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SAILING THE CLOUD NATIVE SEA WITH K3S

Lowering the barrier to entry for Kubernetes



Agenda

- Prolog(ue)
- Act one: docker-compose up && echo done
- Act two: trouble in paradise
- Act three: is the something better and can we afford it?
- Act four: curl -sfL https://get.k3s.io l sh -
- Epilogue



Prolog(ue)

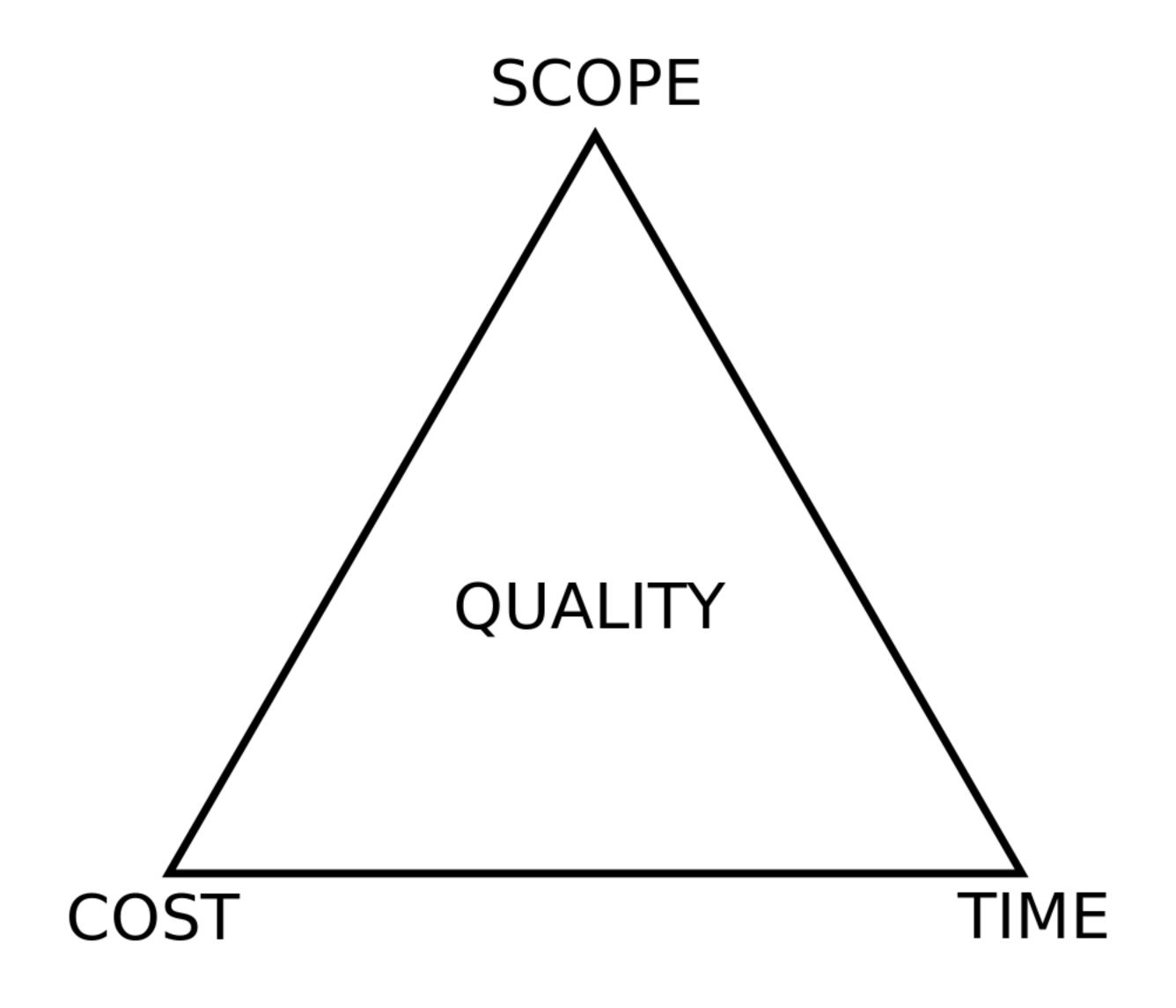


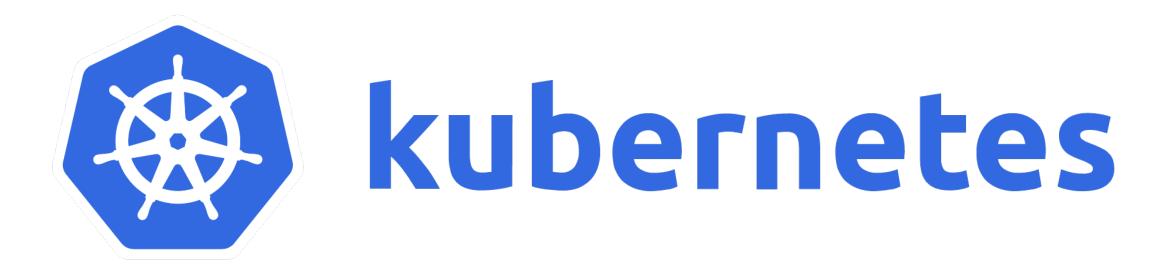
Act one: docker-compose

- Small team
- Small budget
- Short deadline
- Proof of concept
- On premises (in DK)
- Limited Kubernetes Knowledge

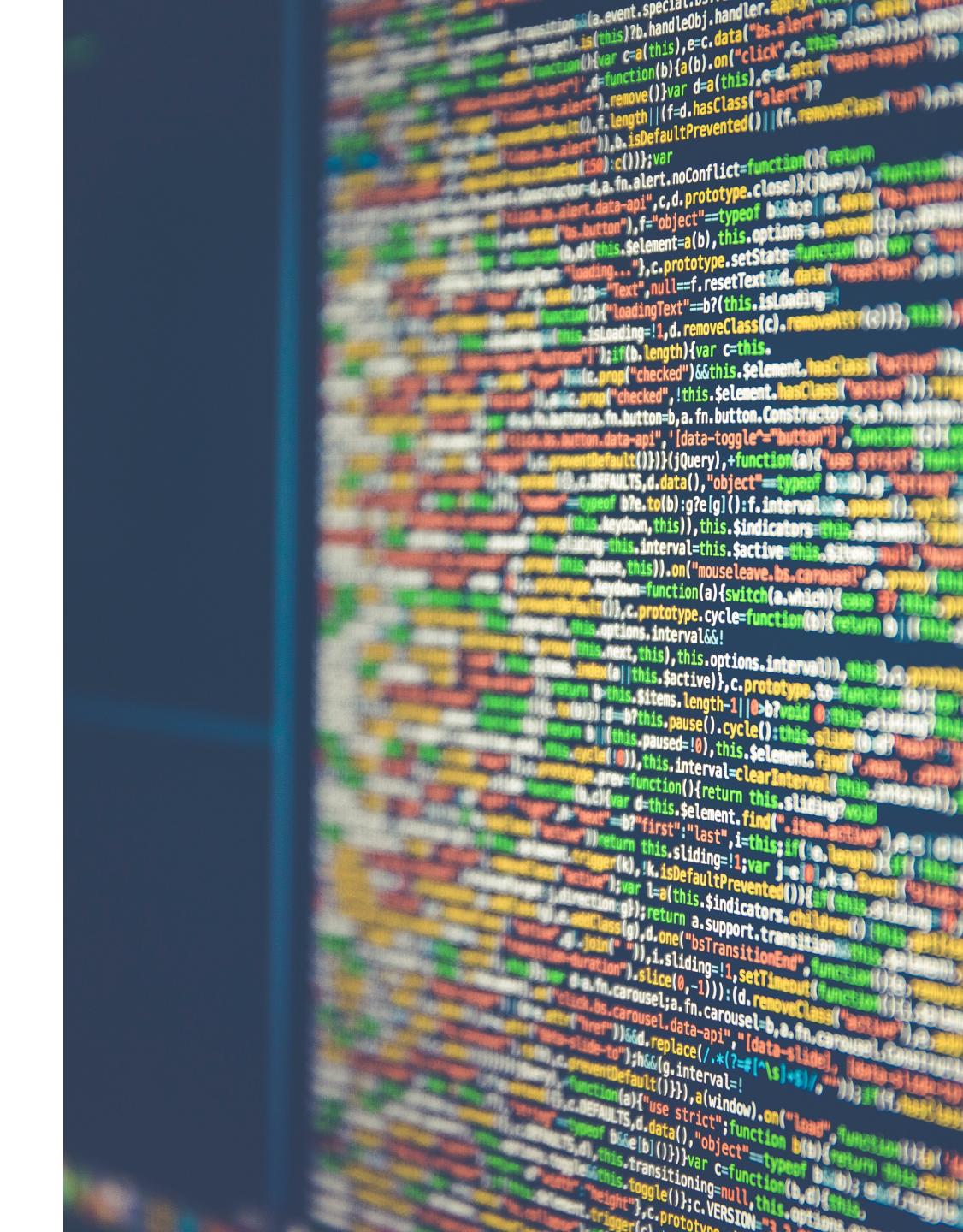
Act one: docker-compose

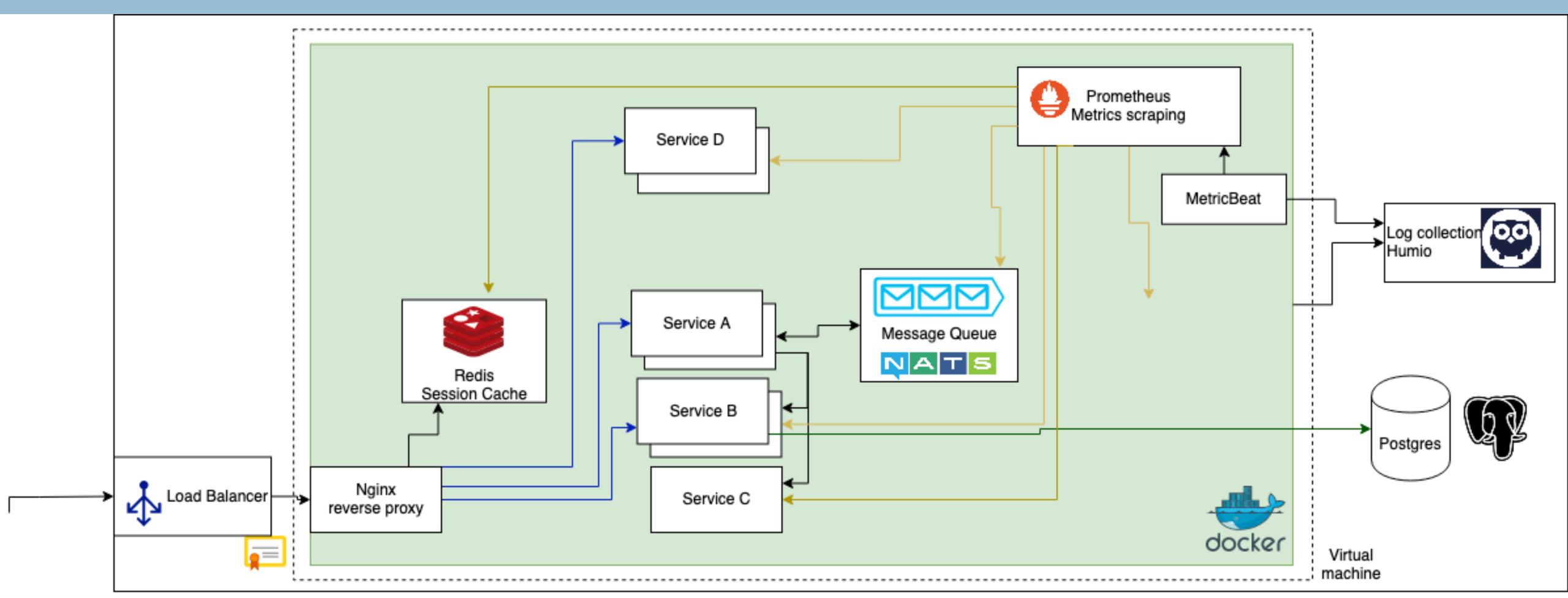
Goals	Constraints
Scalability	Budget
Simplicity	Limited experience with Kubernetes
Time to market	On-premises





- Doesn't always make sense
 - Cost
 - Size of project
 - Organisational complexity
 - Difficulty in getting buy-in





Datacenter

docker-compose up

- Staging / Production split on two VMs
- 2 cores and 4 Gb RAM
- Desired state: kept in git
- Secrets: encrypted partition mounted as volumes
- Deployment: ssh + "docker-compose up"
- Good UX for developers

```
version: "3.9" # optional since v1.27.0
services:
  web:
    build: •
    ports:
      - "5000:5000"
    volumes:
      - .:/code
      - logvolume01:/var/log
    links:
      - redis
  redis:
    image: redis
volumes:
  logvolume01: {}
```

Act two: trouble in paradise

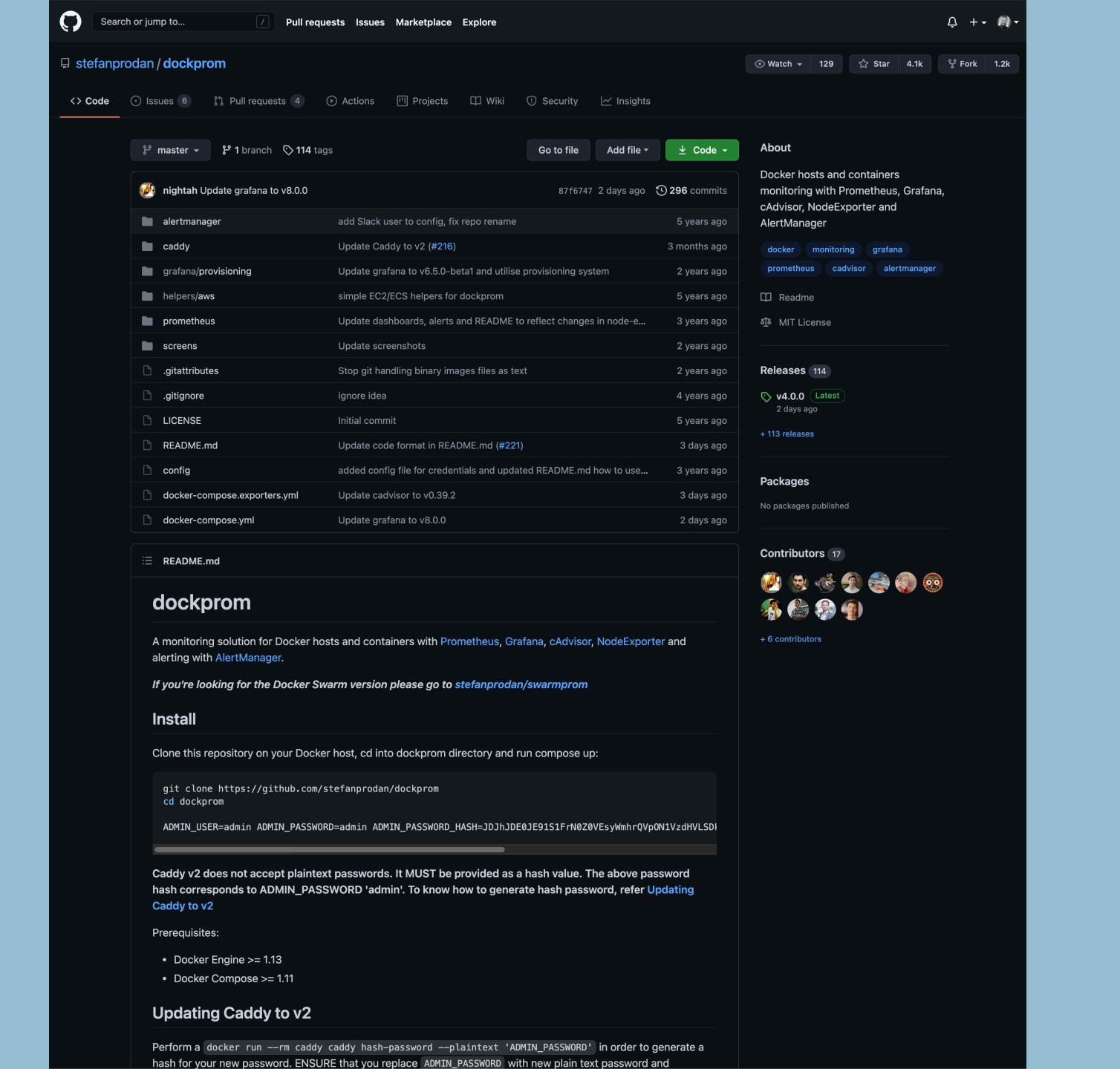
Act two:

- More covid => more users => need better observability
 - Configuration of off-the-shelf tools was a pain
- Deployment took a lot of manual work
- No rolling upgrades
 - Couldn't deploy during business hours
- Secrets managed manually and separate from services



```
<source>
  @type forward
  port 24224
  bind 0.0.0.0
</source>
<match **>
                 elasticsearch
  @type
                 "#{ENV['HUMIO_HOST']}"
  host
                 "#{ENV['HUMIO_PORT']}"
 port
                 "#{ENV['HUMIO_PROTOCOL']}"
  scheme
                 "#{ENV['HUMIO_REPO']}" # Replace with your Humio repo
  user
                 "#{ENV['HUMI0_TOKEN']}" # Replace with your actual ingest token
  password
  logstash_format true
  verify_es_version_at_startup false
  <buffer>
    flush_mode interval
    flush_interval 10s
    retry_type periodic
    retry_wait 10s
    retry_timeout 10d
    total_limit_size 500MB
    chunk_limit_size 8MB
    overflow_action drop_oldest_chunk
  </buffer>
</match>
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Problems to solve

- Simplify deployment
- Secrets management
- Configuration of common tools

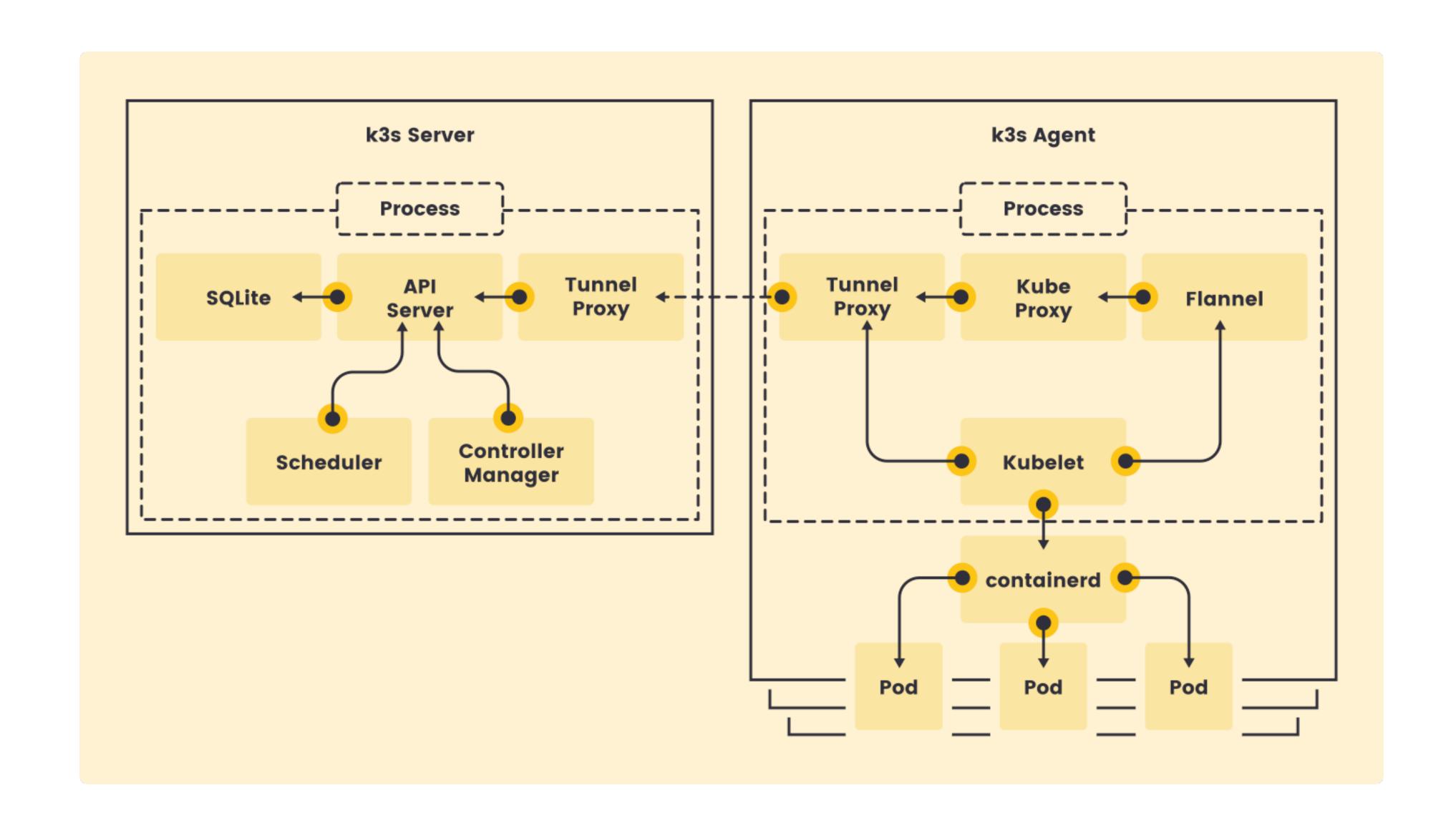
Act three: is there something better and can we afford it?



- Certified Kubernetes distribution
- Originally by Rancher
- Now CNCF Sandbox project
- Embedded SQLite instead of etcd
- Single binary
- So small that you can run it on a Raspberry PI



- Super simple setup
- Generates initro / systemd scripts
- Runs containerd under the hood instead of Docker
- Comes with Traefik as ingress controller



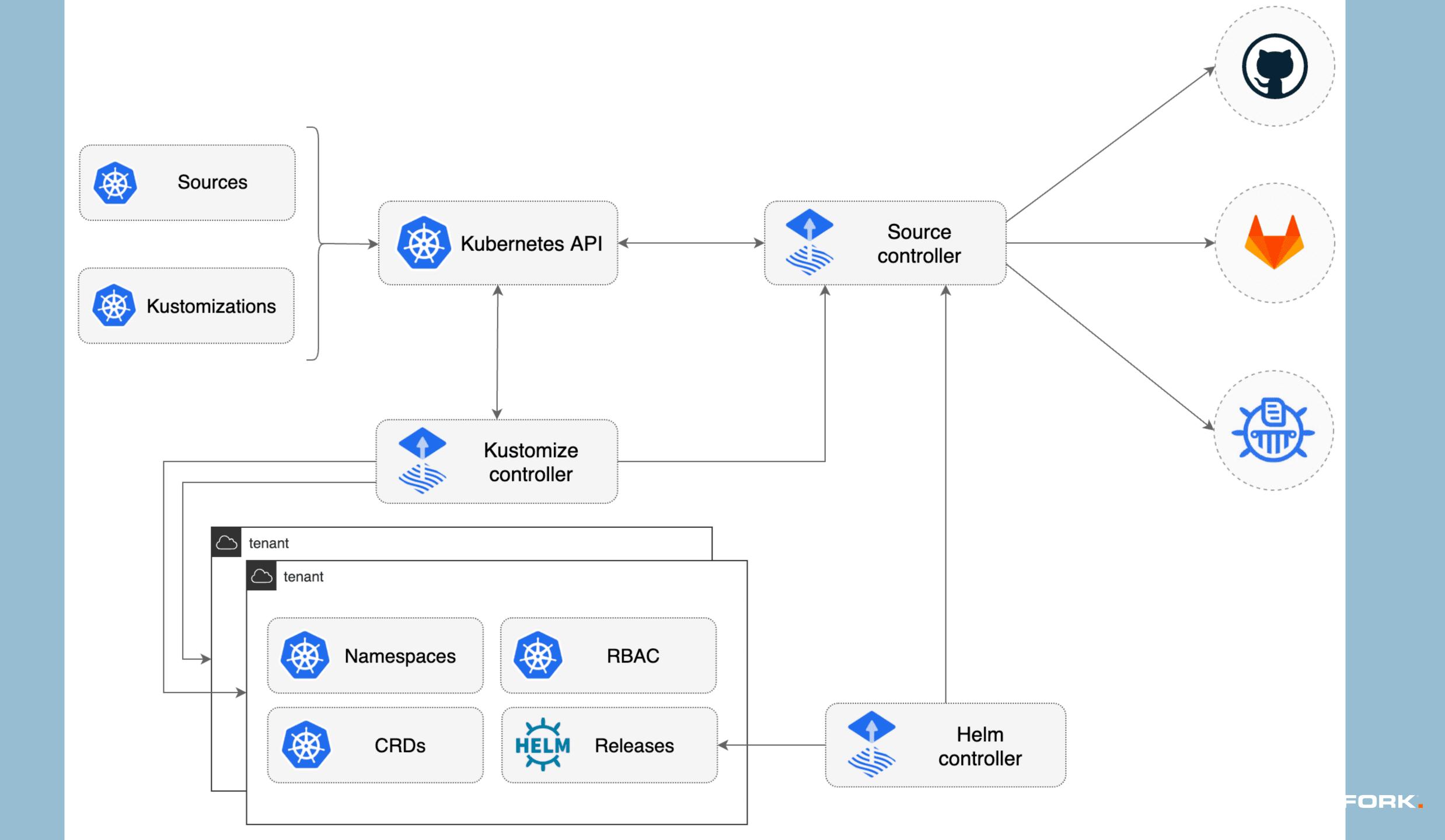


Trade-offs of single-node clusters

- Highly available
- Zero-down time cluster upgrades
- Cluster auto-scaling



- GitOps tool originally by WeaveWorks
- Now a CNCF incubation project
- Built-in support for Helm, Kustomize
- Good monitoring + alerting options
- Highly recommend: https://github.com/fluxcd/flux2-kustomize-helm-example https://github.com/fluxcd/flux2-multi-tenancy



```
$ tree −d −L 3
   apps
       base
            frontend
           redis
       overlays
           localhost
           production
         — staging
   clusters
        localhost
        └─ flux-system
       production
        L— flux-syster
      - staging
        L— flux-system
    infrastructure
       base
            fluentbit
            namespaces
            prometheus-operator
            sources
     — over lays
           localnost
           production
           staging
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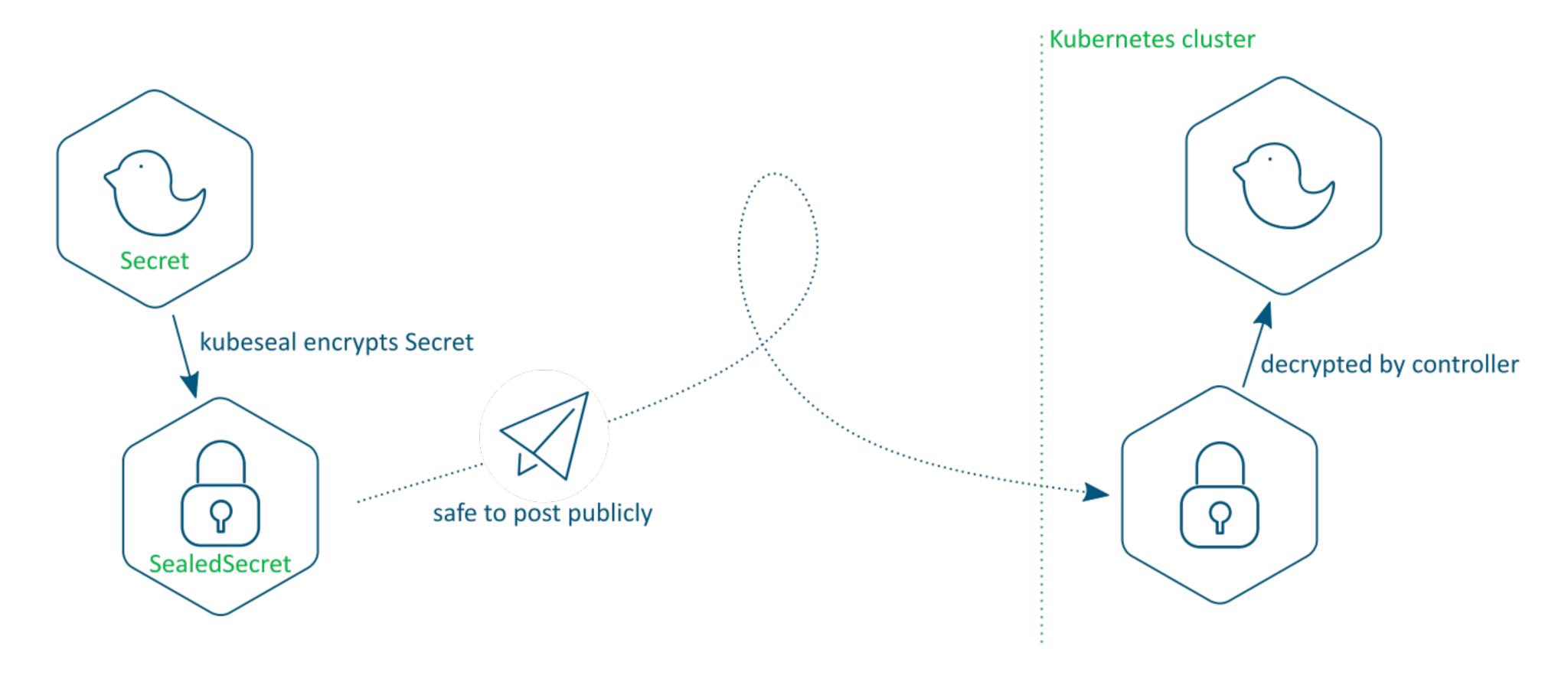
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Sealed Secrets

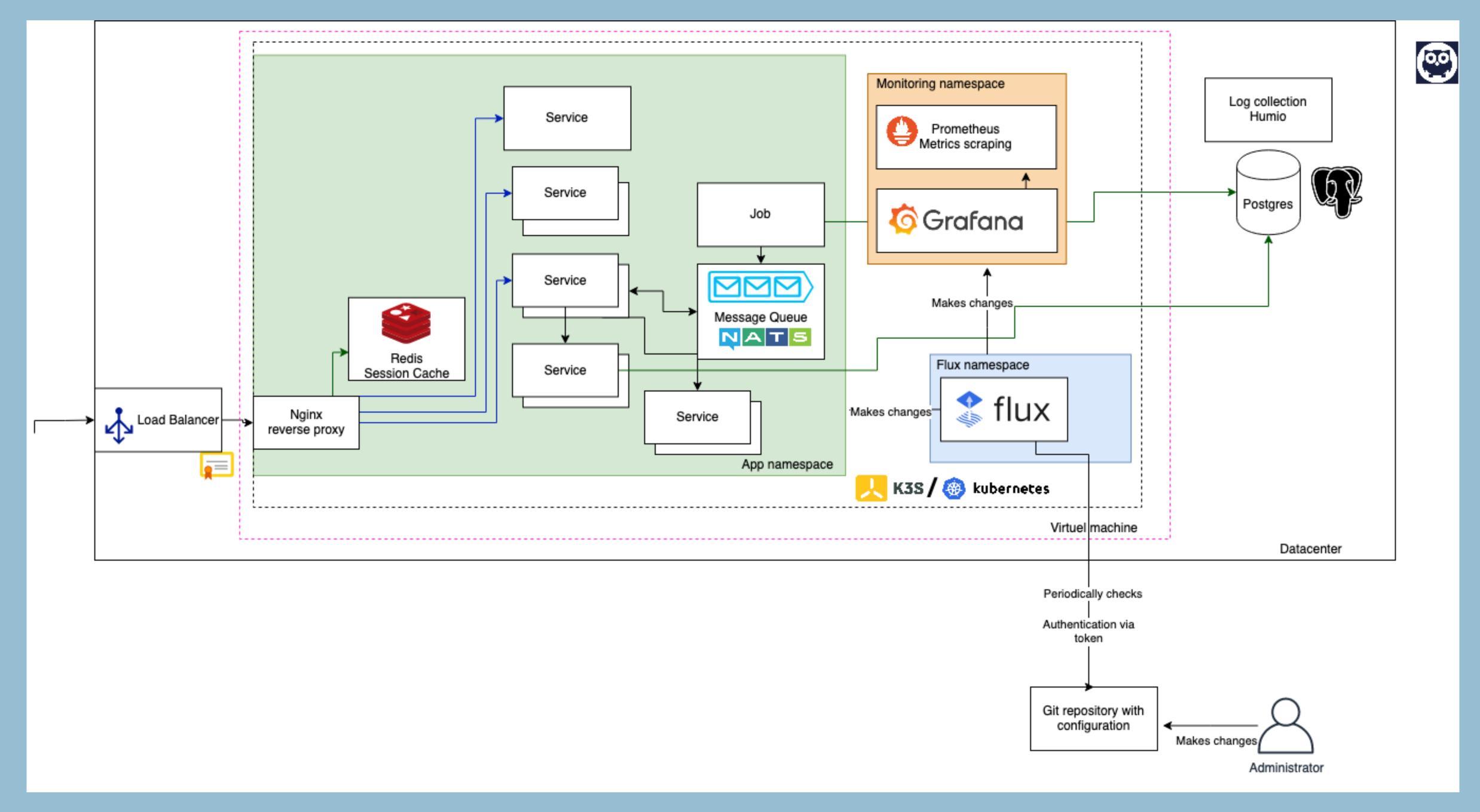
- "One-way" encrypted secrets
 - public / private key
- Built by Bitnami
- Encrypted secrets committed to git
- Automatically unencrypted inside Kubernetes

Sealed Secrets

Life of a SealedSecret







Epilogue

Where to go from here?

- More clusters (dev/staging/prod)
- Upgrade the VM instance
- Multi-node K3s
- Managed Kubernetes
- Everything's in git easy to move

Tools in the toolbox

- Single sign-on for monitoring tools:
 - Dex + OAuth2 Proxy +
 GitHub as IdP
- Automatic Docker image upgrades based on semantic versioning
- Developer experience:
 - K3d (K3s in Docker)
 - Live-reloading using Tilt

- AlertManager
- Notifications in Slack
- Validate manifests using GitHub actions on Pull Requests
- Webhooks to show deployment status of commits in GitHub

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