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Learn how to Leverage Kubernetes to Support 12 Factor for Enterprise Apps

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Let’s deploy our apps on the cloud!

1. **Cloud** has evolved as a strategy for disruption driven by continuous delivery.

2. Cloud elasticity enables **microservices** architectures to scale out quickly, but also roll new updates out at immense speeds.

3. **Data** becomes the fuel for business innovation.

4. **AI** becomes the catalyst to turn data into **brilliant** user experiences.

5. **Profit**! Or really, reduce overall cost.

Why?

What is a 12-factor app?

- “12-Factor” is a software methodology for building scalable microservice applications
- Originally created by Heroku
- Best practices designed to enable applications to be built with portability, resilience, and scalability when deployed to the web

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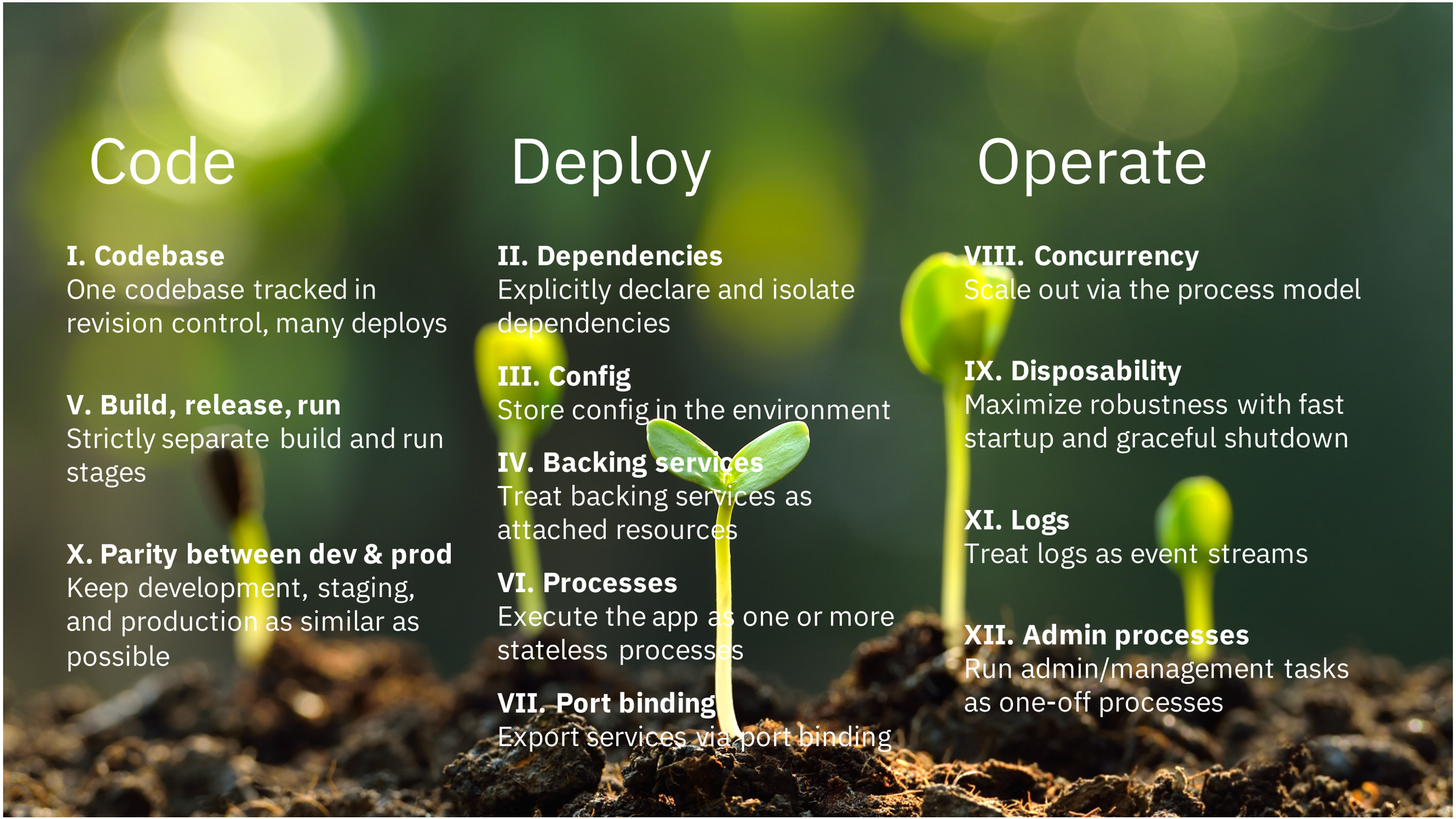
Why 12 factor apps?

- **Make it easier to run, scale, and deploy applications**
- **Keep parity between development and production**
- **Provide strict separation between build, release, and run stages**



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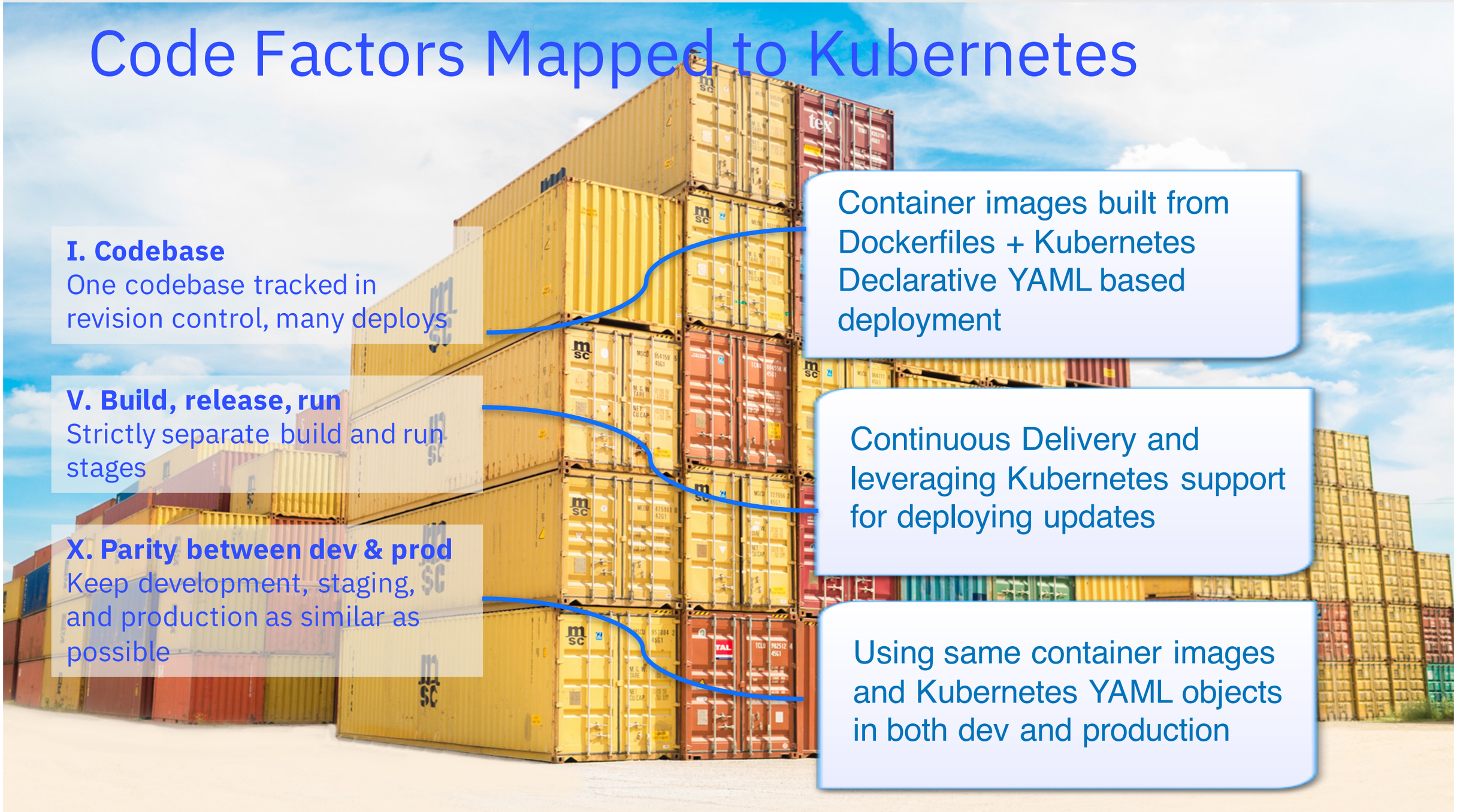

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Container images built from Dockerfiles + Kubernetes Declarative YAML based deployment

Continuous Delivery and leveraging Kubernetes support for deploying updates

Using same container images and Kubernetes YAML objects in both dev and production

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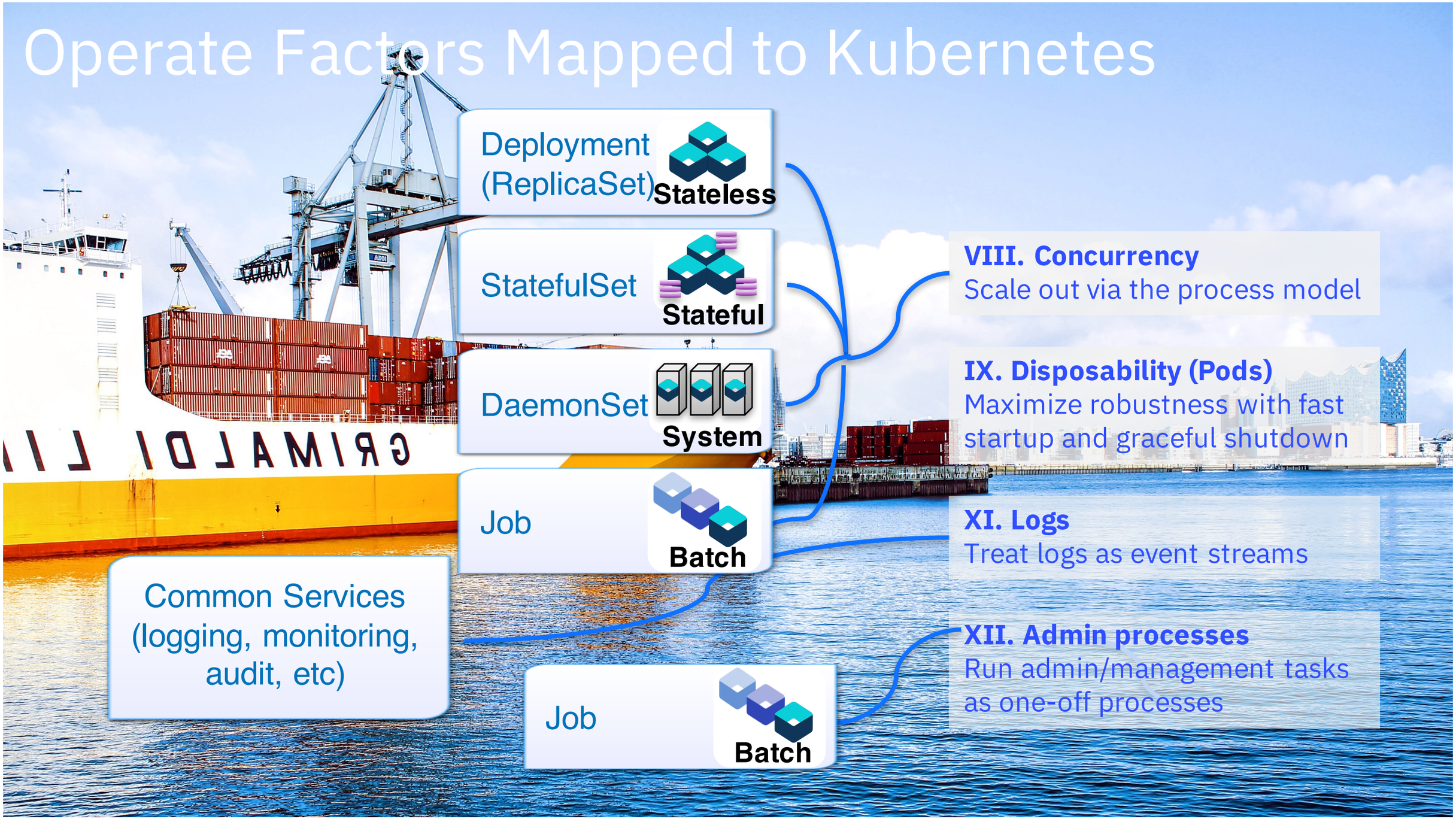

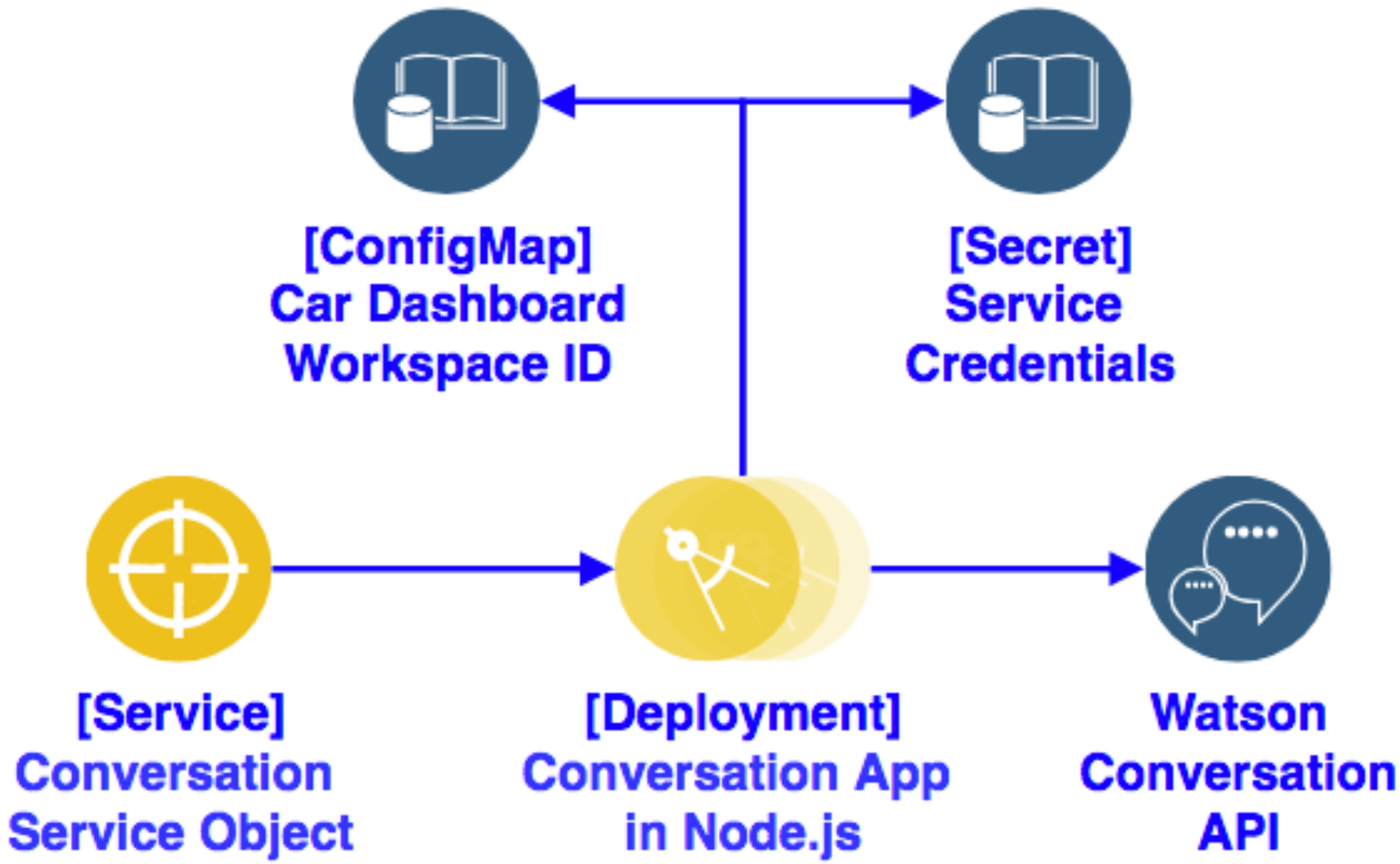

An app to talk about

Code factors for our app

1. **Container Images** are built from Dockerfiles. **Kubernetes Deployments, etc** are managed as YAML (Factor #I)

2. Having a strong artifact-driven model makes it easier to follow a **Continuous Delivery** lifecycle (Factor #V)

3. Using the same **images** and YAML objects make it easier for **dev teams** to match what's running in **production** (Factor #X)

```
# Application to deploy
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
name: watson-conversation-app
spec:
replicas: 2 # tells deployment to run 2 pods matching the
template
template: # create pods using pod definition in this template
  metadata:
    labels:
      app: watson-conversation-app
      tier: frontend
  spec:
    containers:
    - name: watson-conversation-app
      image: mycluster.icp:8500/default/conversation-
simple:alt
      resources:
        requests:
          cpu: 100m
          memory: 100Mi
      env:
        - name: WORKSPACE_ID
          valueFrom:
            configMapKeyRef:
              name: car-dashboard-
              key: workspace_id
        - name: CONVERSATION_SERVICE
          valueFrom:
            secretKeyRef:
              name: binding-conversation-service-car
              key: binding
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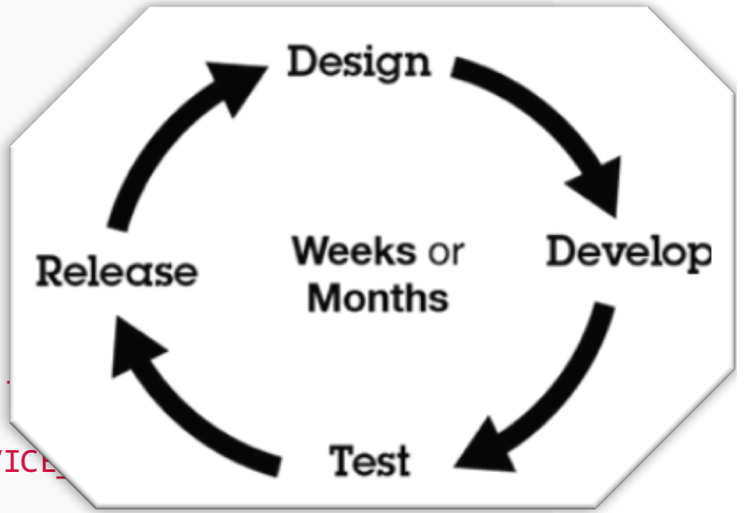
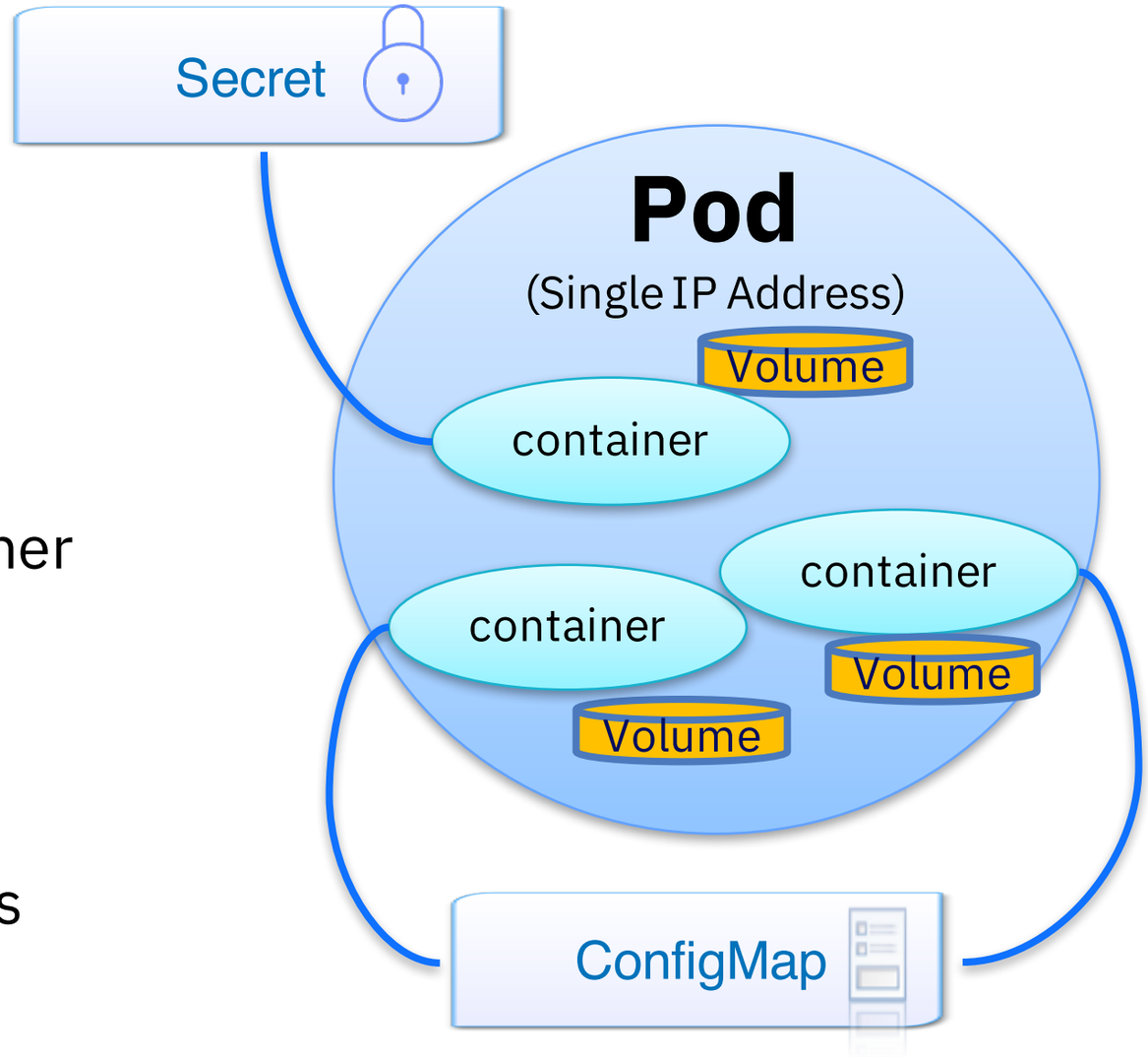


Deploy factors for our app

1. **ConfigMaps** and **Secrets** can be managed in source repositories or built dynamically via commands (Factor #III)

2. Our **container image** runs as a container **process** in a **Pod** with other **containers** (Factor #VI)

3. A collection of **Pods** can expose or consume **Services** via port bindings (Factor #IV & Factor #VII)

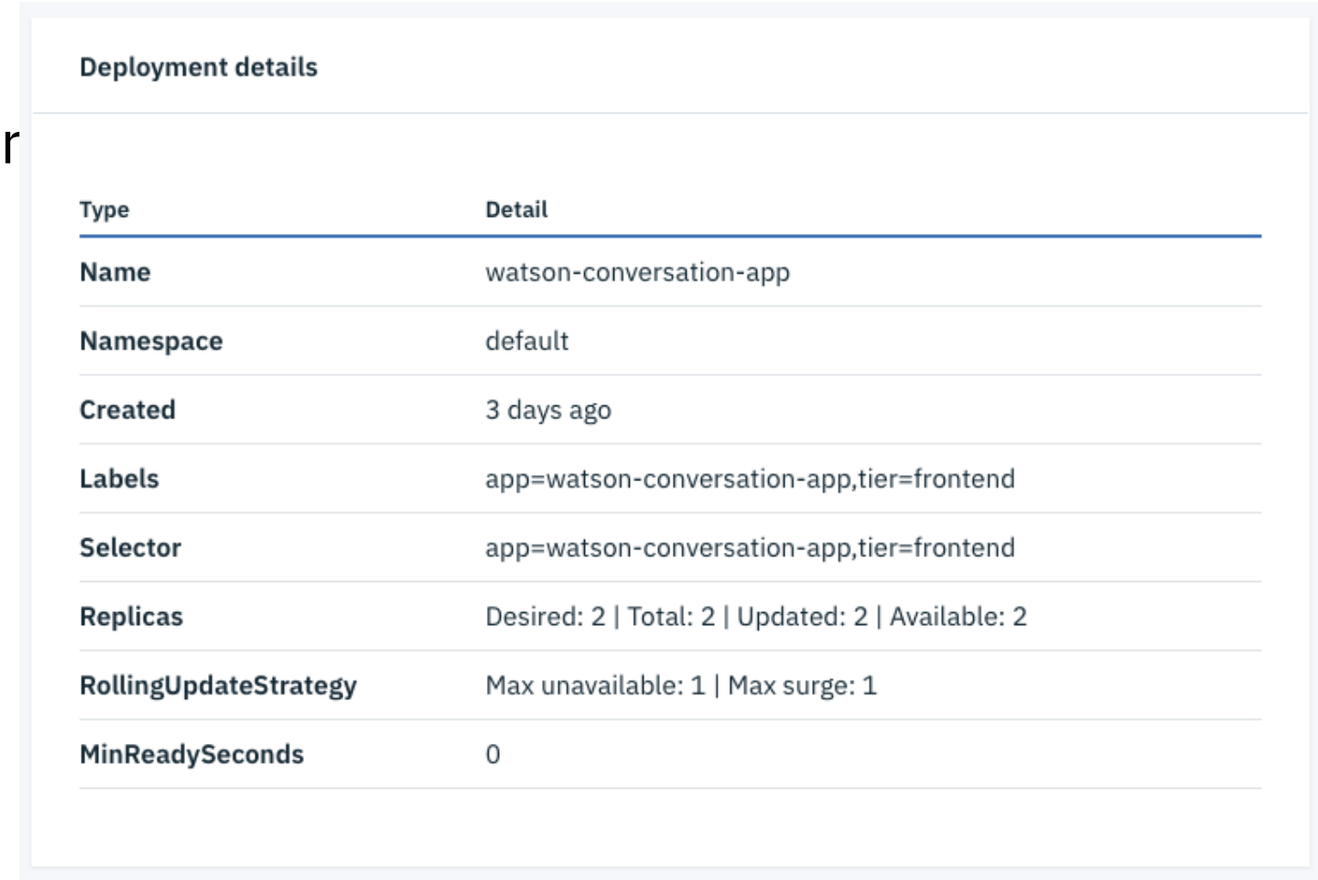


Operate factors for our app

1. A **Deployment** includes a **ReplicaSet** which declares the desired availability policy (Factor #VIII)

2. If a **Pod** fails, Kubernetes will attempt to recover it via restarting the Pod or scheduling it to a new node (Factor #IX)

3. Running our app as a container makes it possible to capture all logs, metrics, and other management functions in a consistent way (Factor #XII)



Deployment details

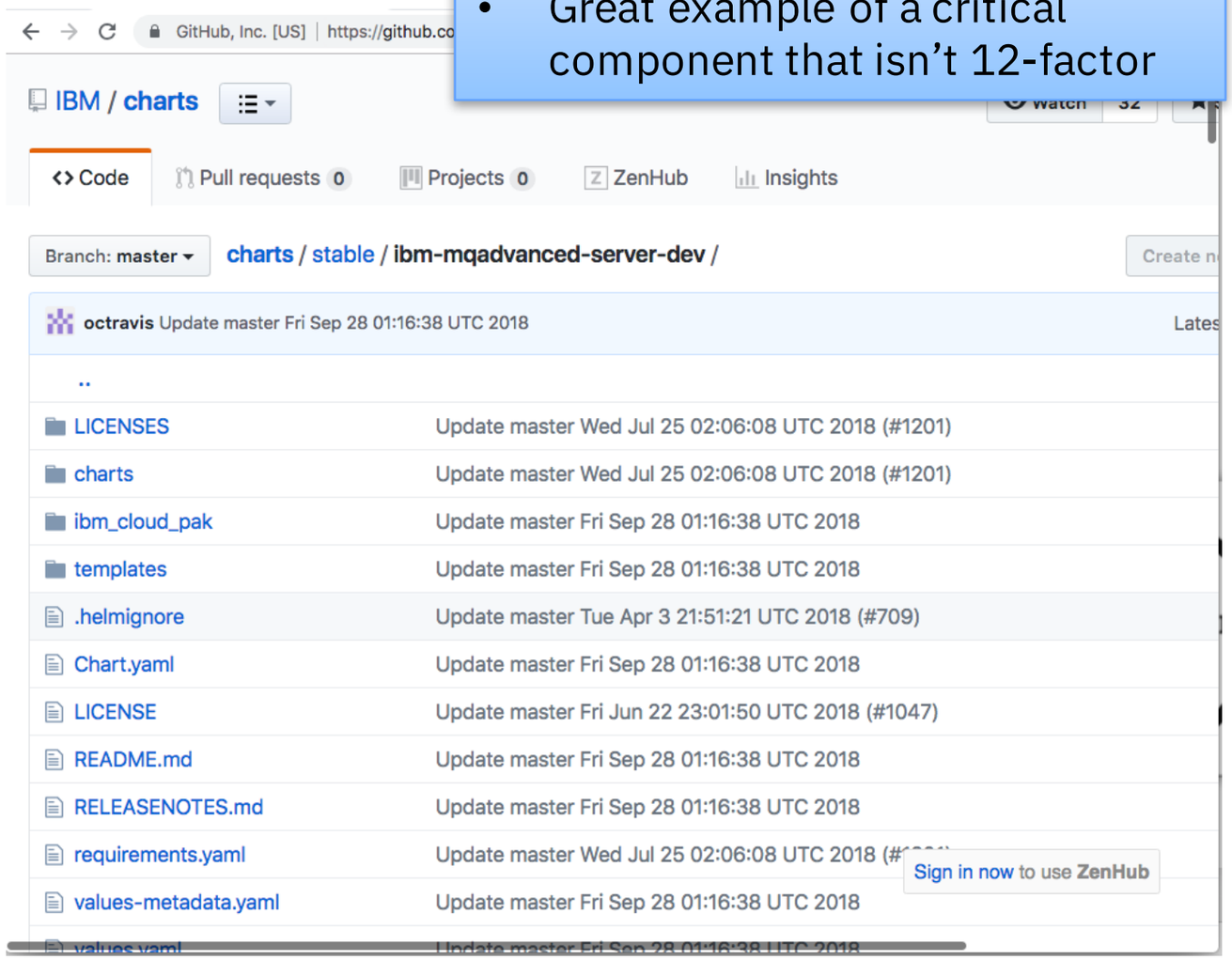
Type	Detail
Name	watson-conversation-app
Namespace	default
Created	3 days ago
Labels	app=watson-conversation-app,tier=frontend
Selector	app=watson-conversation-app,tier=frontend
Replicas	Desired: 2 | Total: 2 | Updated: 2 | Available: 2
RollingUpdateStrategy	Max unavailable: 1 | Max surge: 1
MinReadySeconds	0

Great, but 95% of my workloads do not fit 12-factor!

Code factors for middleware

1. **Helm Charts** are an open way to package 12-factor apps, but also middleware like IBM MQ Series (F#I)
2. Providing a catalog of Helm Charts either from the community or your internal teams makes it easier to **build production-like environments** (F#V)
3. Just like apps, build these into Continuous Delivery pipelines for **canary testing your upgrades** of critical supporting services

- IBM MQ Series is a leading provider of messaging services for enterprise apps;
- Great example of a critical component that isn't 12-factor

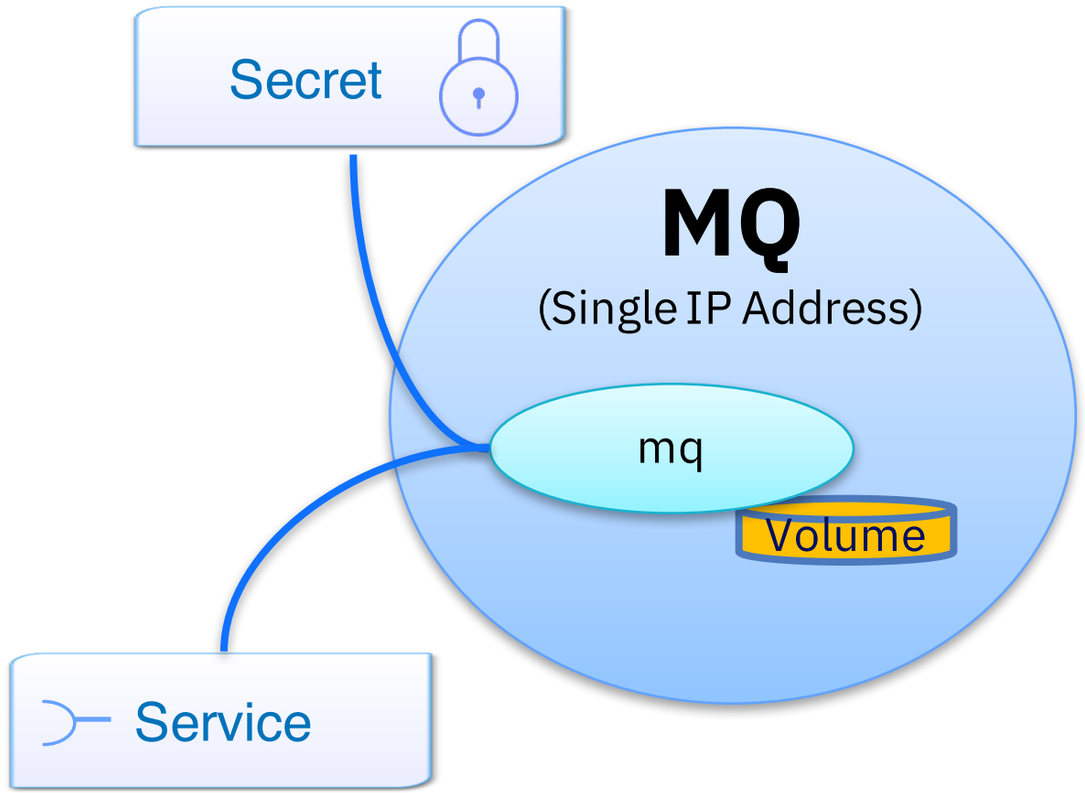


Deploy factors for middleware

1. **Secrets** used to configure credentials and TLS certificates (F#III)

2. MQ built as a **container image** that runs as a container **process** in a **Pod** (F#VI)

3. Admin console, app messaging ports, and metrics ports exposed via **Services** with port bindings (F#IV & F#VII)

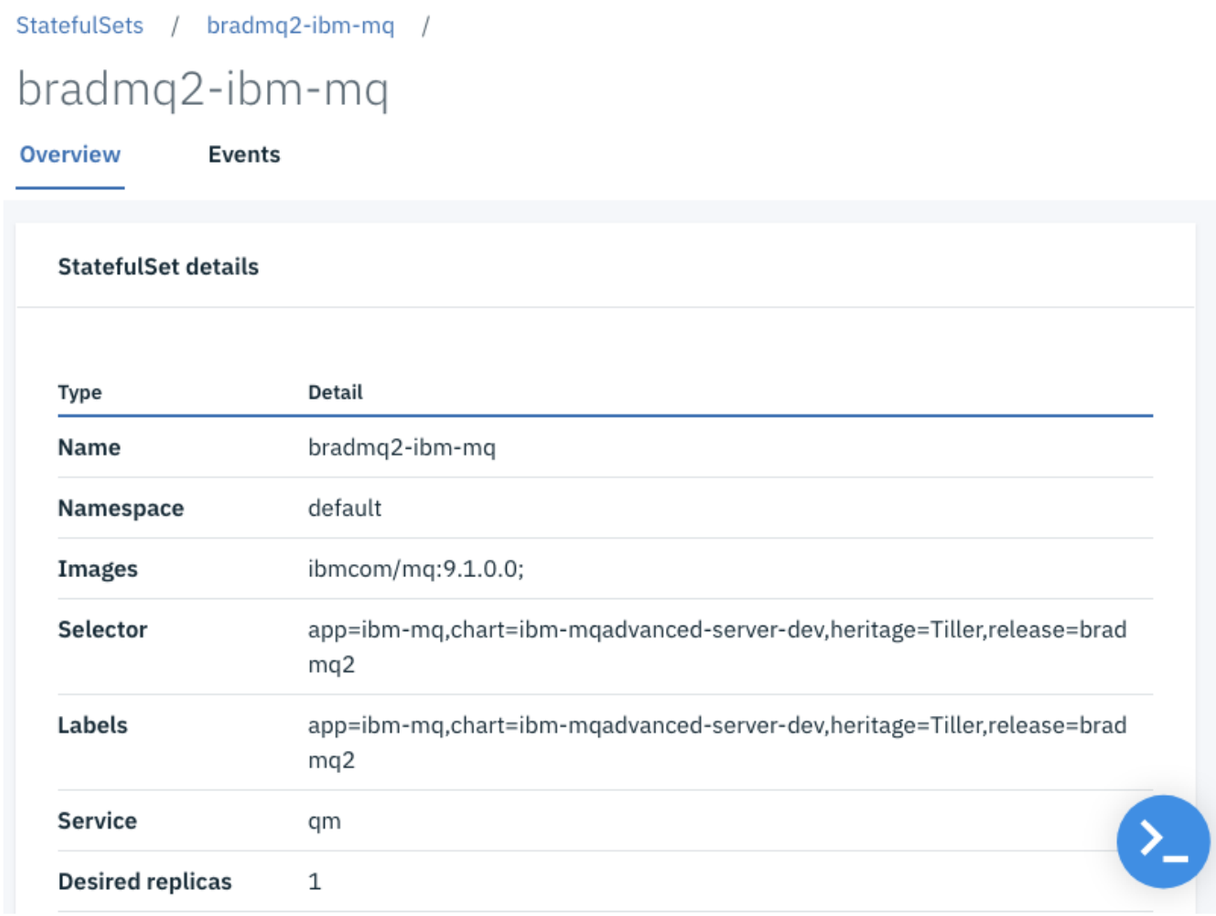


Operate factors for middleware

1. A **StatefulSet** that declares the desired availability policy for MQ; a database might scale out replicas or prepare primary/secondary failover (F#VIII)

2. Recovered **Pods** re-mount the same **PersistentVolumes** (F#IX)

3. All **Pods** can have **logs**, **metrics**, or other **management details** captured automatically by your Kubernetes provider (F#XII)

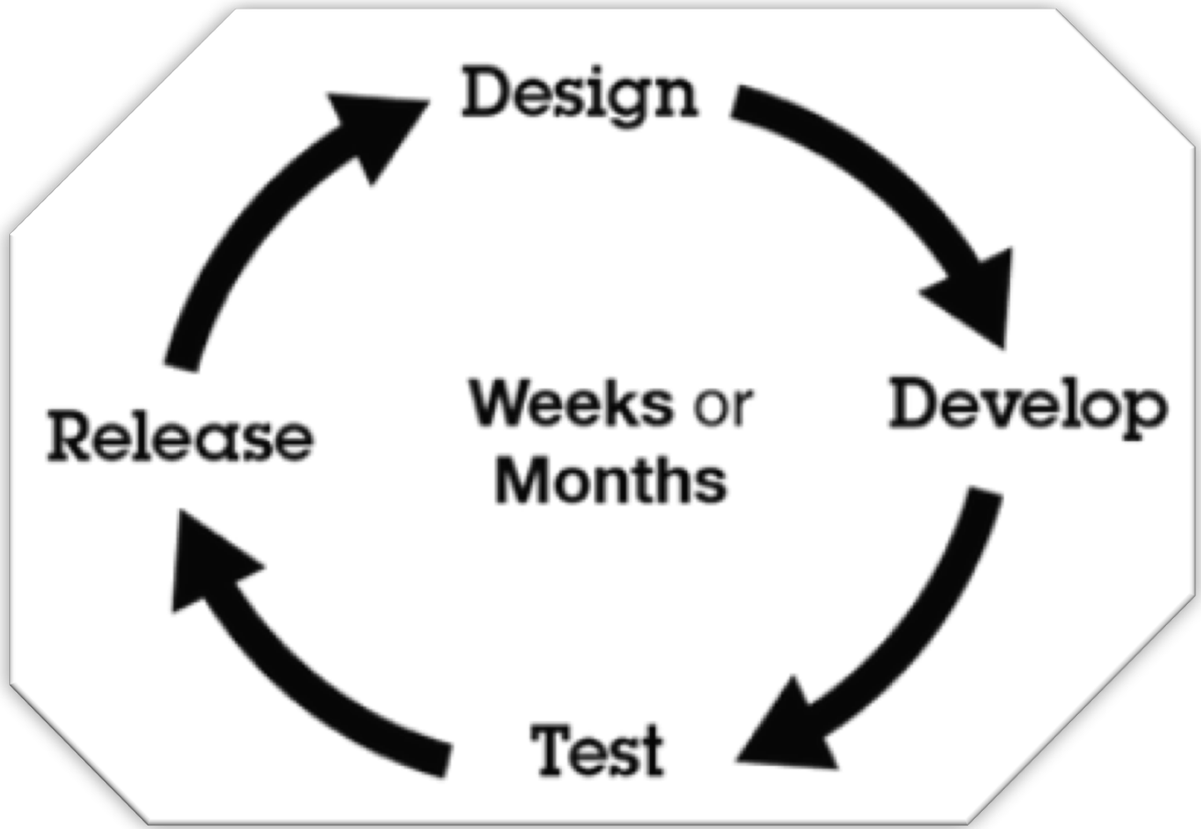


Continuous Integration & Delivery

1. Exposing all of your datacenter via container images with a Kubernetes orchestrator will take time for full maturity

2. Potential to dramatically simplify delivery of services and ongoing operations with built-in control planes for running containers

3. Start **NOW** to leverage these same features designed for 12-factor apps to expose more **production-like environments** (F#V) for your devs/LOBs



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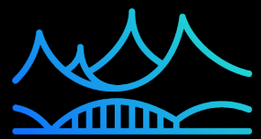

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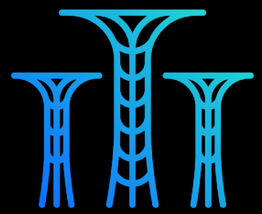

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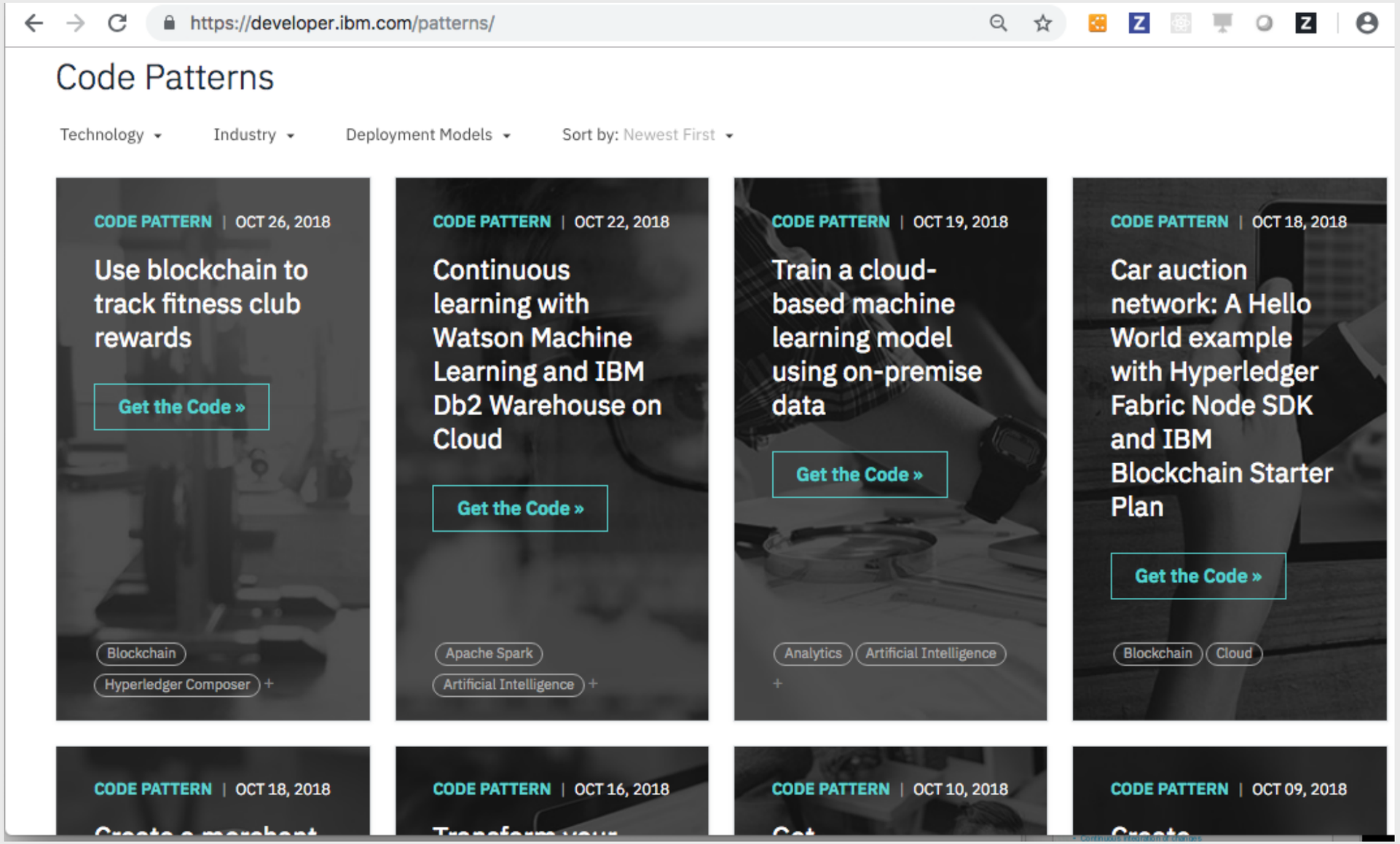

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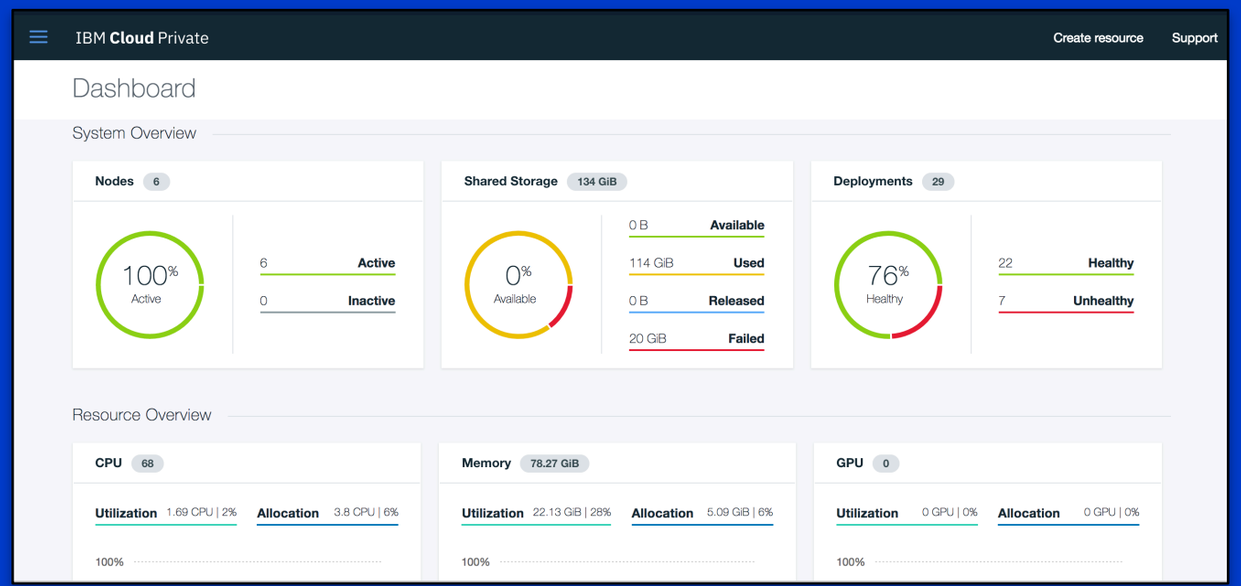

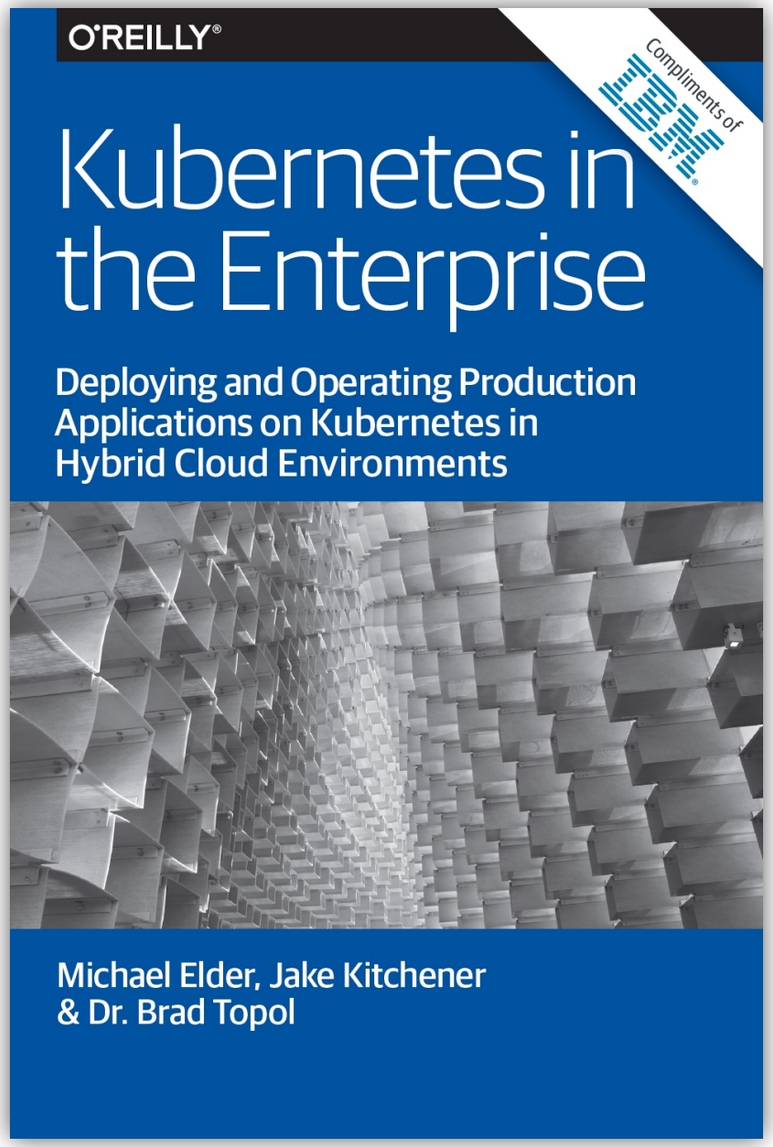

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