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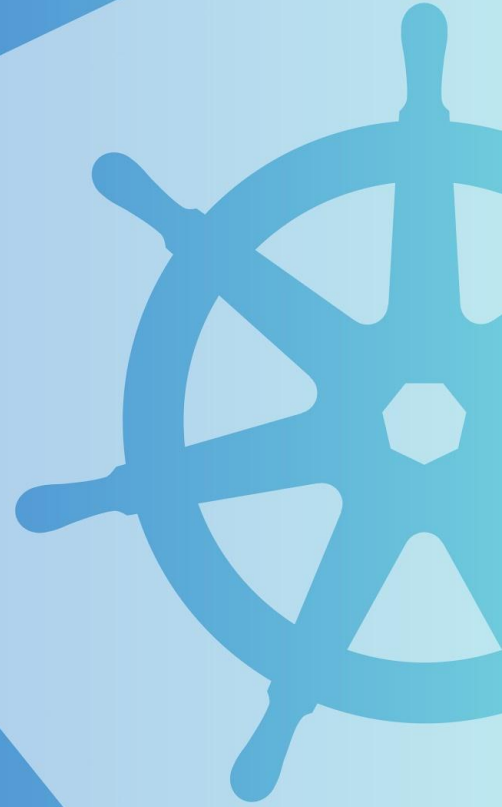
# The Future of Your CRDs – Evolving an API

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**kubernetes**

# CR[!D] Versioning & Conversion



# Custom Resources



- Extend kubernetes API by adding new resources
  - **Declarative** through Custom Resource Definition
  - **Imperative** through aggregated API server
- Focusing on Custom Resource Definitions (CRDs)
- Custom Resource (CR) refers to declarative CRs through CRD

# CR Versioning



since 1.11  
as beta

```
apiVersion: apiextensions.k8s.io/v1beta1
```

```
kind: CustomResourceDefinition
```

```
spec:
```

```
  versions:
```

```
    - name: v1
```

```
      served: true
```

```
      storage: true
```

```
    - name: v1beta1
```

```
      served: true
```

```
      storage: false
```

```
    - name: v1alpha1
```

```
      served: true
```

```
      storage: false
```

```
...
```



```
/apis/your.group/v1/your-resources/foo
```

```
/apis/your.group/v1beta1/your-resources/foo
```

```
/apis/your.group/v1alpha1/your-resources/foo
```



# Per-version CRD settings



- validation

```
spec:
  versions:
  - name: v1beta1
    served: true
    storage: false
    schema:
      openAPIV3Schema:
        properties:
          hostPort:
            type: string
  - name: v1alpha1
    served: true
    storage: false
    schema:
      openAPIV3Schema:
        properties:
          host:
            type: string
          port:
            type: string
  ...
```

- subResources

```
spec:
  versions:
  - name: v1beta1
    served: true
    storage: false
    subresources:
      scale:
        specReplicasPath: "serverCount"
  - name: v1alpha1
    served: true
    storage: false
    subresources:
      scale:
        specReplicasPath: "clusterSize"
  ...
```

- additionalPrinterColumns

```
spec:
  versions:
  - name: v1beta1
    served: true
    storage: false
    additionalPrinterColumns:
      - JSONPath: "spec.nodes[*].name"
        name: "hosts"
        type: string
  - name: v1alpha1
    served: true
    storage: false
    additionalPrinterColumns:
      - JSONPath: "spec.servers[*].hosts"
        name: "hosts"
        type: string
  ...
```



/apis/your.group/**v1alpha1**/your-resources/**foo**

```
{  
  "apiVersion": "your.group/v1alpha1",  
  "kind": "YourResource",  
  "metadata": {  
    "name": "nightly"  
  },  
  "spec": { ... }  
}
```

/apis/your.group/**v1beta1**/your-resources/**foo**

```
{  
  "apiVersion": "your.group/v1beta1",  
  "kind": "YourResource",  
  "metadata": {  
    "name": "nightly"  
  },  
  "spec": { ... }  
}
```

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```
{  
  "apiVersion": "your.group/v1",  
  "kind": "YourResource",  
  "metadata": {  
    "name": "nightly"  
  },  
  "spec": { ... }  
}
```

the **same object foo**  
in **three different versions**



/apis/your.group/**v1alpha1**/your-resources/**foo**

/apis/your.group/**v1beta1**/your-resources/**foo**

/apis/your.group/**v1**/your-resources/**foo**

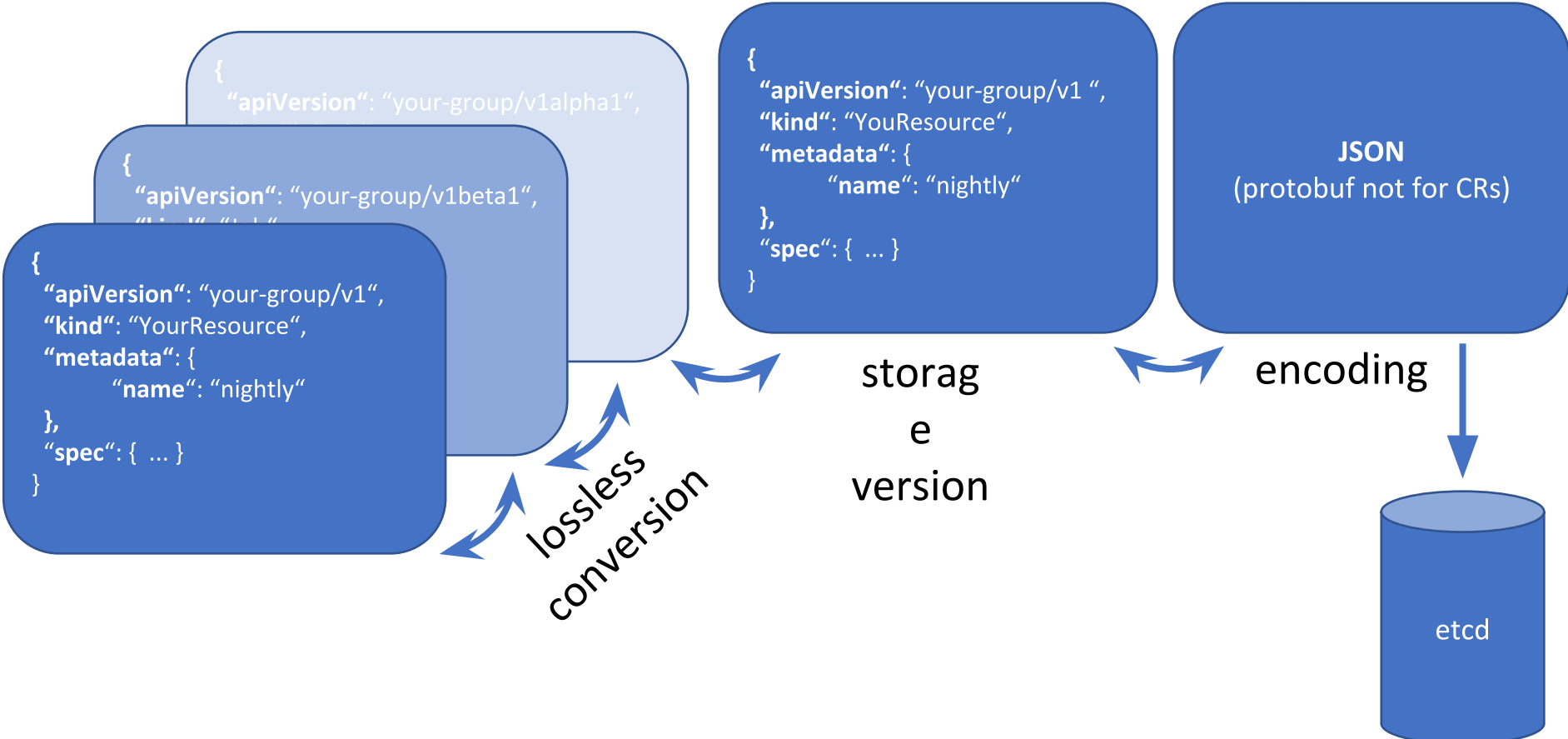
```
{  
  "apiVersion": "your.group/v1alpha1",  
  "kind": "YourResource",  
  "metadata": {  
    "name": "nightly"  
  },  
  "spec": { ... }  
}
```

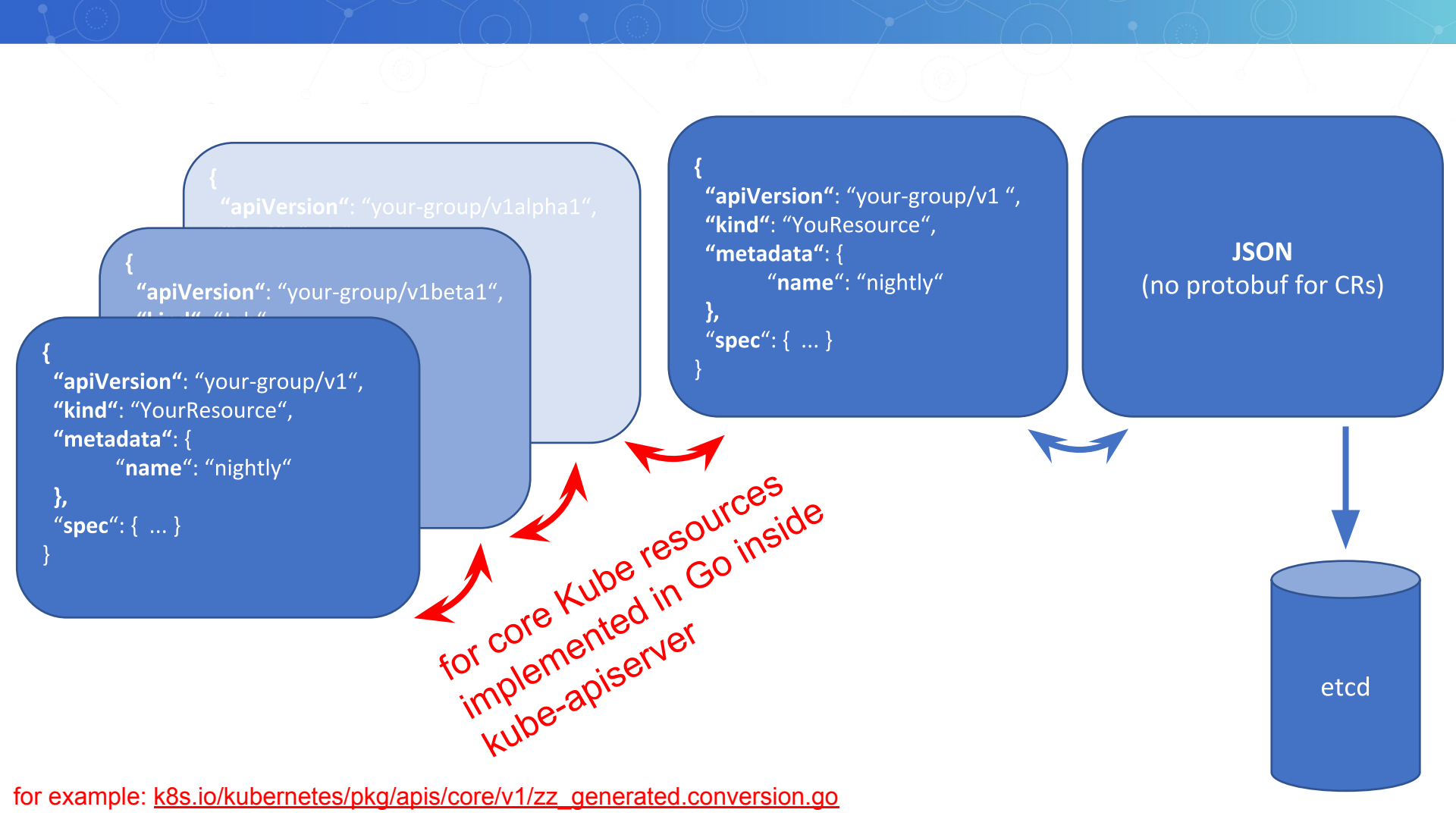
```
{  
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  "kind": "YourResource",  
  "metadata": {  
    "name": "nightly"  
  },  
  "spec": { ... }  
}
```

```
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  "apiVersion": "your.group/v1",  
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  "metadata": {  
    "name": "nightly"  
  },  
  "spec": { ... }  
}
```

lossless  
conversion





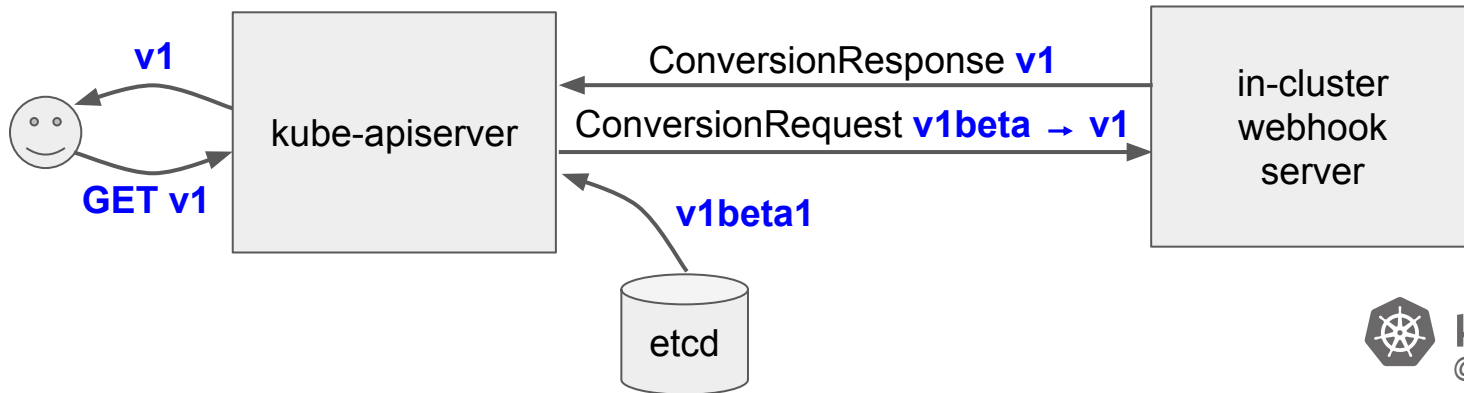


for example: [k8s.io/kubernetes/pkg/apis/core/v1/zz\\_generated\\_conversion.go](https://k8s.io/kubernetes/pkg/apis/core/v1/zz_generated_conversion.go)

# CR Conversion



- **Since 1.11 as beta:** None Conversion
  - Default implementation, “does nothing other than setting apiVersion”
- Declarative Conversion
  - Not implemented; was proposed but no consensus to implement
  - History/Discussions: [bit.ly/k8s-crd-versioning](https://bit.ly/k8s-crd-versioning) and [bit.ly/k8s-crd-conversion](https://bit.ly/k8s-crd-conversion)
- **Since 1.13 as alpha:** Webhook Conversion
  - similar to admission webhooks, but via `apiextensions.k8s.io/v1beta.ConversionReview`



# Webhook Configuration



```
apiVersion: apiextensions.k8s.io/v1beta1
```

```
kind: CustomResourceDefinition
```

```
spec:
```

```
  versions:
```

```
  ...
```

```
  conversion:
```

```
    Strategy: "webhook"
```

```
    webhookClientConfig:
```

```
      service:
```

```
        namespace: "mywebhook"
```

```
        name: "fooConverter"
```

```
    caBundle: ...
```

```
  ...
```

should serve on port 443

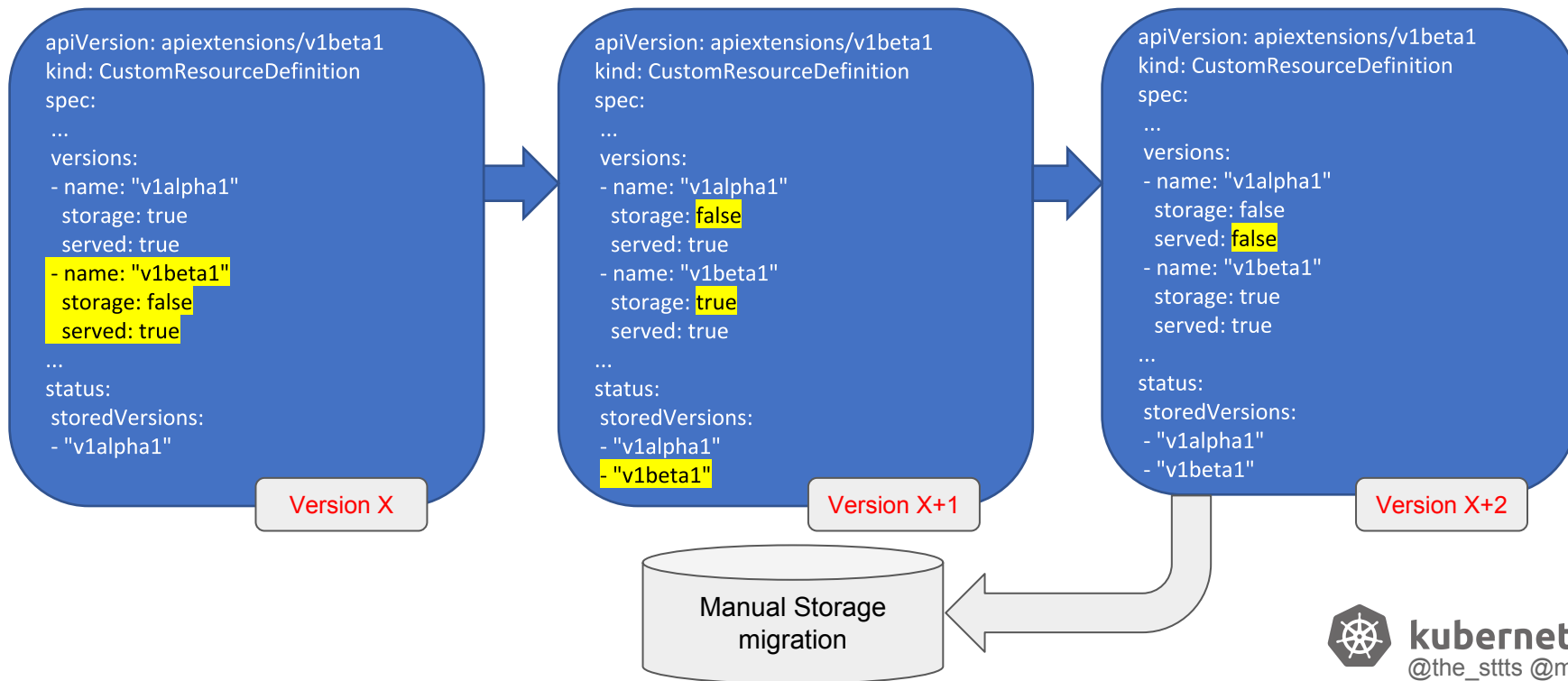
pem encoded ca cert that signs the server cert





# Demo

# How To start adding versions



# Storage Versions and Rollback



- When should storage version be switched?
- **Be prepared for a rollback!**

In kube:

storage version lags 1 or 2  
versions behind

```
apiVersion: apiextensions.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: CustomResourceDefinition
spec:
  versions:
    - name: v1 ← just introduced
      served: true
      storage: true ←
    - name: v1beta1
      served: true
      storage: false
    - name: v1alpha1
      served: true
      storage: false
```

...





# Storage Migration



changing storage version in the CRD

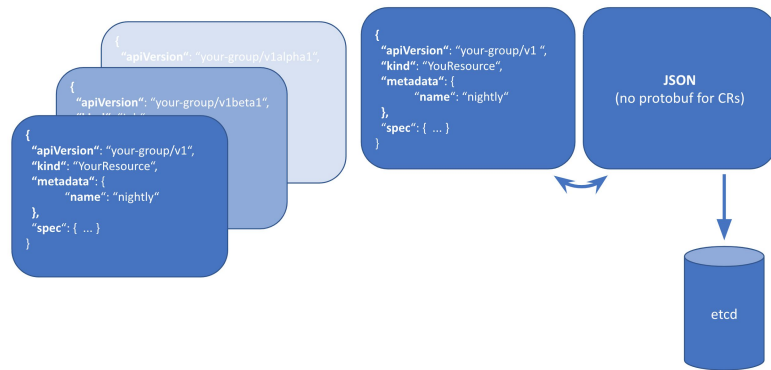
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version of objects in etcd magically changes

Storage version is used on WRITE to etcd.

**Migration necessary:**

- patch all objects with empty PATCH
- wait for storage migration mechanism
- Remove the old version from status.storedVersions



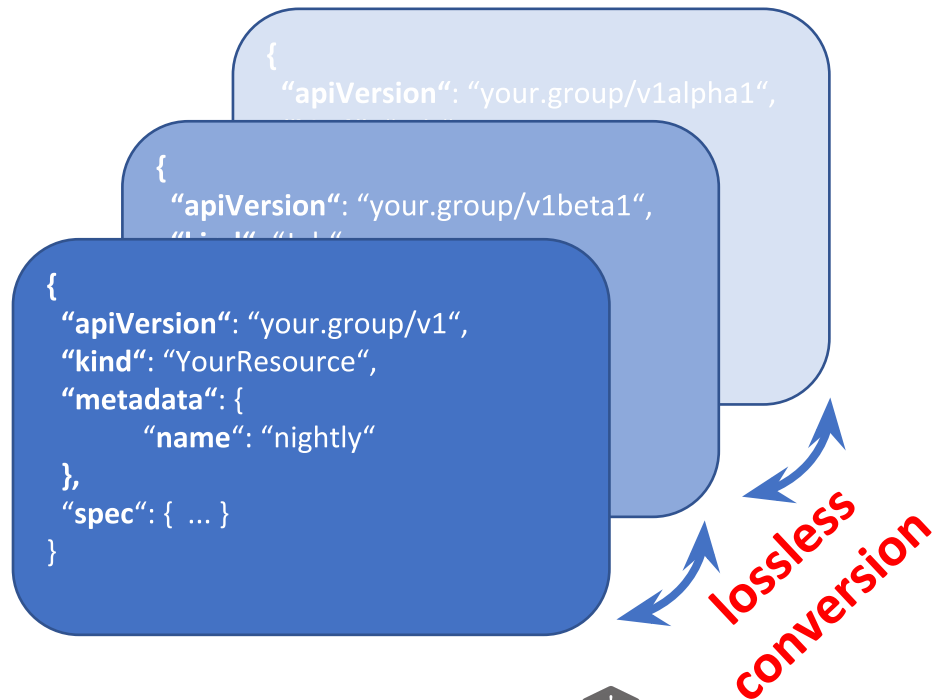
# Roundtrip'ability



getting lossless conversion right is hard  
established test pattern:

roundtrip test between all versions:

1. take YourResource e.g. in v1
2. fill with random values ("fuzzing")
3. convert to e.g. v1beta1
4. convert back to v1
5. compare result with original
6. repeat



Example: [k8s.io/sample-apiserver/blob/master/pkg/apis/wardle/install/roundtrip\\_test.go](https://k8s.io/sample-apiserver/blob/master/pkg/apis/wardle/install/roundtrip_test.go)



# Failure Modes



- What happens if your webhook fails completely?
  - **webhook call-out is on demand**
    - ⇒ other types continue working (standard or CRs)
    - ⇒ requests of your types in stored version still work
  - **for emergency:** patch/create/update/delete in the stored version
  - LIST request will fail if conversion is necessary for **even one** item
- If conversion fails for a subset of CRs?
- Webhook returns converted objects that are not round trippable
  - potentially **data loss**
  - silent failure which is the worst
  - **make sure it is round-trippable by running tests**



More about conversion and space for questions:

Sig API Machinery Deep Dive  
**Thursday 11:40am 615-617**



# Outlook for 2019 and beyond



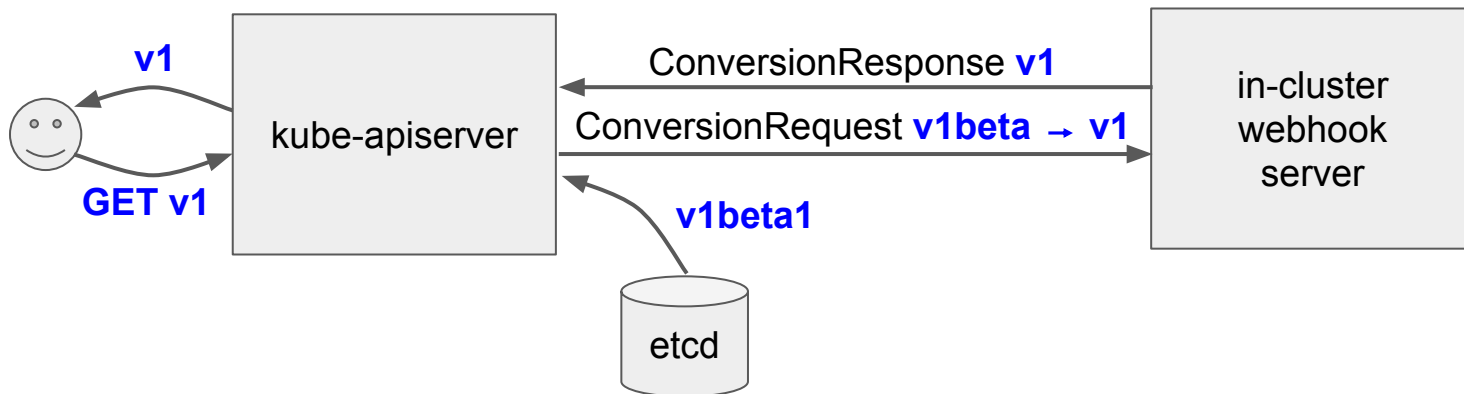
- **critical issues** identified for moving **CRDs to GA** (issue [#58682](#)):
  - **generate OpenAPI** spec from validation schema
    - ➔ kubectl-side validation, kubectl explain
  - **quota** support
  - **defaulting** and **pruning**
  - ... a number of smaller topics
- **Other open, undecided topics:**
  - validation schema language: alternative language, OpenAPI references, Go-types to schema
  - graceful deletion
  - validation webhook
  - arbitrary field selectors
  - protobuf encoding
  - namespace-local CRDs



# CR Conversion



- **Since 1.13 as alpha:** Webhook Conversion
  - similar to admission webhooks, but via `apiextensions.k8s.io/v1beta.ConversionReview`



- Conversion is about user data
- Mistakes in conversion result in data loss
- Test **round-trip**'ability

