



# Leveraging the power of Kubernetes with patterns

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## Kubernetes Patterns

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# AGENDA

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## Design Patterns

Origin/Why/Structure

## K8S Introduction

Again? Yes.. but short

## K8S Patterns

- Foundational
- Structural
- Configurational
- Advanced??



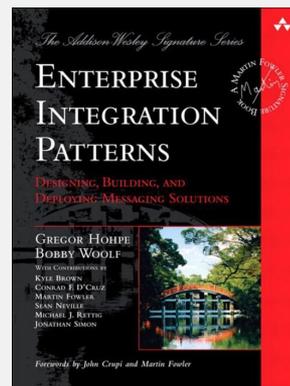
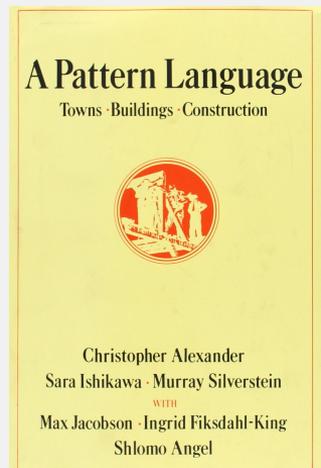
# Design Patterns

# Design Patterns

Where did they come from

- Originating from Architecture
- Widely used in most fields of engineering
- Check:

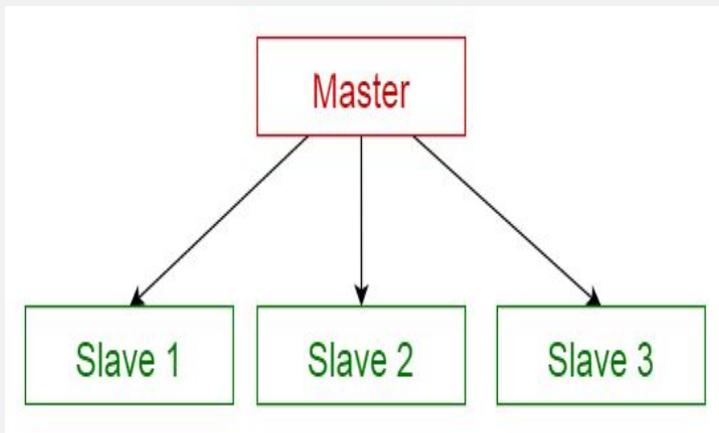
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# Design Patterns

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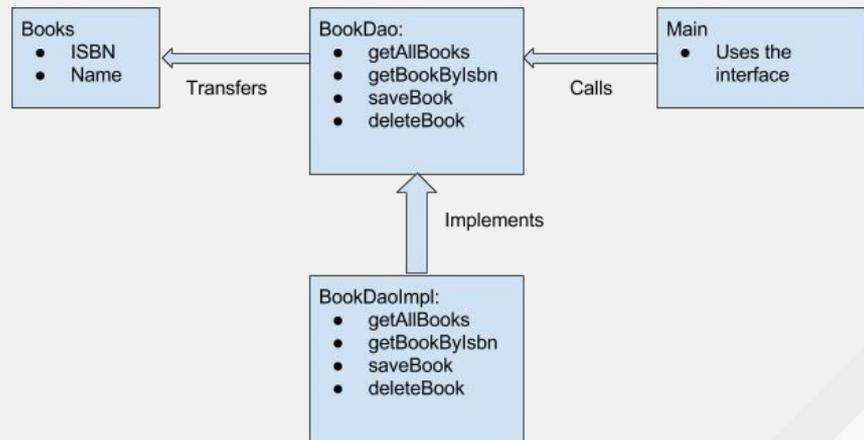
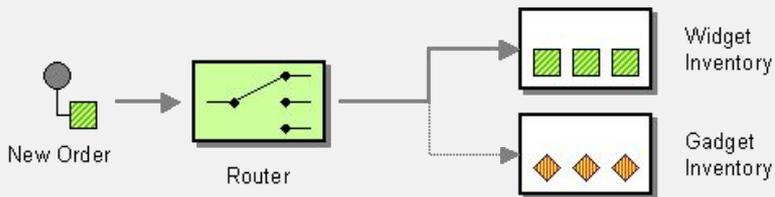
Computer engineering:  
Master slave Pattern



# Design Patterns

They are everywhere

## Development examples: Content Based Routing and Data Access Object



# Design Patterns

They are everywhere

City Planning:  
Workplace boxes



# Design Patterns

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Automotive Industry:  
V8



# Design Patterns

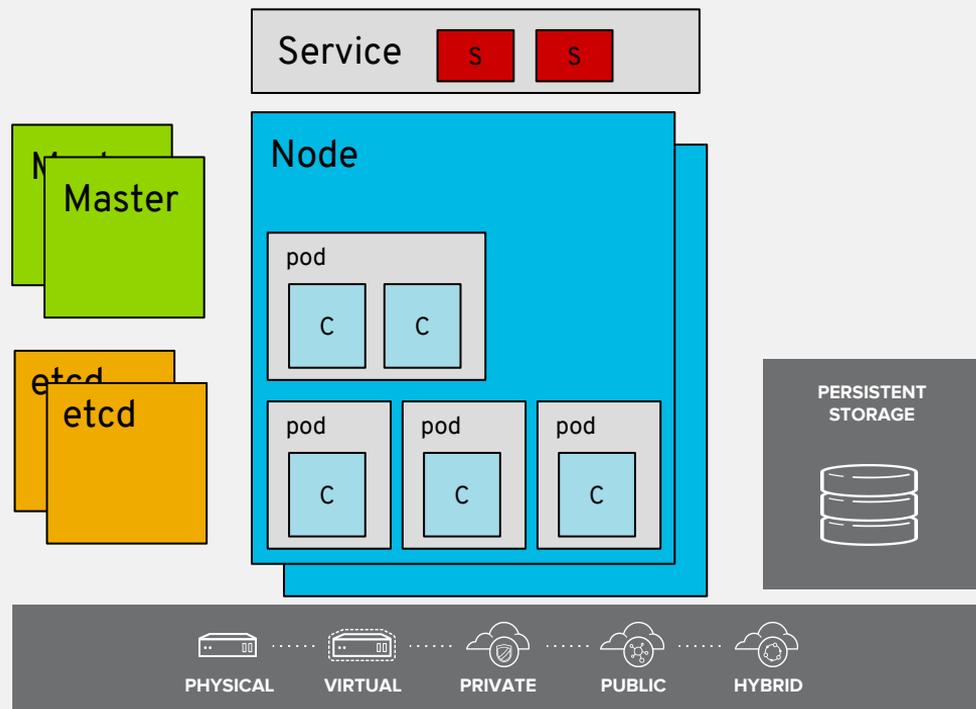
They are everywhere

Patterns give us a common  
reference

# K8S Introduction

# K8S Introduction

The short version



# #SoWhatAboutKubernetesPatterns

# FOUNDATIONAL PATTERNS

# Automatable Unit

Foundational patterns

How can we create and manage applications with Kubernetes ?

- **Pods:** Atomic unit of containers
- **Services:** Entry point to pods
- **Deployments:** Collection of deployable units

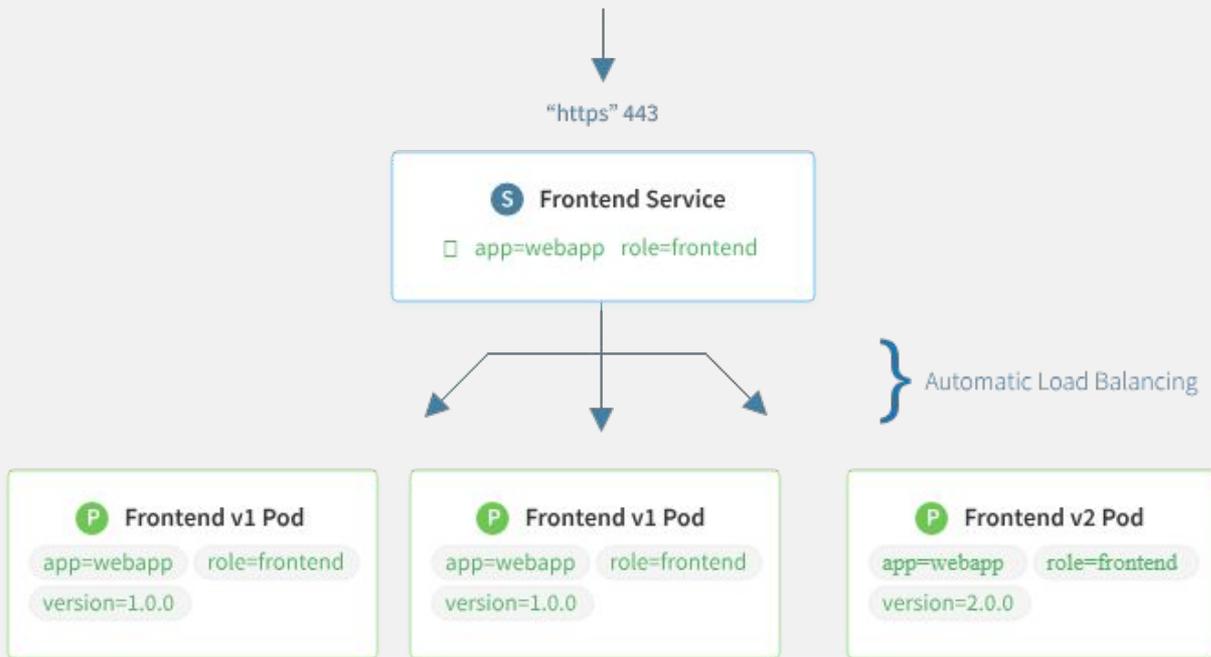
# Pod

Foundational patterns - Automatable unit

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: pong
  labels:
    name: pong
    version: "1"
spec:
  containers:
    - image: "rhuss/pong:1"
      name: pong
      ports:
        - containerPort: 8080
    - image: "rhuss/log-sidecar:2.3"
      name: log
```

# Services

Foundational patterns - Automatable unit



# Deployment

Foundational patterns - Declarative deployments

- Holds template for Pods/Containers/Services and (ingress)
- Allows rollback and upgrade
- Update strategies declarable

# Predictable demands

Foundational patterns

How can we handle resource requirements deterministically?

- Runtime dependencies
- Resource profiles
- Quality of Service

# Runtime dependencies

Foundational patterns - Predictable demands

- Persistent Volumes
- Host ports
- Configuration via **ConfigMaps** and **Secrets**

# Resource profiles

Foundational patterns - Predictable demands

- Resources:
  - CPU, Network (compressible)
  - Memory (incompressible)
- App: Declaration of resource **requests** and **limits**
- Platform: Resource **quotas** and limit **ranges**

# Resource profiles

Foundational patterns - Predictable demands

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: http-server
spec:
  containers:
  - image: nginx
    name: nginx
    resources:
      requests:
        cpu: 200m
        memory: 100Mi
      limits:
        cpu: 300m
        memory: 200Mi
```

# Quality of Service

Foundational patterns - Predictable demands

- **Best Effort**
  - No requests or limits
- **Burstable**
  - requests < limits
- **Guaranteed**
  - requests == limits

# Declarative deployments

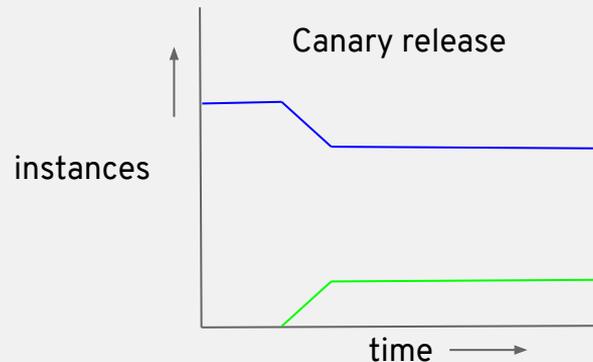
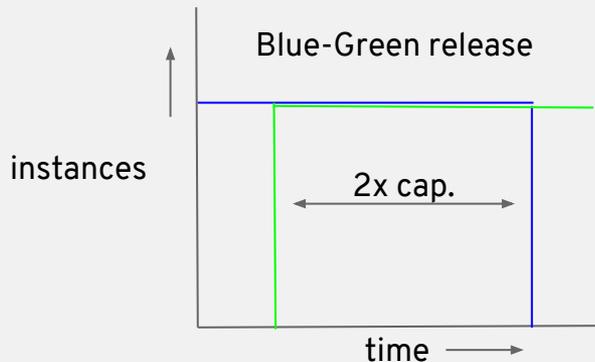
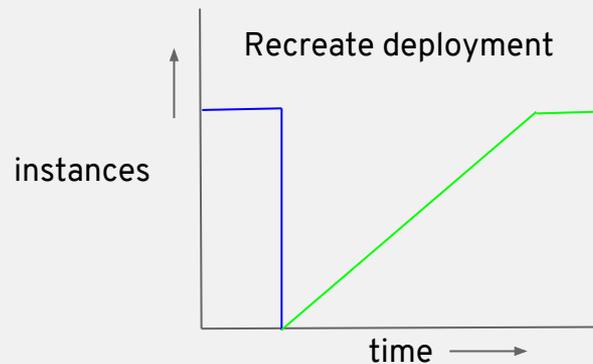
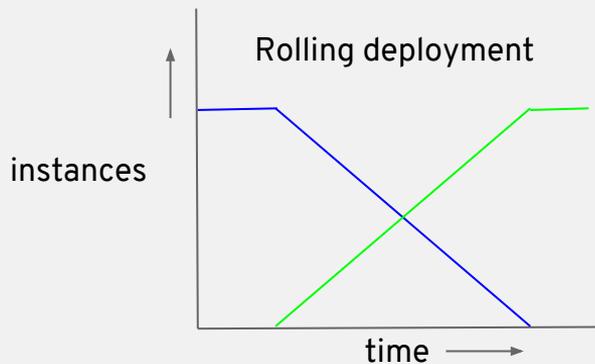
Foundational patterns

How can applications be deployed and updated?

- Rolling update
- Canary deploy
- Blue-green
- Recreate deployment

# Deployment strategies

Foundational patterns - Declarative deployments



# STRUCTURAL PATTERNS

# Initializer

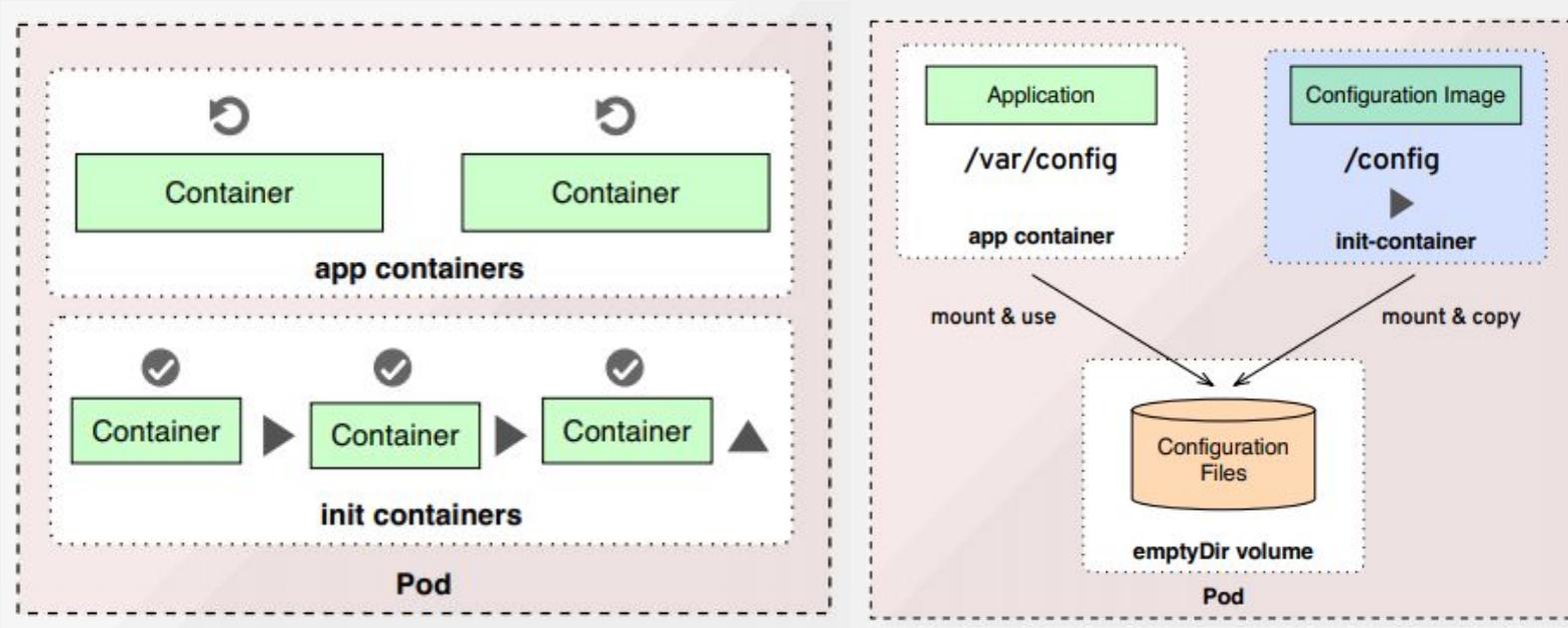
Structural patterns

How can I initialize my  
containerized applications?

- **Init container**
  - Part of a Pod
  - One shot action before Pod starts
  - Needs to be idempotent
  - Has own resource requirements

# Initializer

Structural patterns - init container



# Sidecar

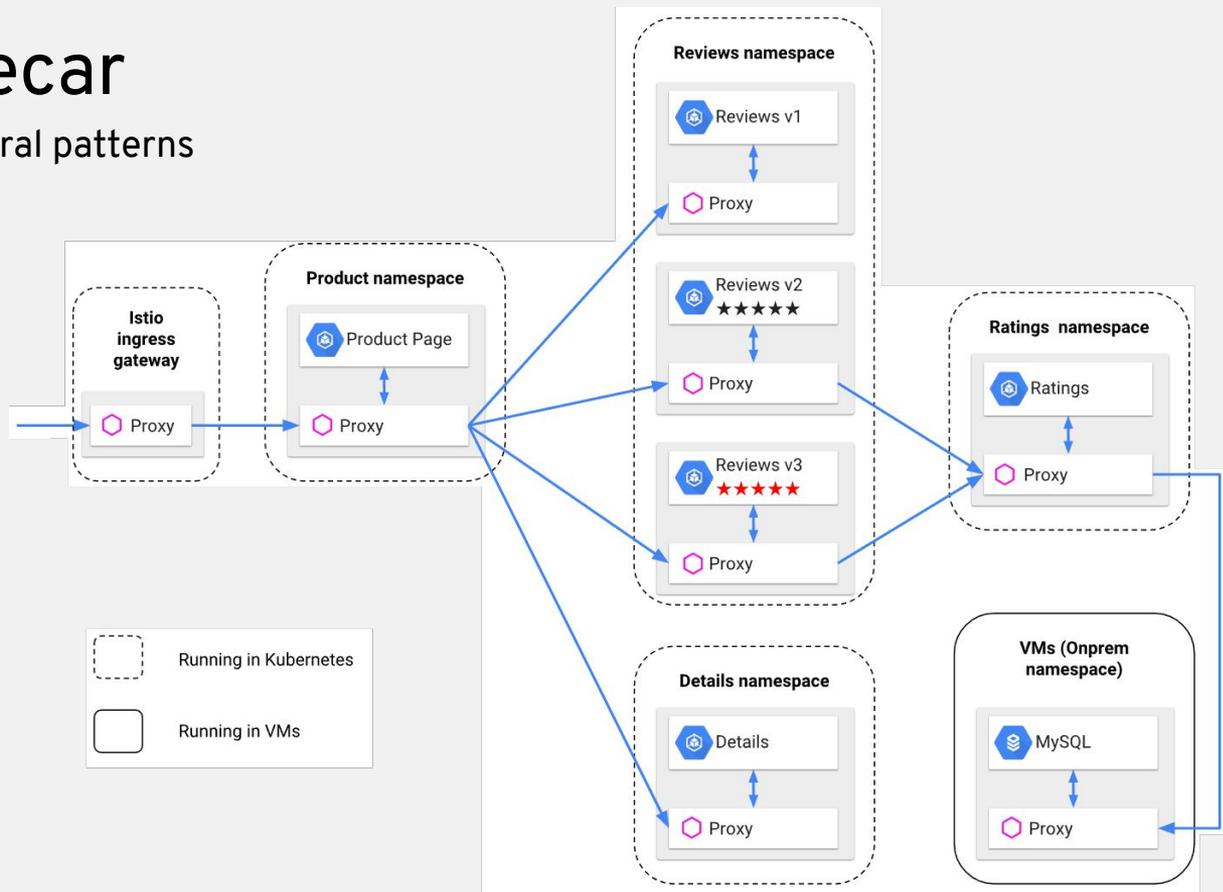
Structural patterns

How can I extend the functionality of an existing container ?

- Sidecar
  - Runtime collaboration of containers
  - Connected via shared resources:
    - Network
    - Volumes

# Sidecar

## Structural patterns



# Ambassador

Structural patterns

How to decouple a container's access to the outside world?

- Also known as **Proxy**
- Specialization of a Sidecar
- E.g. infrastructure services
  - Circuit breaker
  - Tracing

# Adapter

Structural patterns

How to decouple access to a container from the outside world?

- Opposite of Ambassador
- Uniform access to Utilities from pod
- Examples:
  - Monitoring
  - Logging

# CONFIGURATIONAL PATTERNS

# Deployment configuration

Configurational patterns

How can apps be configured for different environments?

- EnvVar
- Configuration Resource
- Configuration Template

# EnvVar

## Configurational patterns

```
kind: Pod
spec:
  containers:
  - env:
    - name: DB_HOST
      value: "prod-database.prod.intranet"
    - name: DB_PASSWORD
      valueFrom:
        secretKeyRef:
          name: "db-passwords"
          key: "mongodb.password"
    - name: DB_USER
      valueFrom:
        configMapKeyRef:
          name: "db-users"
          key: "mongodb.user"
  image: acme/bookmark-service:1.0.4
```

# Configuration resource

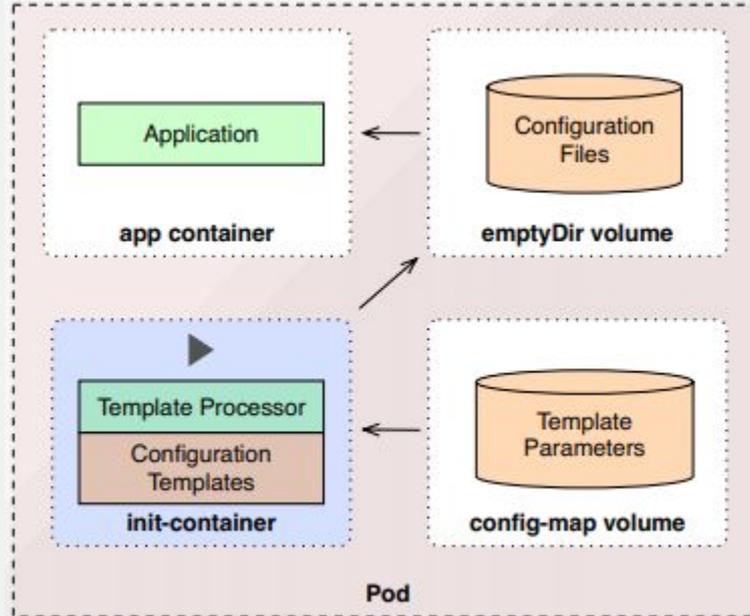
## Configurational patterns

```
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: spring-boot-config
data:
  JAVA_OPTIONS: "-Xmx512m"
  application.properties: |
    welcome.message=Hello !!!
    server.port=8080
```

```
kind: Pod
spec:
  containers:
  - name: web
    volumeMounts:
    - name: config-volume
      mountPath: /etc/config
    # ...
  volumes:
  - name: config-volume
    configMap:
      name: spring-boot-config
```

# Configuration template

Configurational patterns



# ADVANCED PATTERNS

# Custom controller

Advanced patterns

How can I extend the platform itself  
without changing it?

- Watching resources by registering for Kubernetes events
- Reacting on changes in resource **declarations**

# Custom controller - Categories

Advanced patterns

- **Extension Controller:** Extend the Kubernetes platform itself
- **Application Controller:** Combine Kubernetes with an application specific domain

# Custom controller

## Advanced patterns

- Managed pod listening for Kubernetes API events
- **State Reconciliation:** Make the current state like the declared desired state
- Often used in combination with **CustomResources**

# Custom resources

Advanced patterns

How can I manage custom domain specific resources?

- **Custom Resource Definition (CRD)** managed by Kubernetes
- Accessible via the Kubernetes API
- Watched by Custom Controllers

# Custom resources

## Advanced patterns

```
apiVersion: apiextensions.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: CustomResourceDefinition
metadata:
  name: prometheuses.monitoring.coreos.com
spec:
  group: monitoring.coreos.com
  names:
    kind: Prometheus
    plural: prometheuses
  scope: Namespaced
  version: v1
  validation: ....
```

# Custom resources

## Advanced patterns

```
apiVersion: monitoring.coreos.com/v1
kind: Prometheus
metadata:
  name: prometheus
spec:
  serviceMonitorSelector:
    matchLabels:
      team: frontend
  resources:
    requests:
      memory: 400Mi
```

# Operator

Advanced patterns

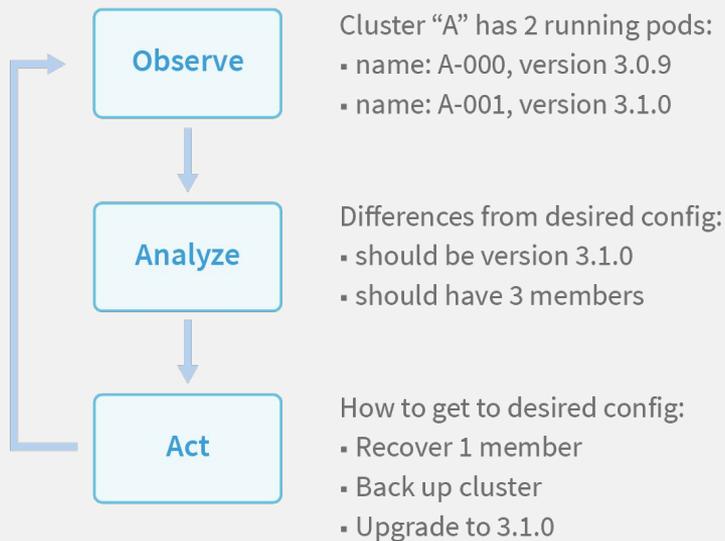
How do I package, deploy and manage a Kubernetes application?

- Combine Custom Controller and Custom Resource
- Manages and deploys custom Kubernetes application
- Operator Framework by CoreOS:
  - Operator SDK
  - Operator Lifecycle
  - Manager Operator Metering

# Operator

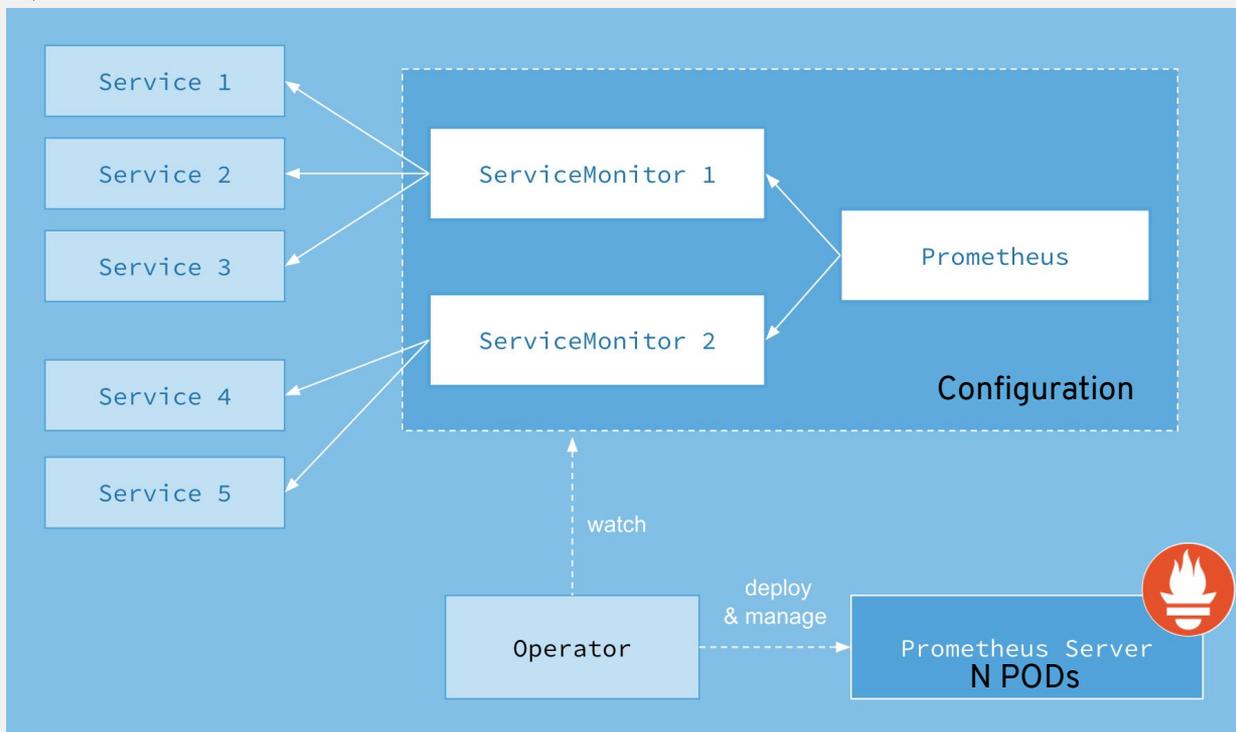
## Advanced patterns

### etcd Operator Logic



# Operator

## Advanced patterns





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