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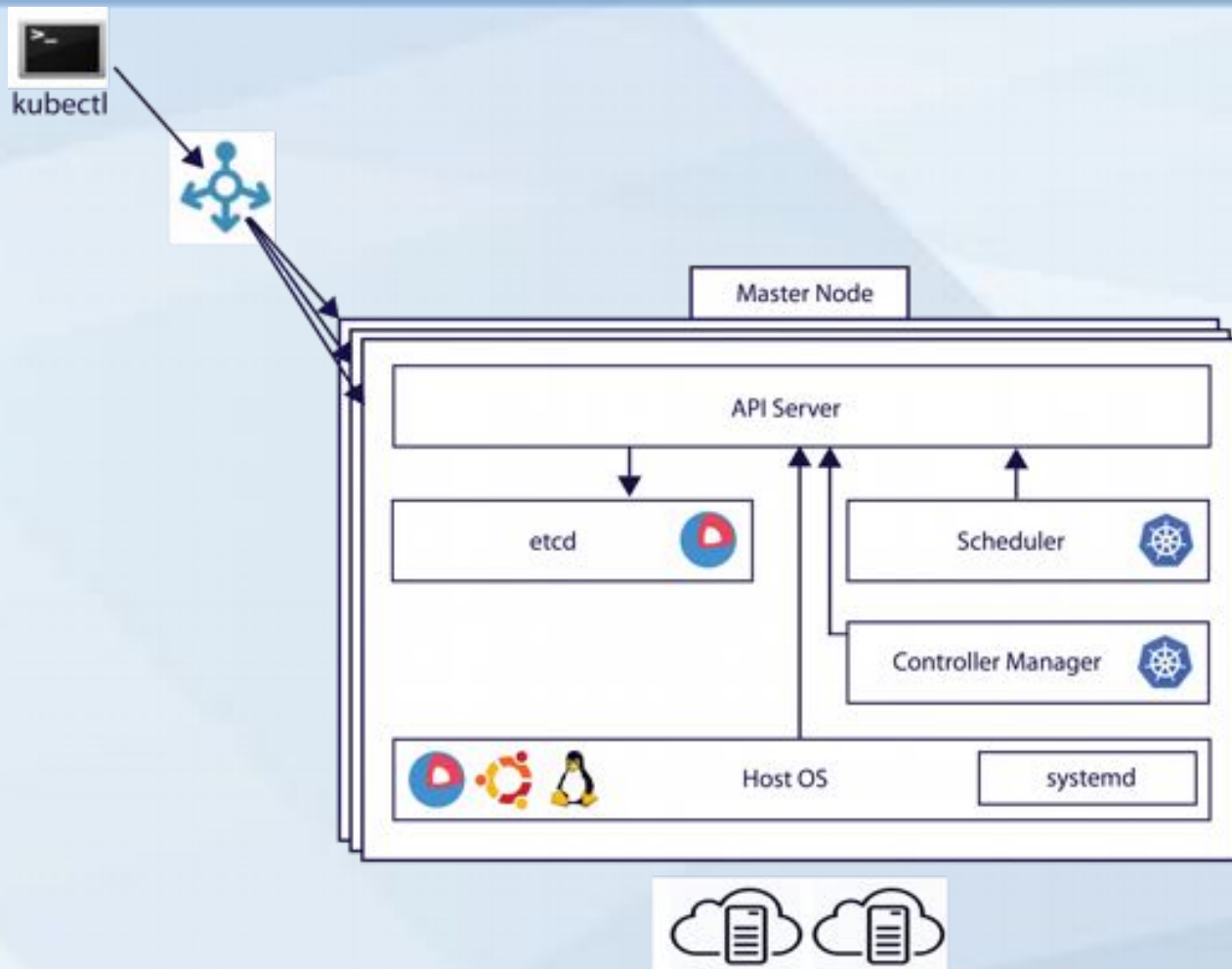 - It is said that Google's Omega takes lessons learned from Mesos back into Google

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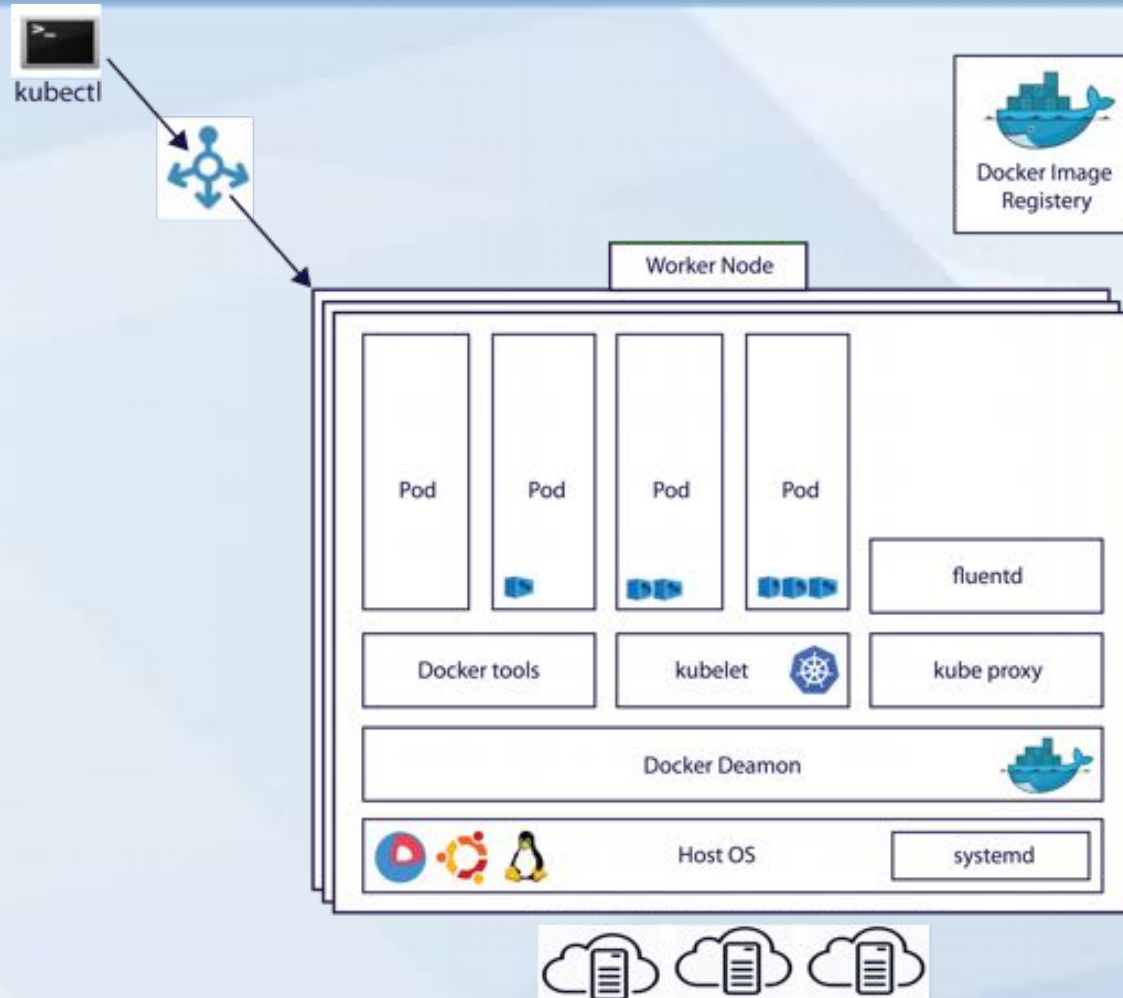- Scheduler

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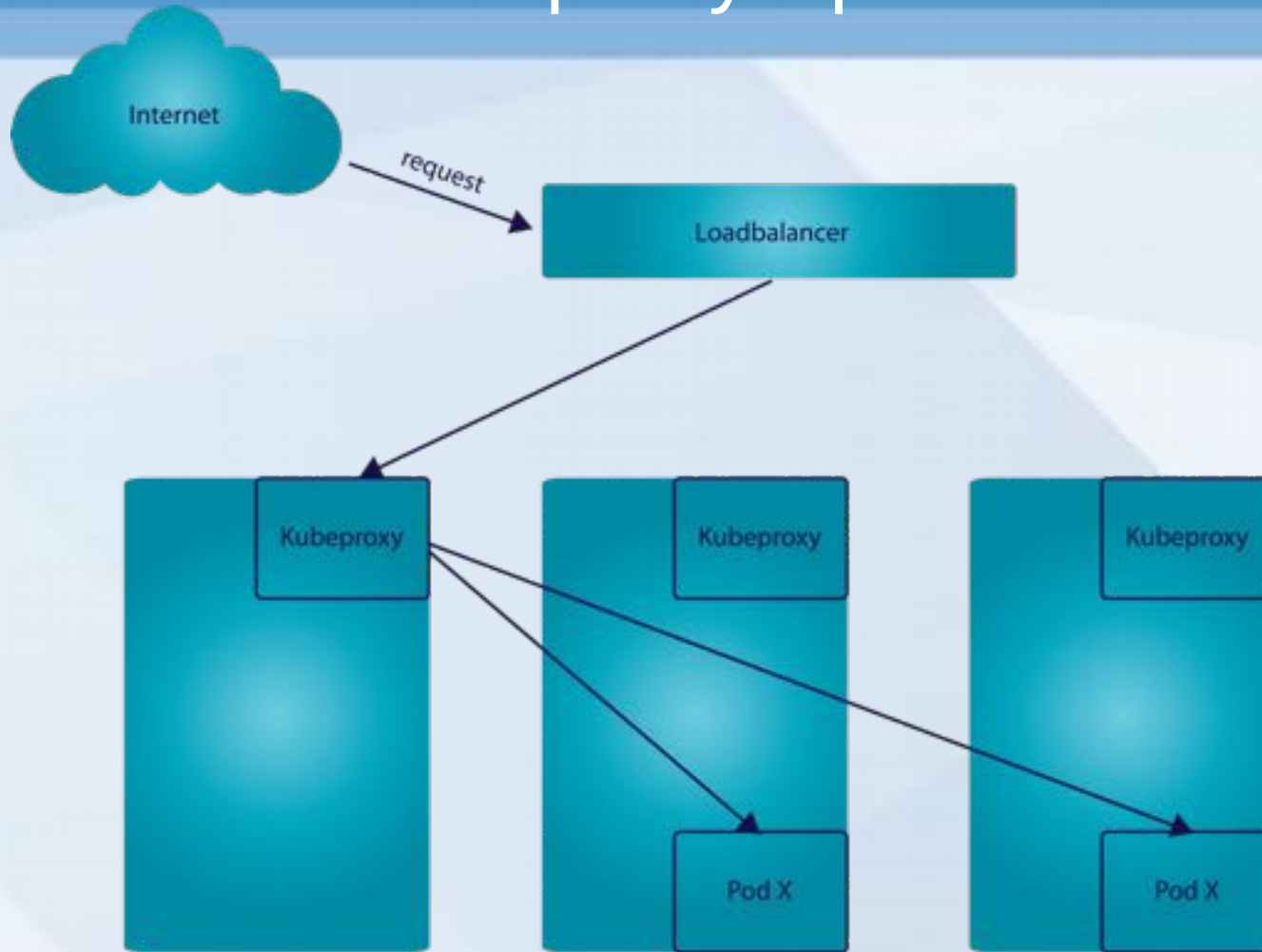
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Supporting Services

- Log Aggregation
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Federation

- Can be used to run applications over several Zones (eg. eu-west1 and eu-central1 for AWS)
- Can be used to create hybrid clouds
- Can be used to run an application over multiple clouds (!!)
    - Scale up where it is cheapest
    - Move entire workloads in case of datacenter failure
- One unified interface for all clouds
    - Splits dev from ops (again)

Questions?

- Kubernetes community is very open, start at https://kubernetes.io

Thanks for listening

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Containers are not for everyone. They do add a certain level of complexity (if you do it correctly) and sometimes it just does not make sense to spend time on that.

Generally speaking, anything PHP should not run in a container.

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You get some added features that can help improve generic security, but if your code is vulnerable, it's vulnerable. Broken code can still wipe the database. Broken code can still send spam. Broken code can still crawl the web in search for other broken code.

Low level entry points get the most press, but that's because they are the most interesting to look at. Most security problems are just bad code.

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These days, you bought a computer and you got an entire manually regarding how to program it (in assembly!). Languages like C and Pascal were just emerging, standard operating systems were just emerging. Computers were still special-purpose devices that required an electrical engineer to program and troubleshoot.

Process isolation is a broad term, think namespacing and the like.

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Bill Joy was a student of Berkeley, got contracted into Sun Microsystem as a co-founder (6 months after company creation). He worked on it during his time as a graduate student (a student working at University after graduation), in a time when he also wrote the ex and vi editors.

Keep in mind that this (1982) was the time that DARPA began to expand Arpanet and AT&T Unix would be transformed at Berkeley to the Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD). If you were into software, you were hacking on kernels and file systems. Your interface was a blinking whitish cursor on a black background. Editing was done with line editors (until Joy created vi!).

Bill Cheswick created firewalls (together with Steven Bellovin) in 1987 at Bell Labs.

Developed to protext applications from noisy, nosey and messy neighbours.

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Poul-Henning Kamp, of Varnish notoriety. Software-craftman, did and does a lot for the FreeBSD OS. This was paid for by Derrick T. Woolworth, as he wanted to use it for his hosting company.

Stable and secure environment for process isolation. In general used as a VM hosting solution (so it has an entire OS and even runs an init, both of which can be done on Docker as well, but is discouraged).

Used a lot in days of yore by shared hosting providers (keep in mind that this was way before the advent of cloud in 2006).

Very mature system, very flexible when using ZFS as the backing store. Features are still being added.

Does not support live migration (but neither does Docker).

We're done here. Feature-wise they compare. Jails just don't run on Linux. Linux needed some more iterations before it could do this.

(Also, Docker is about portable images, but FreeBSD has ZFS...)

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VServer is not related to Linux Virtual Server (which is loadbalancer). Shares host kernel and can share filesystem as well. Processes within VServer are processes on host (slightly better performance, cache handling)

"Light" container (network isolation, not virtualisation, so cannot have routing and the like), has less control over disk I/O resource allocation and misses parts of /proc and /sys.

VServer has last stable release in 2006 (but is still being developed, it seems)

Mount namespace added, precursor of things to come

Solaris is dead, but pionereed a lot of innovations.

OpenVZ by Parallels is a nice solution, but shares kernel.

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Process containers developed by Google (Paul Menage and Rohit Seth) to allow grouping of processes within the kernel for resource management

Merged as cgroups in 2007/2008 (kernel 2.6.24), features were added over the years. Eventually used for

- Resource limiting (memory)
- Prioritization (cpu and disk i/o)
- Accounting (resource usage)
- Control (freezing processes)

Namespaces were added for better isolation, uts = unix timesharing system

Finished in 3.8, which is required for Docker et al.

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LinuX Containers were developed as a replacement for chroot, allowing jails-like functionality using namespaces and cgroups. Security was not too good at the beginning (root was really root), got better with unprivileged mode.

Let Me Contain That For You is an API based on user intent. Low level (you set specific cgroups yourself). Has some kernel patches. Merging into libcontainer

Docker was started by Solomon Hykes at dotCloud (FR). Main advantage is (imho) container format.

Rkt by CoreOS wants to standardize. Appc to describe a container's needs, different image format (Application Container Image ACI), both under control of Open Container Initiative

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Not an entire OS, no Ubuntu installation, preferably just a single binary (Go is awesome for that)

No systemd, no supervisord, no init. Just the application.

Containers are cattle, they come and go (as they please?). Local state makes the container a pet, losing it loses data. Immutable forces you to be stateless

Environment variables are generally the easiest way to pass local config. Service discovery works as well, of course (etcd, Consul, etc.)

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Management API around containers rather than machines shifts the "primary key" of the data center from machine to application. Benefits: no longer worry about machine specifics, allow rollout of new hardware easily, telemetry is tied to application
Self-healing is key building block

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Google infra is pretty proprietary and considered trade secrets, so a lot is "heard from" or guessed.

GWQ used all machines in the Google network to assign work to, mostly non-time-sensitive large computations (batch jobs). Babysitter kept jobs running.

Google's cale is insane and one-of-a-kind, still a lot we can learn from it. Google has high expectations, always on.

Borg was probably developed around 2003 and brought into production around 2005, to replace a lot of the custom management functions that were around then.

Projects switched to Borg one by one ("resistance is futile, you will be assimilated")

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Source: https://www.wired.com/2013/03/google-borg-twitter-mesos/all/

Project started by Benjamin Hindman (who went to Twitter), Andy Konwinski and Matei Zaharia (Databricks) and professor Ion Stoica (Databricks)

As Mesos is modeled on Borg, it's very well suited for large computational jobs. Job support in K8s is fairly under-highlighted. Hadoop on Mesos for specific questions is probably a lot better.

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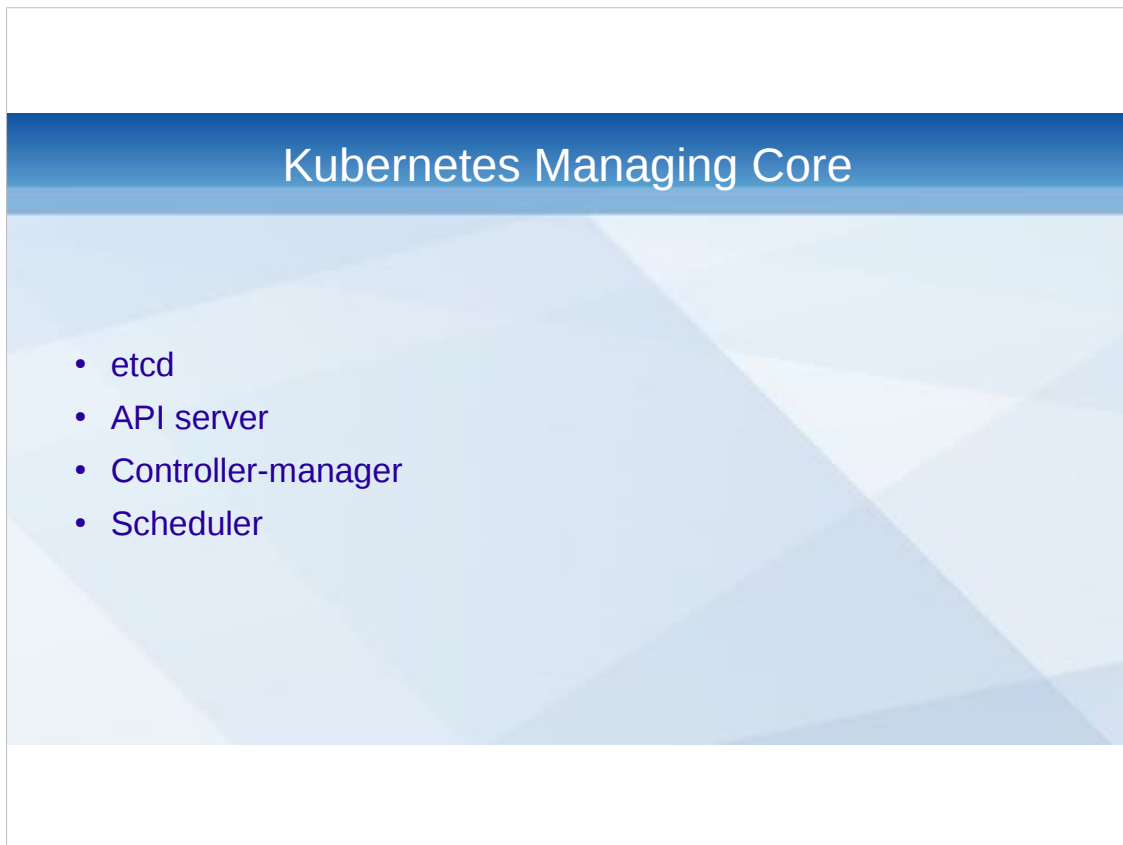
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CNCF was formed by Google and the Linux Foundation

RedHat uses it for OpenShift

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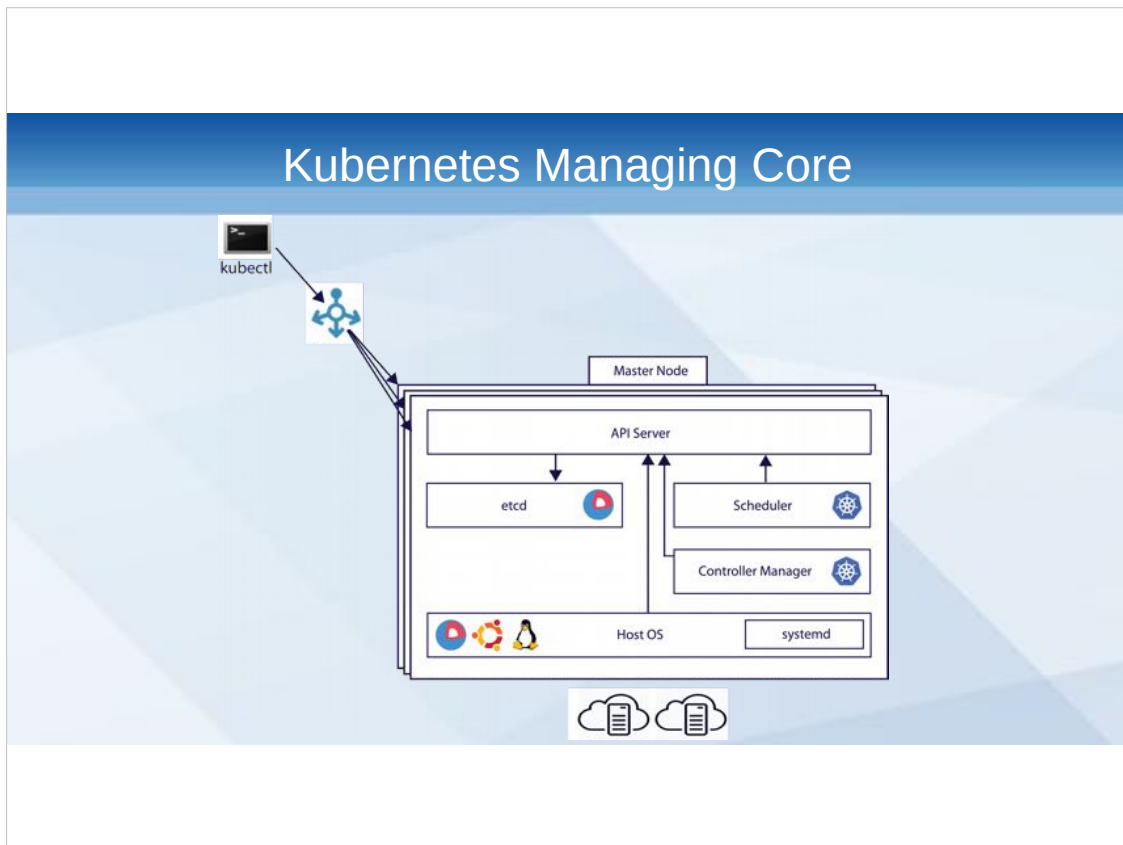- Controller-manager
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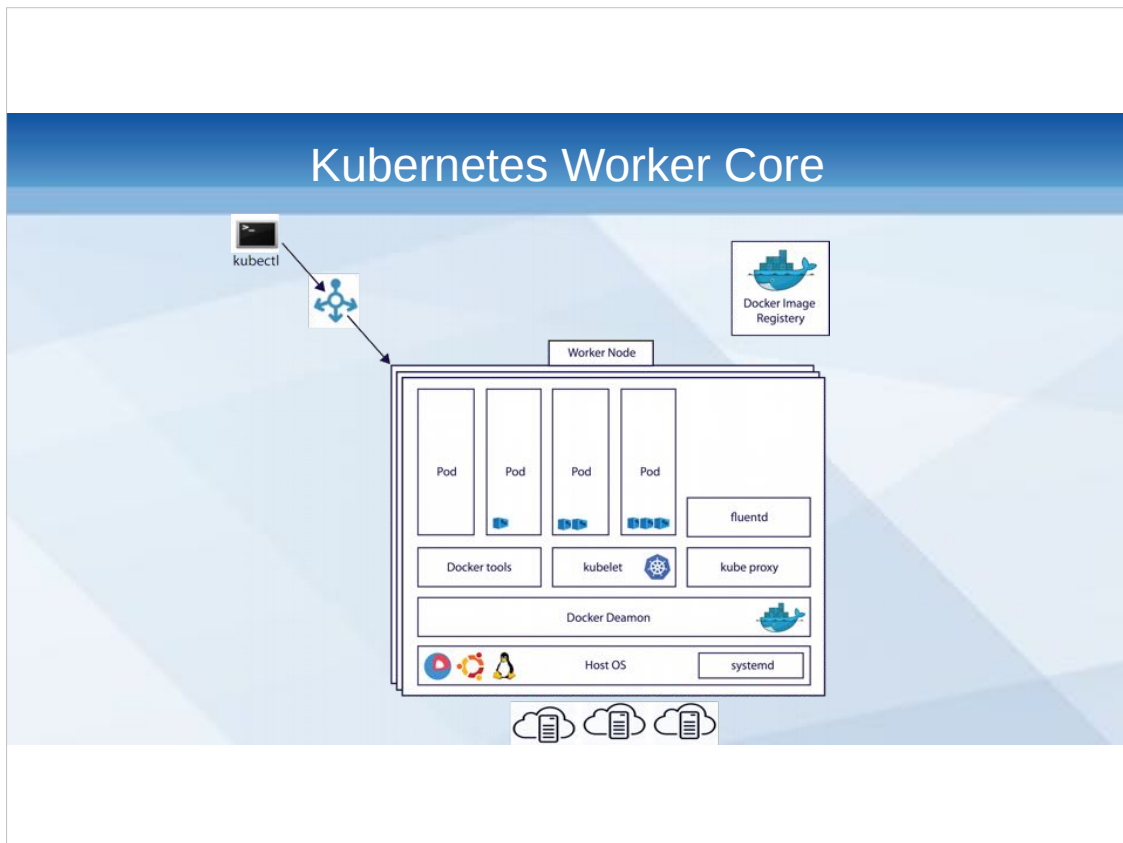## Kubernetes Worker Core

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Remember how containers run a single process? Multi-container Pods consist of a container for nginx, a container for fpm (php execution), a container for a nginx metrics exporter and a container for fpm metrics exporter

Only expose ports that are required for external communication. Internal communication is "free"

Labels are very important, they group and indentify pods.

Resources can be shared within a Pod (but can be set per container as well)

Resources limits determine Pod priority, require=limit is highest priority (Guaranteed), require<limit Burstable, no limits or only require=Best Effort

IPs are chosen from pool (either local or global), SDN can be used if needed (Calico, Flannel, etc.). IP are shared between containers within a pod (same net namespace)

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Controllers create Pods in API based on cluster statistics. Replication Controllers eg. make sure there are always X Pods running of a certain type.
Example daemonset: fluentd (log aggregation)
Example statefulset: elasticsearch, databases
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Services allow for 'fixed' connection strings, eg. you can always connect to 'elasticsearch:9200' within the cluster (this does require kube-dns).

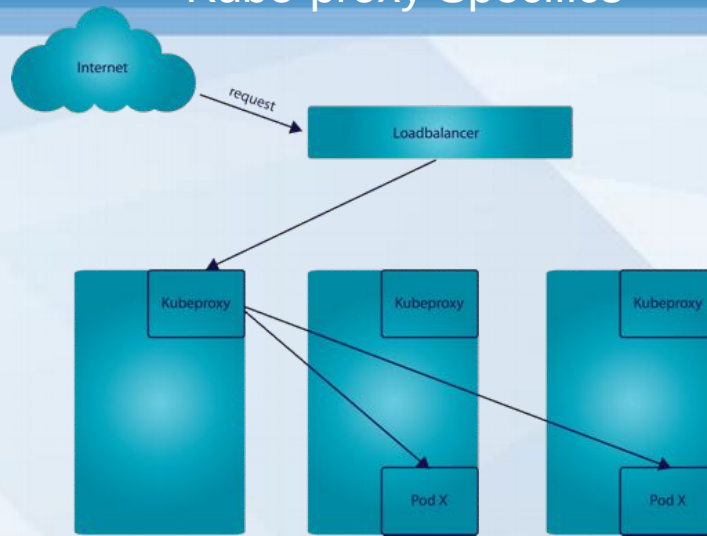Can interact with external services (like ELB) using annotations, "comments" added to a Service description that can be read via the API. Kubernetes-aware services will then be able to use these as parameters (eg. to provide an SSL certificate to the ELB via an arn resource).
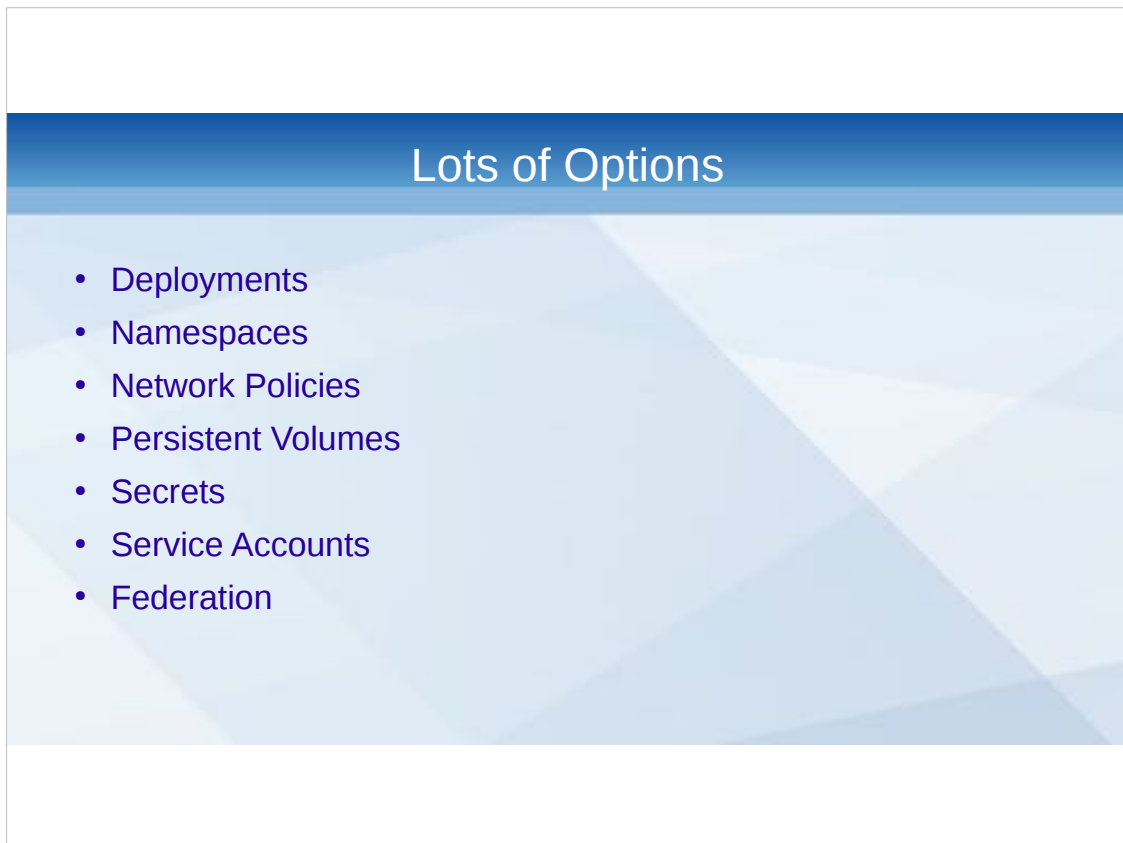
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- Network Policies
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- Secrets
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Barely discussed the basics, lots of additional options are being added. Kubernetes is under heavy development. Every 4 weeks (more or less) a new release.

As of March 6, 2017, 45k commits (since June 2014!), 1100 contributors (~44 commits per day on average)
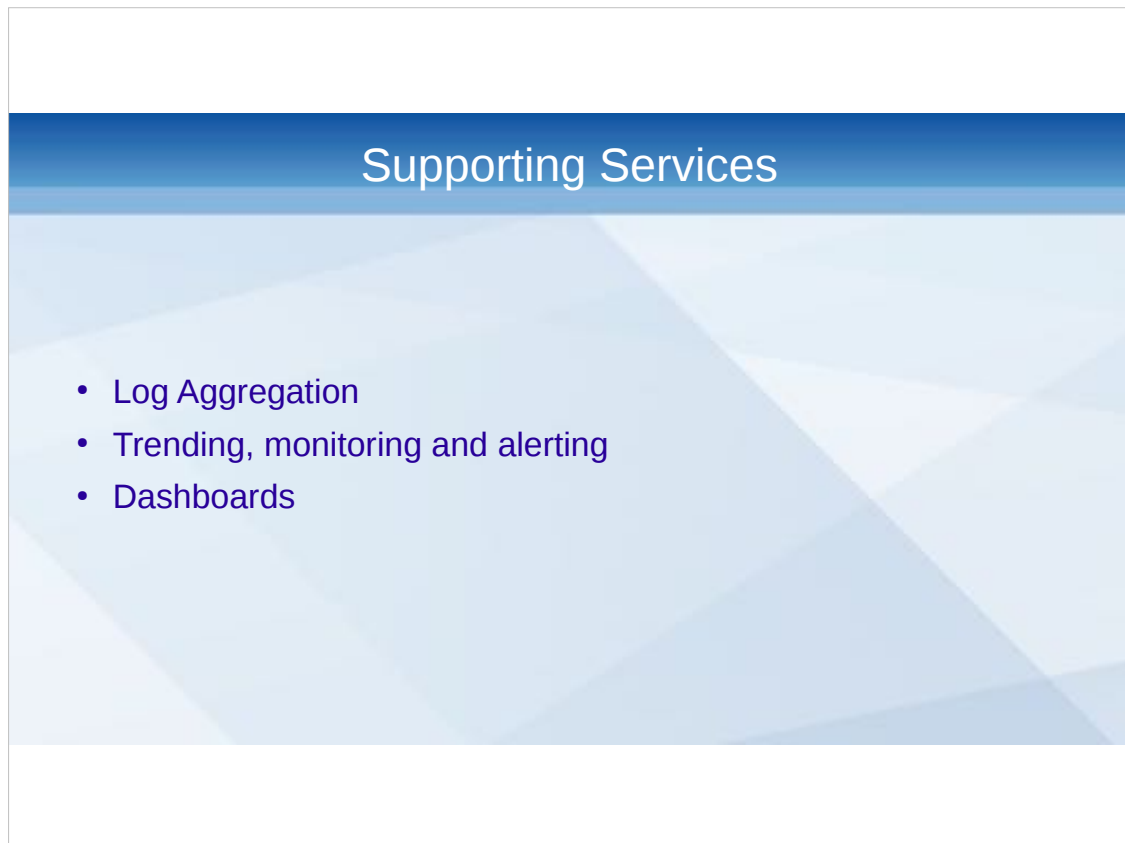
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Failure handling is important aspect of container management. Kubernetes has a lot of heuristics in place to determine the best way of dealing with resource shortage.
But failure handling is also in place when nodes just disappear, pods get automatically rescheduled (it's bliss to be able to just reboot a machine without customer noticing!)

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- Trending, monitoring and alerting
- Dashboards

Logs are lost if not collected. Checking multiple logs is tedious. Log aggregation makes it easier (and searchable). We use ElasticSearch as storage (statefulset!), Kibana as the frontend and fluentd (daemonset) for shipping.

Prometheus works great with Kubernetes. Has native support for scraping. Also written in Go. Also derived from a Google project (Borgmon). Very powerful. We use Grafana for graphing and dashboards, alertmanager for ... alerting!

Several dashboard are available to give easier insight into Kubernetes. We generally don't use them (either too powerful or not powerful enough).

Federation

- Can be used to run applications over several Zones (eg. eu-west1 and eu-central1 for AWS)
- Can be used to create hybrid clouds
- Can be used to run an application over multiple clouds (!!)
  - Scale up where it is cheapest
  - Move entire workloads in case of datacenter failure
- One unified interface for all clouds
  - Splits dev from ops (again)

Hybrid clouds = Private Cloud + Public Cloud
Multiple clouds = AWS and GCE... Or Digital Ocean and Scaleway... etc.
Moving workloads across clouds is fun and all, but your DNS will still be pointing towards a failing cloud, if you're unlucky.

Interesting future!

Questions?

- Kubernetes community is very open, start at https://kubernetes.io

Was I any good?
What did you miss?

Thanks for listening

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