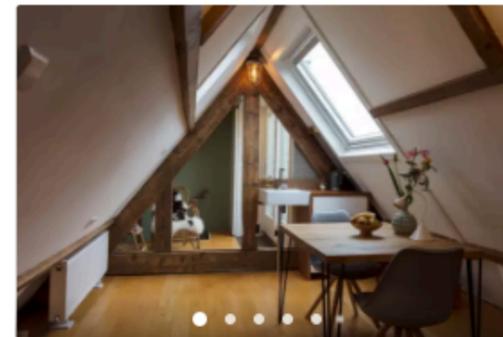
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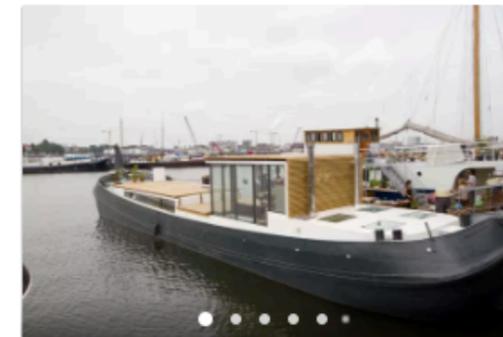
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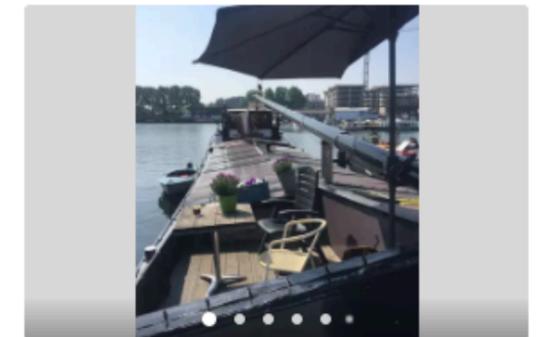
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**Private Attic Studio/Roofterrace**

\$90 per night · Free cancellation  
★★★★★ 370 · Superhost



**PRIVATE ROOM · 1 BED**  
**Experience a houseboat in Amsterdam**

\$145 per night · Free cancellation  
★★★★★ 247 · Superhost



**PRIVATE ROOM · 1 BED**  
**Authentic houseboat with privacy and comfort**

\$128 per night · Free cancellation  
★★★★★ 373 · Superhost

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# What is airbnb?

AN ONLINE MARKETPLACE FOR SHARING HOMES AND EXPERIENCES

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cities

191+

countries

5 mil

homes

Who am I?

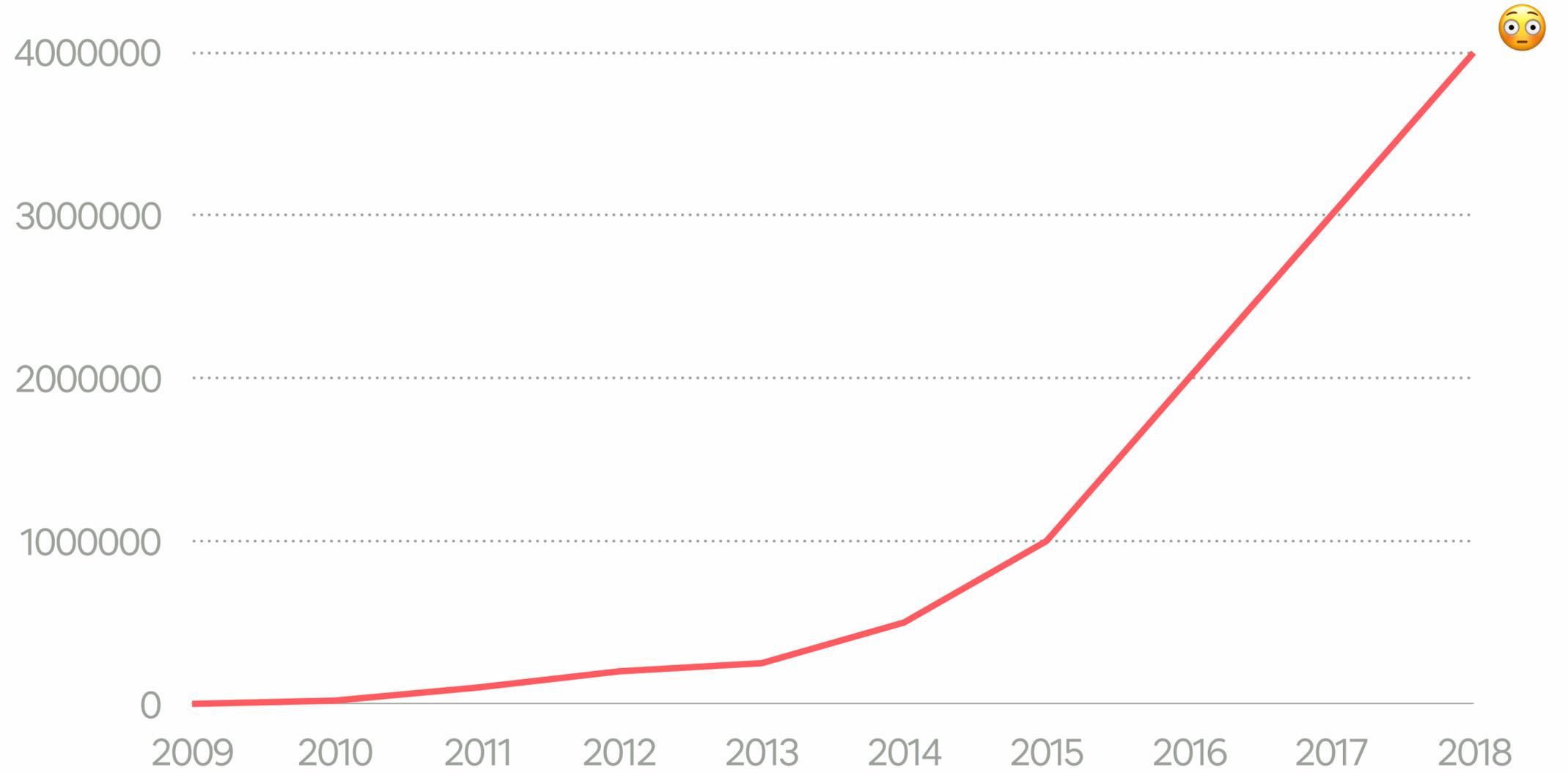


# A BRIEF HISTORY

# Why Microservices?

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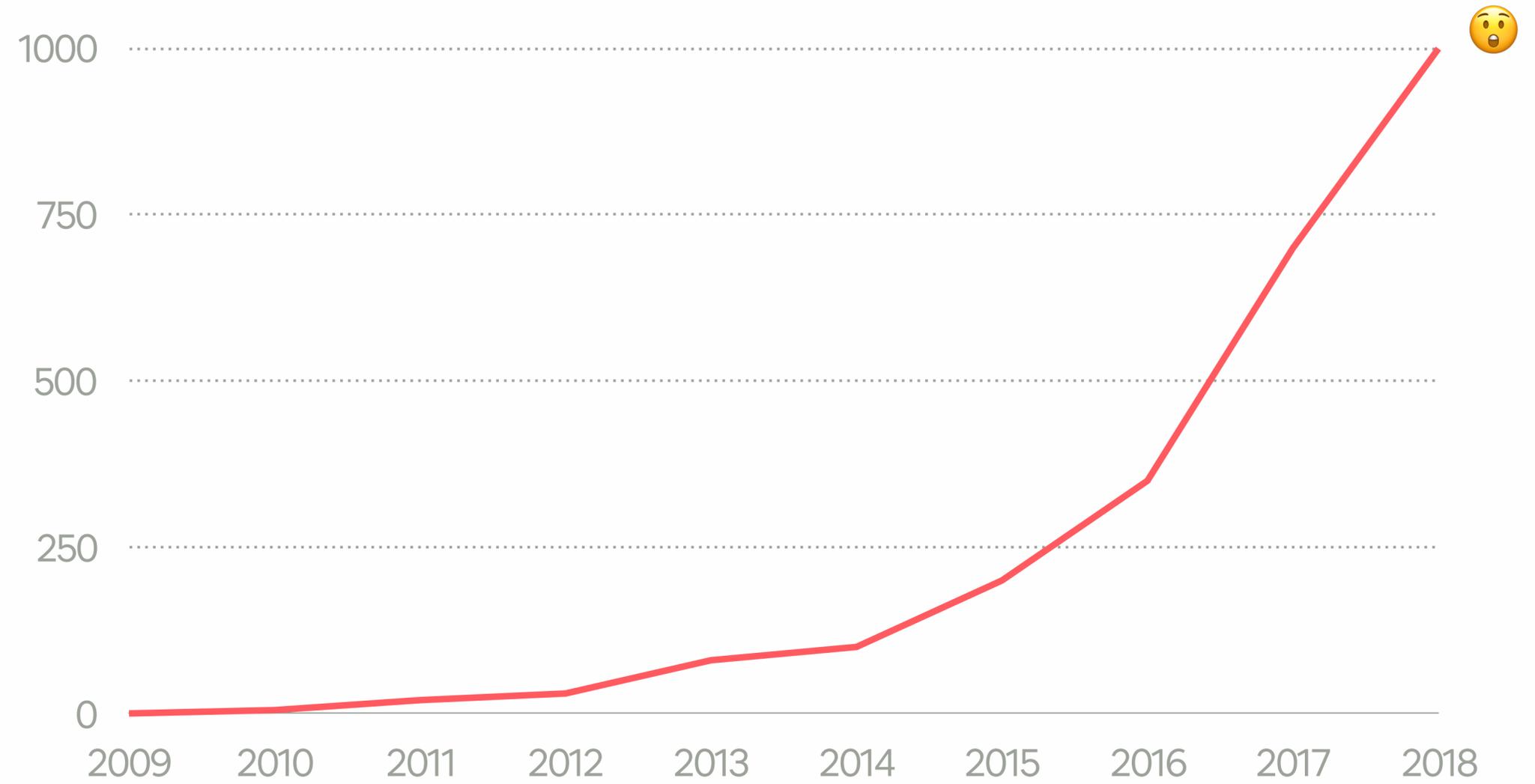
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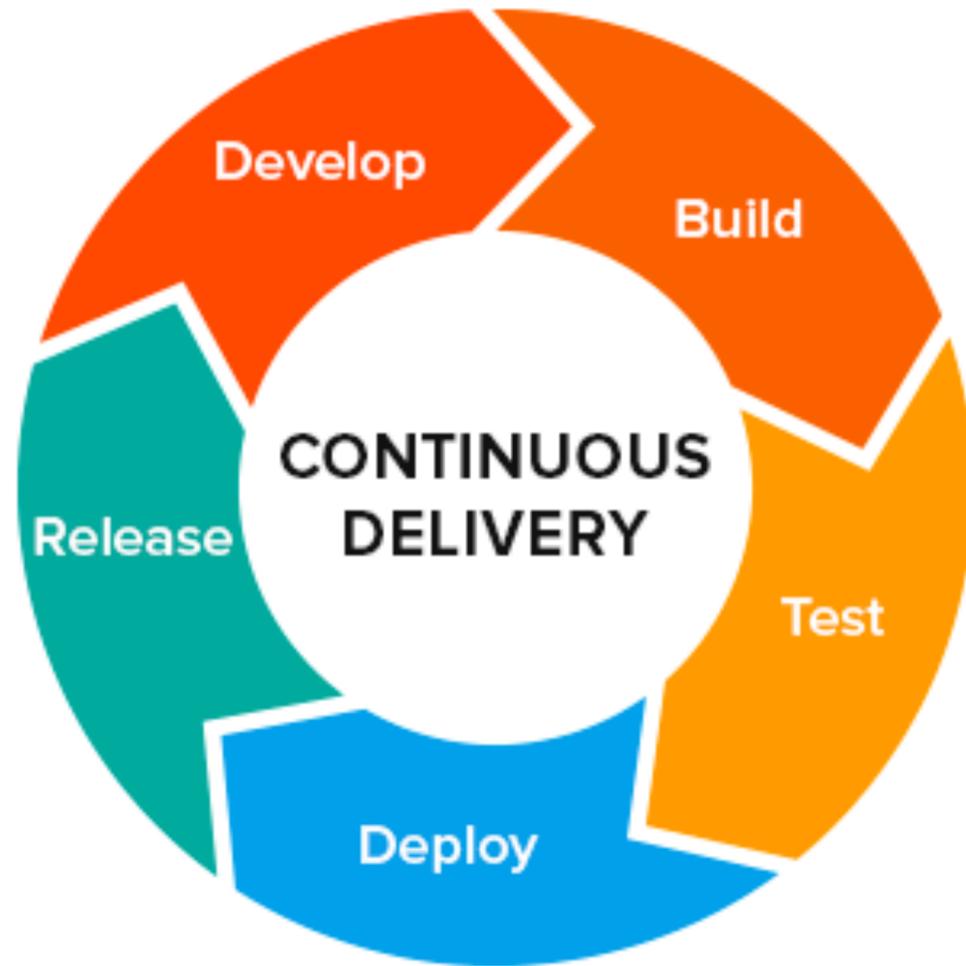
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ENGINEERING TEAM



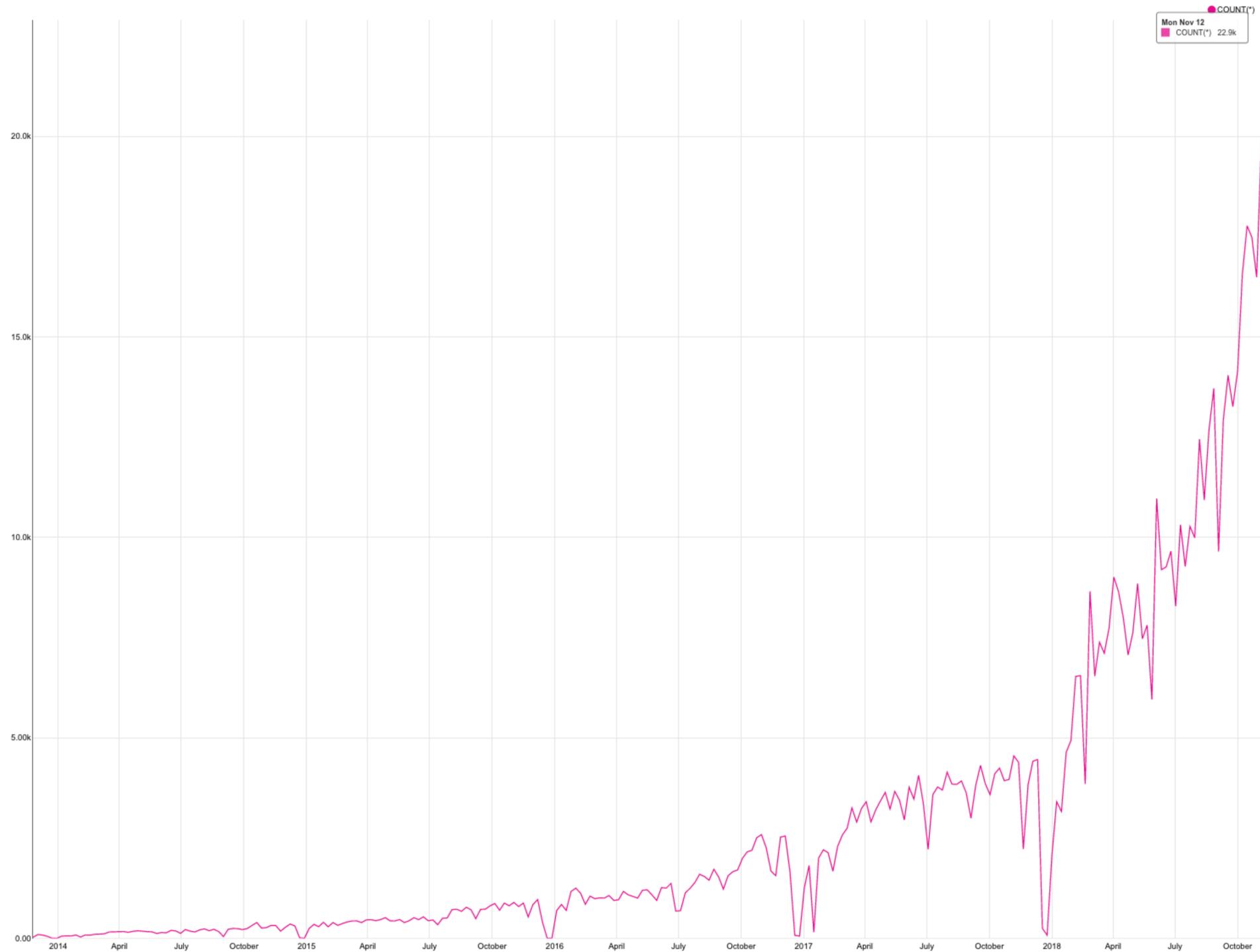
# Why Microservices?

## SCALING CONTINUOUS DELIVERY



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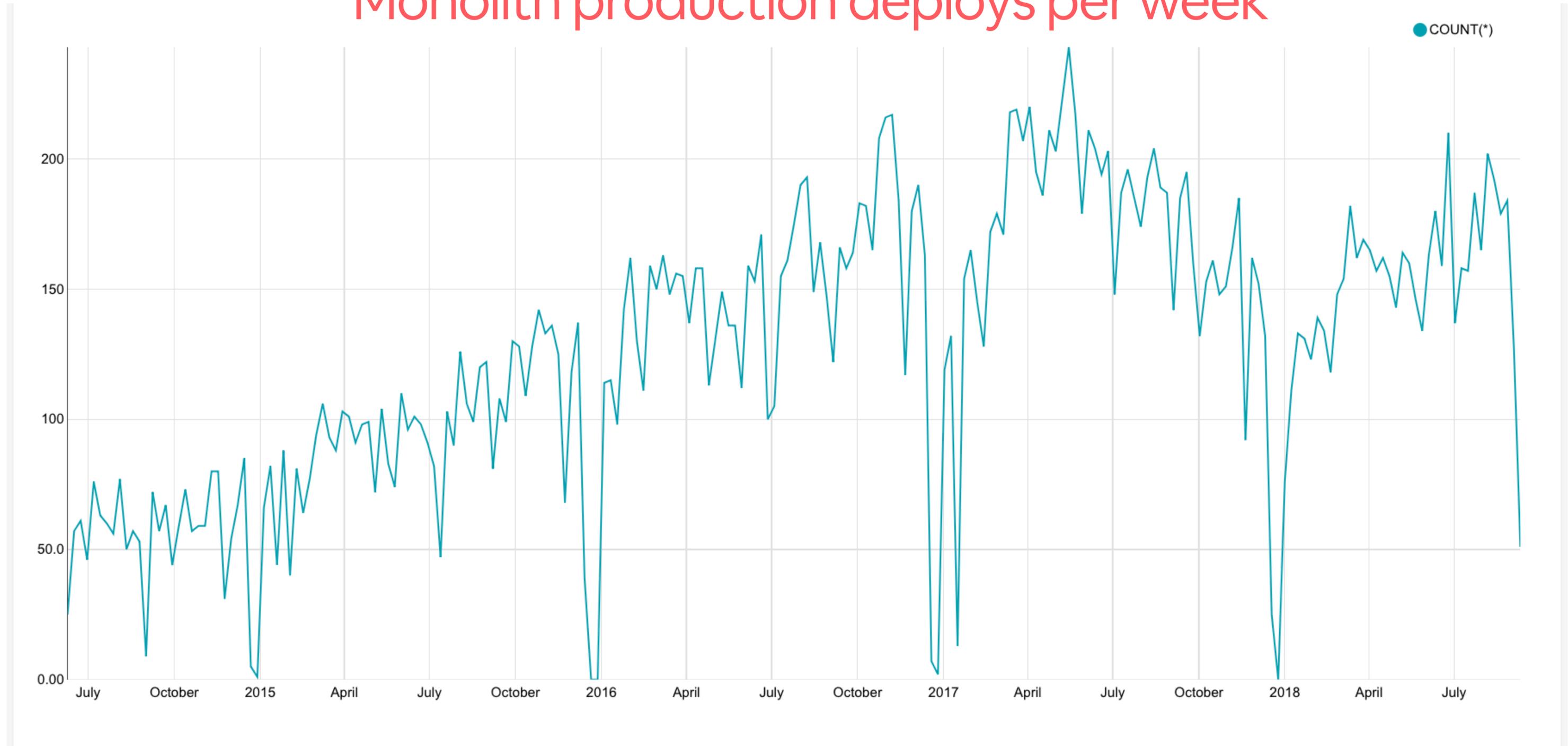
## Deploys per week (all apps, all environments)



# Why Microservices?

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## Monolith production deploys per week



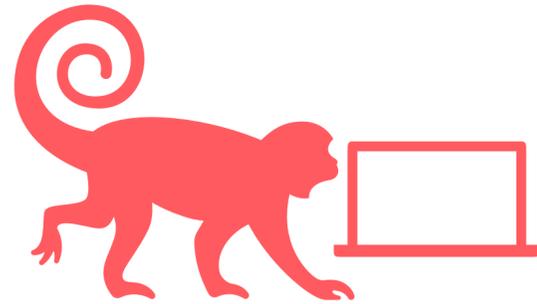
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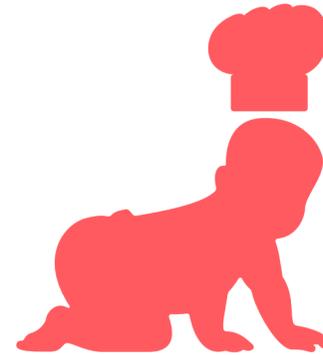
125,000  
production deploys  
per year

# Why kubernetes?

## EVOLUTION OF CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT



Manually configuring  
boxes



Automate  
configuration of  
applications with Chef

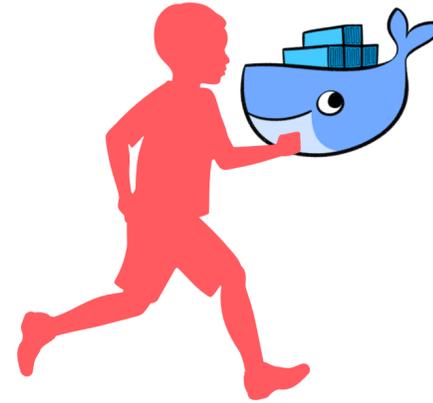


Automate  
configuration and  
orchestration of  
containerized  
applications with  
Kubernetes

# Why kubernetes?



- declarative
- efficient scheduling
- extensible API



- portable
- immutable
- reproducible



- human-friendly data
- standard format

# Challenges with kubernetes?

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- complex configuration
- complex tooling
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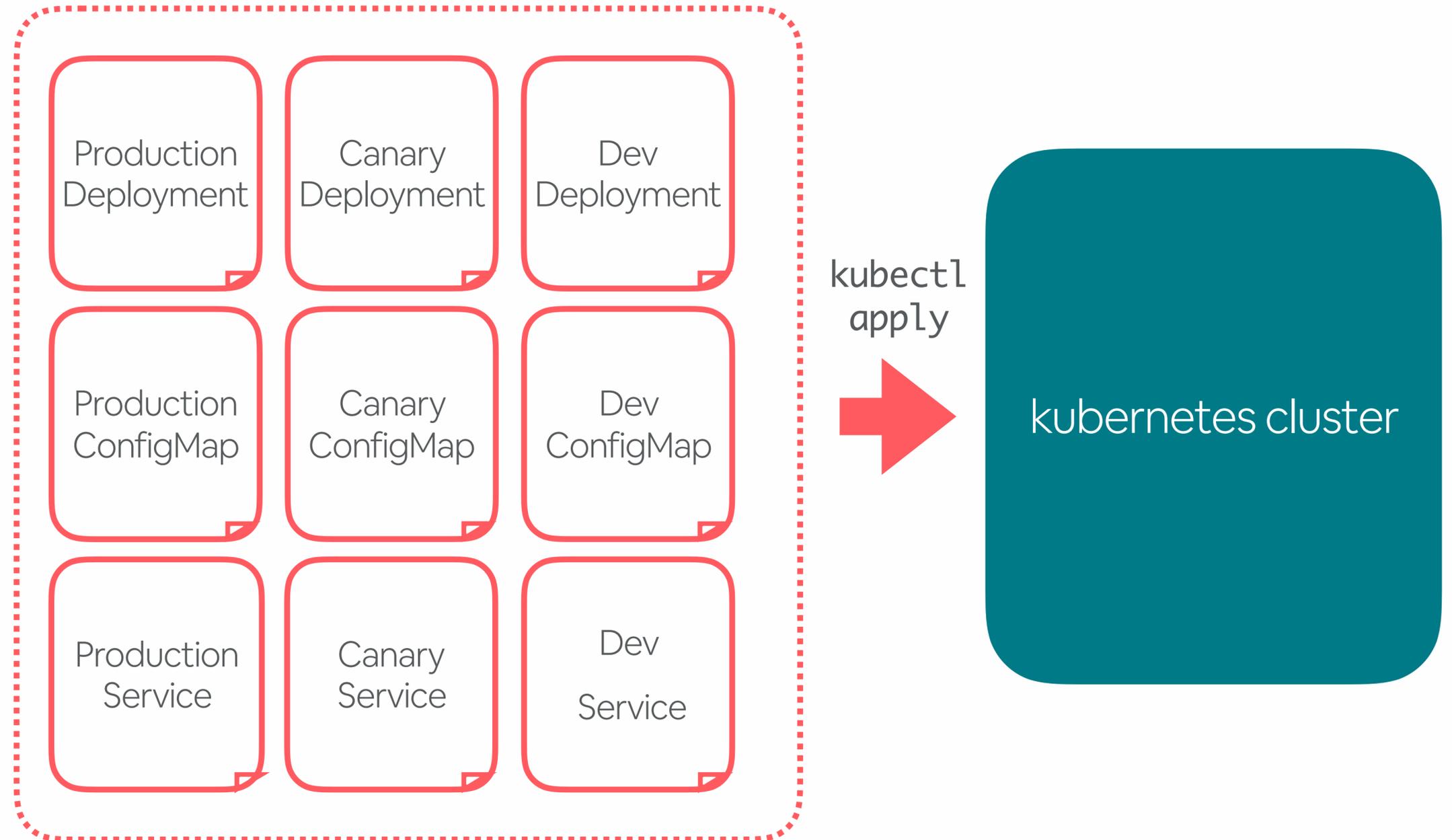
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- integrating with your current infrastructure → custom controllers and custom resources

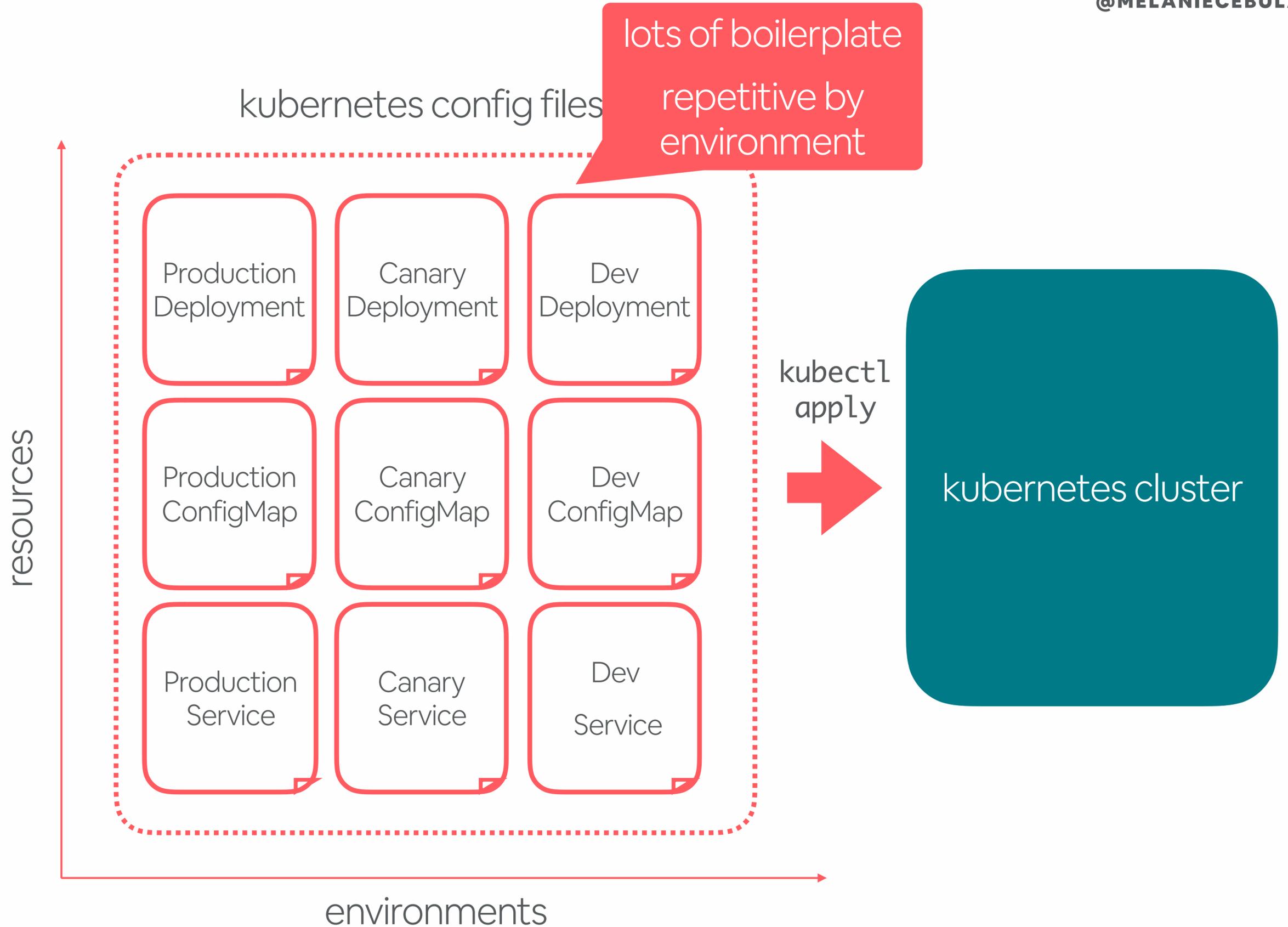
# GENERATING KUBERNETES FILES

**kubernetes**

kubernetes config files



# 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

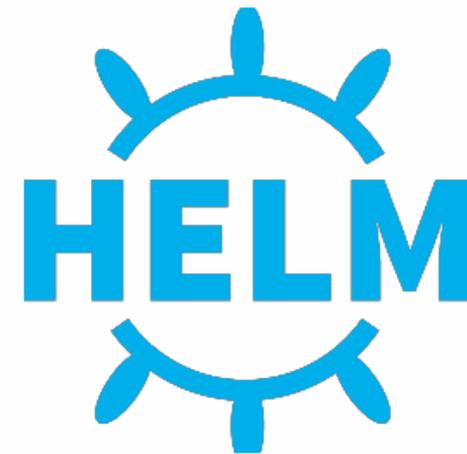
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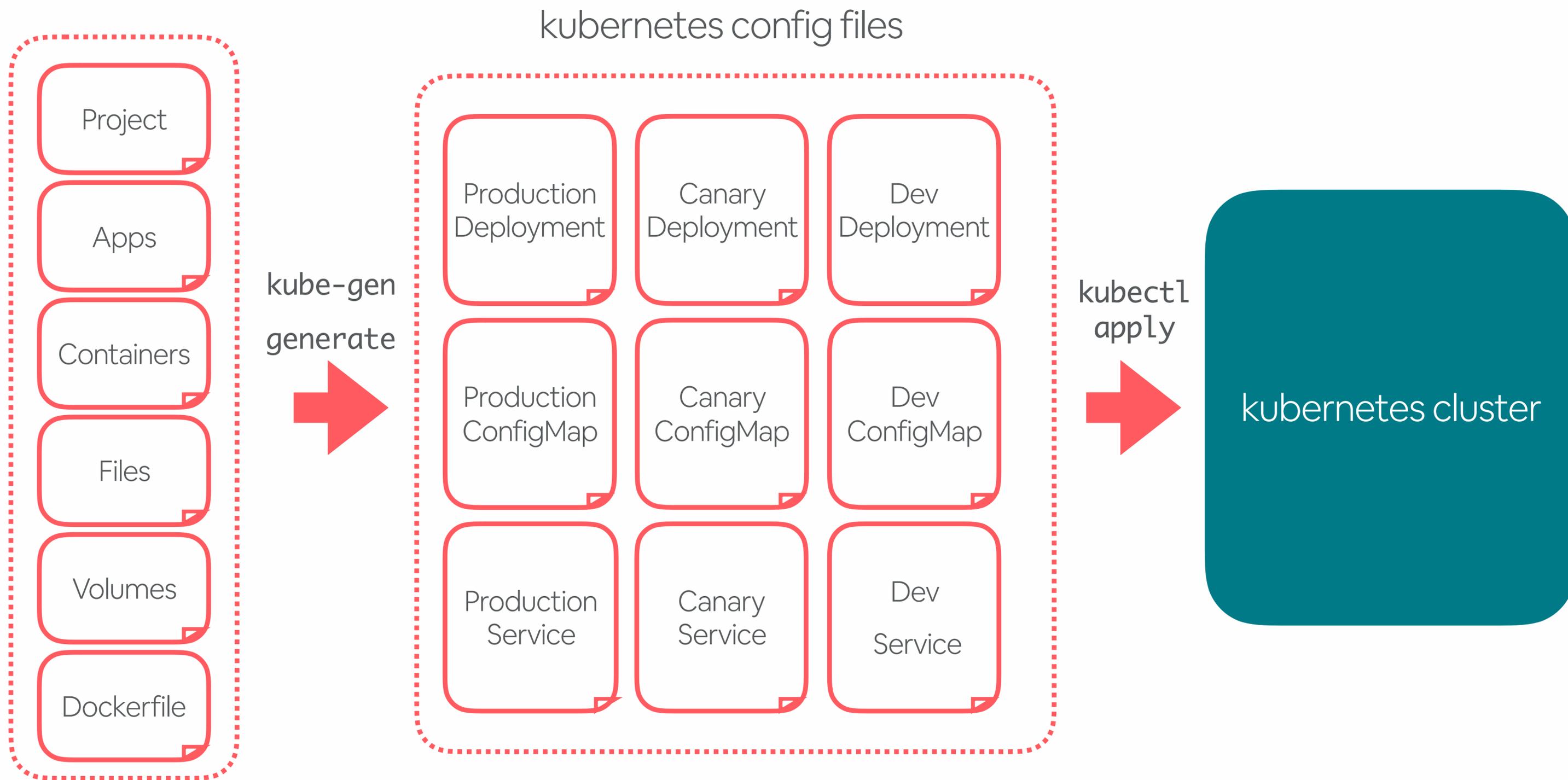
- Use custom files that map legacy concepts to k8s
- Support go templating
- Tools handle both k8s files and custom files

# 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)



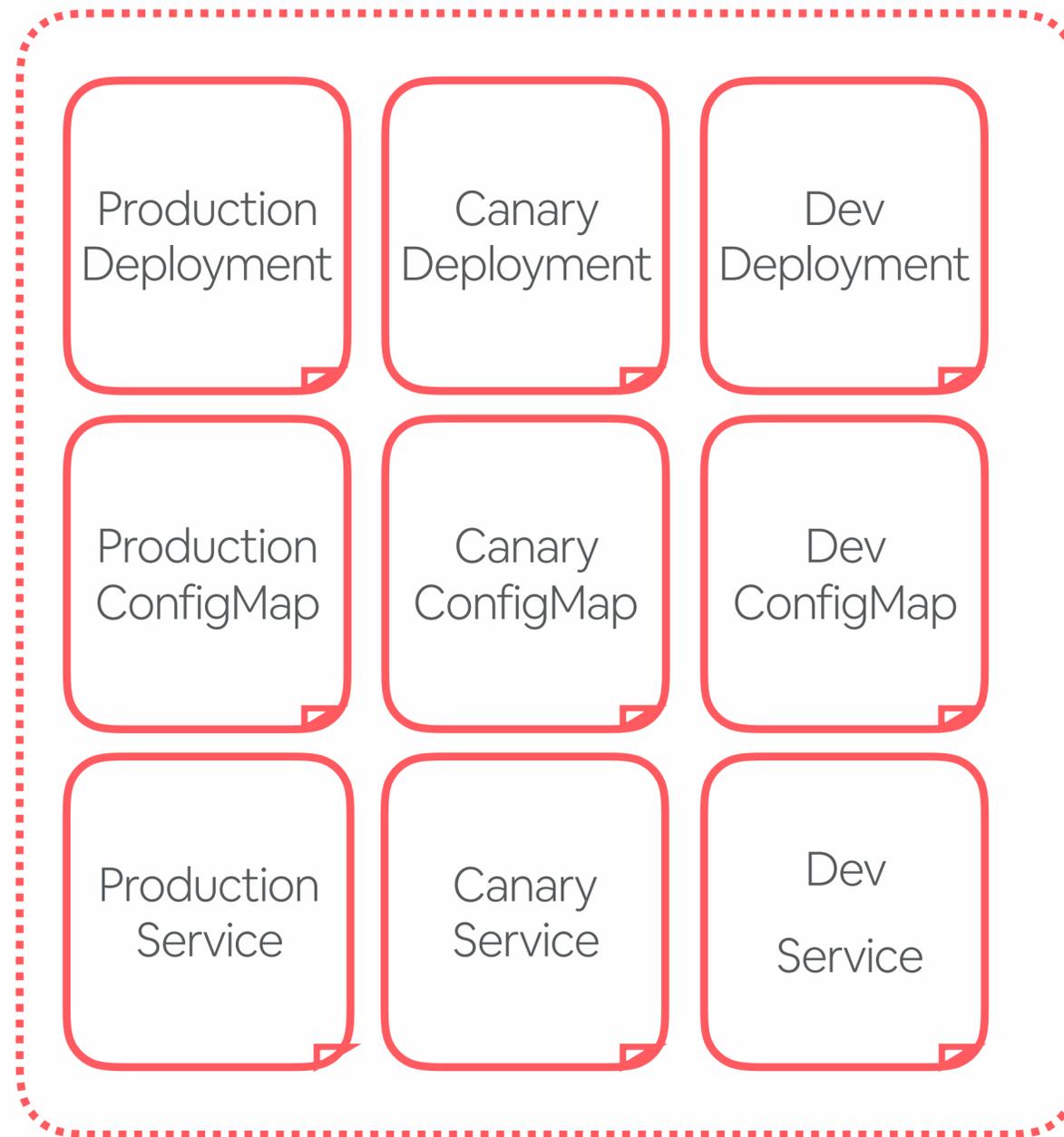


kube-gen!

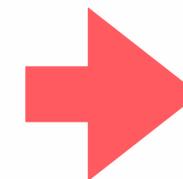
kubernetes config files

- Project
- Apps
- Containers
- Files
- Volumes
- Dockerfile

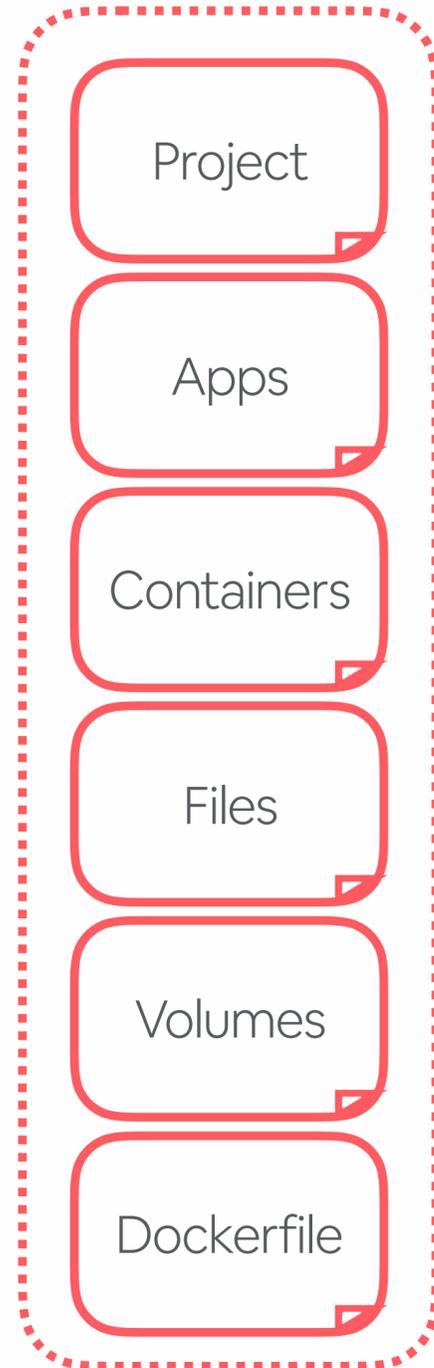
kube-gen  
generate



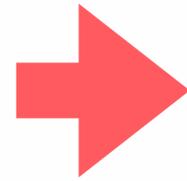
kubectl  
apply



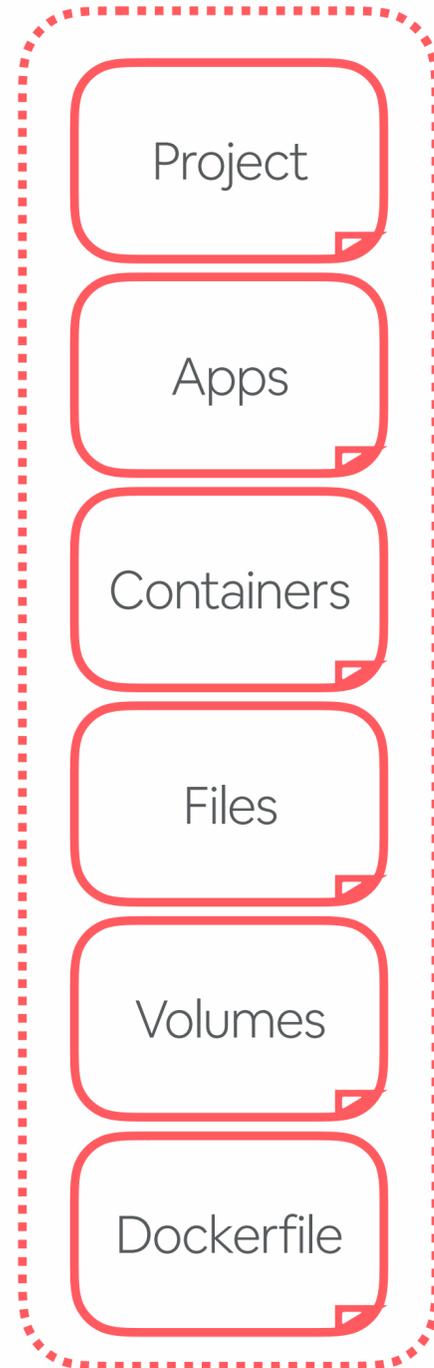
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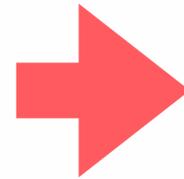
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generate



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└─ bonk-development/  
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    bonk-production-admin-role-binding.yml  
    bonk-production-databag-bonk-configmap.yml  
    bonk-production-deployment.yml  
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    bonk-production-service-config-map-configmap.yml  
    bonk-production-service.yml  
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kube-gen  
generate



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generated kubernetes files have standardized namespaces based on environments

# kube-gen

COMPONENTS

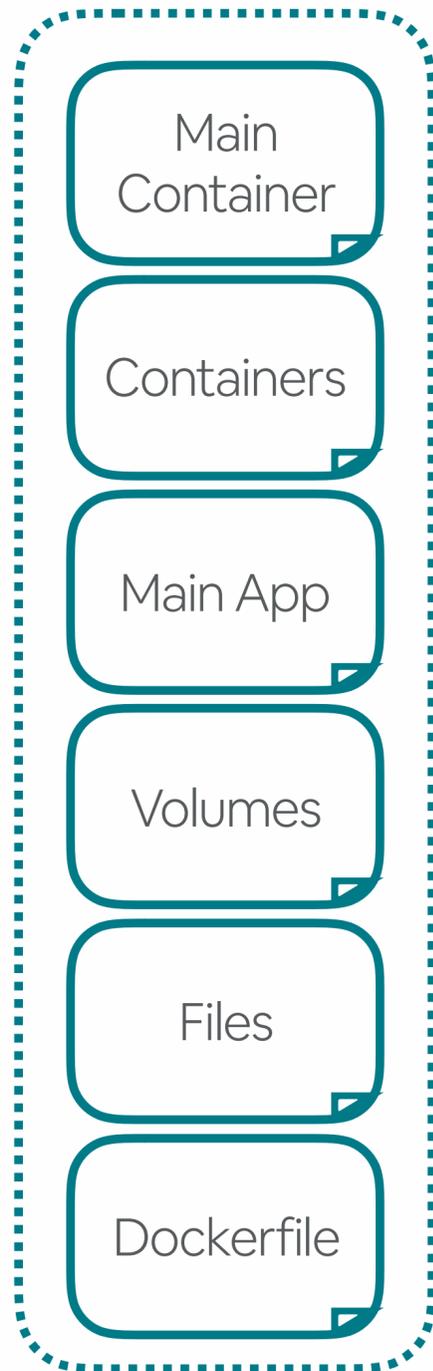
- Project
- Apps**
- Containers
- Files
- Volumes
- Dockerfile

Which shared components to use?

example components

- nginx
- tracing
- statsd

## nginx component



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

## Takeaways

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- 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

```
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  ├── docs/  
  ├── keys/  
  ├── kube/  
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    └── 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

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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

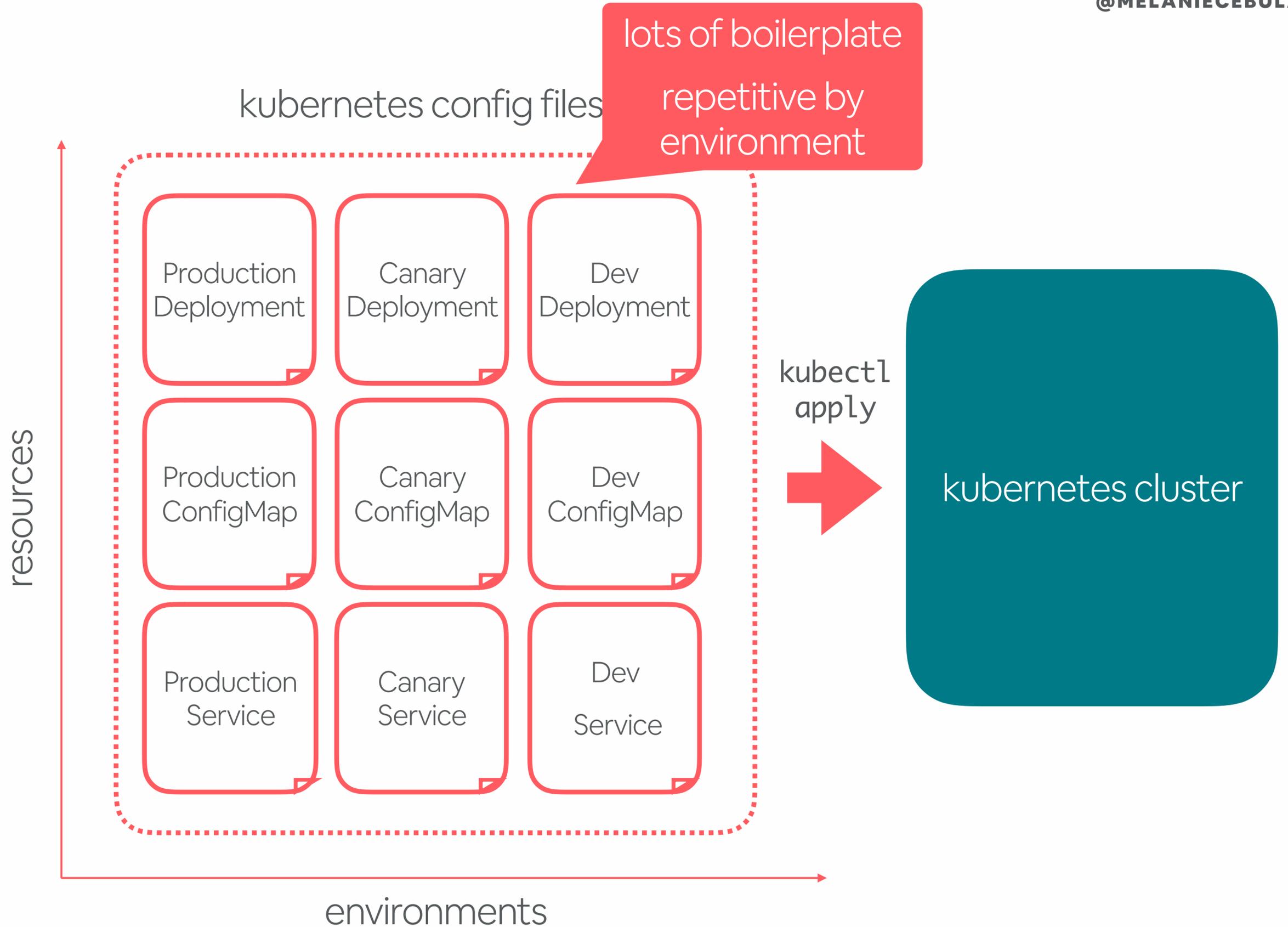
## Takeaways

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

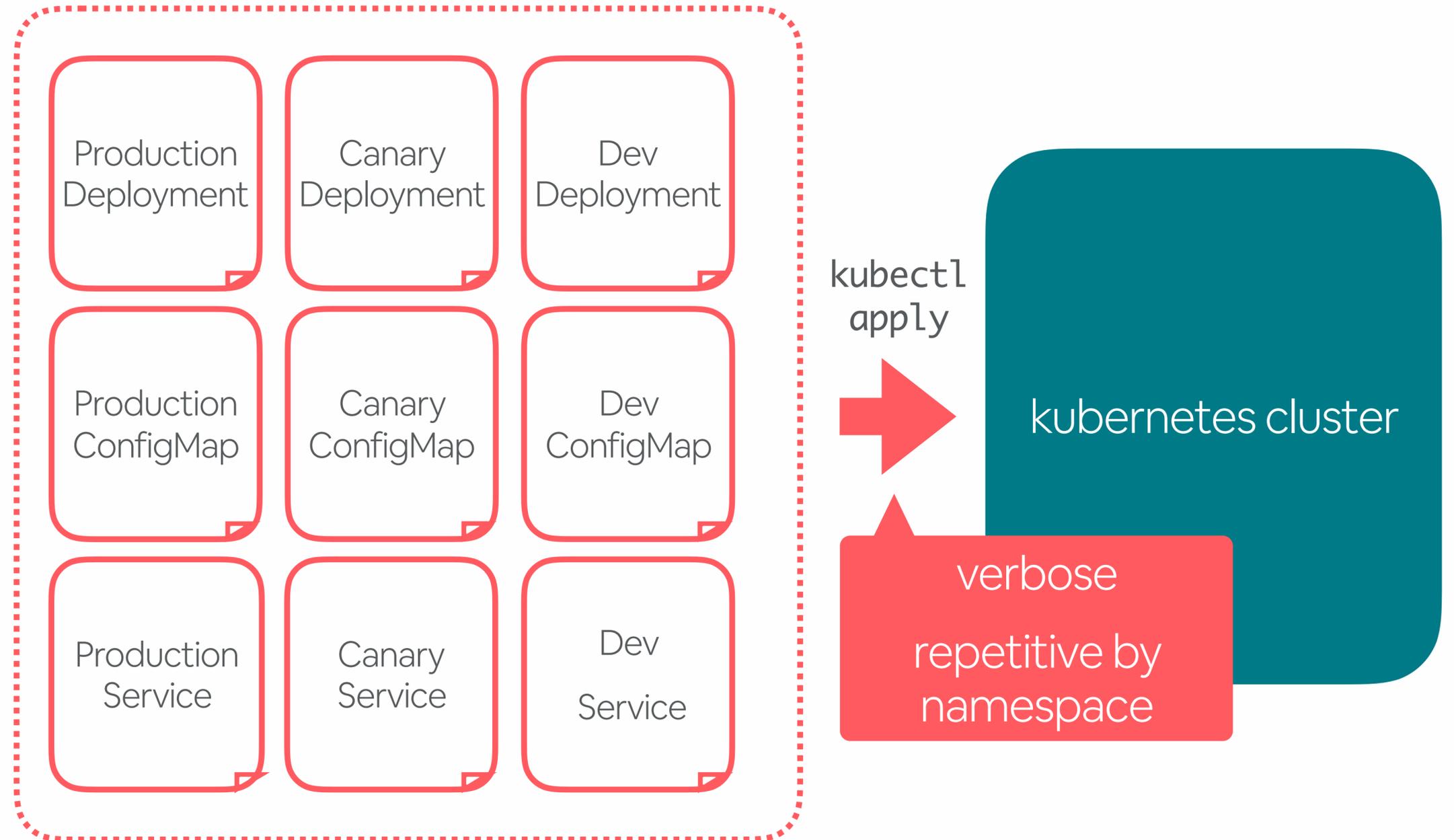
# KUBECTL WRAPPER

# kubernetes



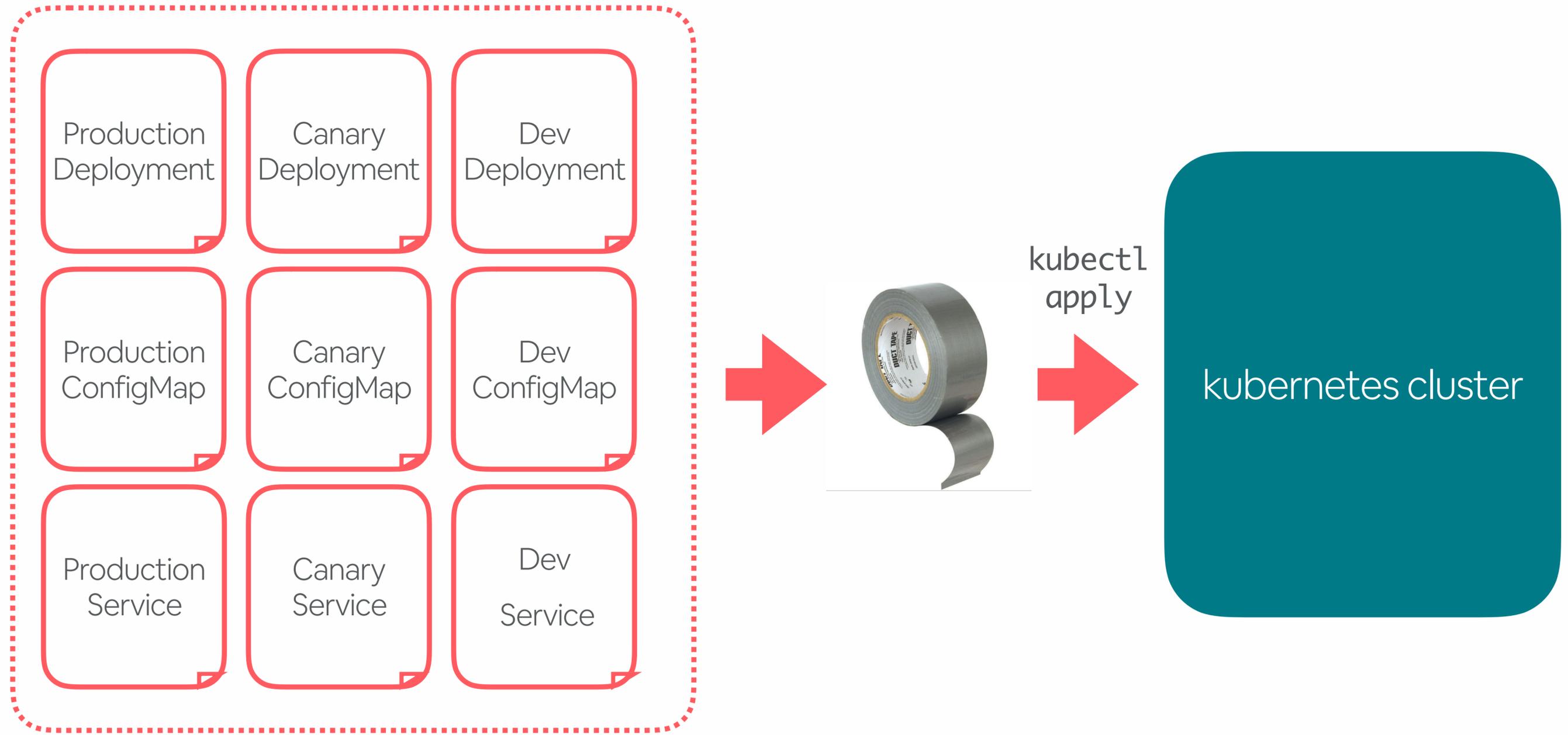
**kubernetes**

### kubernetes config files



# ktool

## KUBECTL WRAPPER



**k tool**

**THE ALL PURPOSE CLI WRAPPER**

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# 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

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

**CI/CD**

# airbnb/stamp\_collector [ci\_required]

A service that handles code review at Airbnb.



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]

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Build Docs (PROJECT\_NAM...



Julia Wang

Created Wednesday at 11:09 AM

Triggered from Webhook

Rebuild

✓ 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 kube-
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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1008 ▶ Running 'tar artifact (project only)'
1023 ▶ Running 'upload titanic artifact'
1036 ▶ Running 'k clean'
1053 ▶ Running global pre-exit hook
```

runs k commands

## Takeaways

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- 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

## Develop

Write code and config under your project

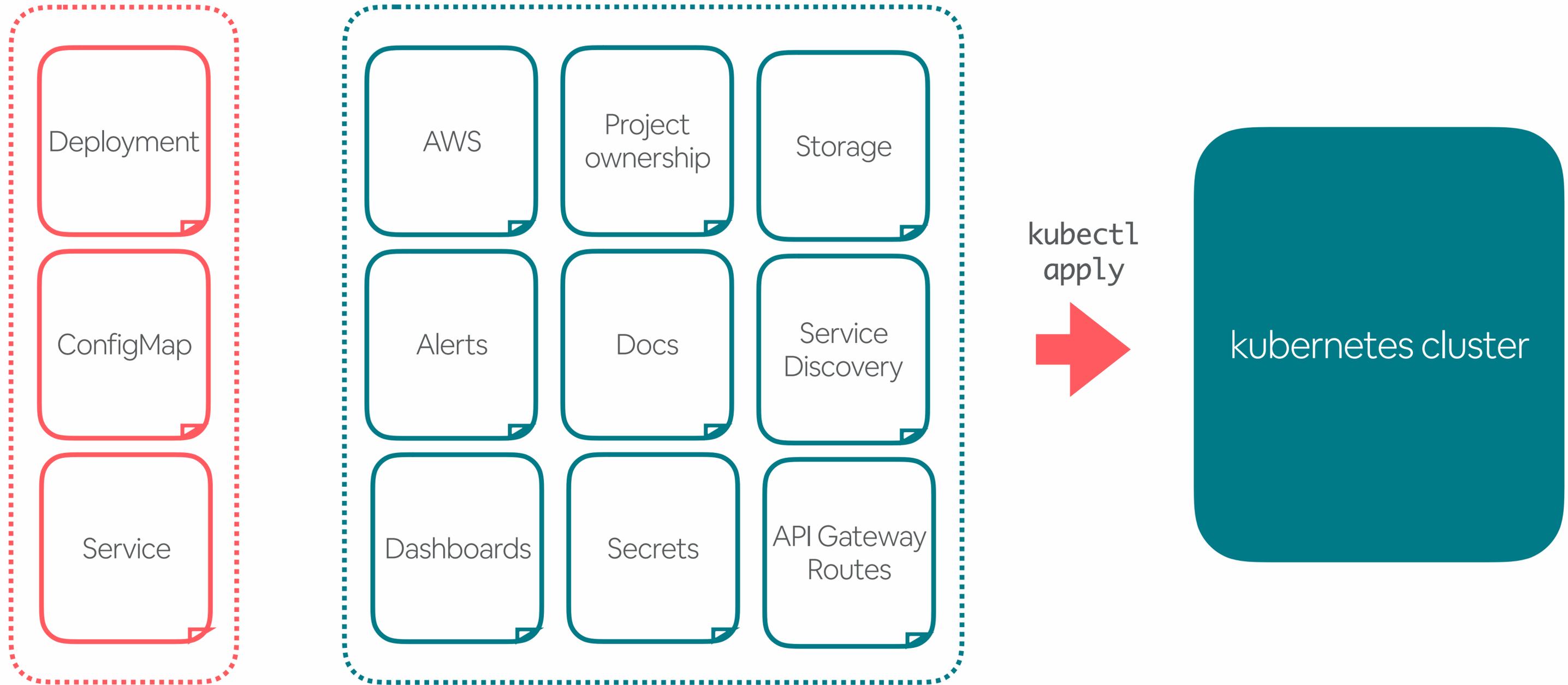
## Merge

Open a PR and merge your code to master

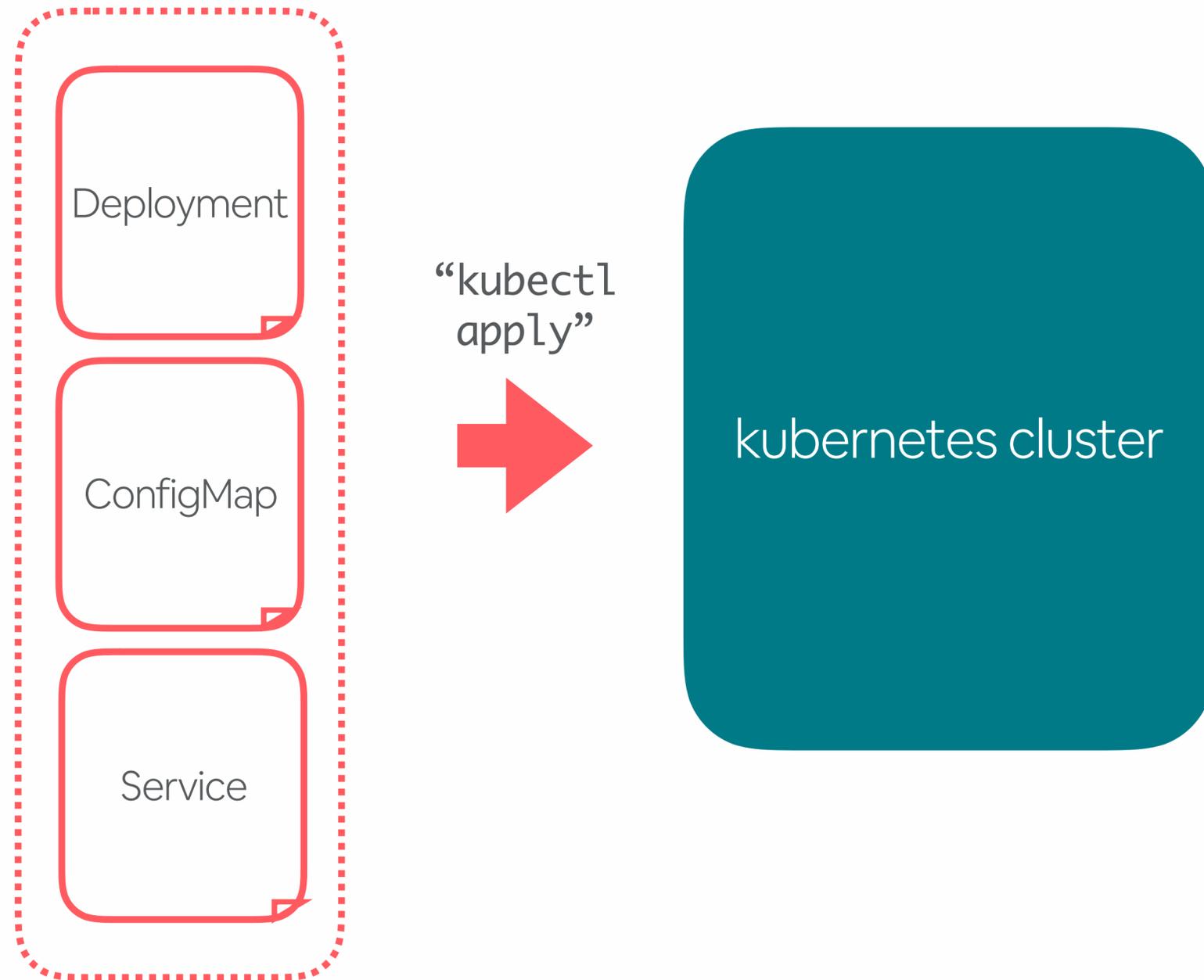
## Deploy

Deploy all code and config changes

# A single deploy process for every change



# How do we apply k8s configuration?



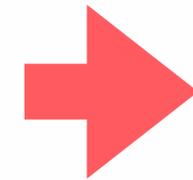
- `kubectl apply` all files
- in some cases where apply fails, replace files without force
- always restart pods on deploy to pick up changes
- return atomic success or failure state by sleeping and checking status

# How do you always restart pods on deploy?

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



kubectl  
apply

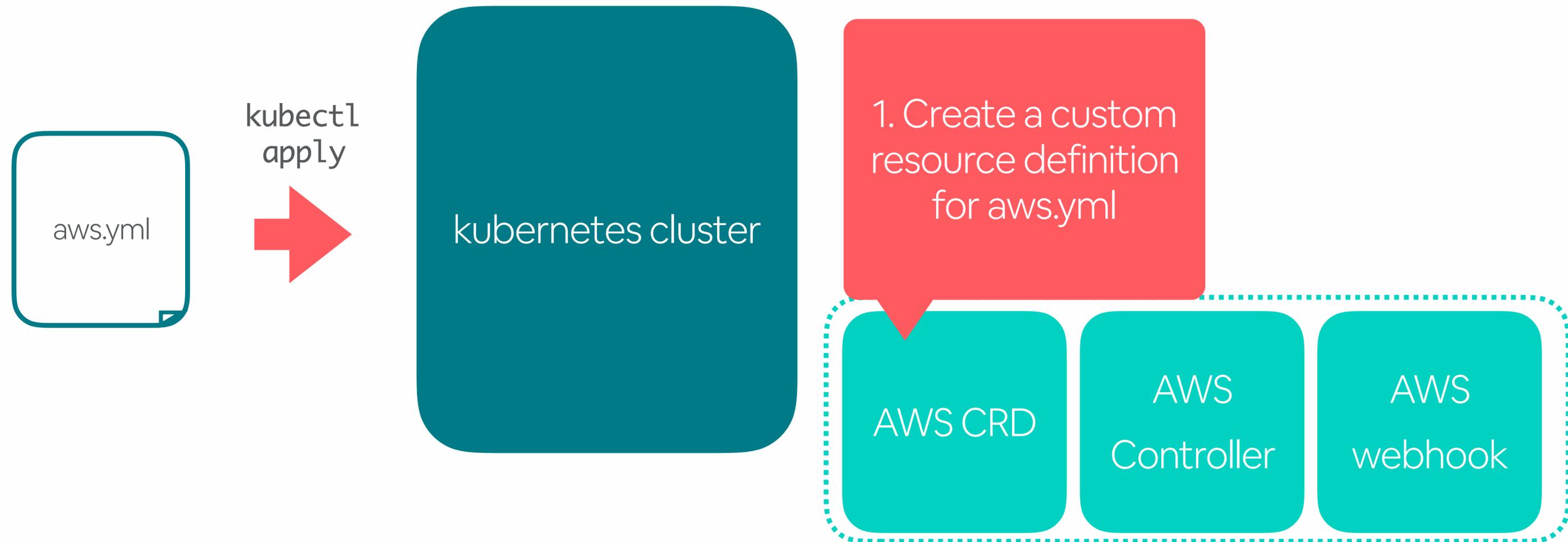


kubernetes cluster

# How do we apply custom configuration?



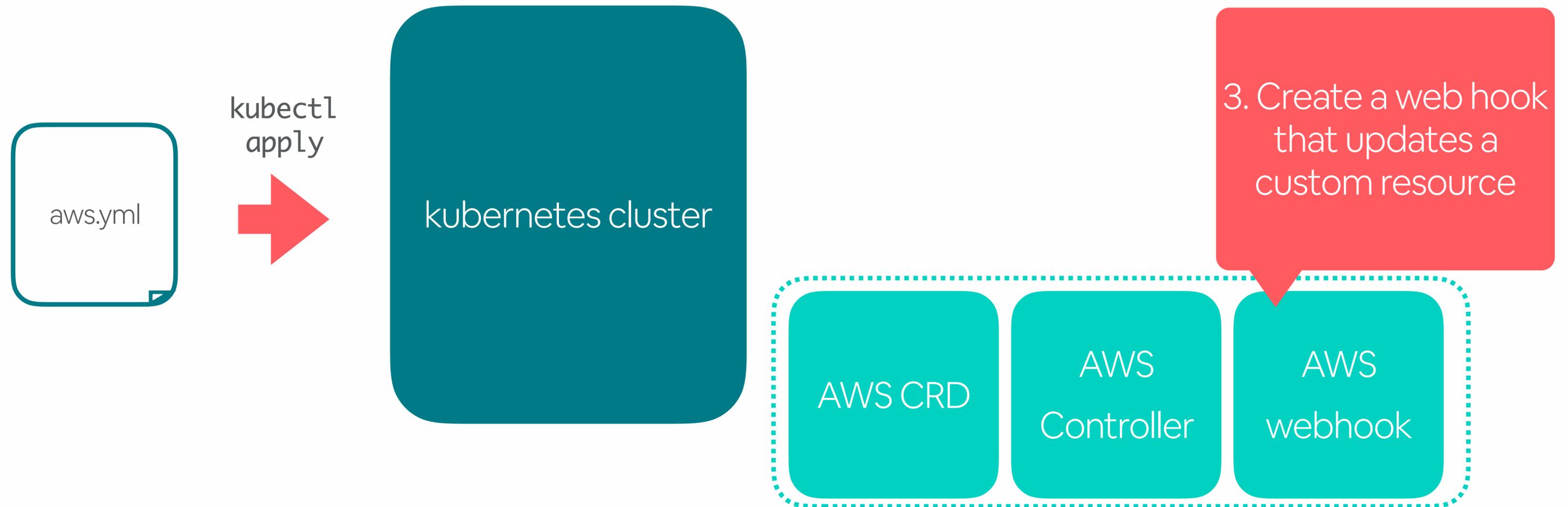
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## Takeaways

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- 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

# Thanks!

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