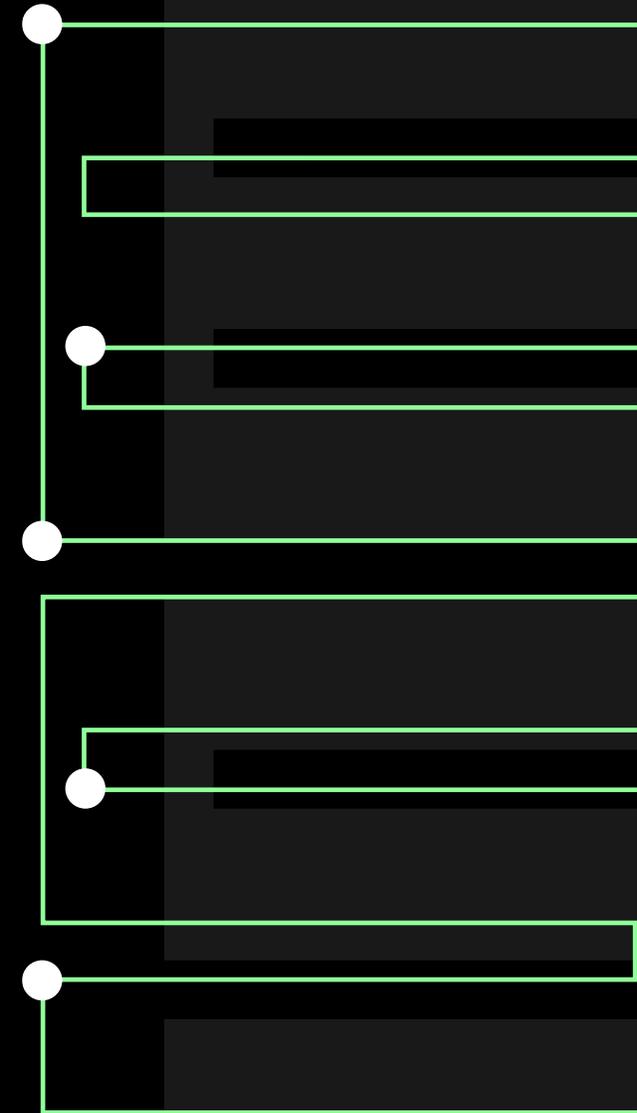


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# Autonomous Confidential Kubernetes

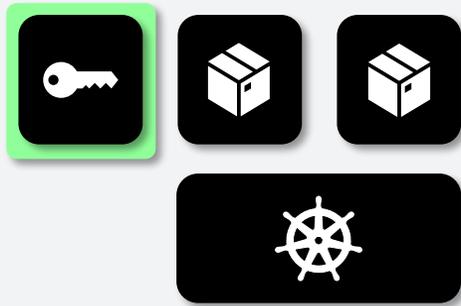
How to securely manage K8s from within K8s



# The different flavors of confidential computing

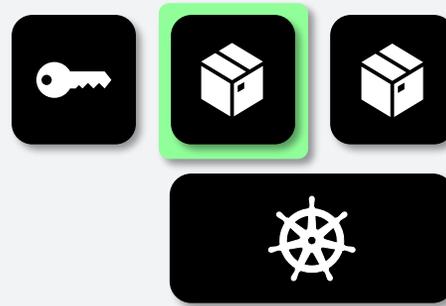
## Level 1

Protect keys



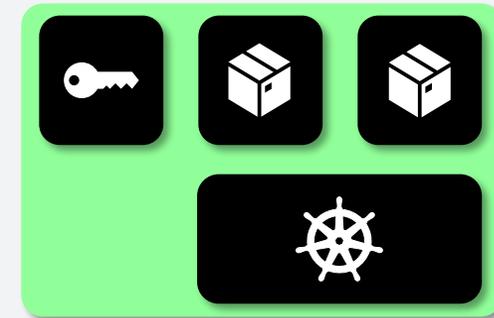
## Level 2

Protect single containers/apps



## Level 3

Protect entire deployments



# Challenges with Level 3

UX

Orchestration

Scalability

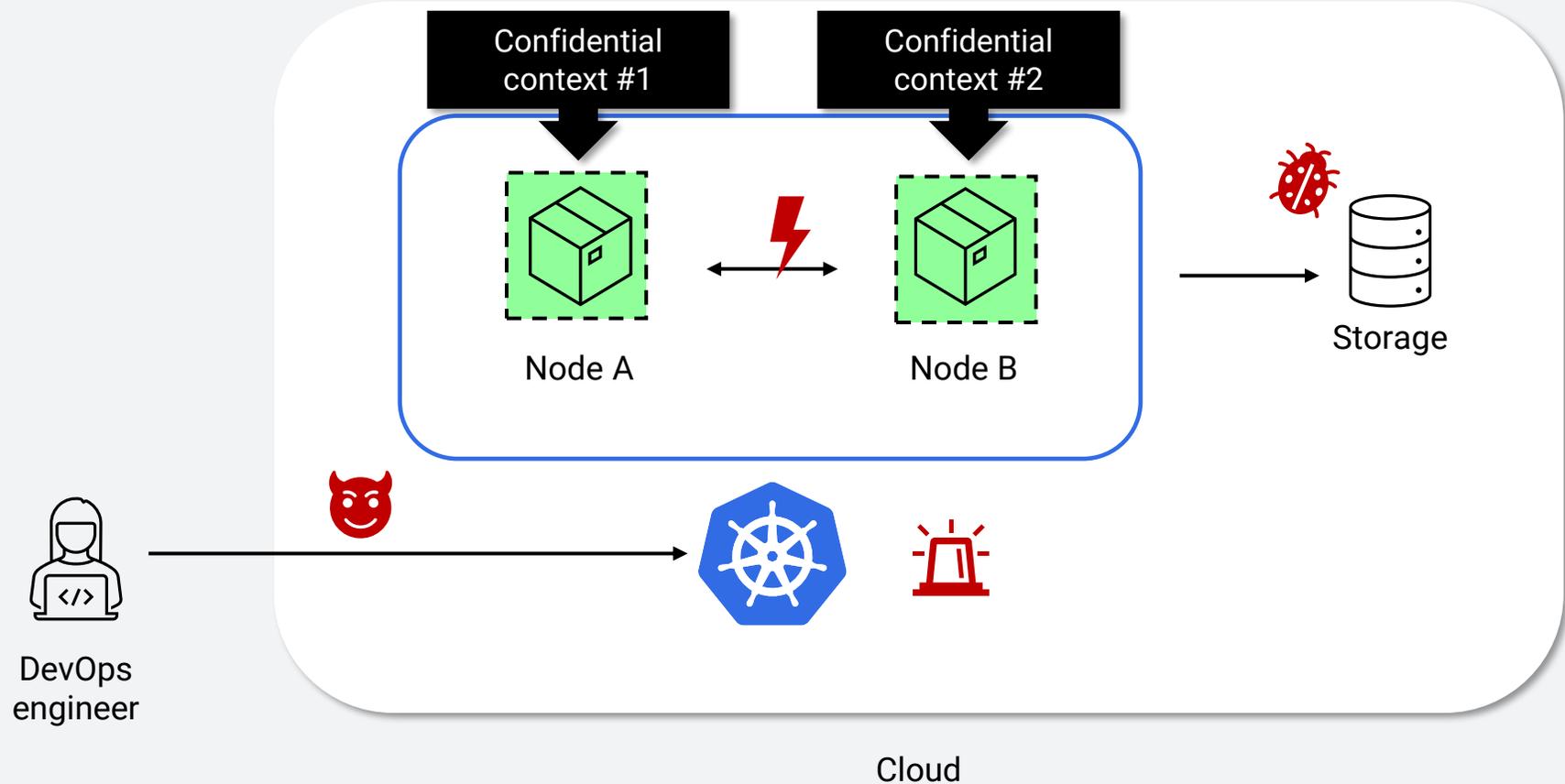
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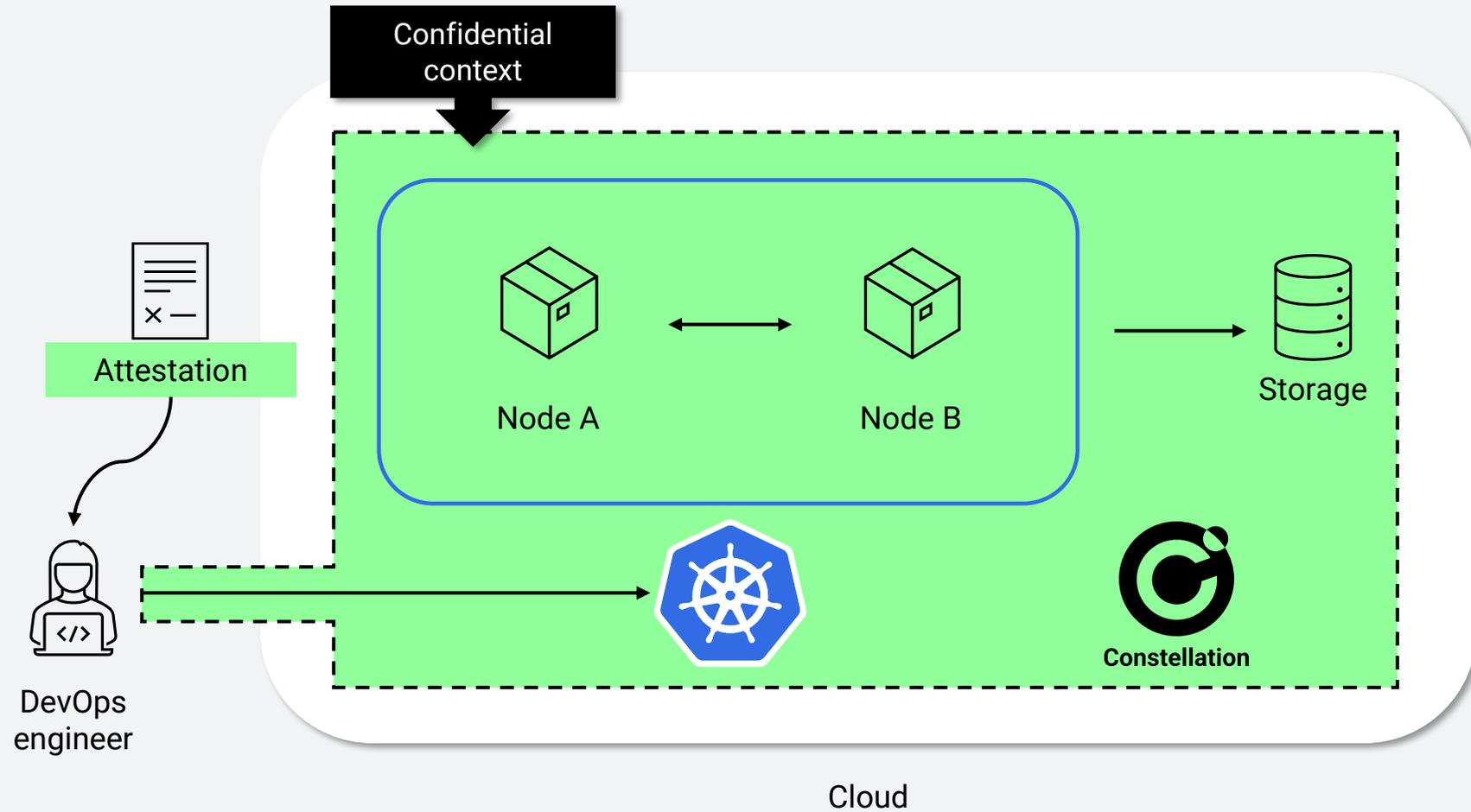
Day-2 Ops

Managed  
Services

# From a Confidential VM...



# ... to a Confidential Cluster



# Keeping the UX simple...

```
constellation create <cloud> <initial size>  
constellation init  
  
kubect1 [scale anything!]
```

# ... by addressing the challenges below

```
constellation create <cloud> <initial size>
constellation init

kubect1 [scale anything!]
```

Fully  
"measured"  
node OS

+

Whole-cluster  
attestation

+

Supply chain  
security

+

Disk and  
network  
encryption  
overlay

+

Cloud  
abstraction

+

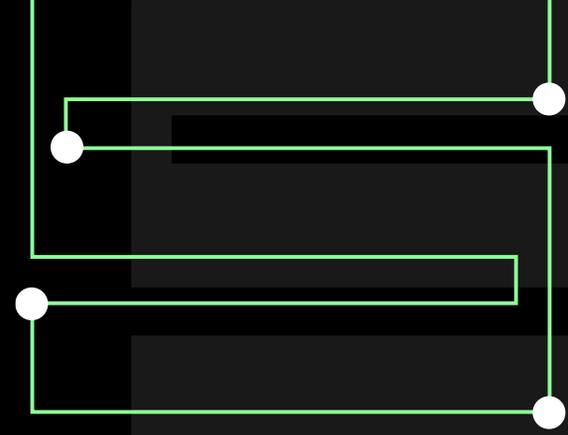
Confidential  
recovery

# What about “managed” and day-2 operations?



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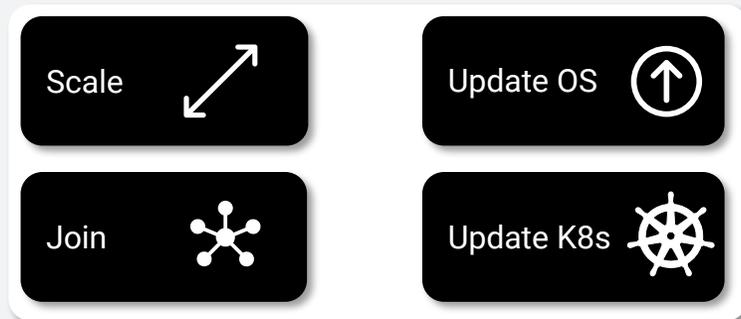
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- **MANAGE K8S FROM WITHIN K8S**

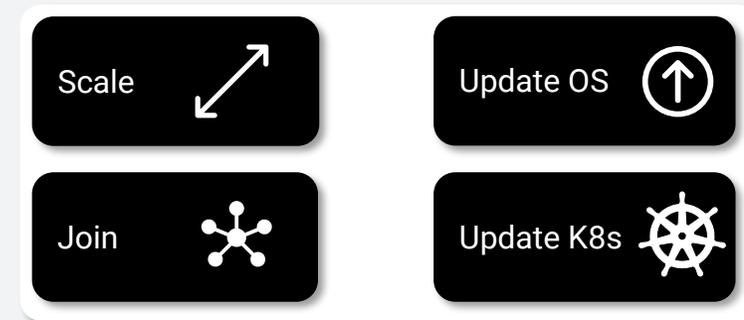
# Cluster management strategies

**On prem**  
Manually managed



**Admin in control**

**Fully managed**  
Automatically managed by CSP



**CSP in control**

# ... meeting in the middle

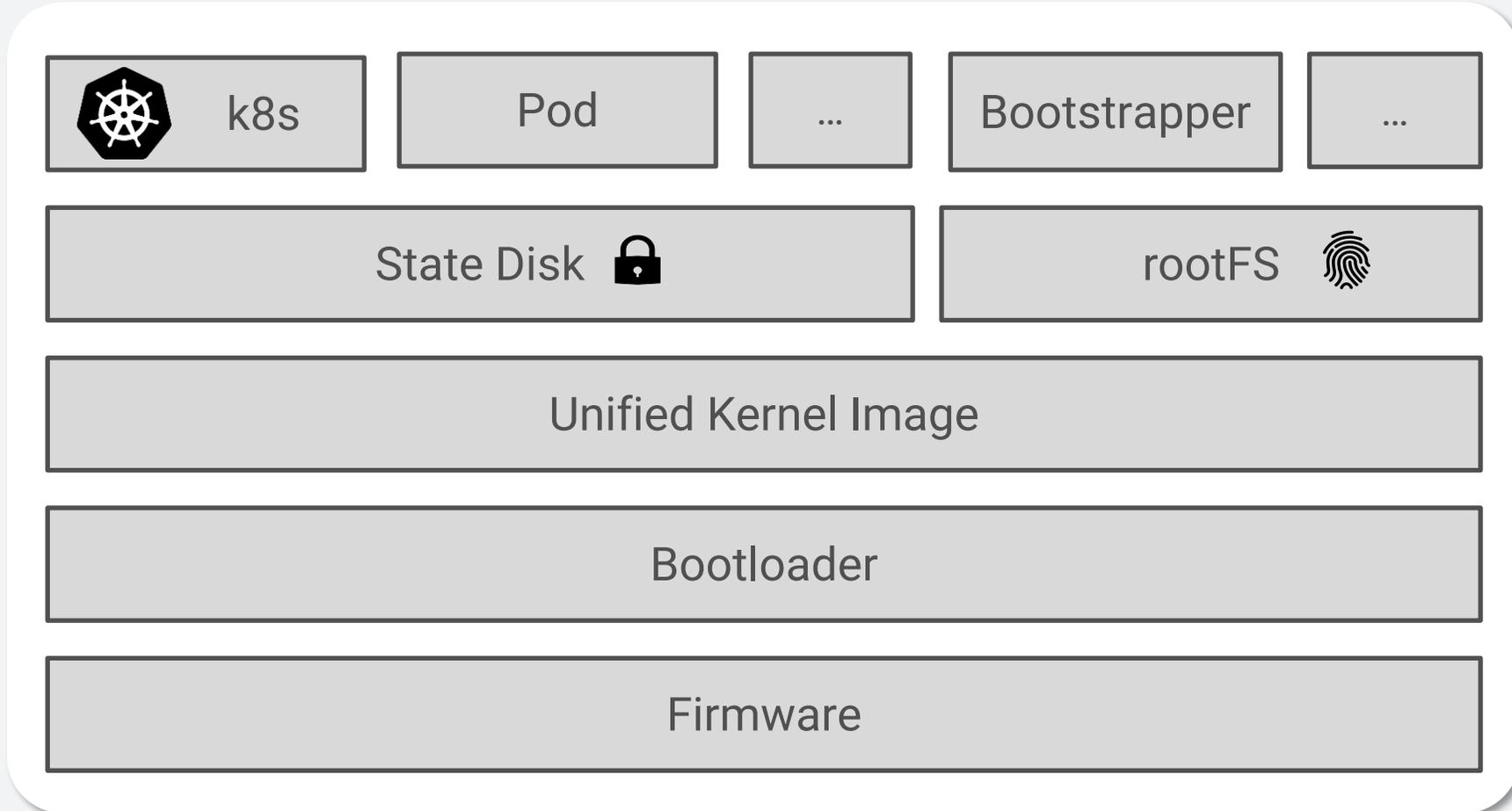
In cluster

Autonomously managed

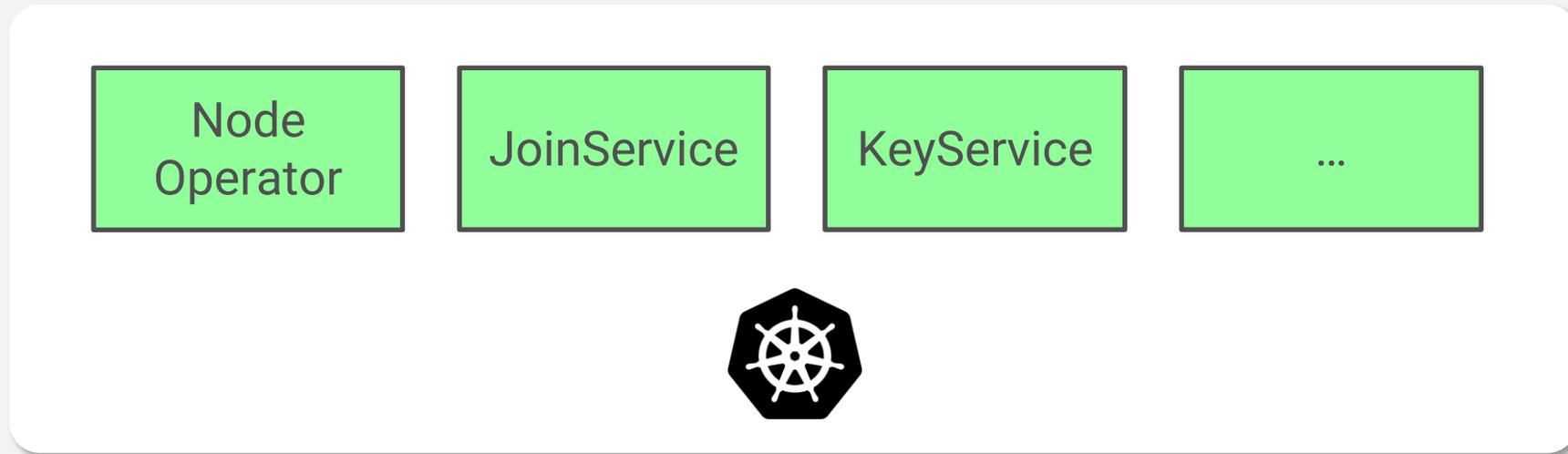


Admin & cluster in control

# Constellation Node



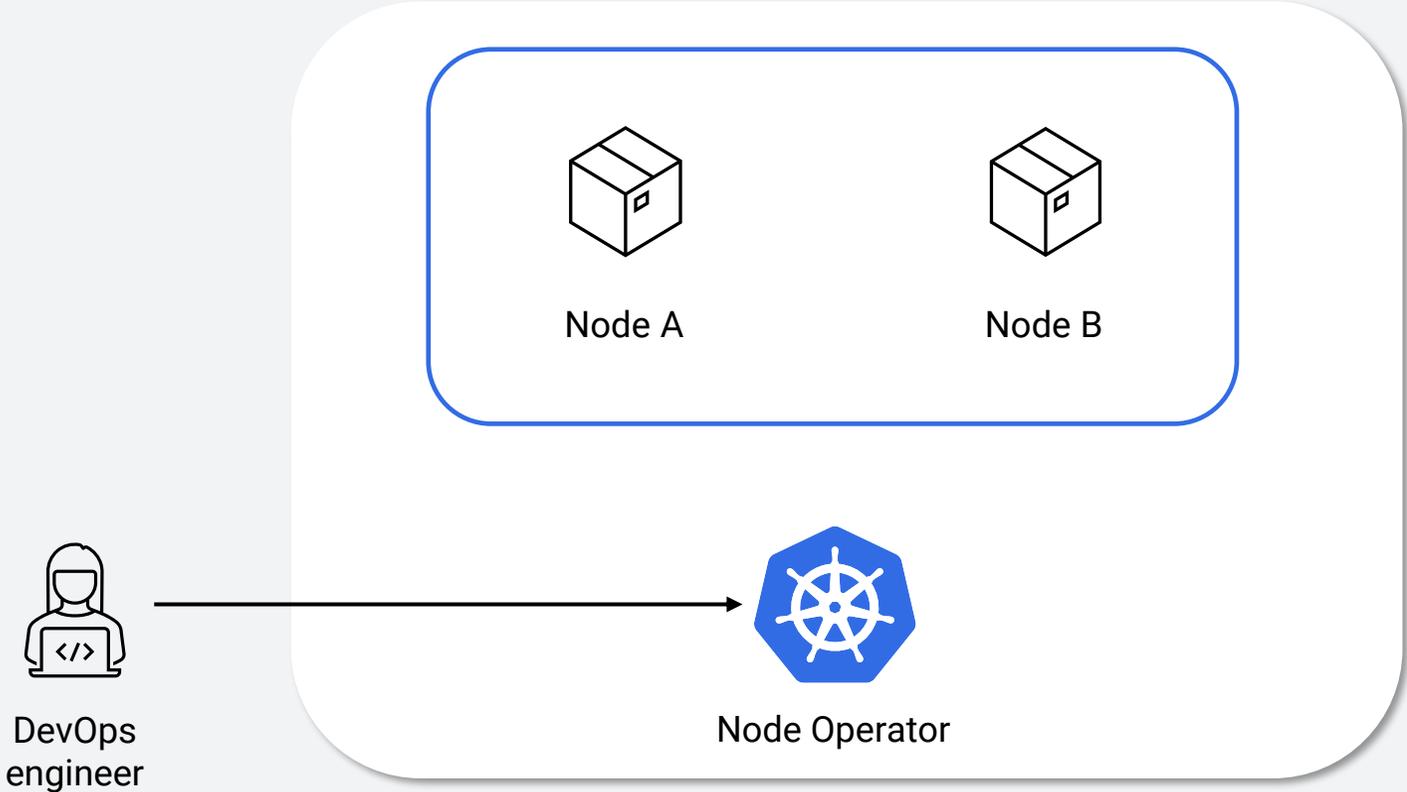
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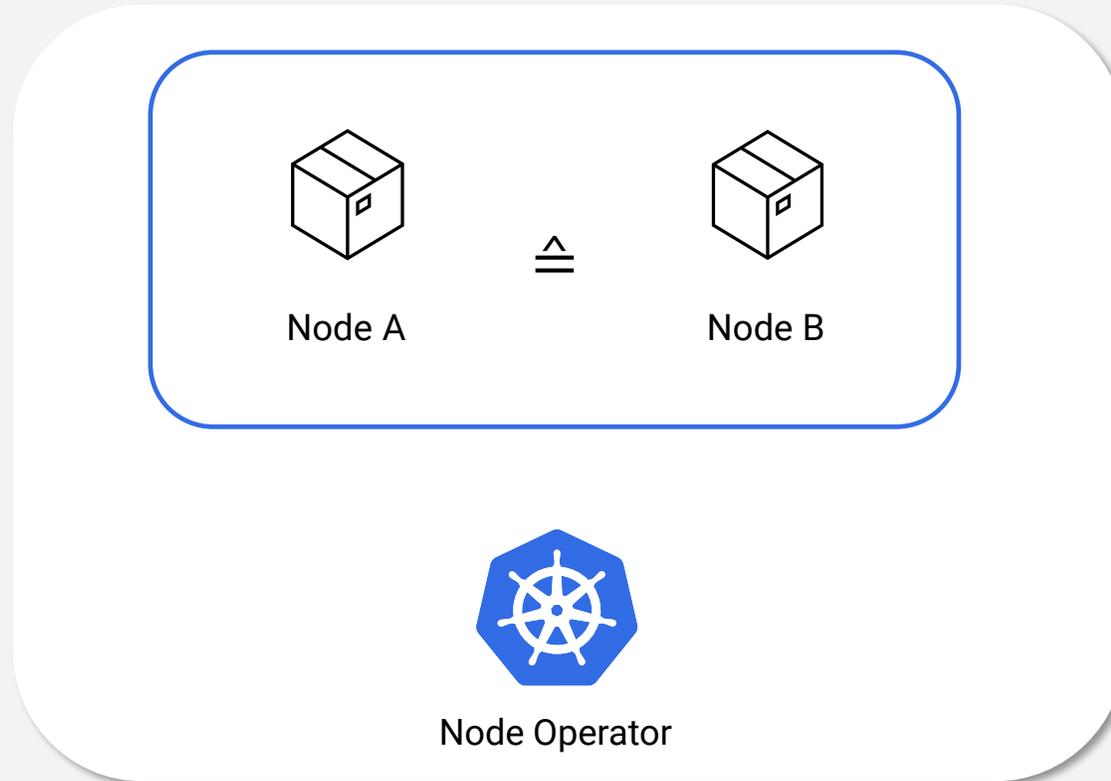
# Autonomous Join



# Updates



# Treat your nodes like cattle, not pets



# Updates: Apply declarative configuration

```
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nodeImageReference: ami-063a9ea2ff5685f7f
```

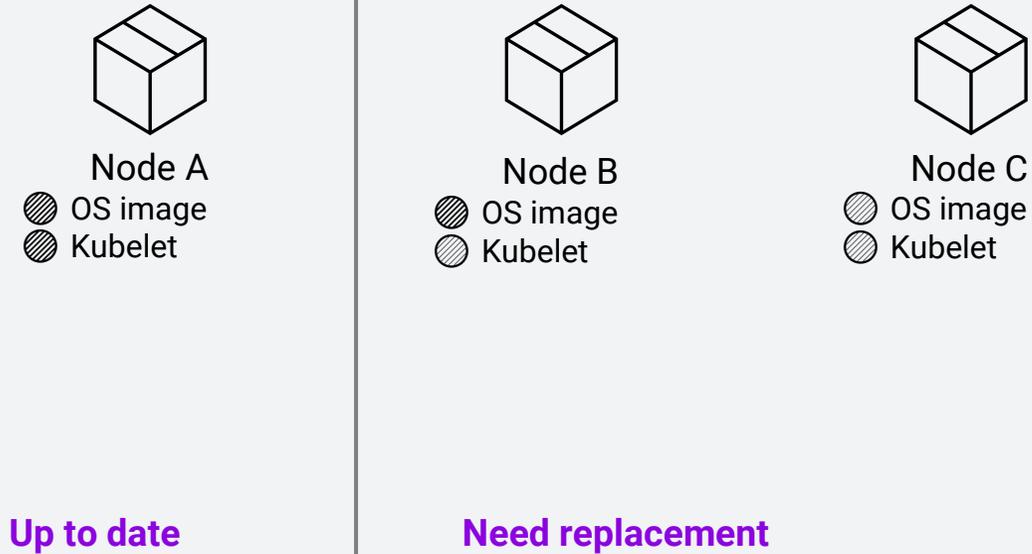


OS image  
measurements

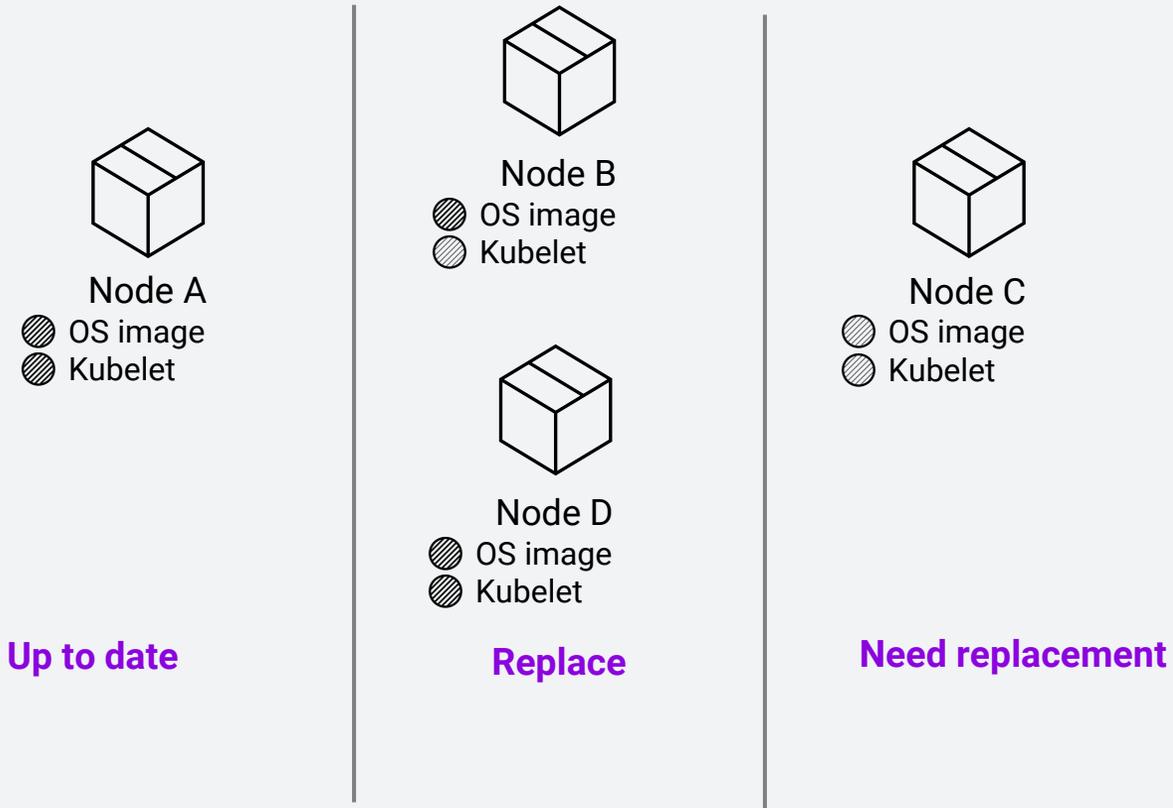


K8s component  
hashes

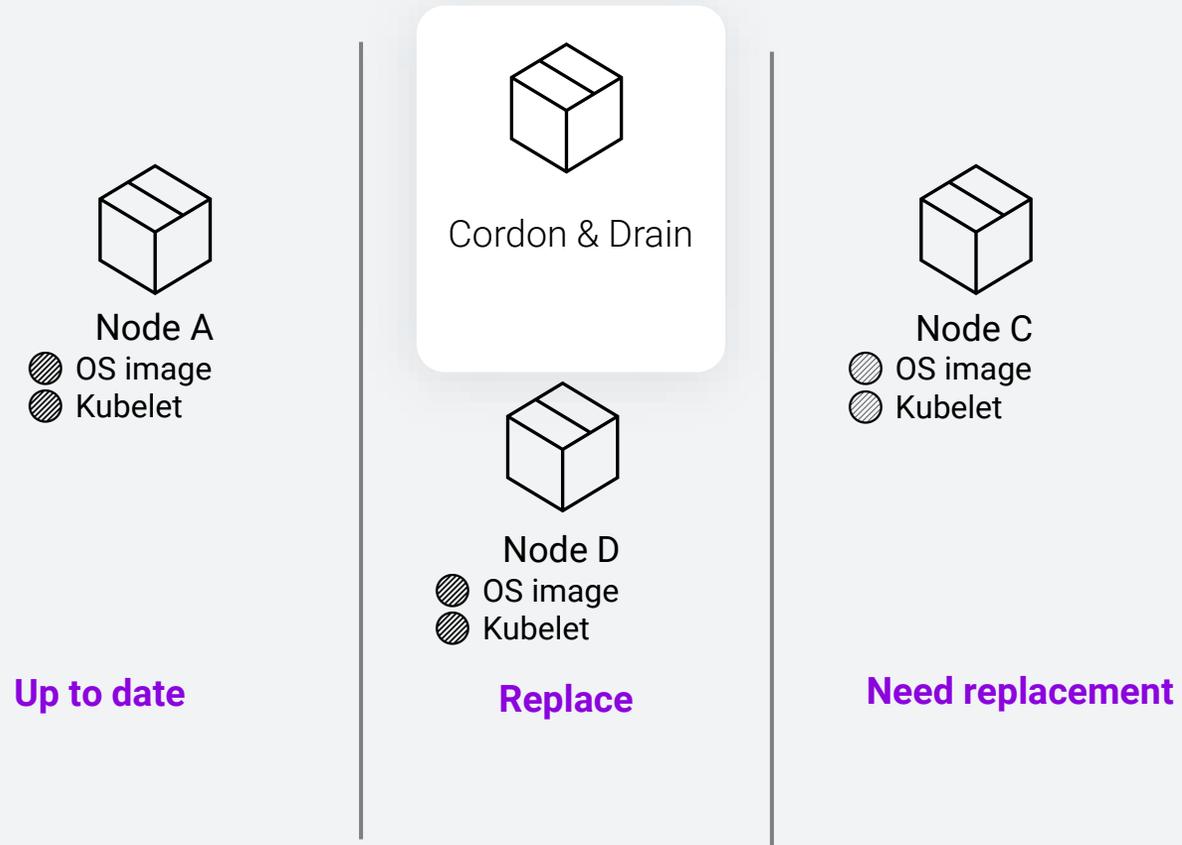
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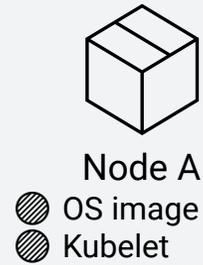
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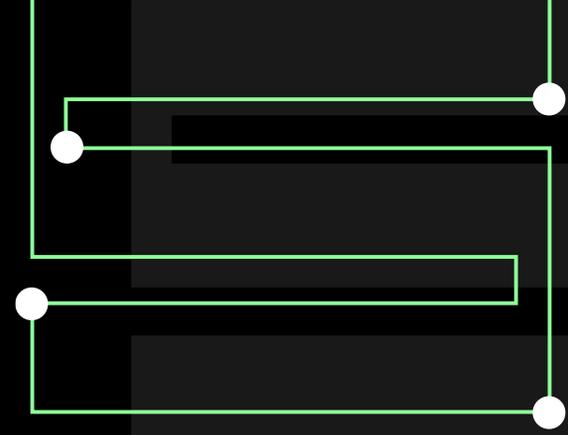


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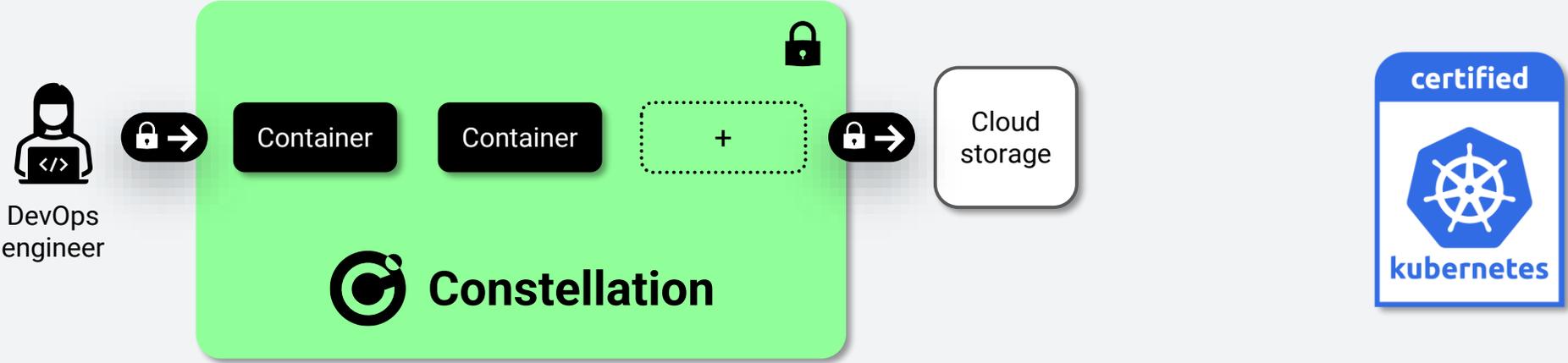
Up to date

Need replacement



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