



# The Kubernetes Control Plane

...For Busy People Who Like Pictures

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# DRAFT 2

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Final slides coming soon!

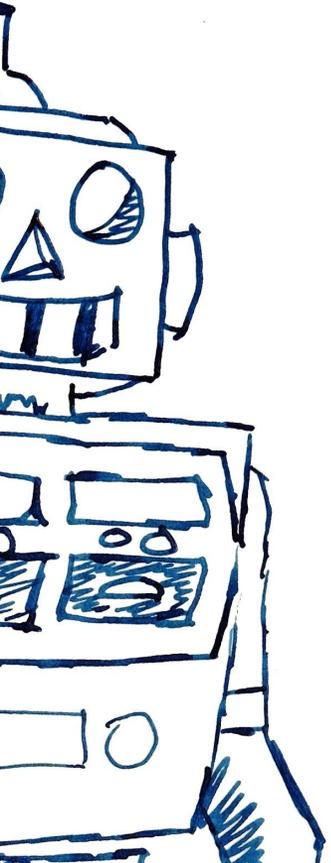
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# THE KUBERNETES CONTROL PLANE

FOR BUSY PEOPLE  
WHO LIKE PICTURES

# THE KUBERNETES CONTROL PLANE

FOR BUSY PEOPLE  
WHO LIKE <sup>BAD</sup> PICTURES



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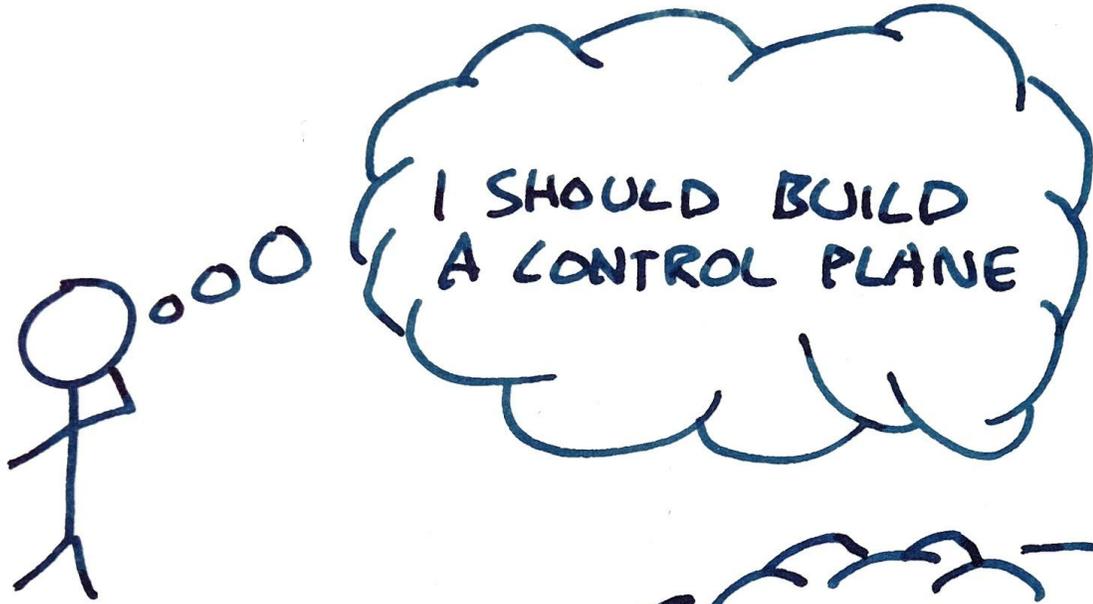
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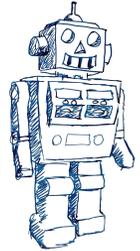
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TRIOLOGY

{ COPENHAGEN 2018: KUBERNETES-STYLE APIS OF THE FUTURE  
SEATTLE 2018: A VISION FOR API MACHINERY  
BARCELONA 2019: THE KUBERNETES CONTROL PLANE  
→ FOR BUSY PEOPLE WHO LIKE PICTURES

YOU  
ARE  
HERE



THE KUBERNETES API  
IS ABOUT HUMANS AND  
MACHINES WORKING TOGETHER.

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... YOU CAN'T DO THAT  
WITHOUT SOME MACHINES!!

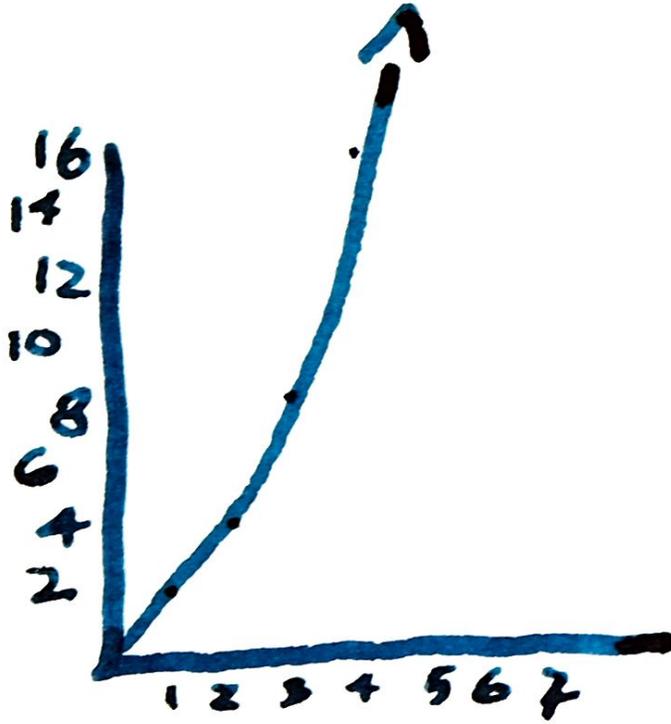
CONTROLLERS: THE  IN THE MACHINE

CONTROL  
THEORY!

THE AGE-OLD DEBATE: ~~NATURE VS NURTURE~~  
STATE MACHINE  
VS  
CONTROL LOOP

# STATE MACHINES

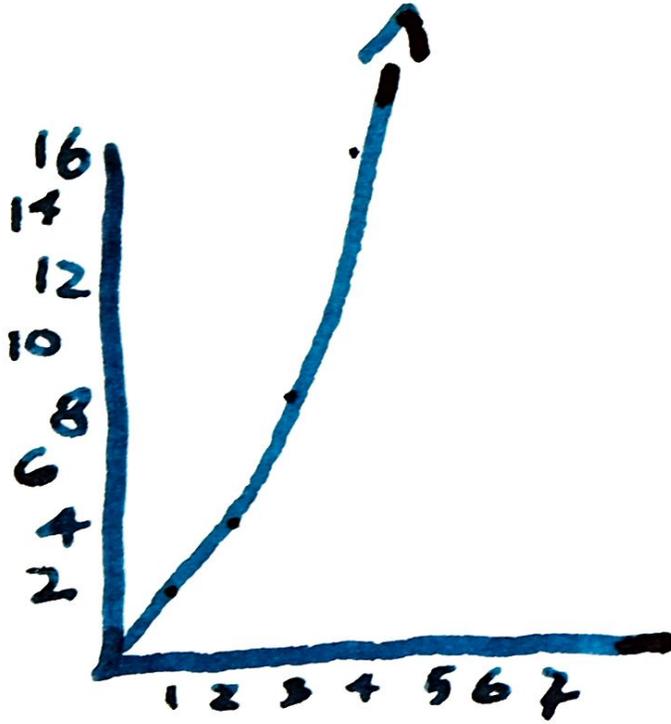
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YOU MUST HANDLE  
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# BINARY VARIABLES

# STATE MACHINES

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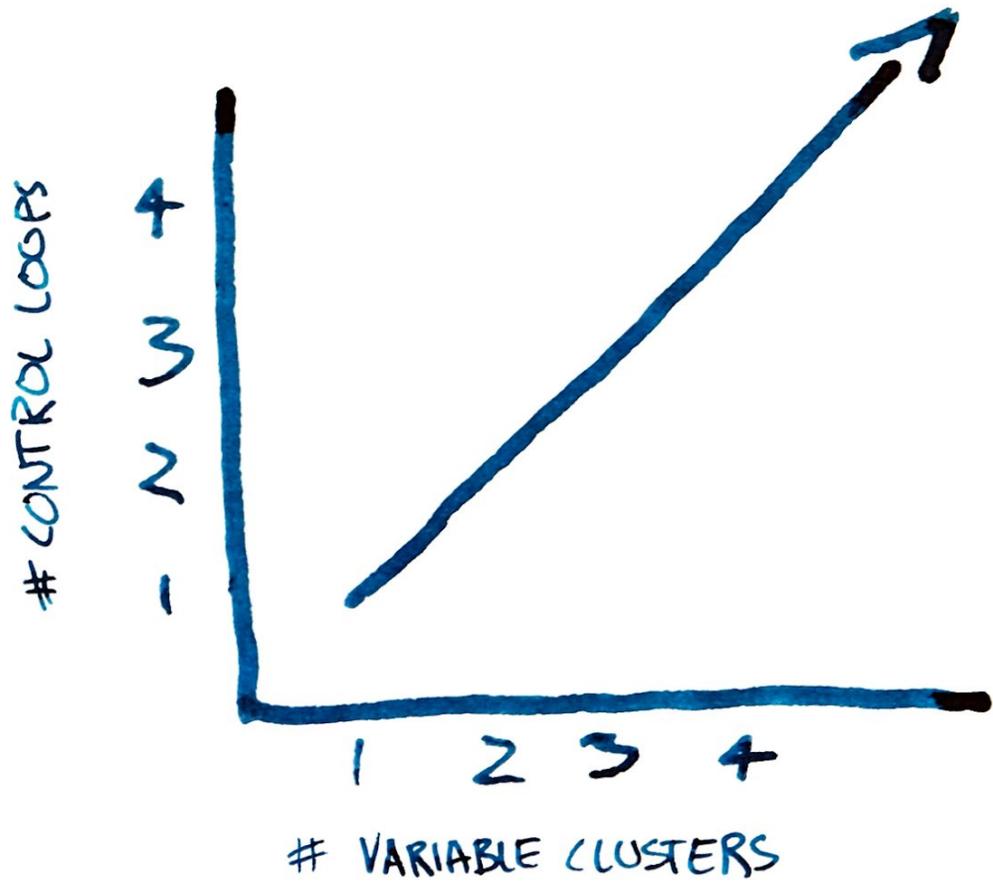


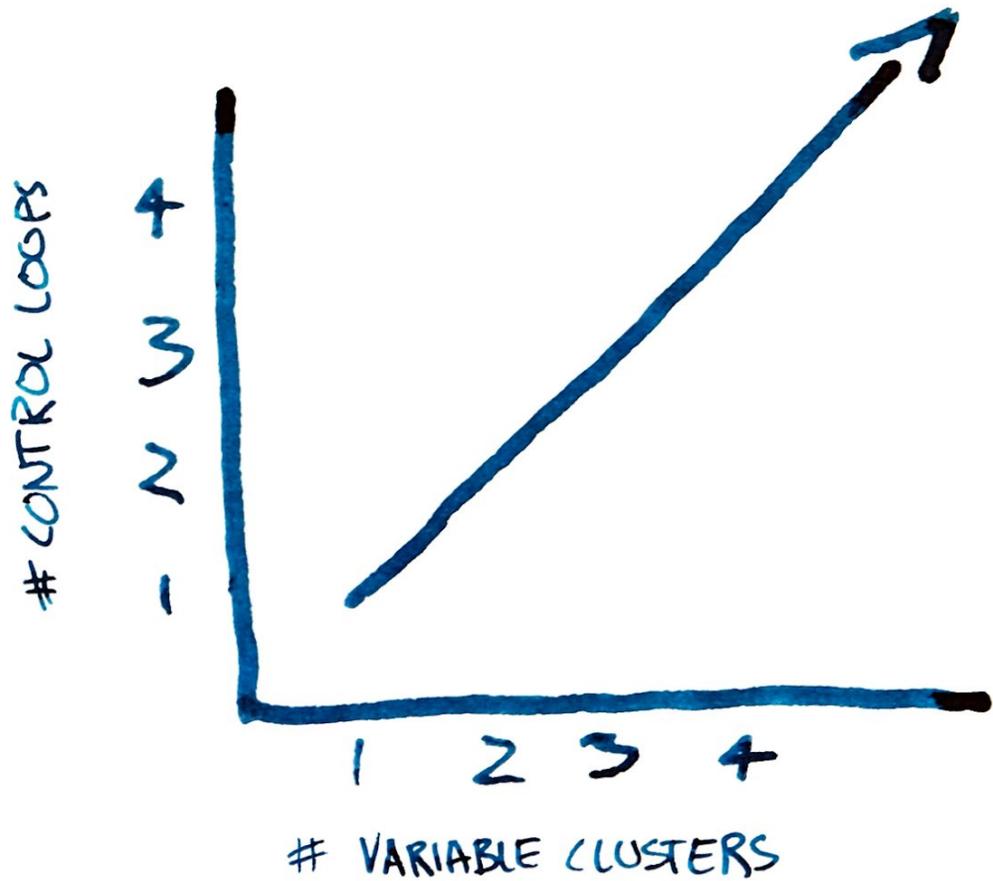
# BINARY VARIABLES

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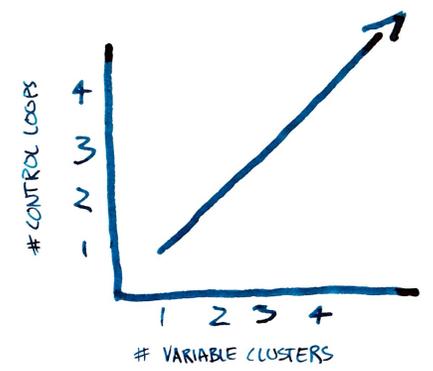
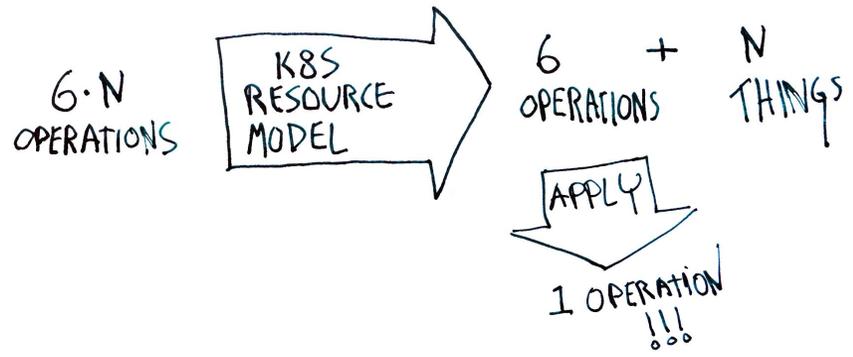
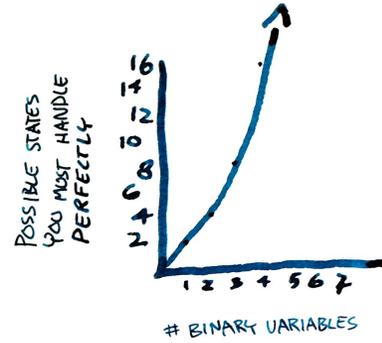
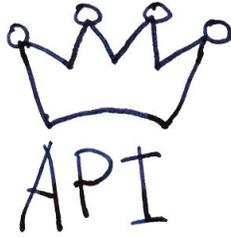


TECHNICAL TERM:  
NOT GOOD  
②





N ← TECHNICAL TERM:  
PRETTY GOOD 😊



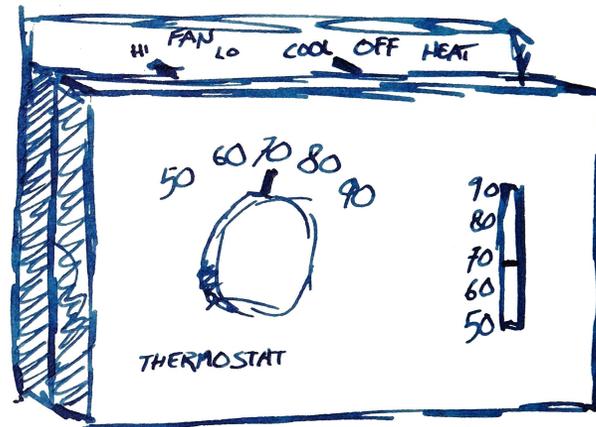
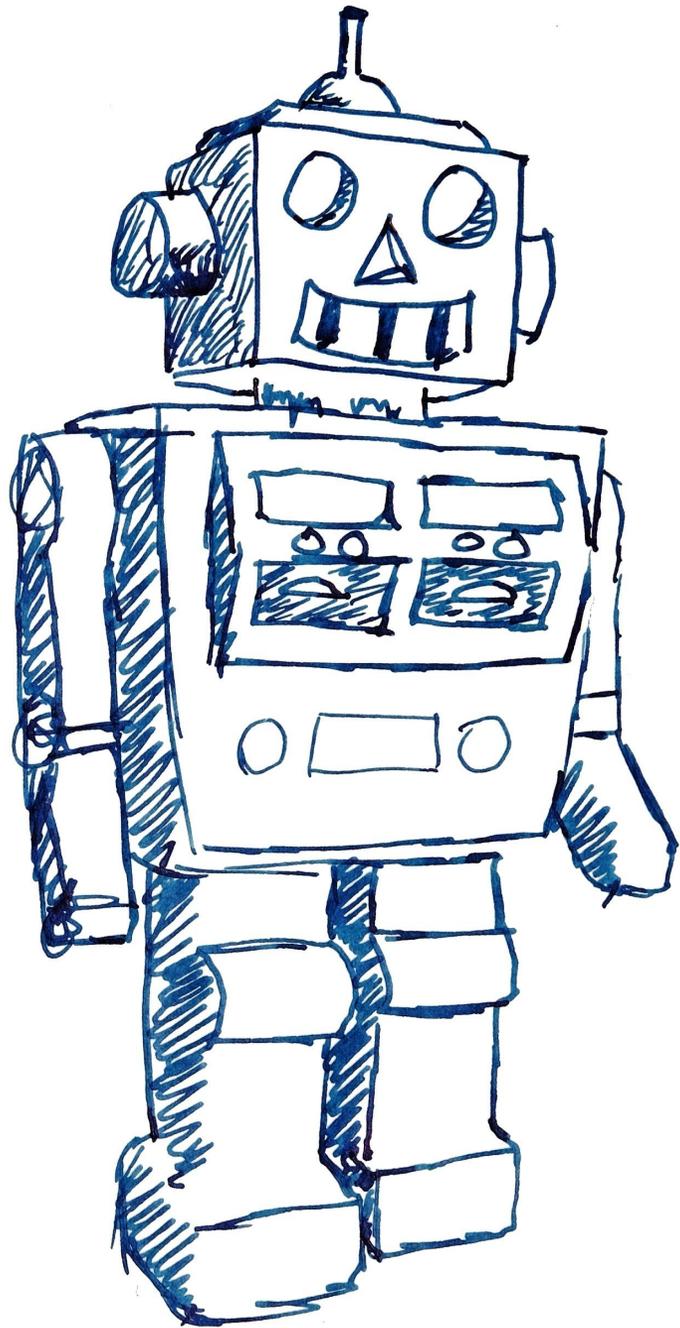
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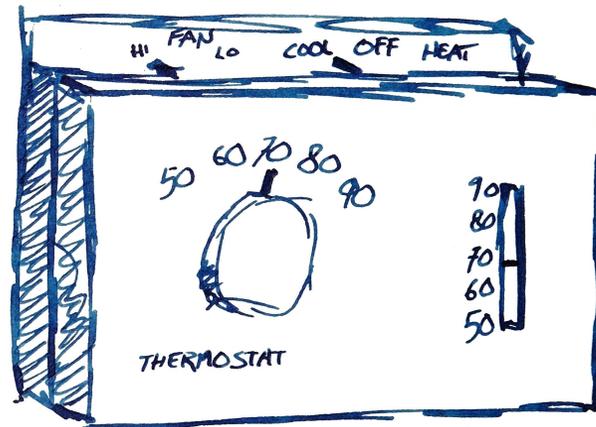
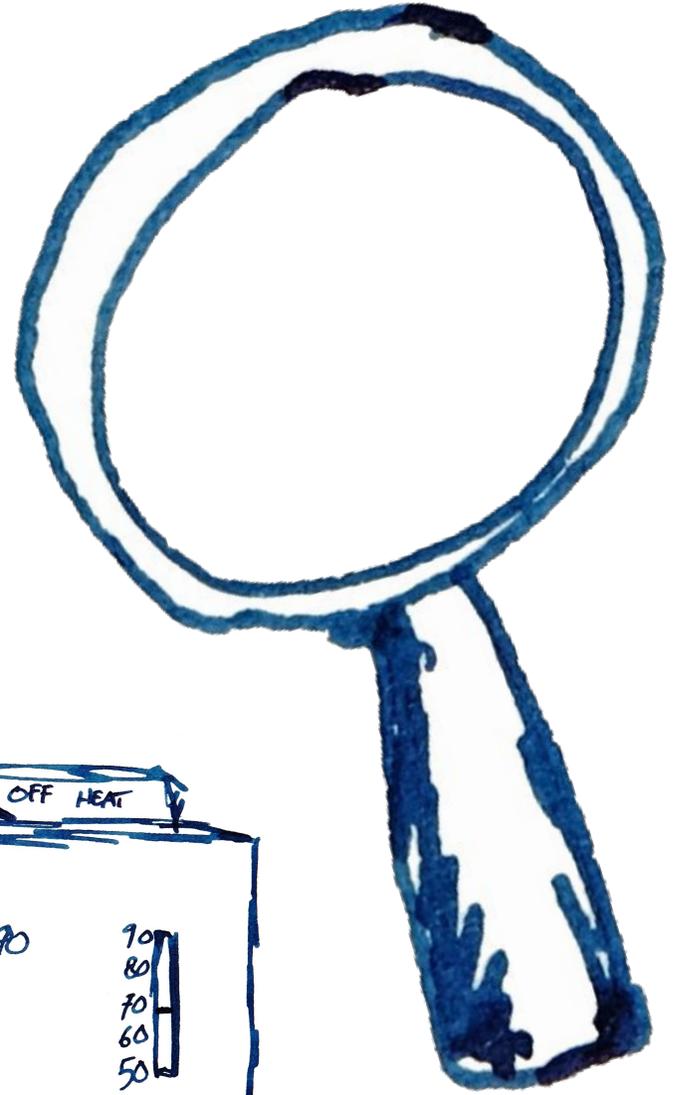
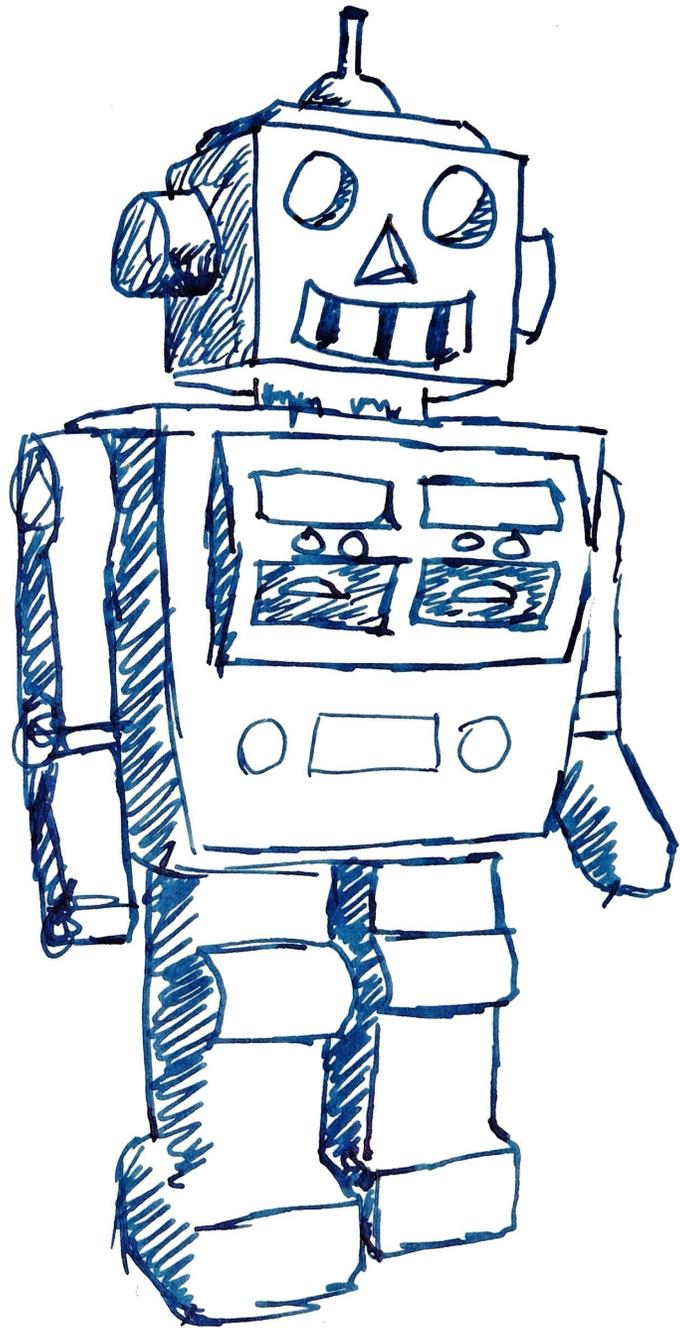
GLOBALLY EASIER  
LOCALLY HARDER

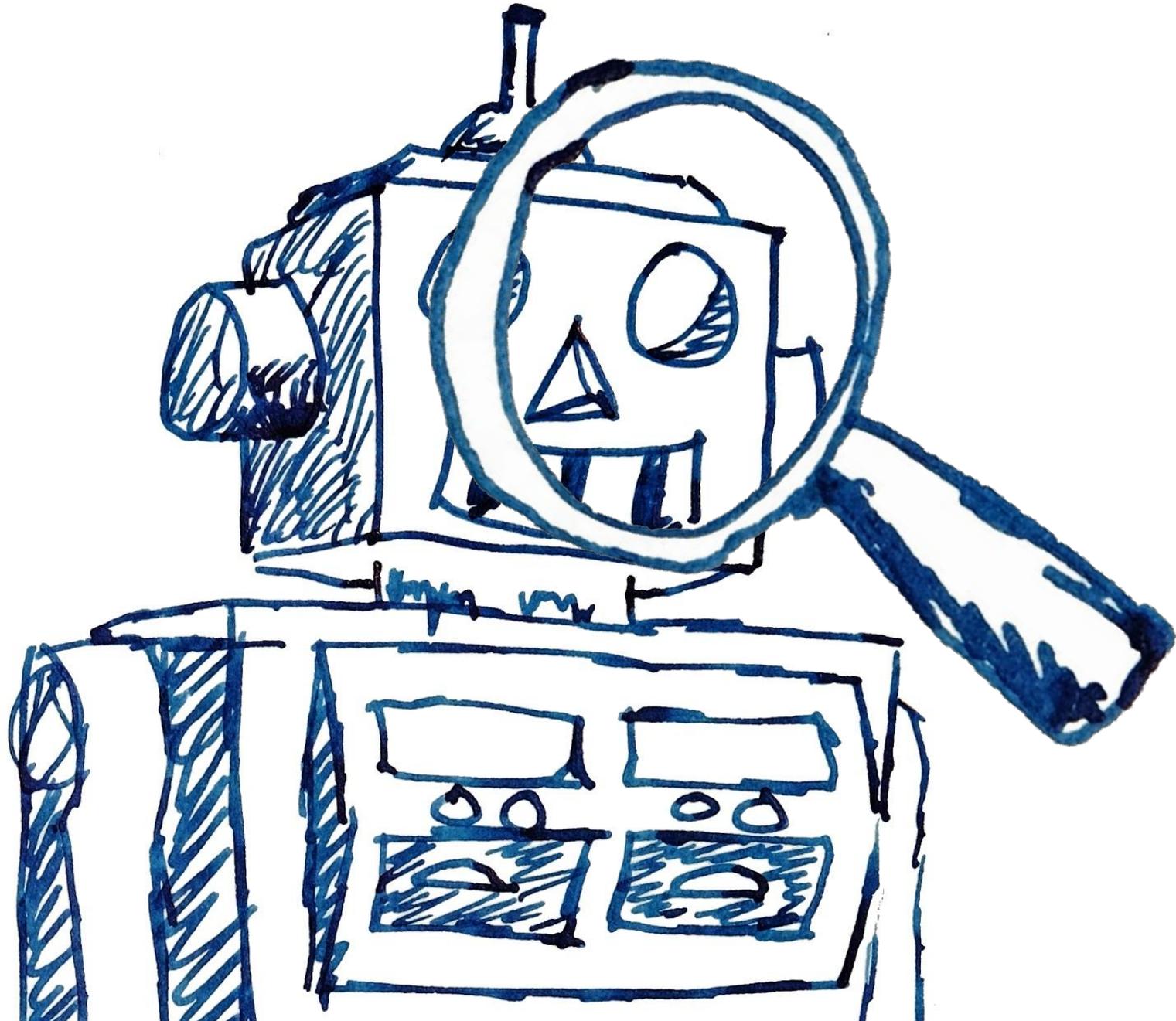
AN IDEAL KRM CONTROLLER

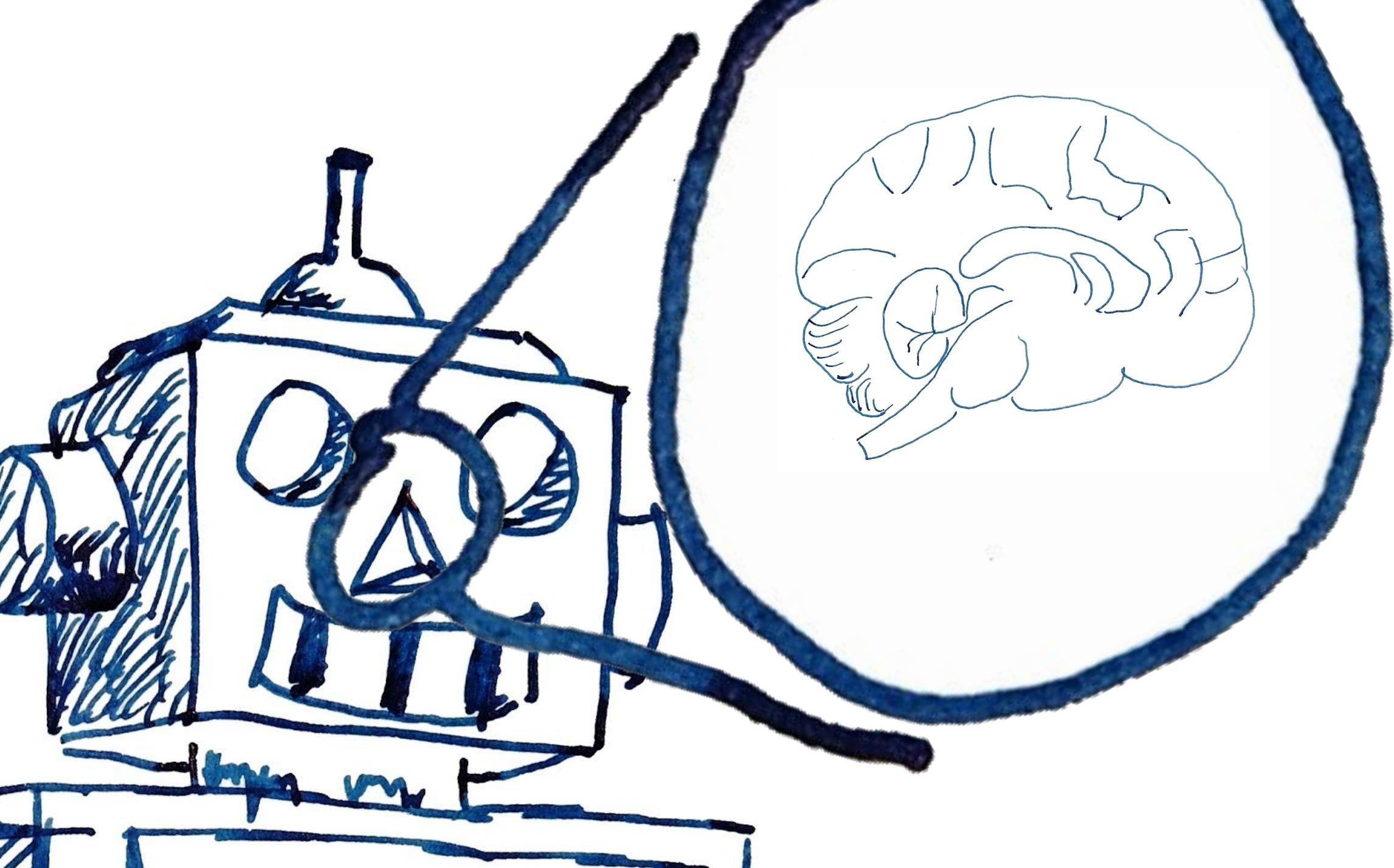
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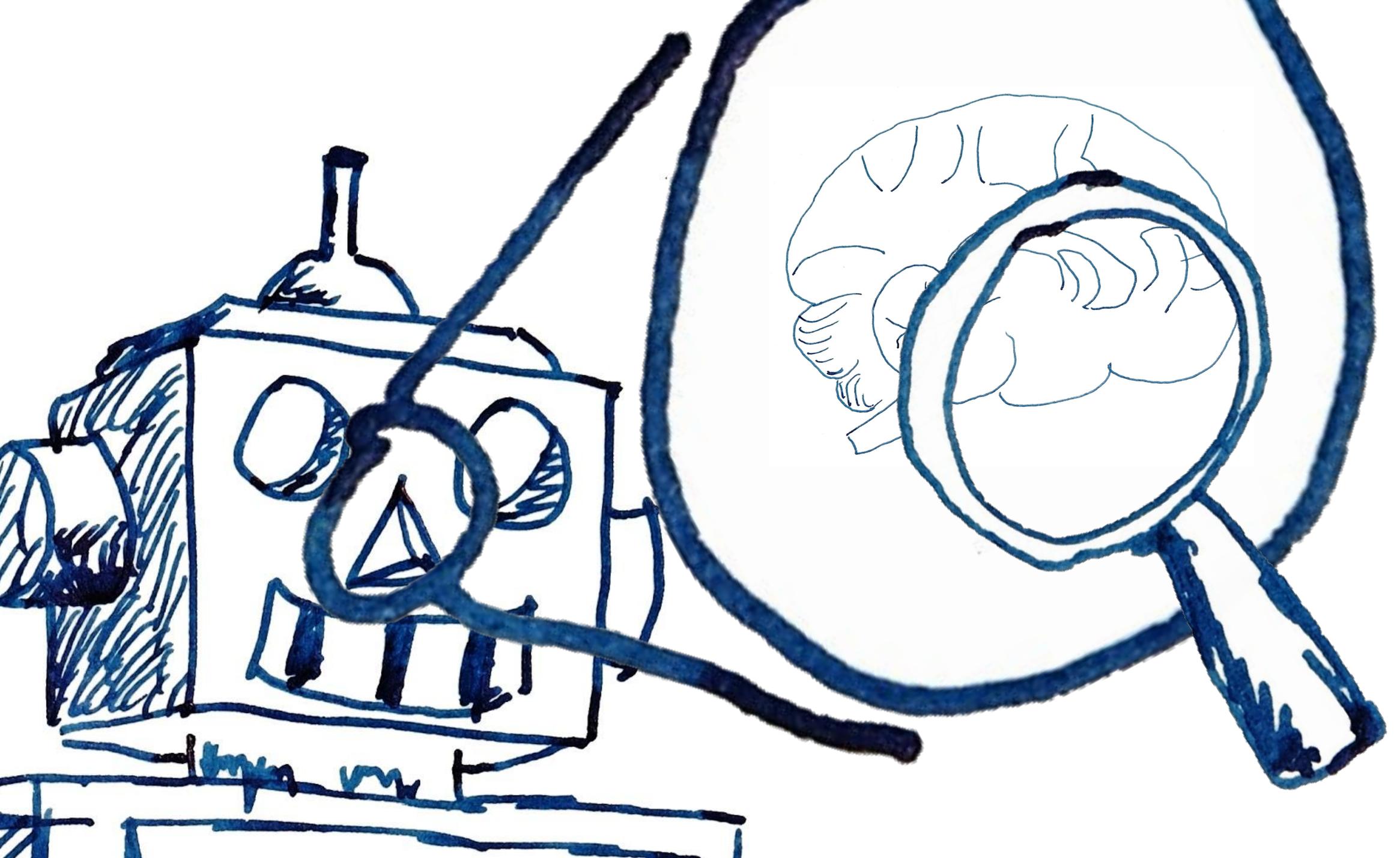
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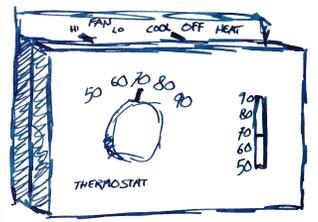
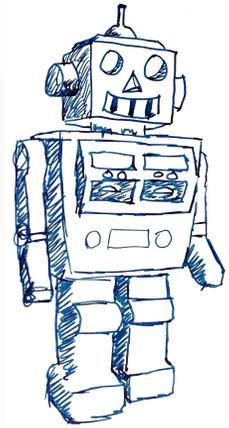
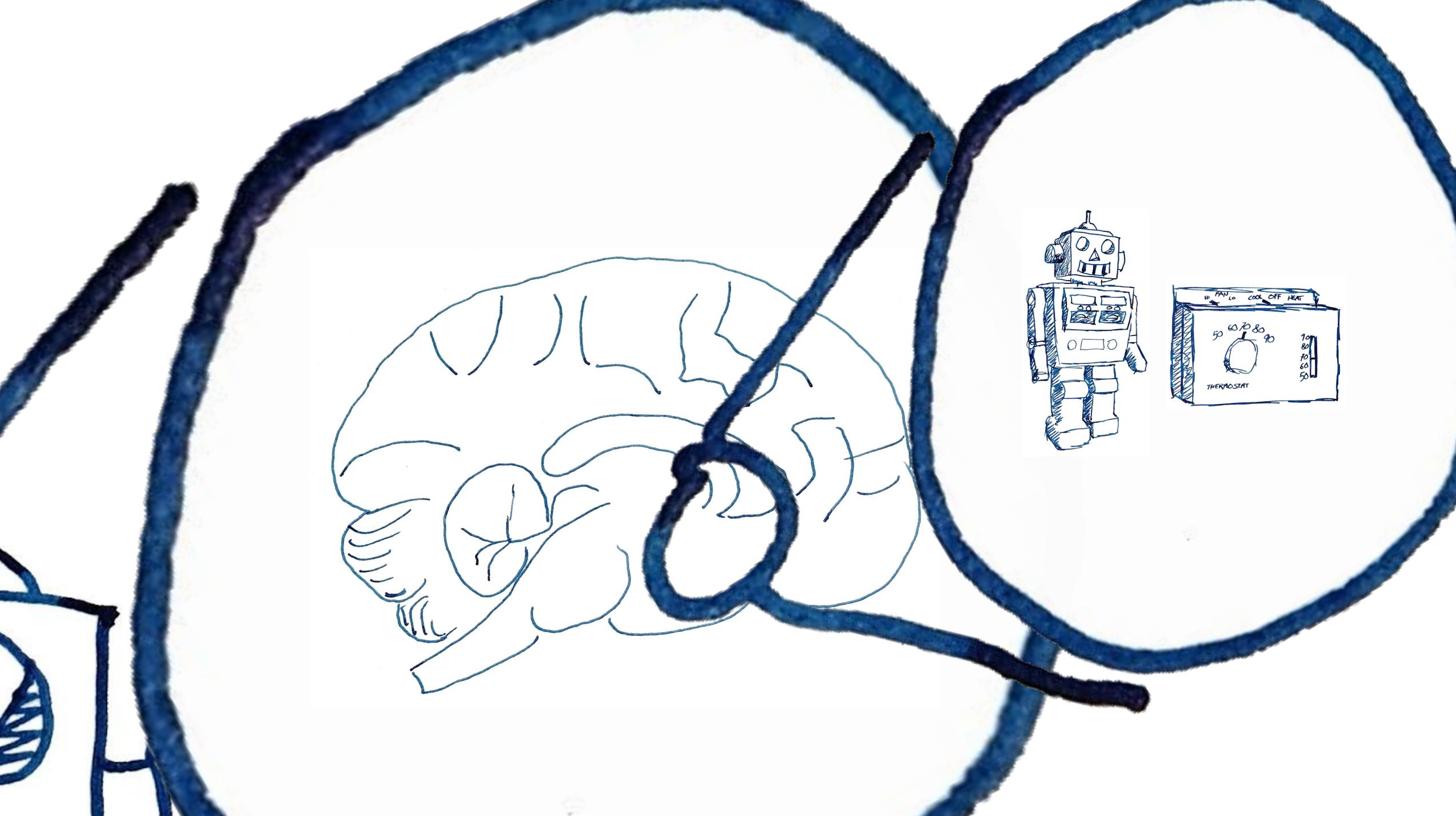


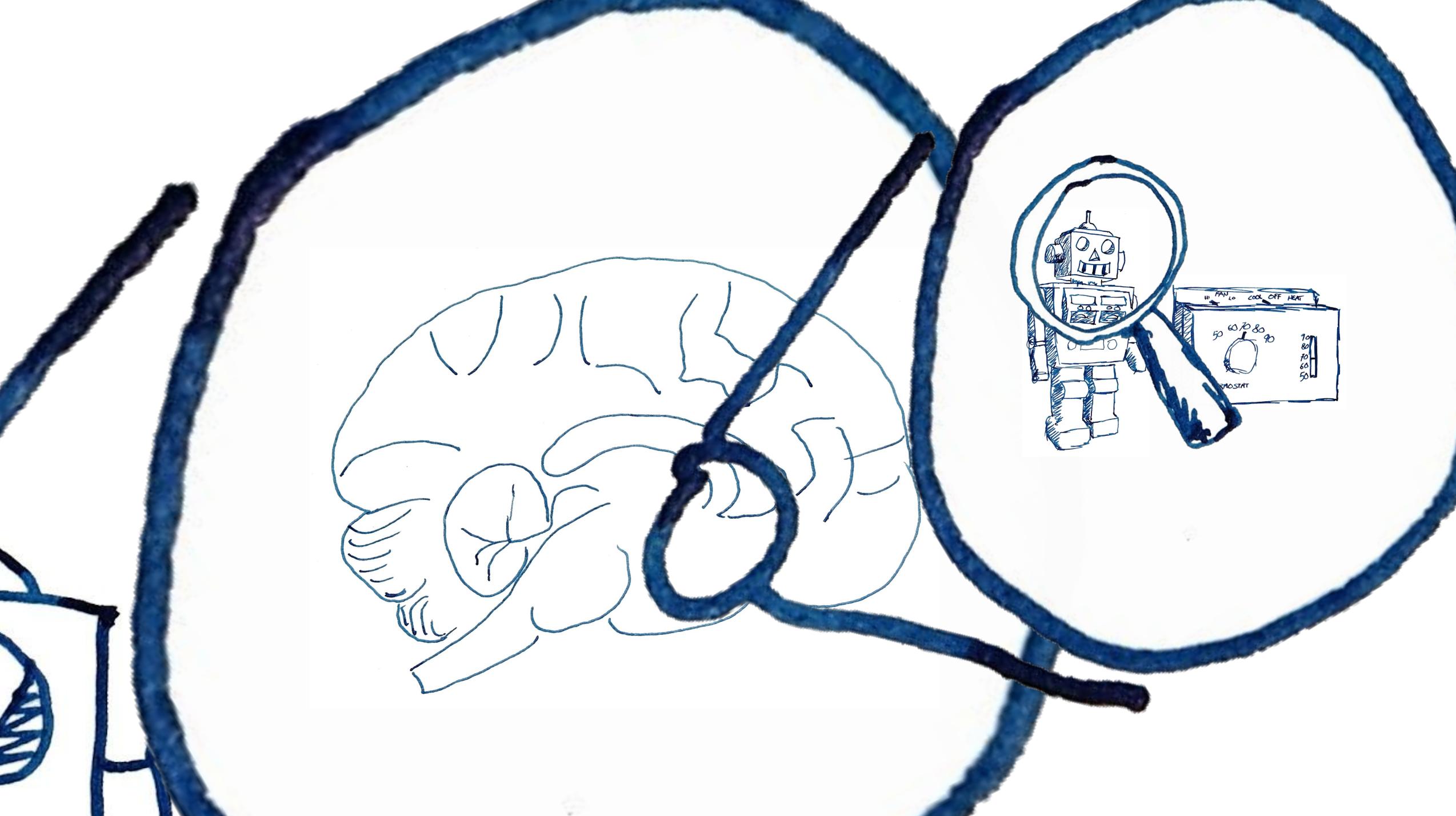


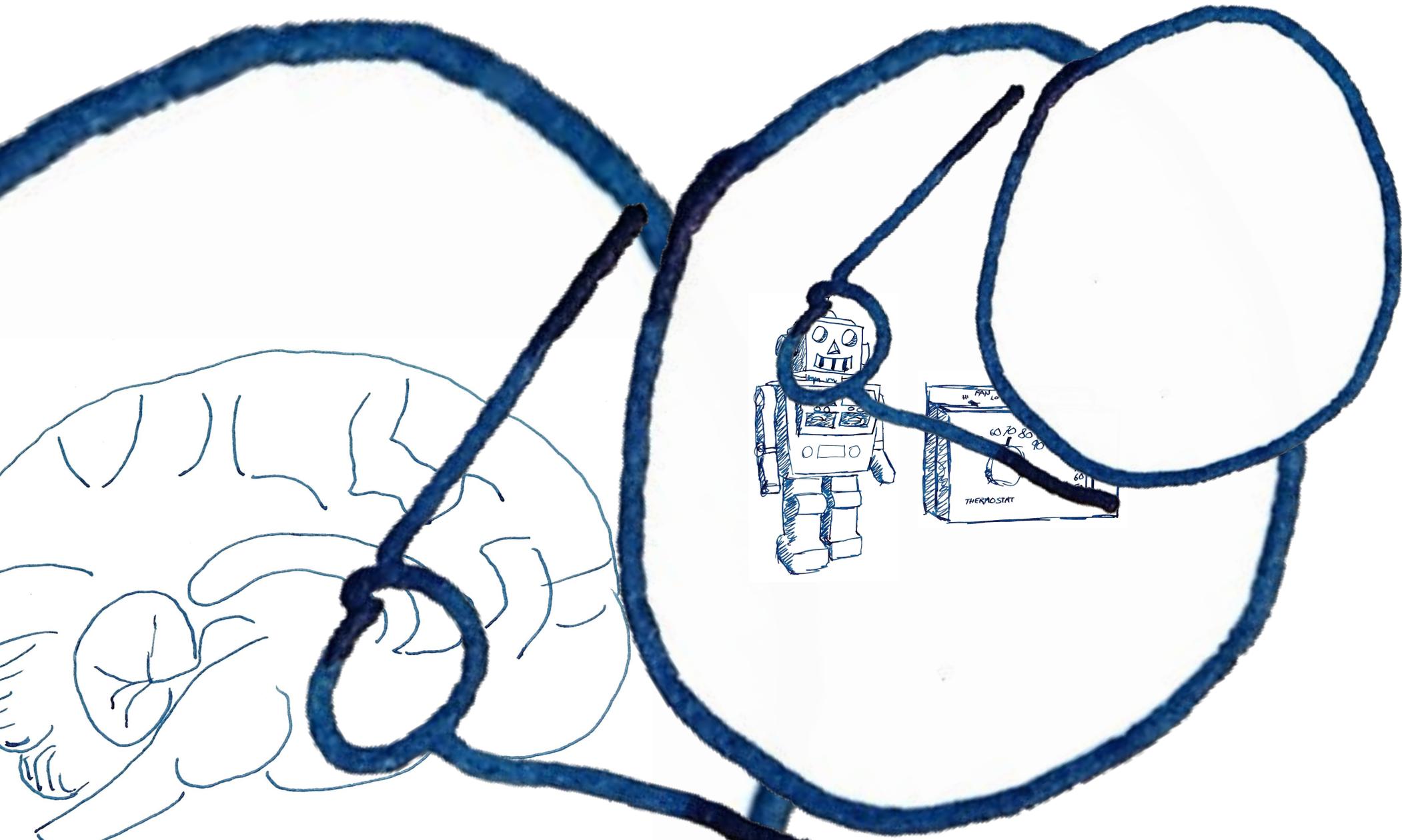












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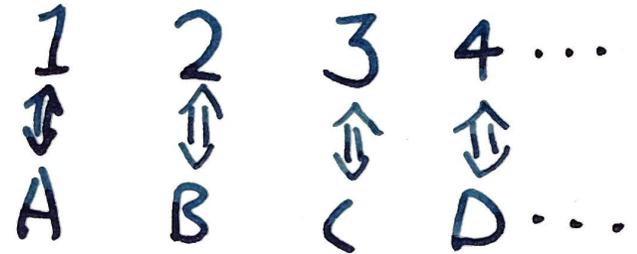
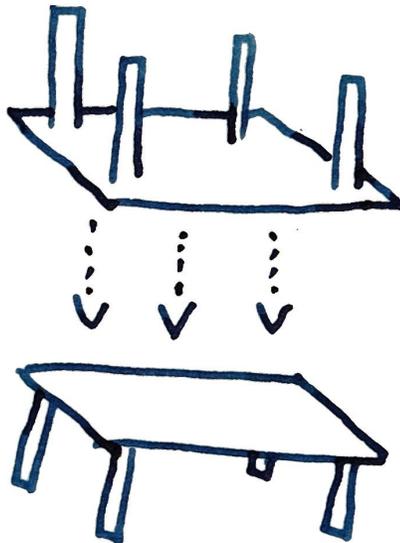
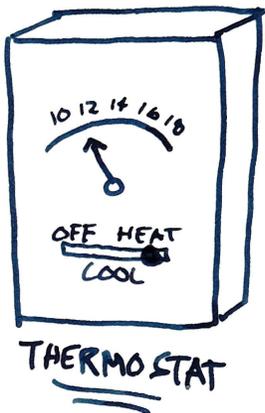
CONTROL ~~THEORY~~  
PRACTICE!

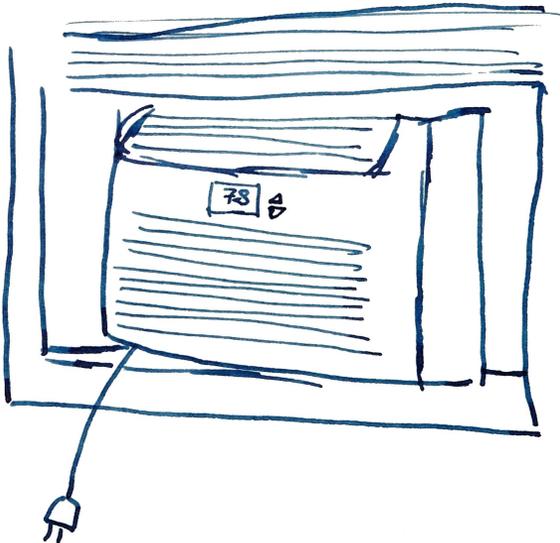
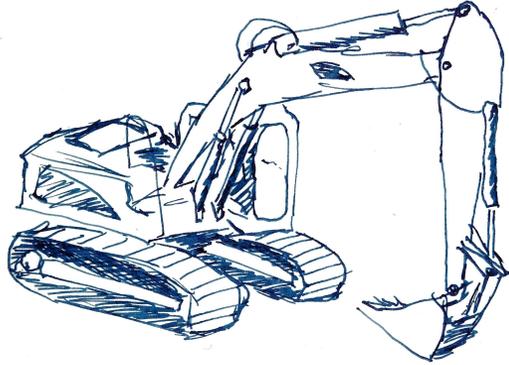
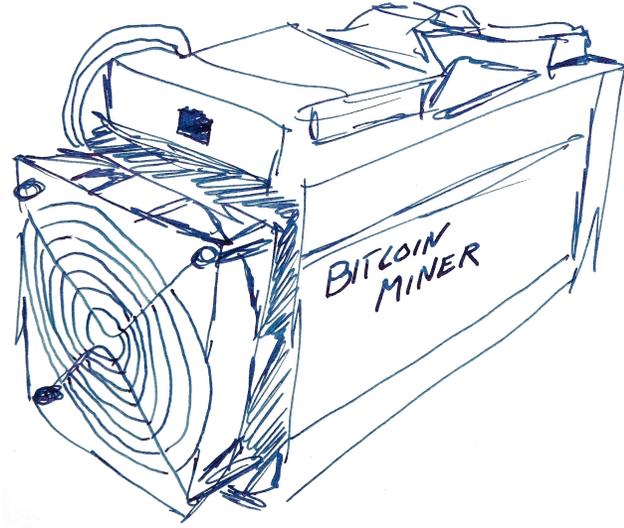
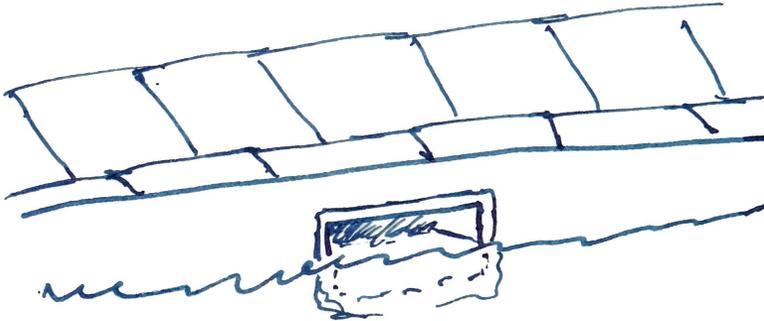
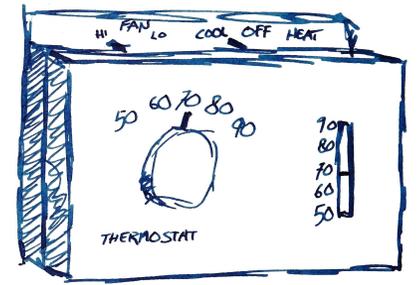
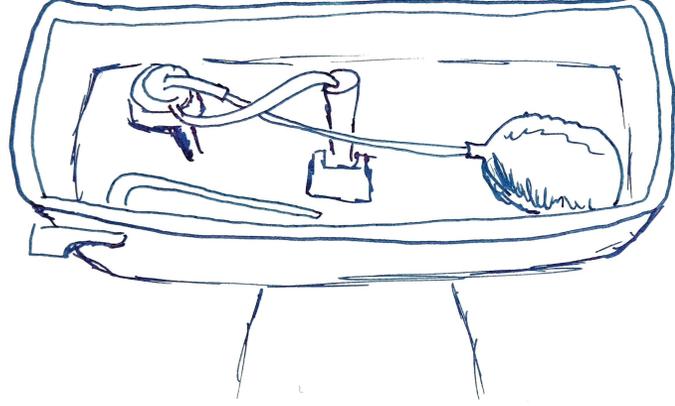
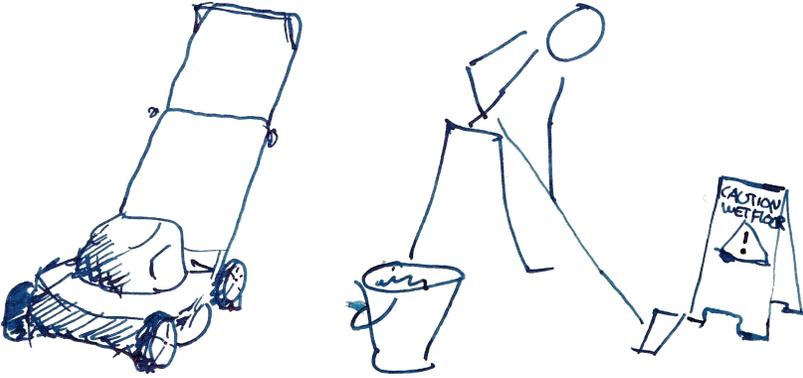
# What kinds of controllers are there?

- The “classic” controllers
- Bi- or injection enforcers
- Standing query / table join

# CONTROLLER CATEGORIES

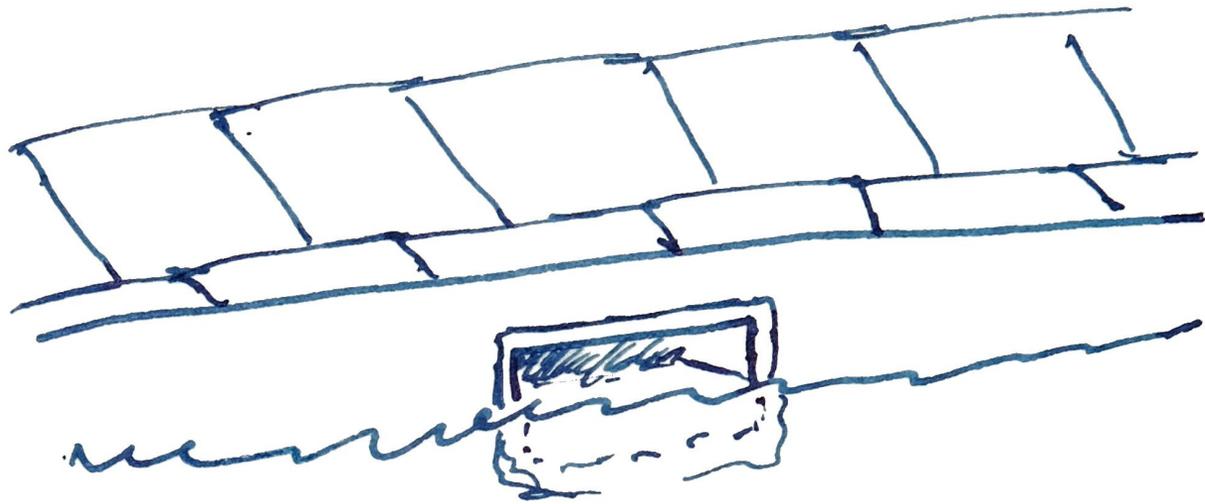
- \* THE "CLASSIC" CONTROLLERS
- \* STANDING QUERY / "TABLE JOIN"
- \* IN- OR BIJECTION ENFORCERS



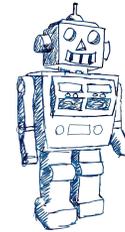


CLASSIC  
CONTROLLER

# CLASSIC CONTROLLER

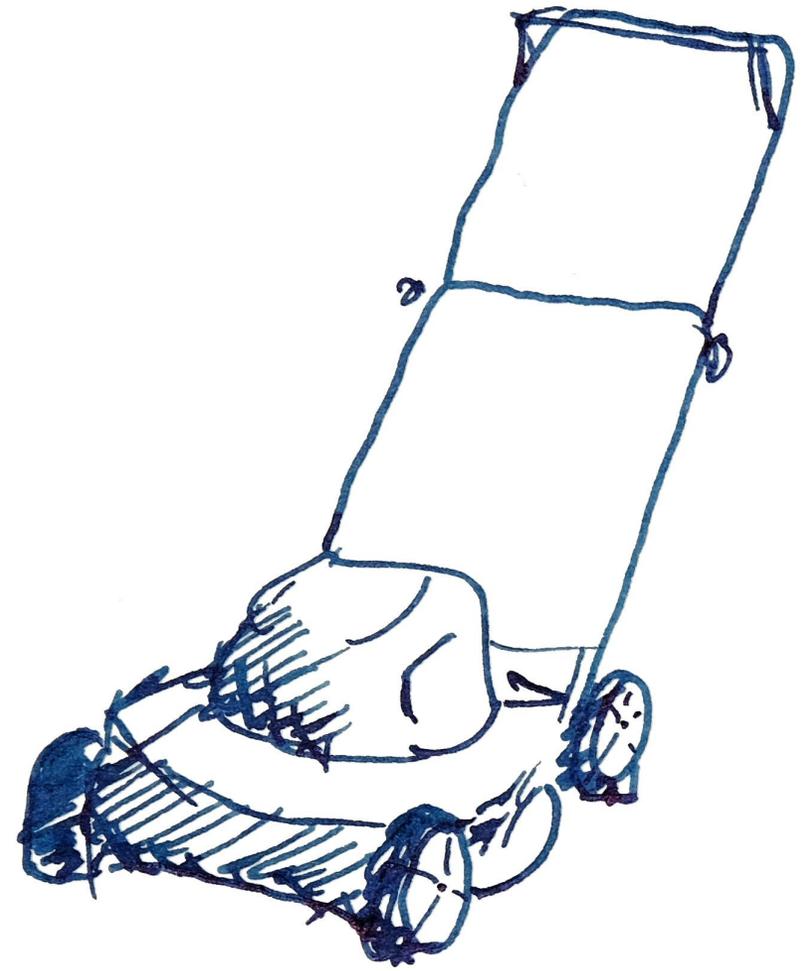
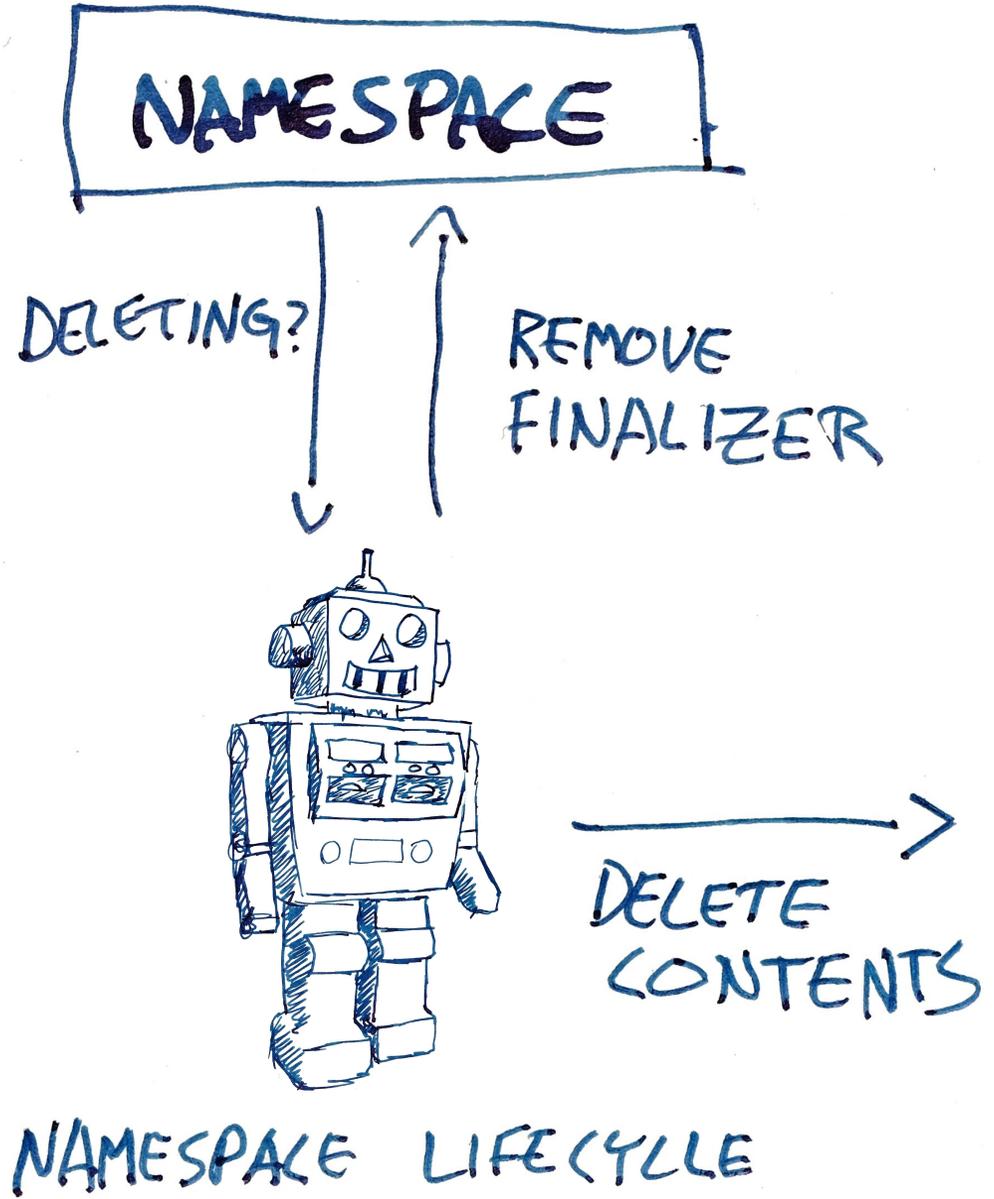


TOO MANY  
FINISHED?  
DELETE

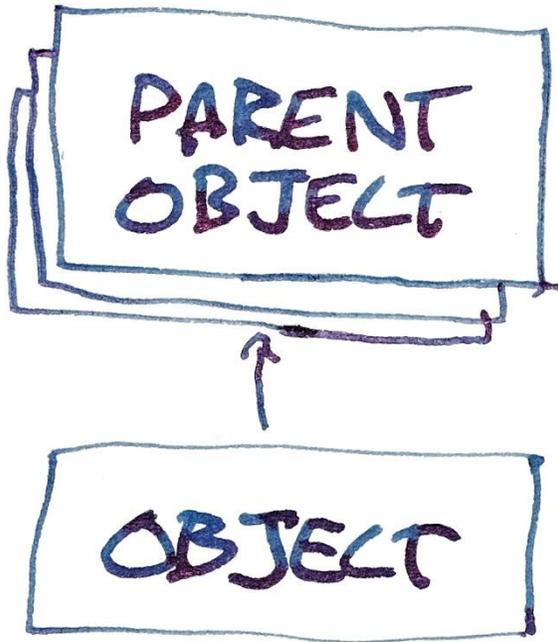


POD GC

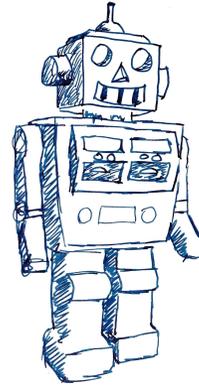
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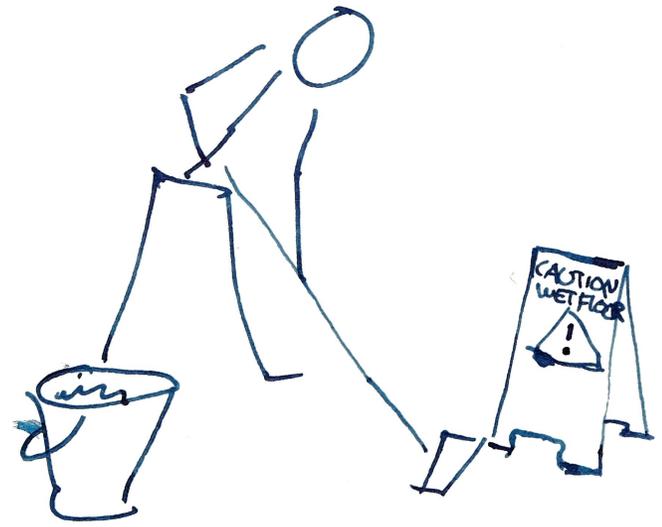
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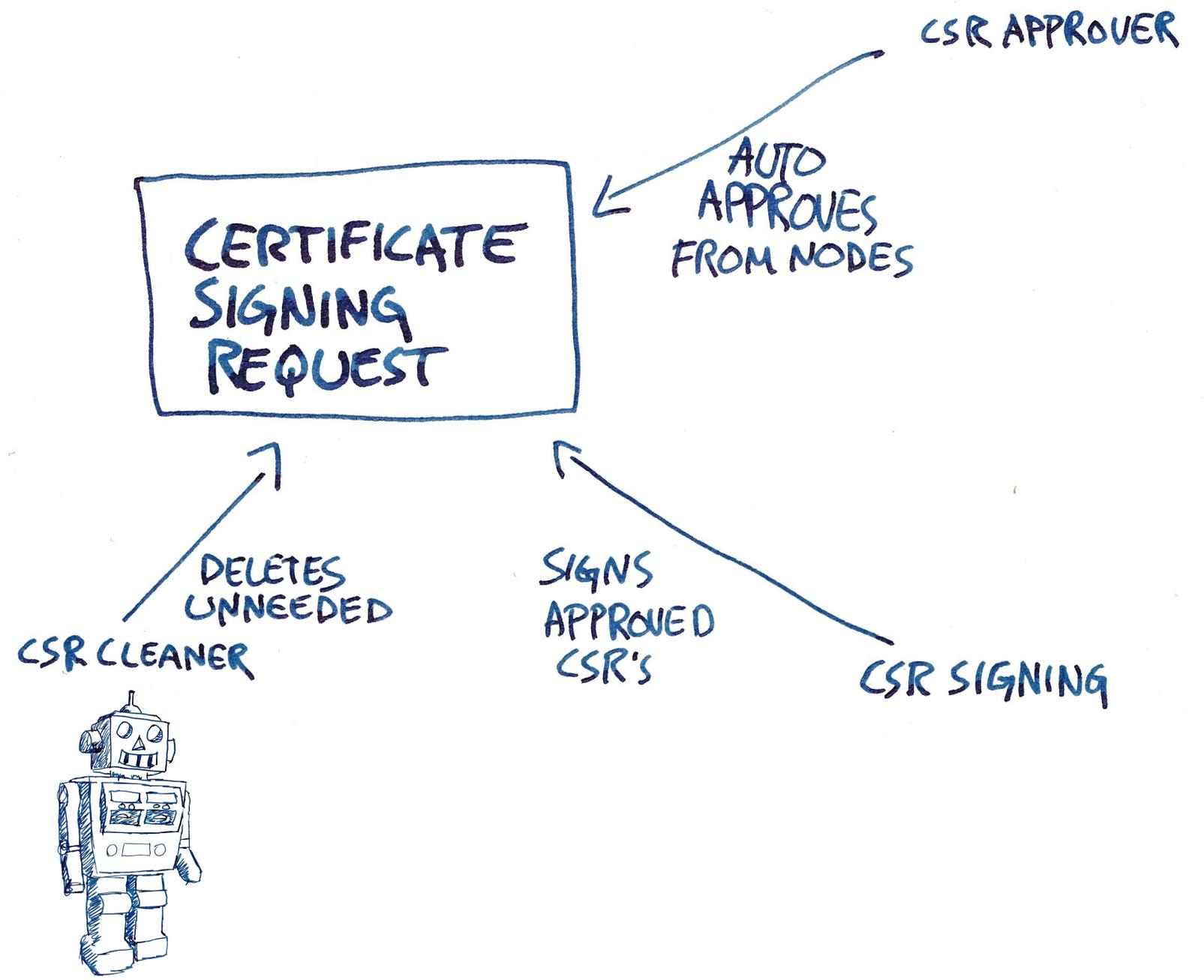
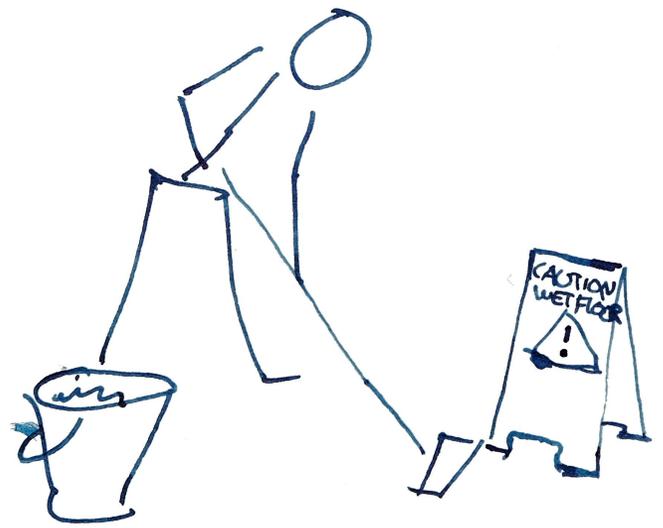
PARENTS  
ALL DELETED?  
←  
DELETE!



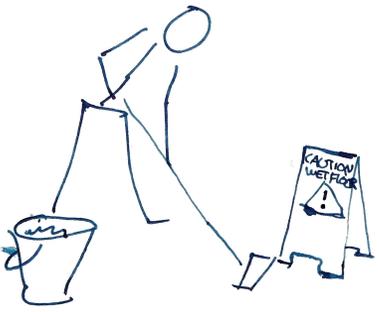
# GARBAGE COLLECTOR



# CLASSIC CONTROLLER



# CLASSIC CONTROLLER



PERSISTENT VOLUME

WAIT FOR CLEANUP  
REMOVE FINALIZER



PV-PROTECTION

PERSISTENT VOLUME CLAIM

WAIT FOR CLEANUP  
REMOVE FINALIZER



PVC-PROTECTION

JOB

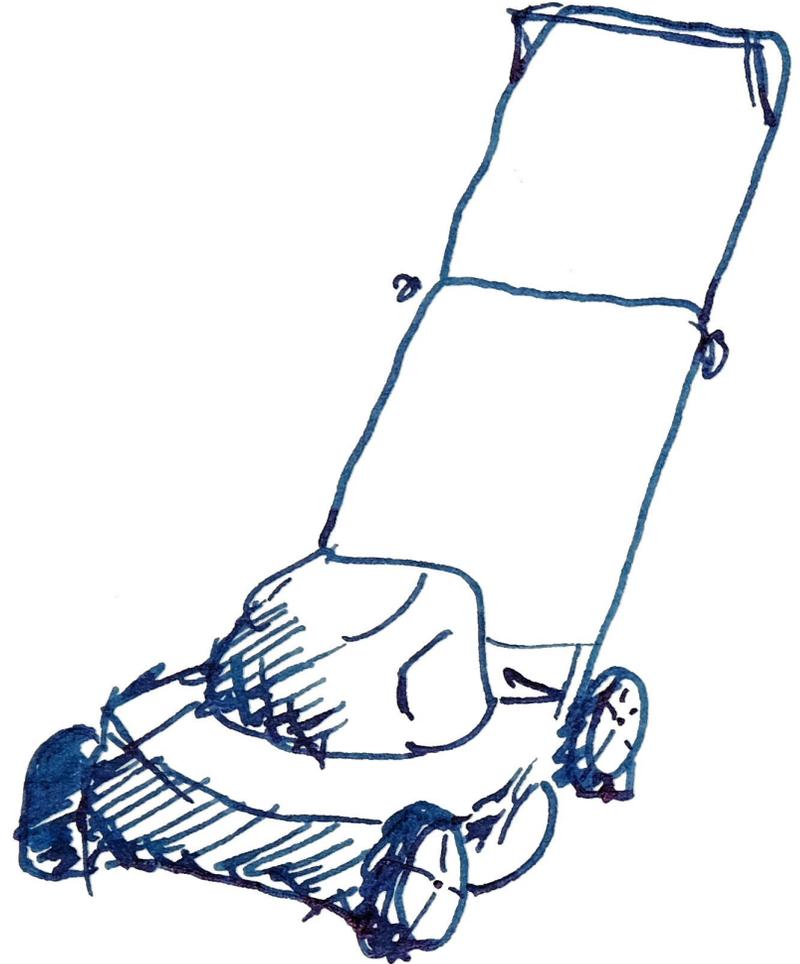


TOO OLD?  
DELETE

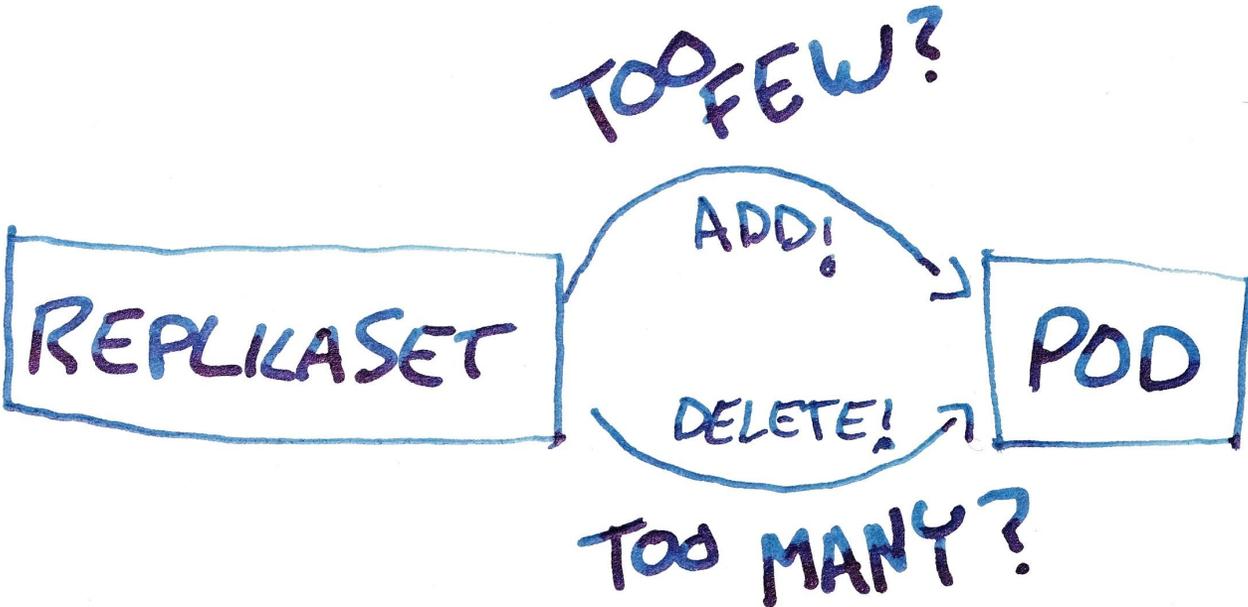


TTL-AFTER-FINISHED

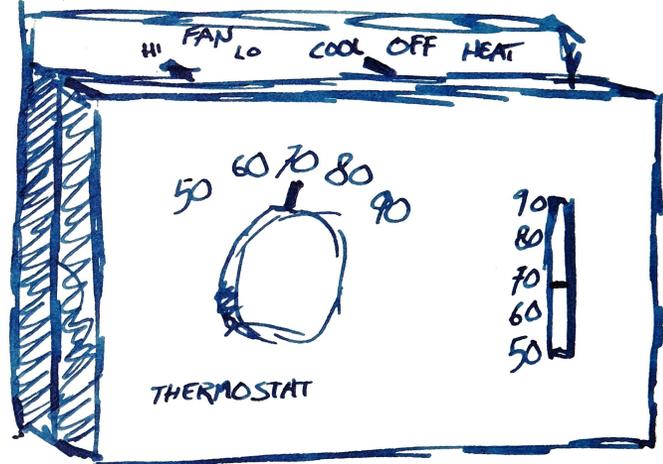
CLASSIC  
CONTROLLER



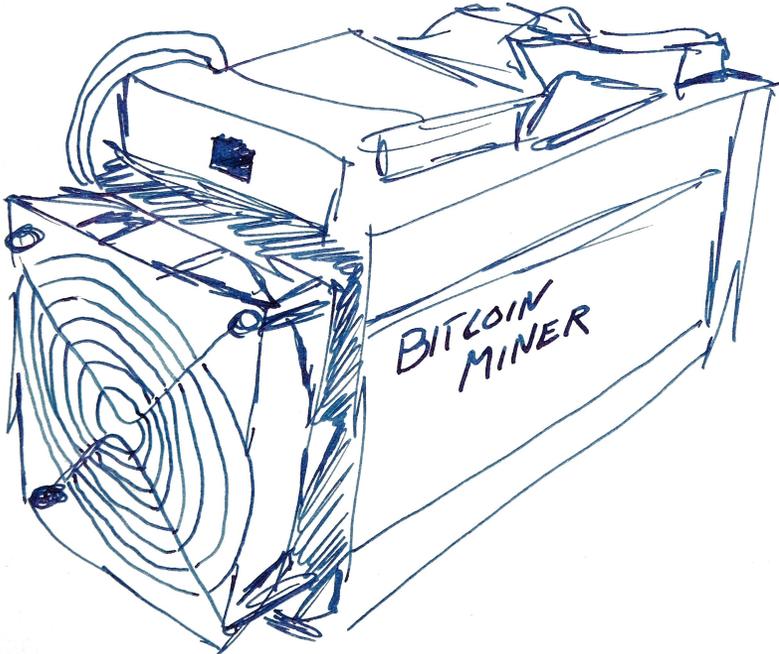
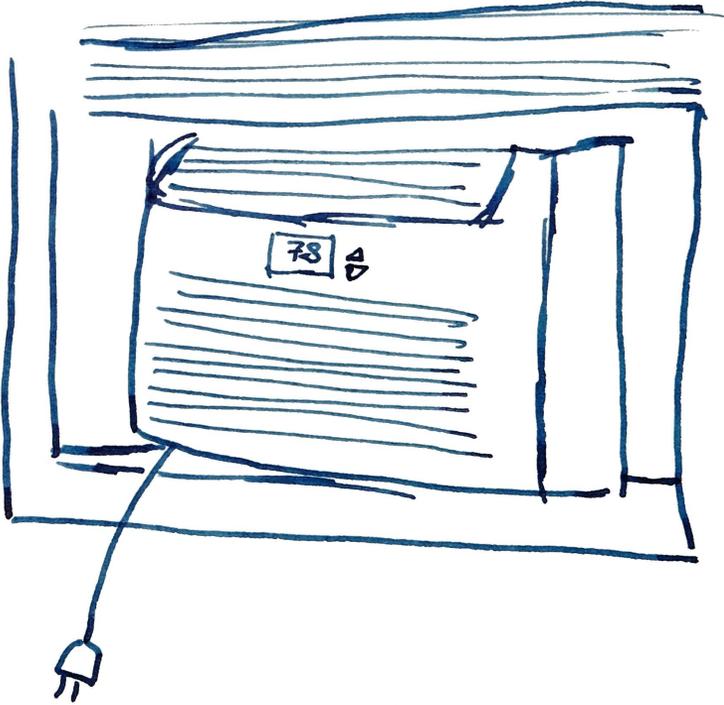
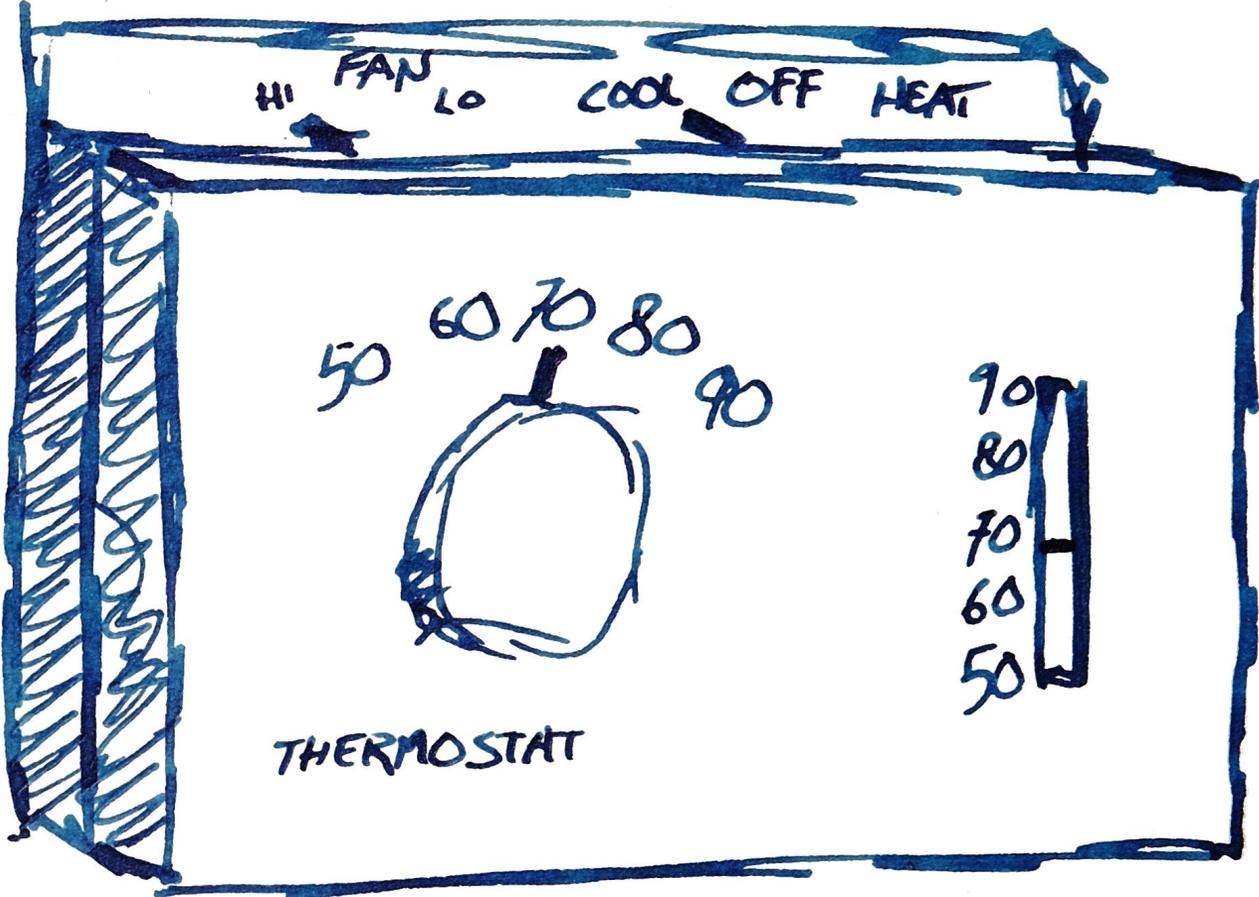
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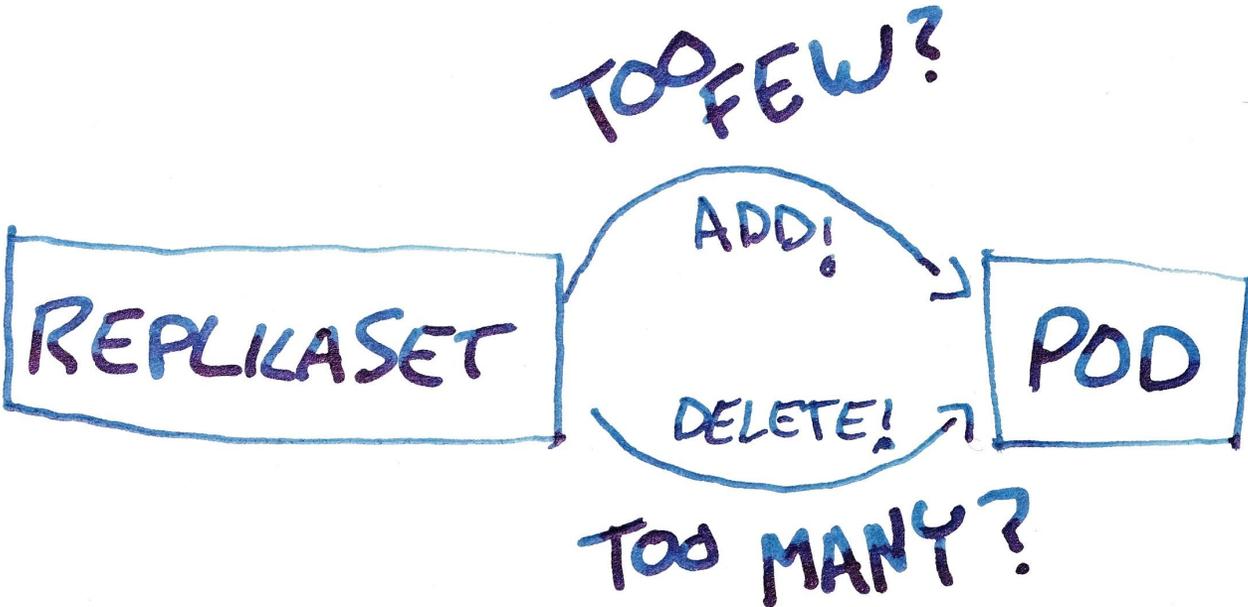
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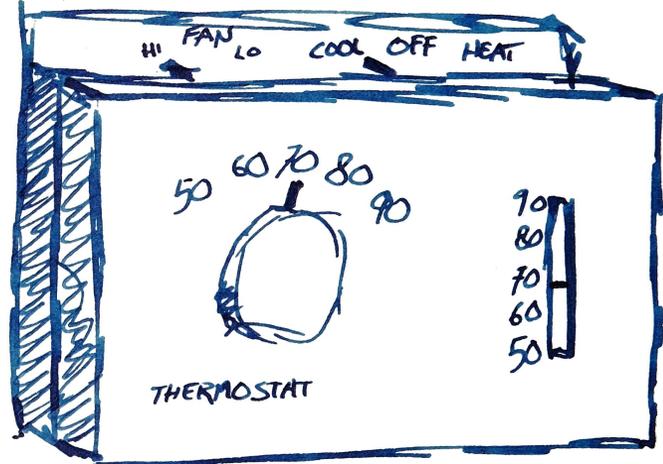
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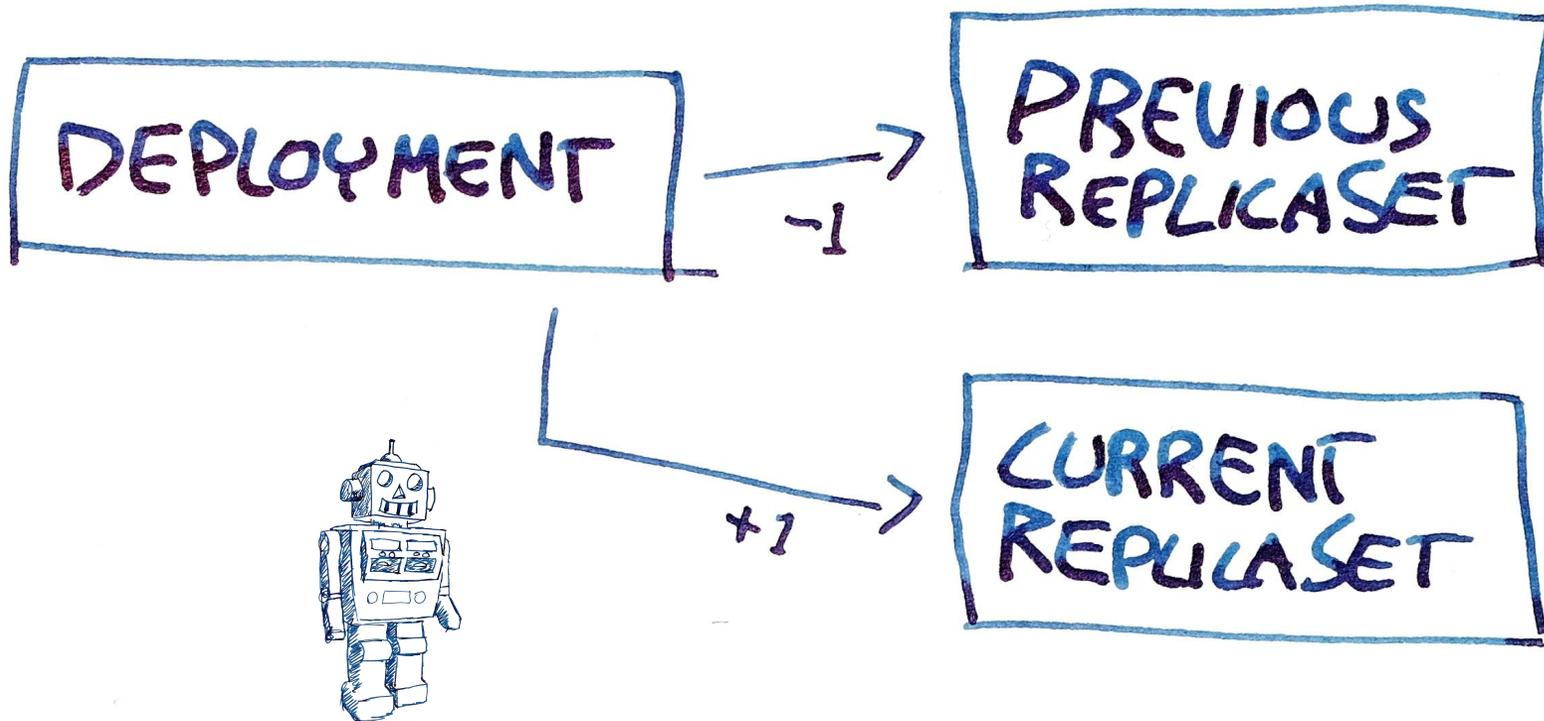
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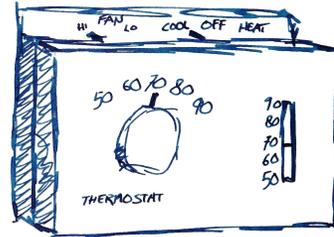
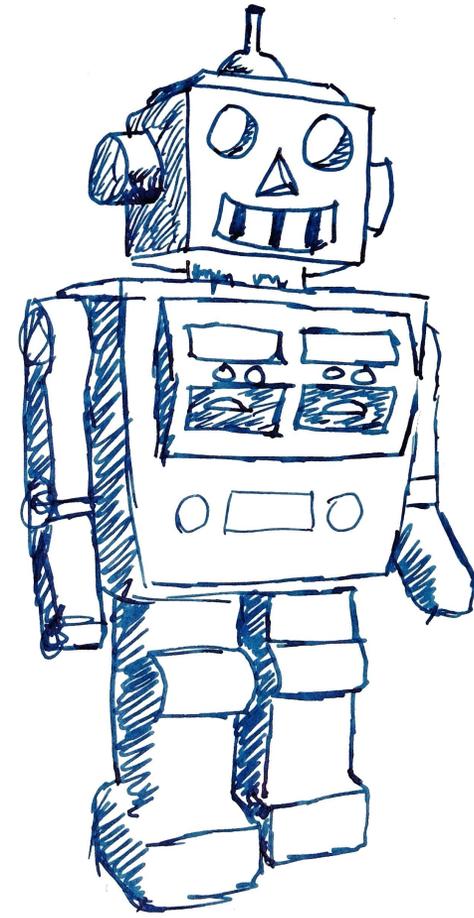
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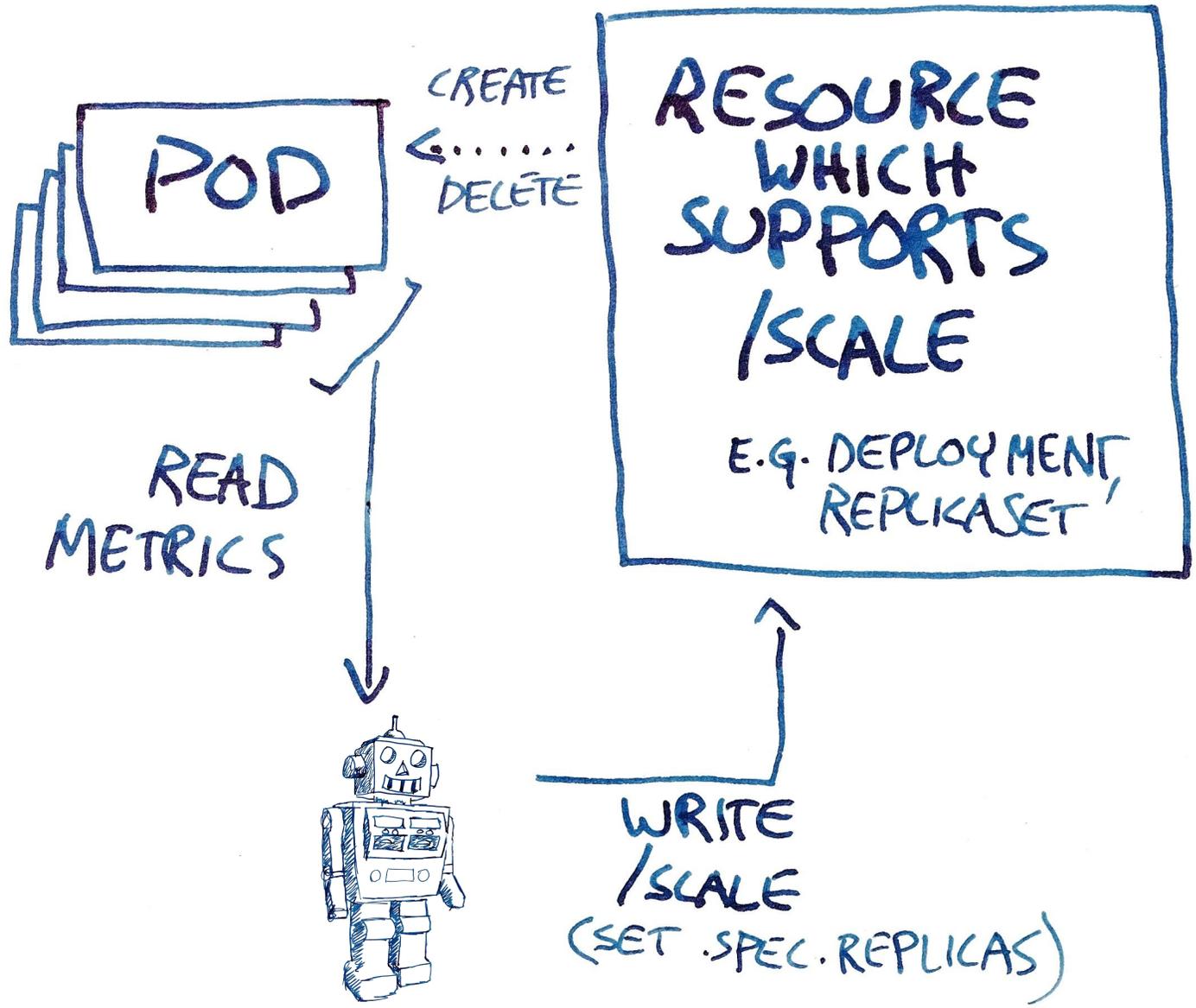


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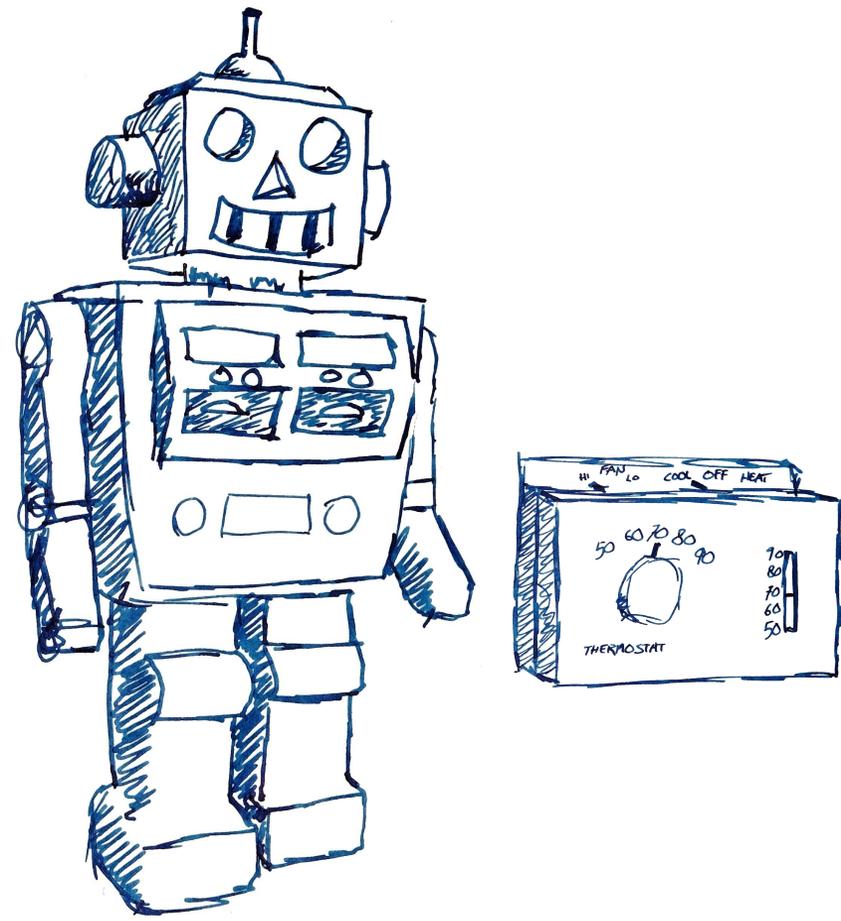
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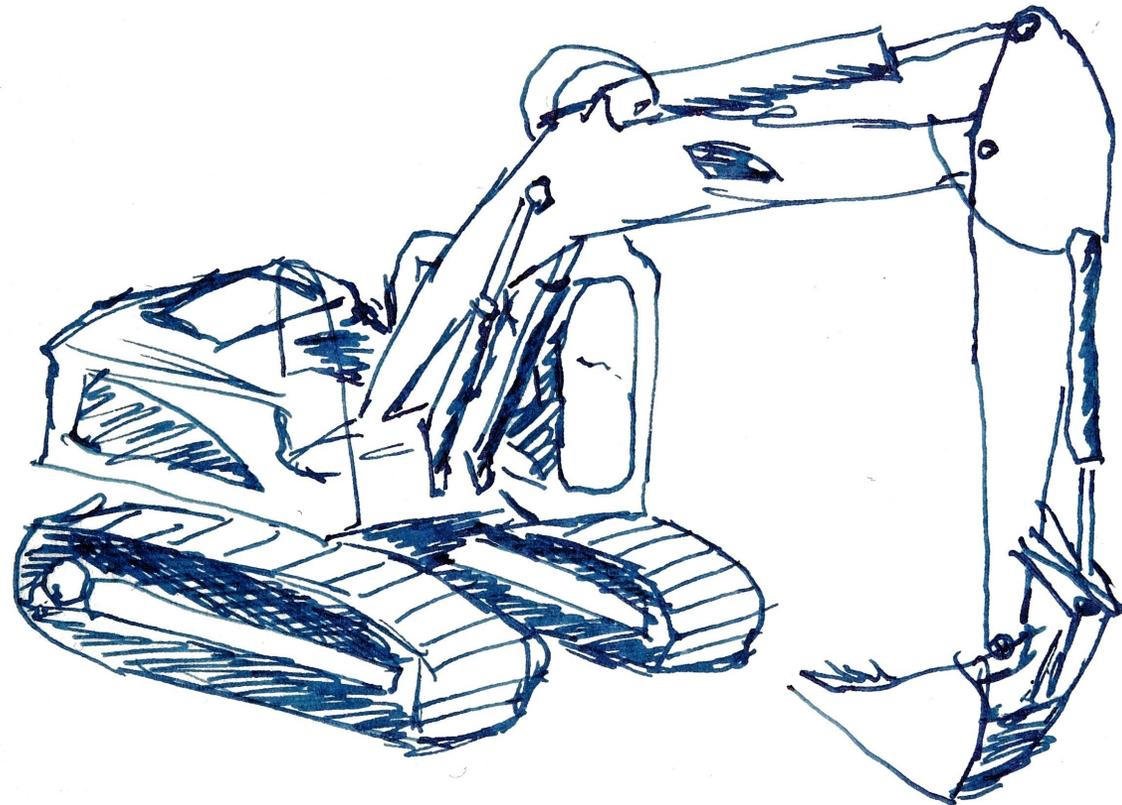


# HORIZONTAL POD AUTOSCALER

# CLASSIC CONTROLLER

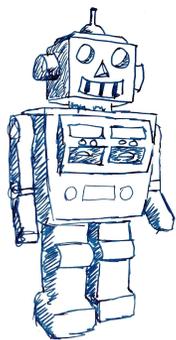


# CLASSIC CONTROLLER



UNSCHEDULED  
POD

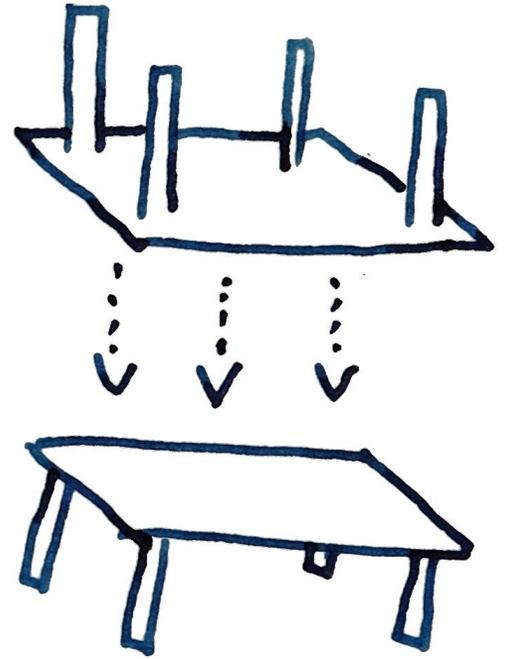
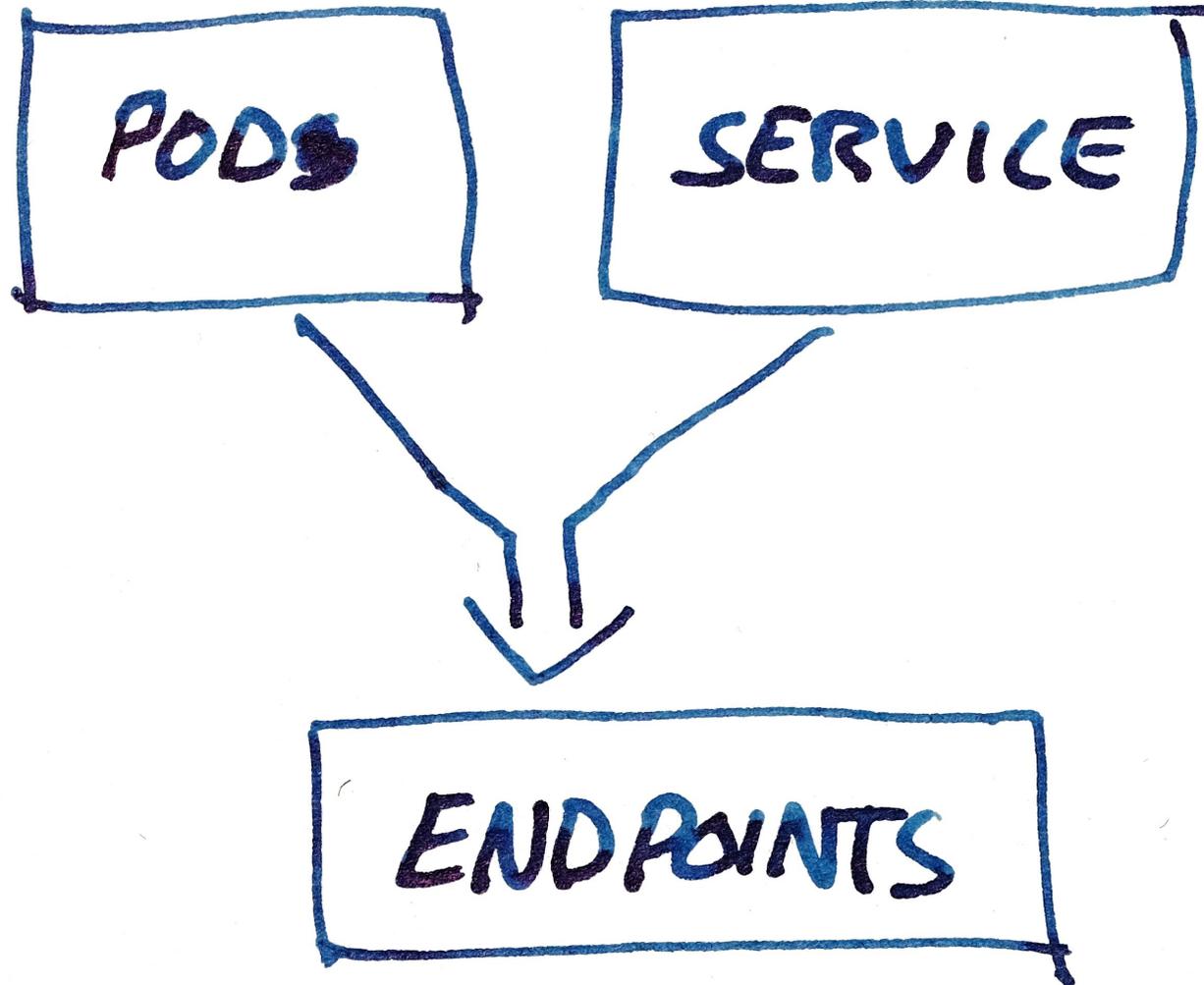
↓ TOO  
MANY?



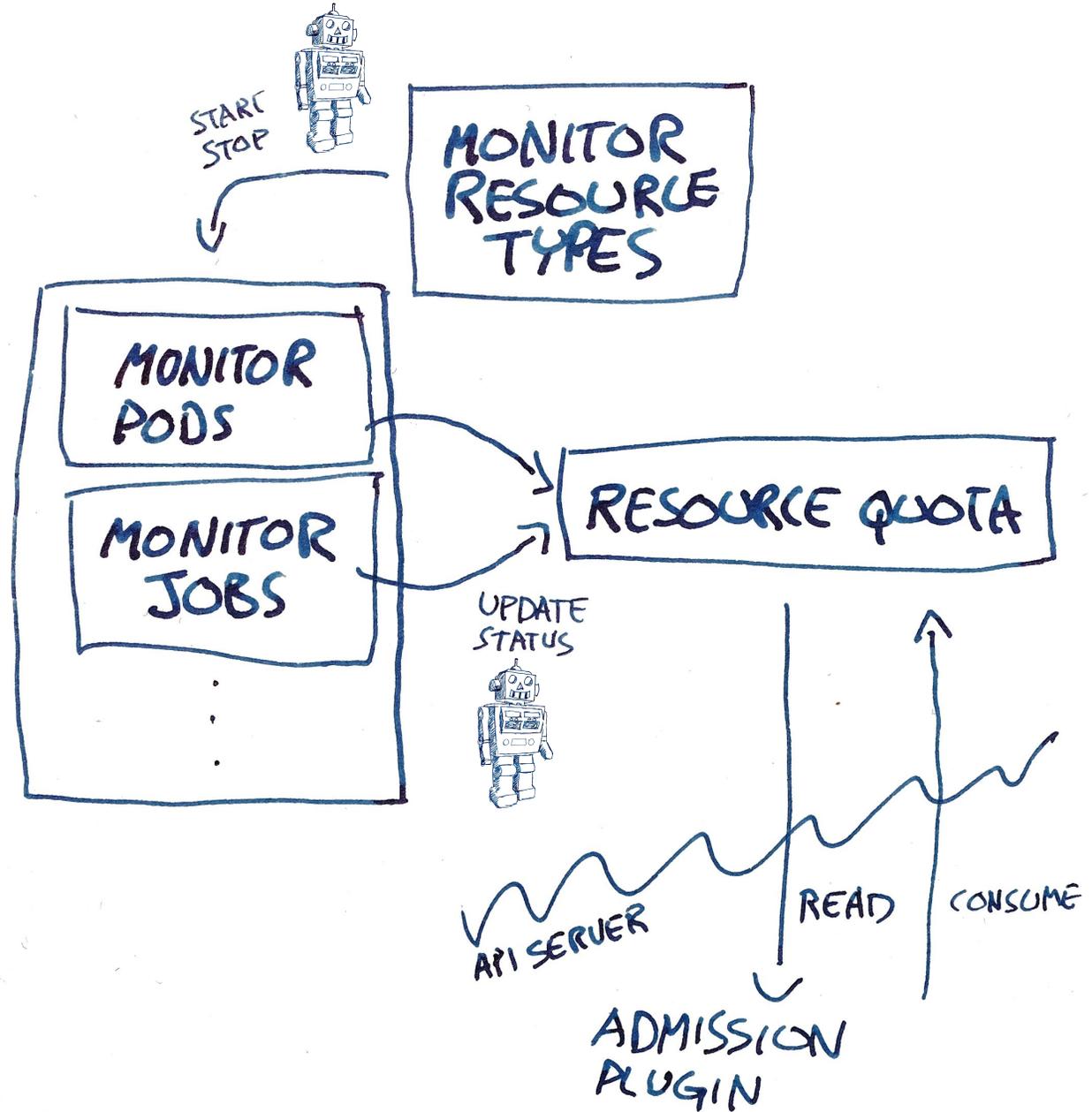
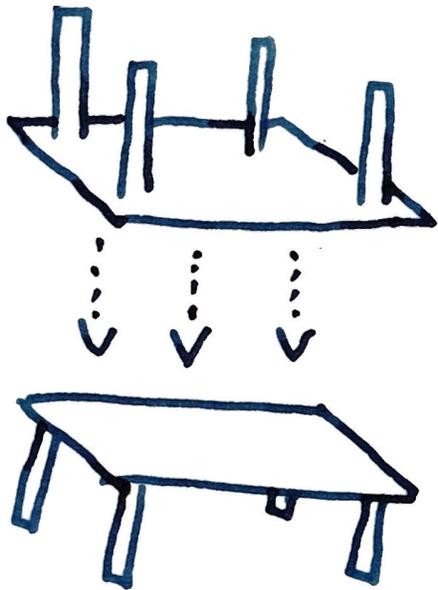
→ ADD NODES →

~~~~~  
CLOUD  
PROVIDER

# STANDING QUERY TABLE JOIN



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# STANDING QUERY TABLE JOIN

SERVICEACCOUNT

HAS  
A

LIST OF  
RELATED  
SECRETS

SECRET

CONTAINS  
UP TO ONE

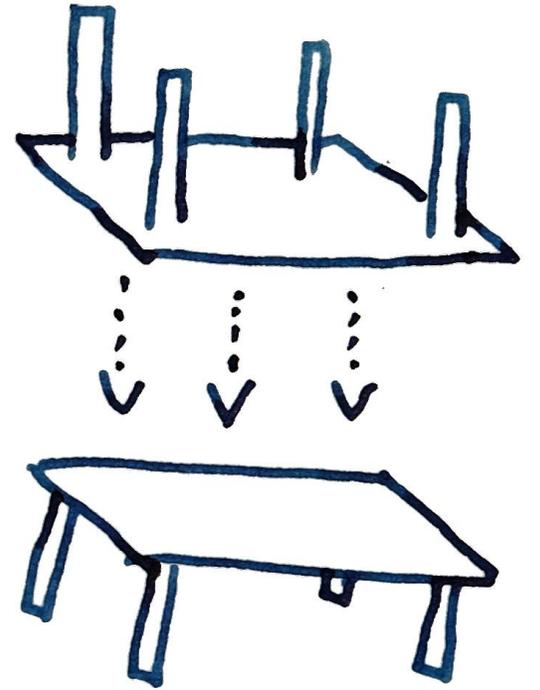
TOKEN

UPDATES



CREATES  
DELETES  
UPDATES

SERVICE ACCOUNT TOKEN CONTROLLER



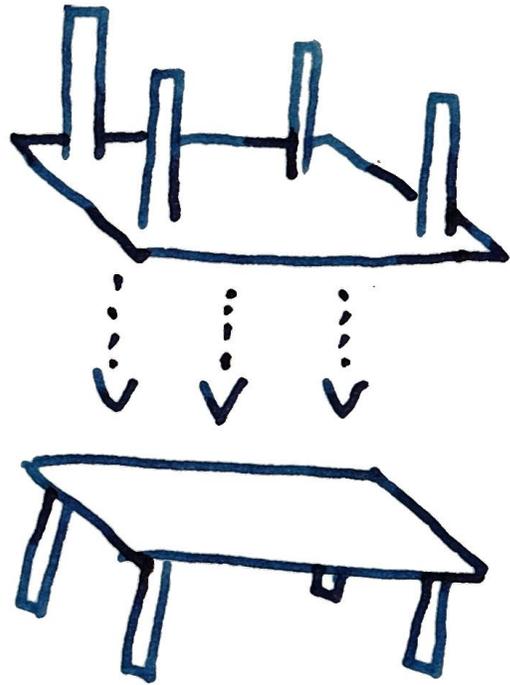
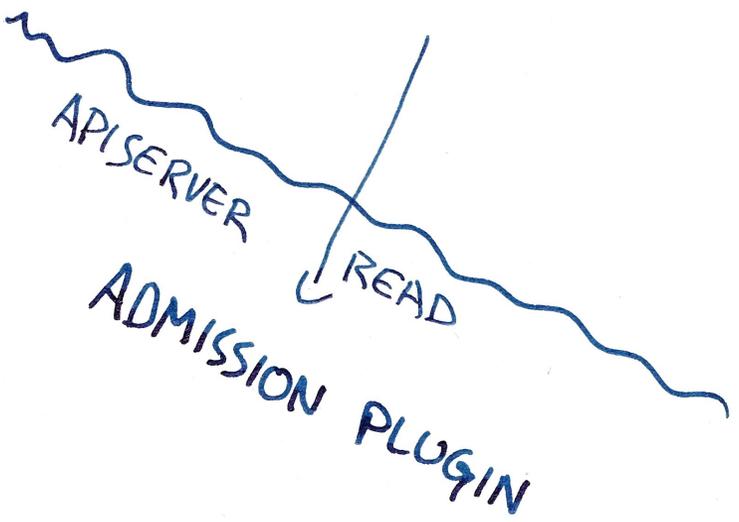
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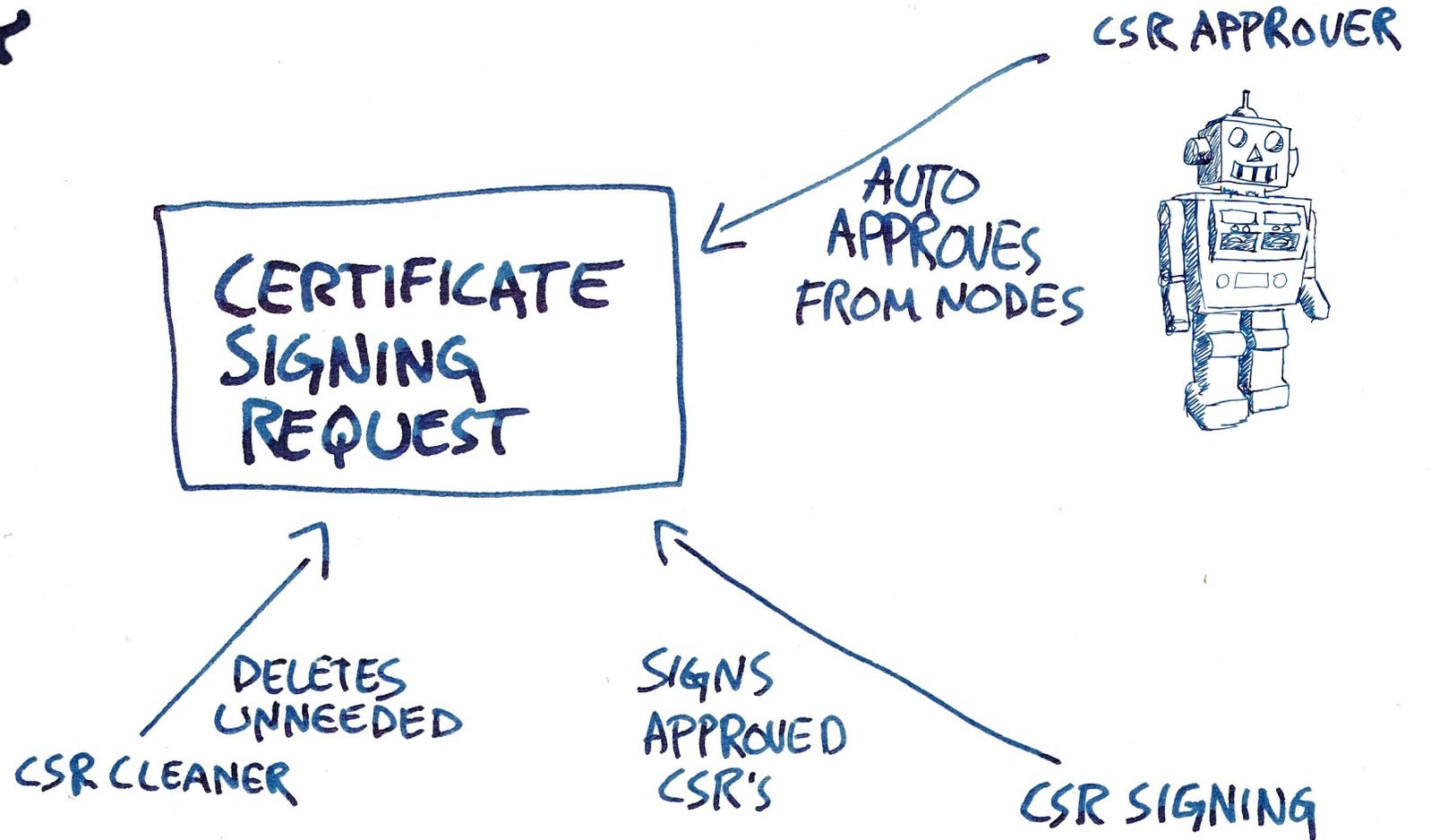
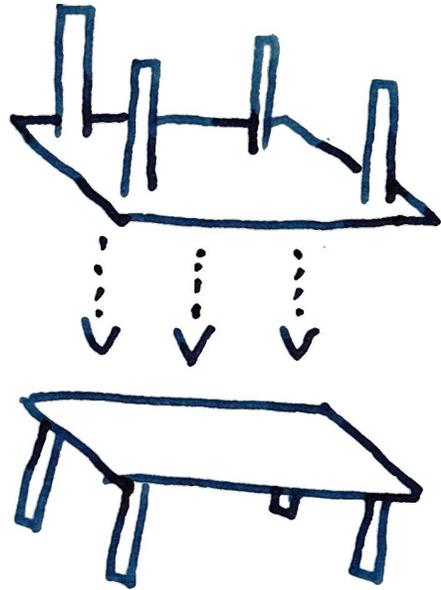


COUNT  
DISRUPTIONS

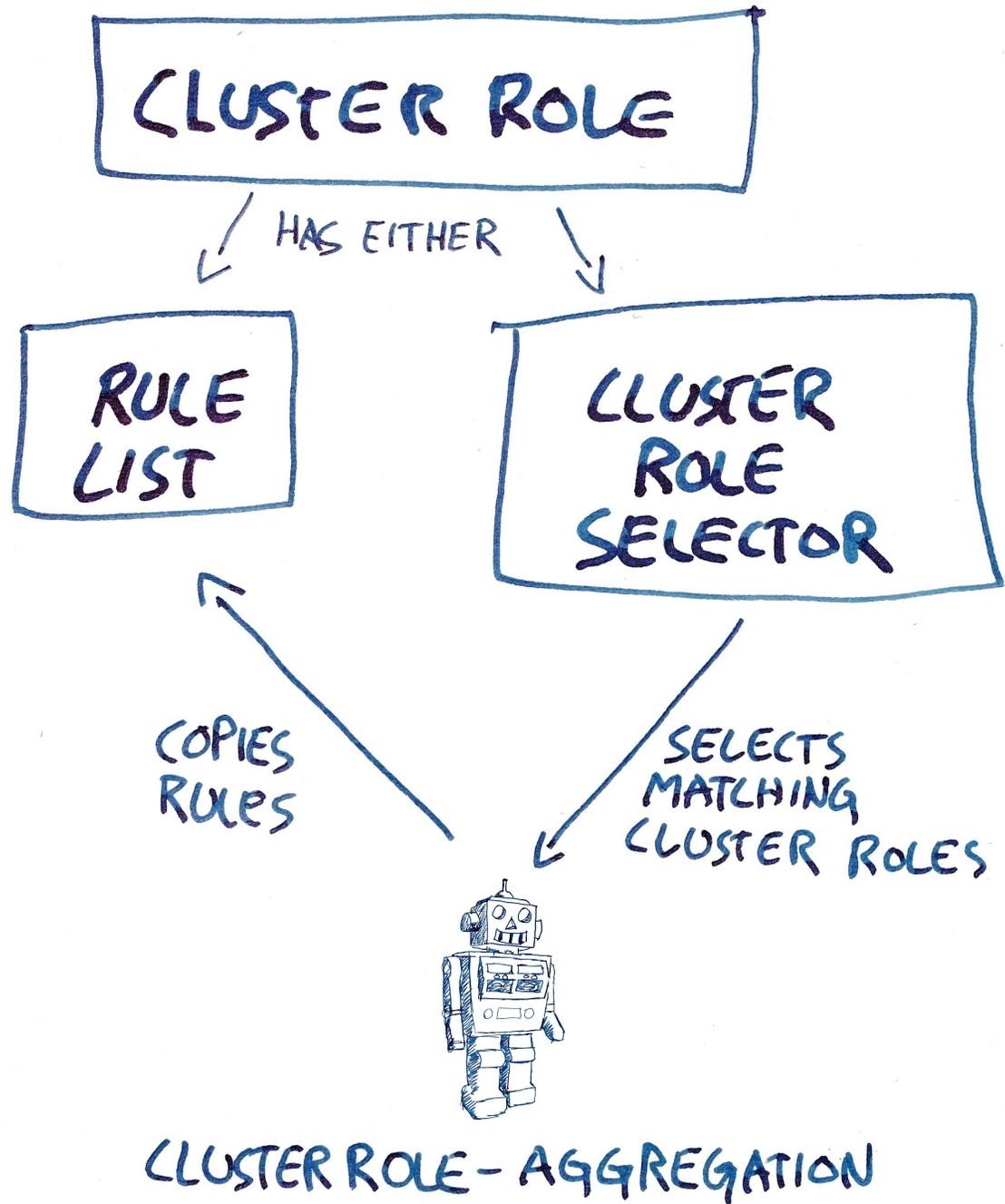
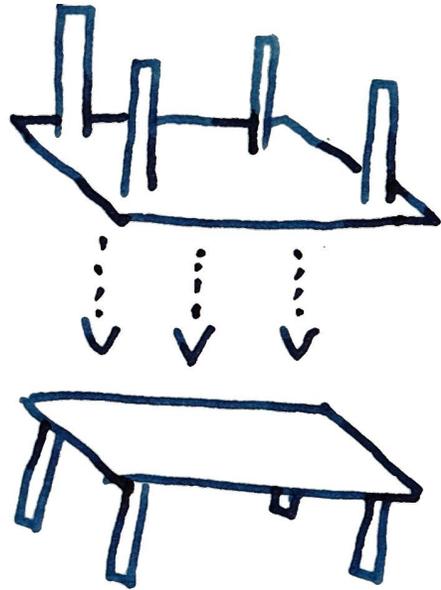
POD DISRUPTION BUDGET



# STANDING QUERY TABLE JOIN



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# bi/injections

- Bijection maintainer (For X, do Y; for  $\sim X$ , do  $\sim Y$ )
  - DaemonSet, serviceaccount, persistentvolume-binder
- Injection maintainer / candy-wrapper
  - csrsigner, ttl, bootstrapsigner, nodeipam, nodelifecycle, root-ca-cert-publisher, cloud-node, scheduler
- calendar (injection with moon phases): scheduledjob
- babysitter (injection with complex thing): statefulset, kubelet
- oven (thing with complex injection): job
- external system integration (“operator” pattern):
  - service, route, cloud-node-lifecycle

# INJECTION ENFORCER

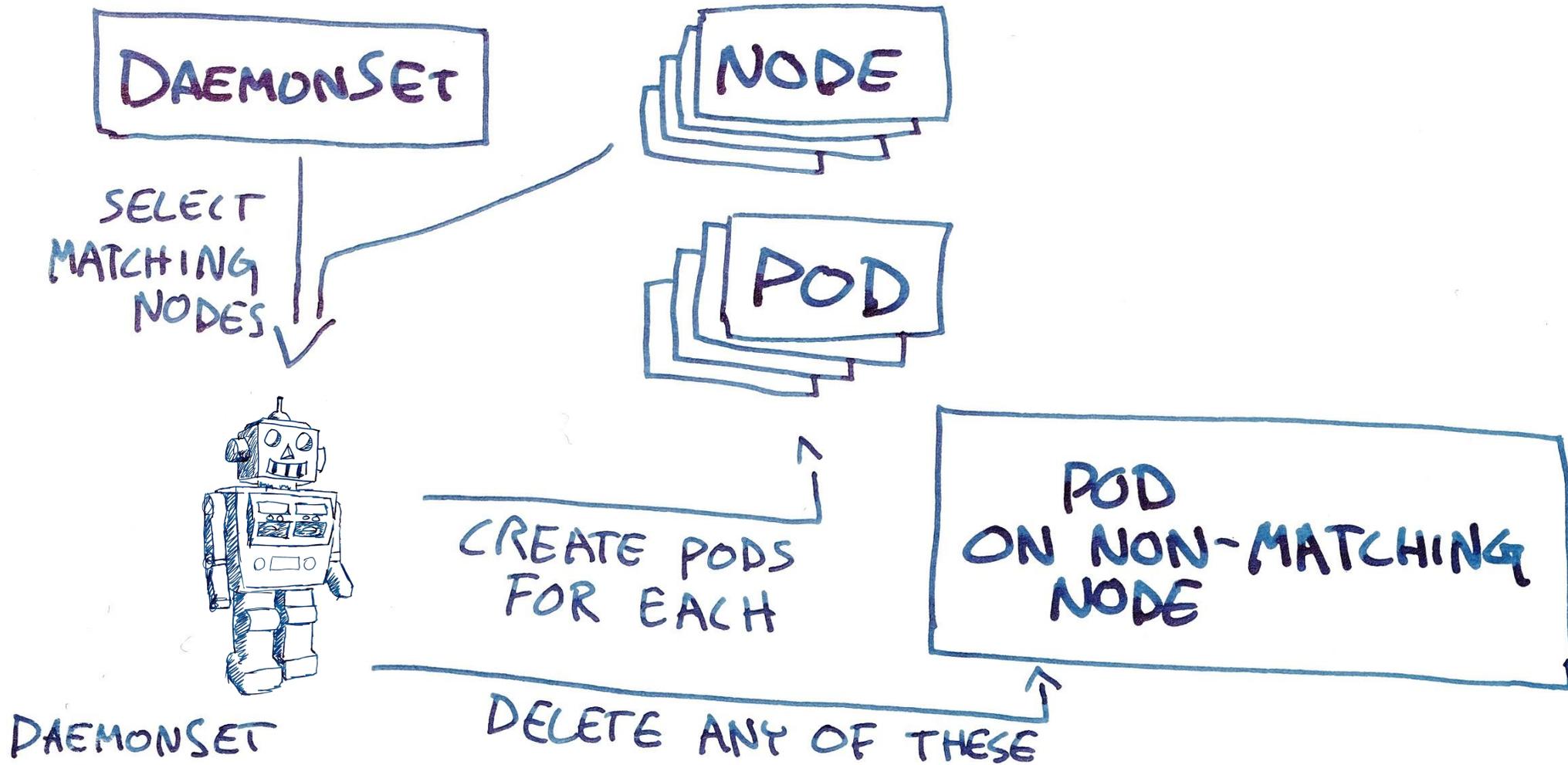
1  
↕  
A

2  
↕  
B

3  
↕  
C

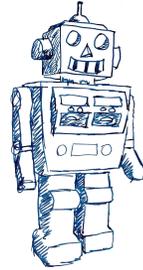
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# INJECTION ENFORCER



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## SERVILE ACCOUNT



NAMESPACE



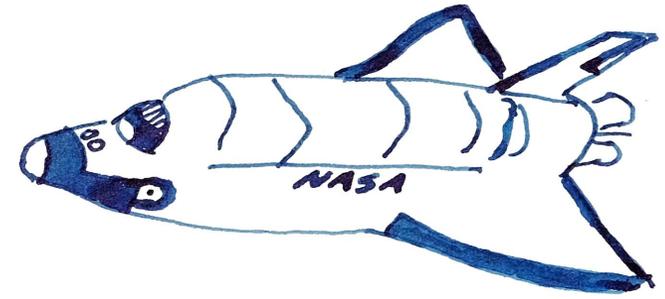
MAKE  
DEFAULT



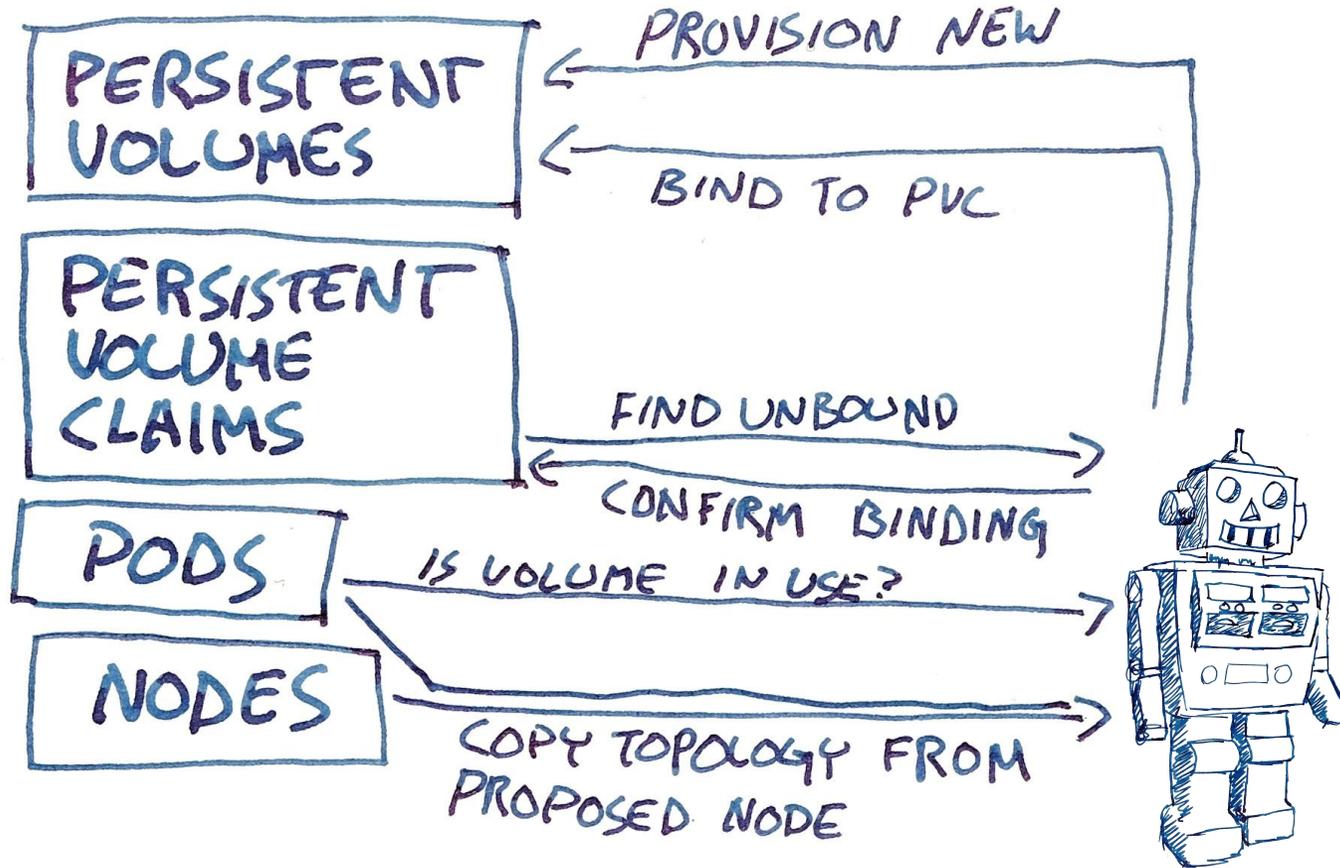
FROM  
CONFIG?  
NO!  
"DEFAULT"

SERVILE ACCOUNT

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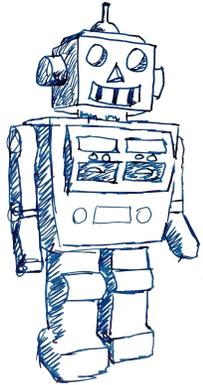
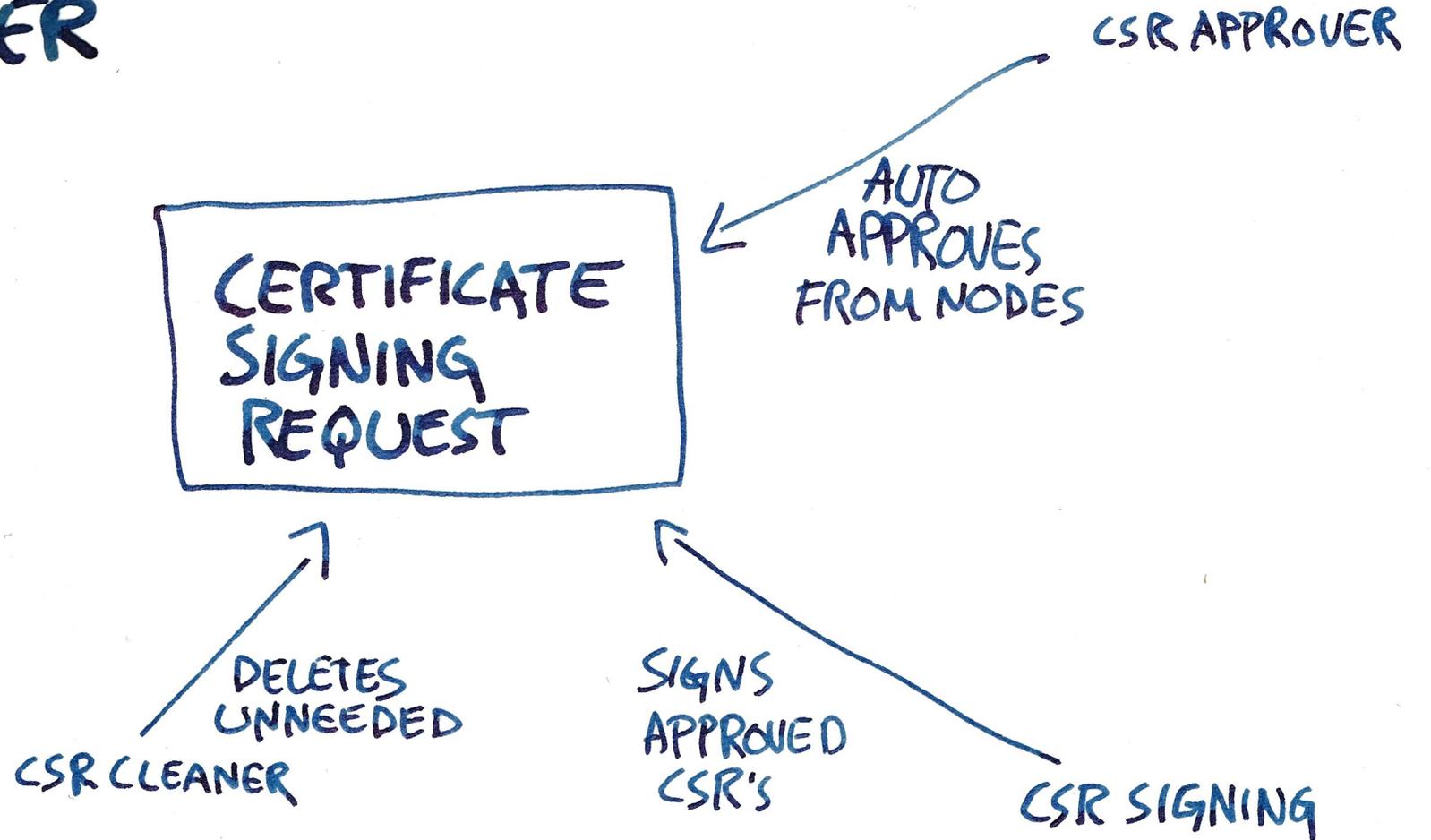


// KEEP THE SPACE SHUTTLE FLYING

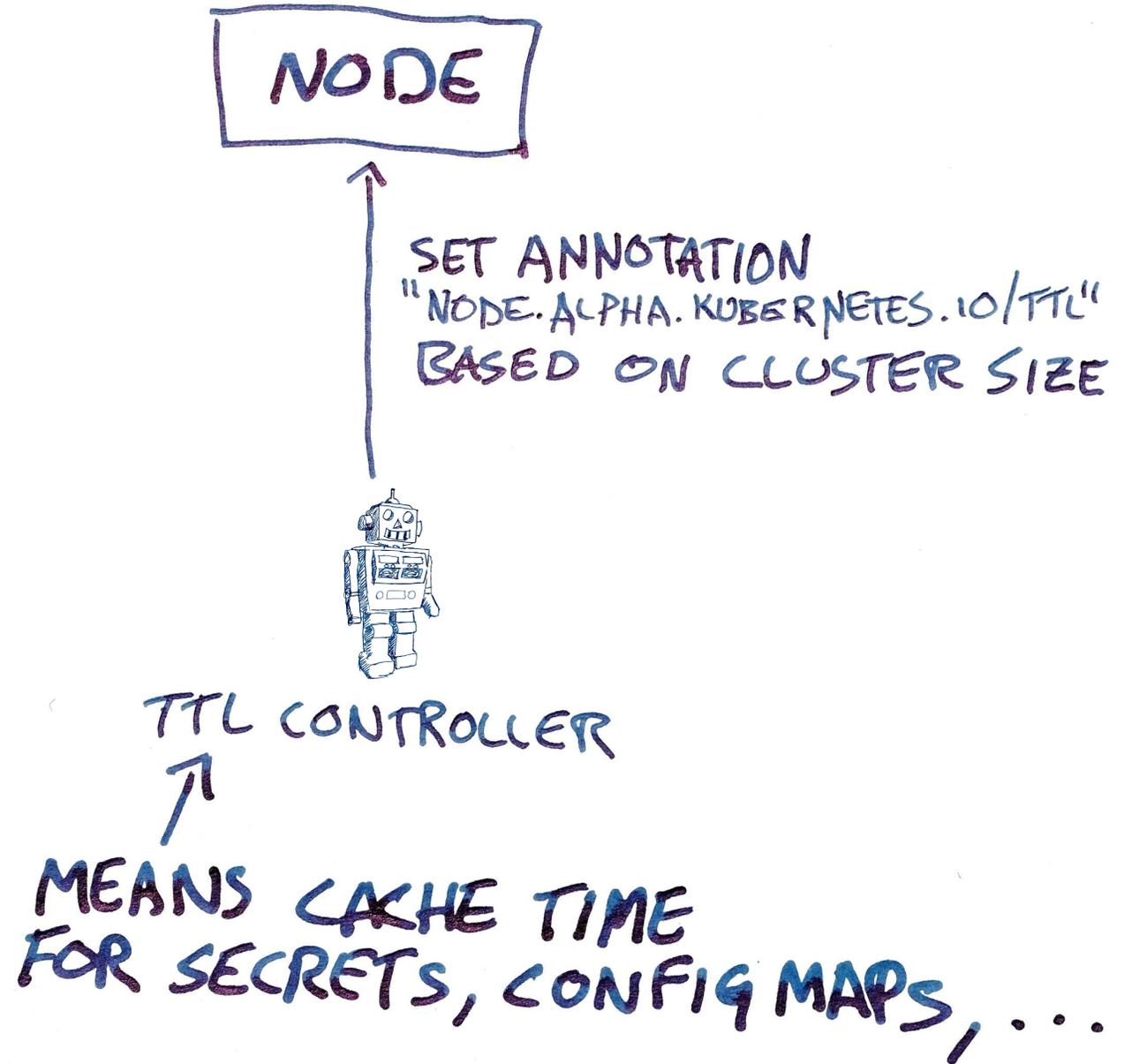


PERSISTENT VOLUME-BINDER

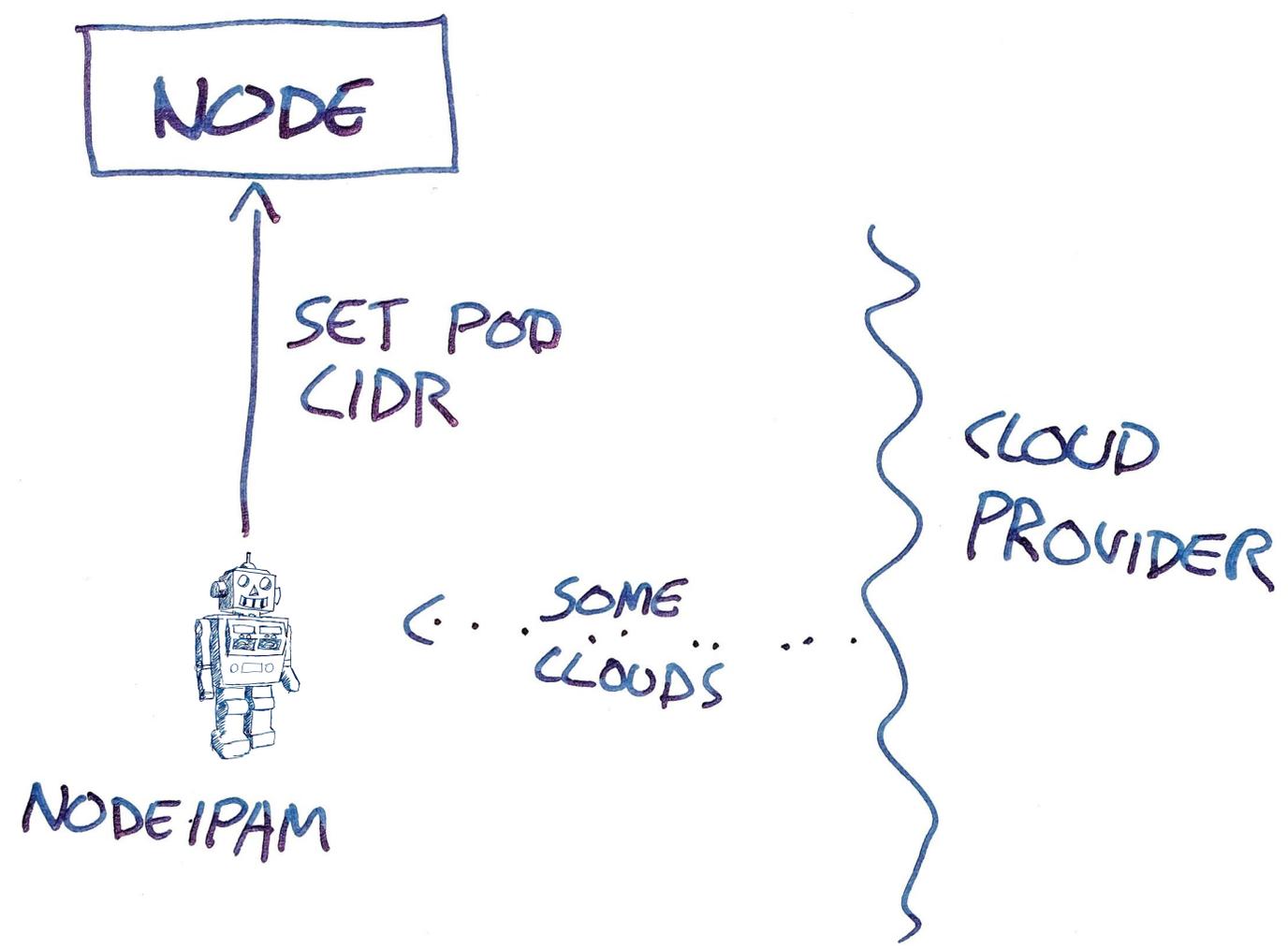
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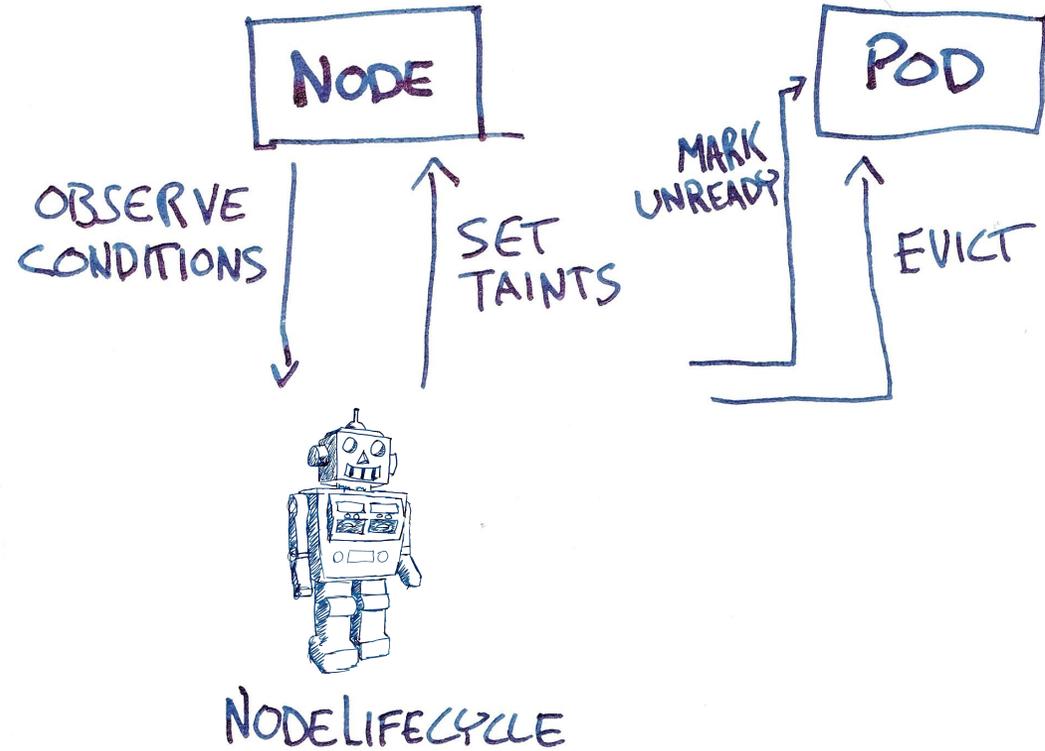
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TAKE CHARGE OF THE  
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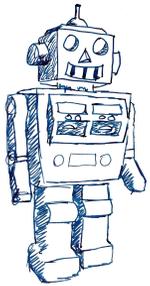
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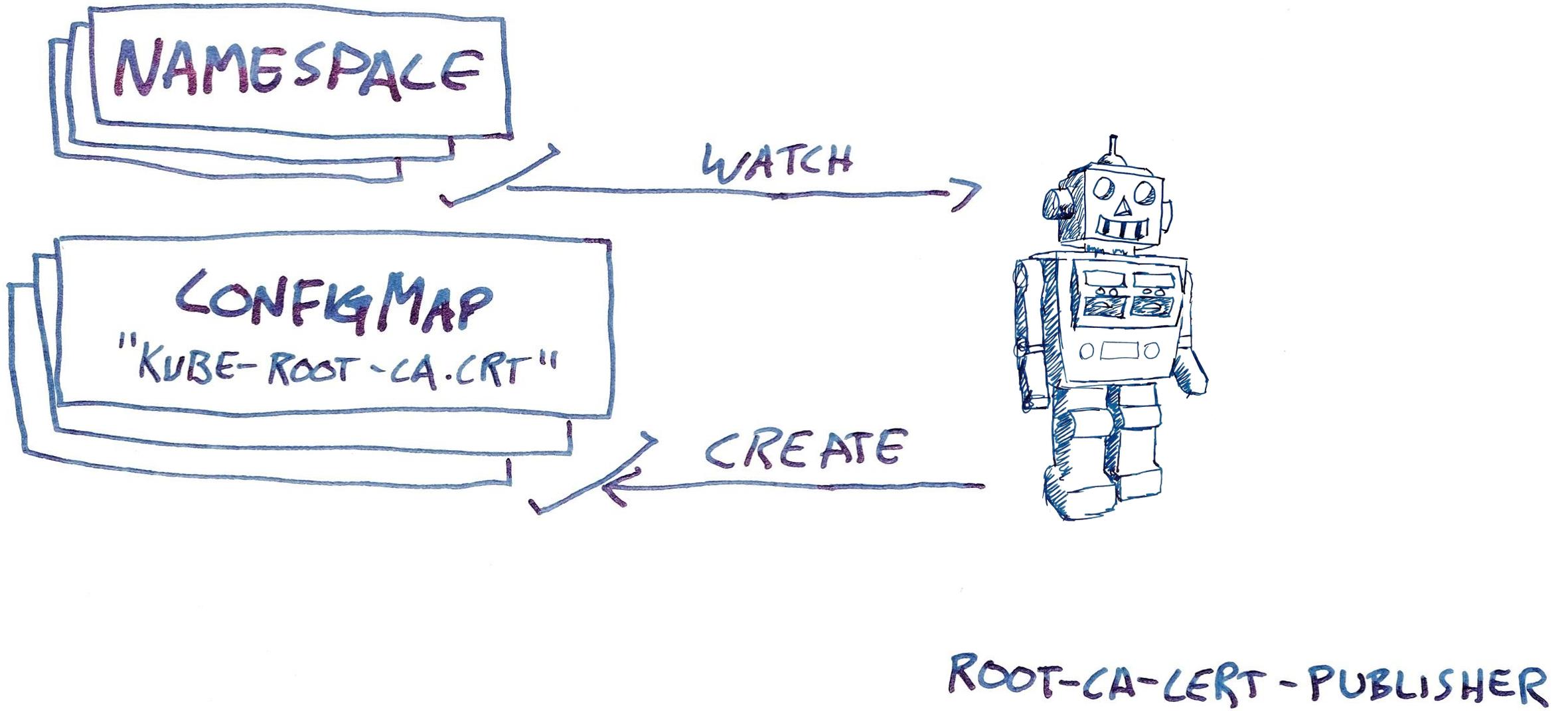
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E.G. TOPOLOGY LABELS



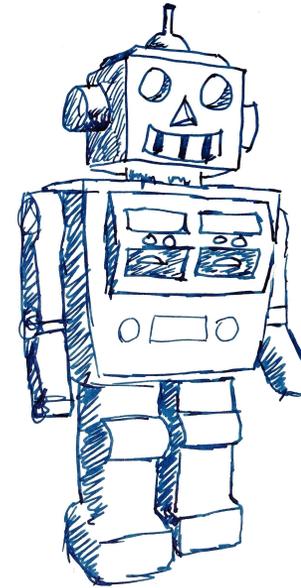
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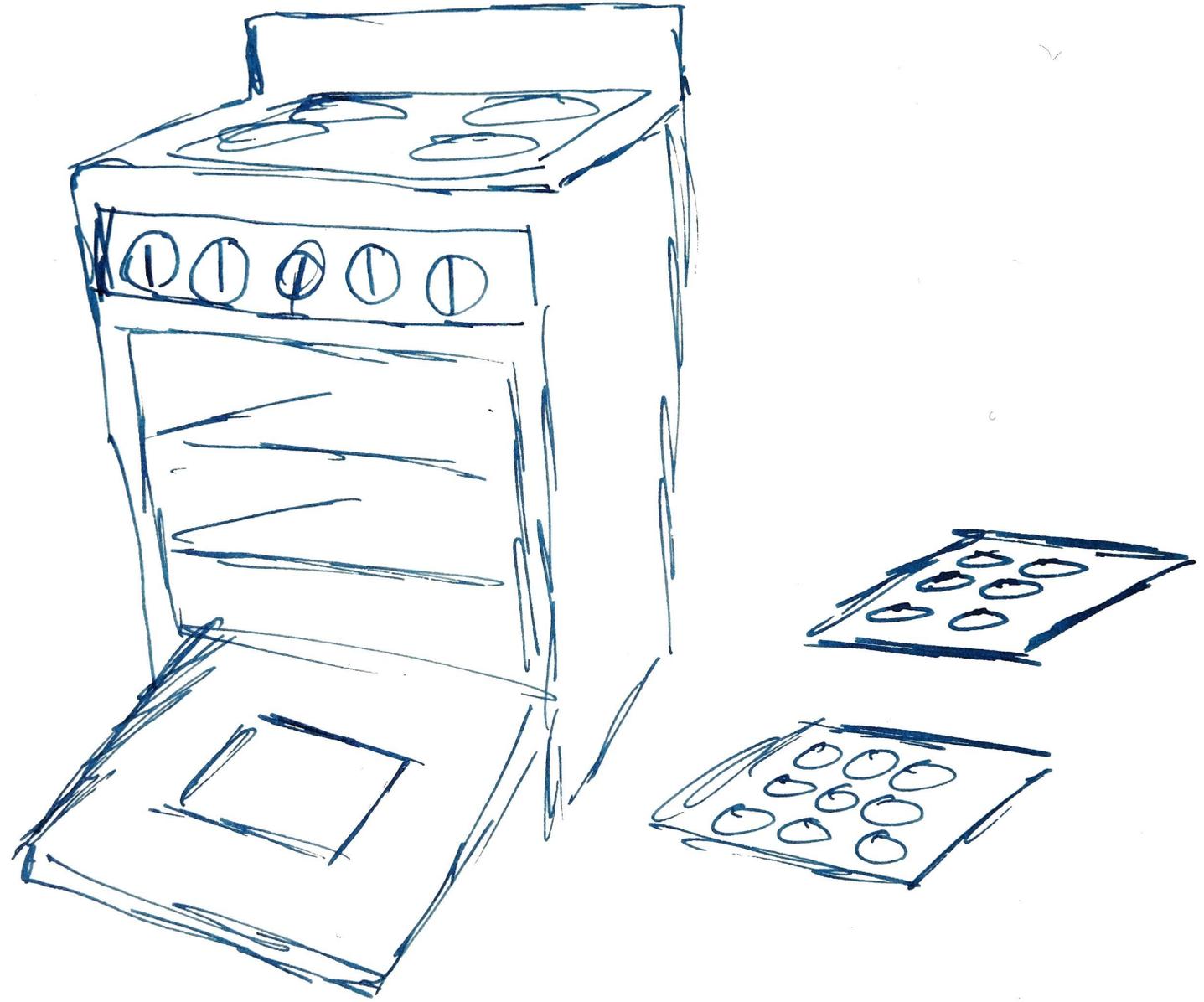
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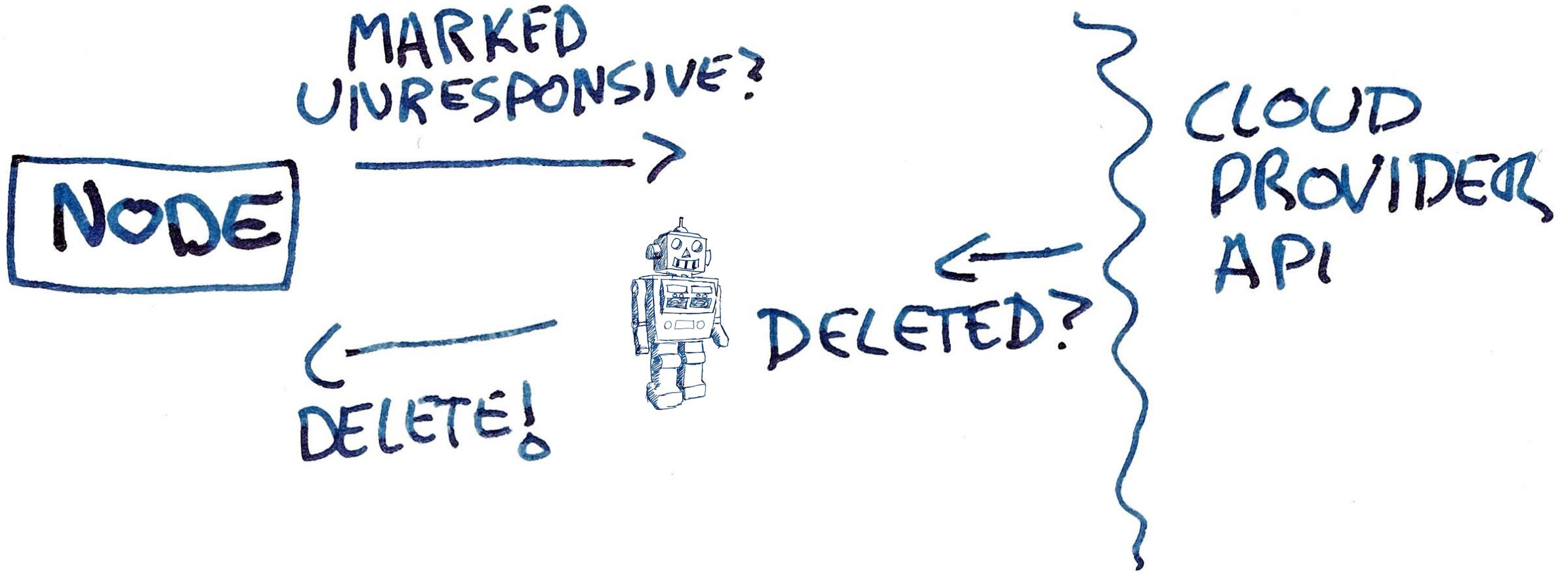
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service

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CLOUD-NODE-LIFECYCLE

# Thank you for reading my draft slides

I still have more work to do as you can see!



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