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Tanzu Platform Automation
As a Software

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Agenda

1. Why Automate?
2. What to Automate?
3. How to Automate?
4. Demo
5. Lessons Learned



Why Automate?
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Customer Adoption

Fortune 500 customers

How do I code, test, get feedback, and iterate faster and safer?

Apps Engineer



T-Mobile increased frequency of changes by **20x** (versus 3-6 months to deliver new features)

How do I enable a path to production that's faster and more resilient?

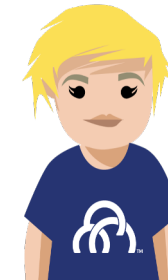
DevOps Engineer



Liberty Mutual has 2,500 daily builds and deploys **1,000 times a day** to production

How do I keep my multiple foundations stable and secure?

Platform Engineer



Express Scripts improved patching frequency by **89%** from 45 days to 5 days

USAF Platform One Team go more Agile by Covid-19 hit

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The pandemic pushed the service's internal DevOps team to hit a 10-updates-a-day deployment schedule for a new secure communications platform.

CORONAVIRUS

DEFENSE

AGILE

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

TELEWORK



The COVID-19 crisis has forced operational changes at every level of every organization. But in some situations, like that of the Air Force's internal DevOps platforms team, that disruption has pushed them to new heights.

In March, the **Platform One** team—housed within the Air Force's **Office of the Chief Software Officer**—achieved the gold standard in agile software development: deploying 10 software updates a day for a single platform, and sustaining that rate over time.

<https://www.nextgov.com/emerging-tech/2020/05/air-forces-platform-one-team-thought-it-was-agile-then-covid-19-hit/165676/>

Paradigm shift with Cloud Native Era

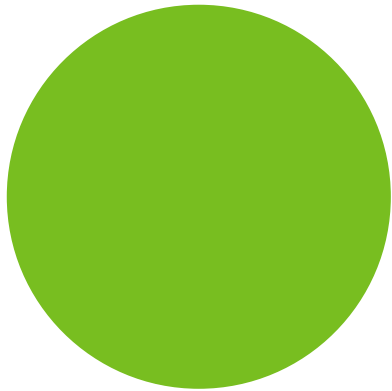
Traditional

1. Small number of Big System
2. Dedicated system
3. Reliable Infra
4. Large changes (monthly, yearly)
5. Silo team & ticket based service

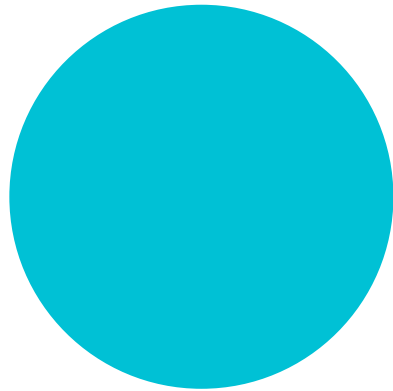
• Cloud Native

1. Many small system (distributed)
2. Disposable system
3. Fragile infra
4. Small change more Frequently (Days, weeks)
5. Devops & self services & Cross Functional Team

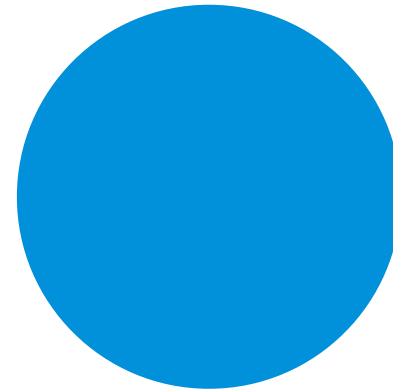
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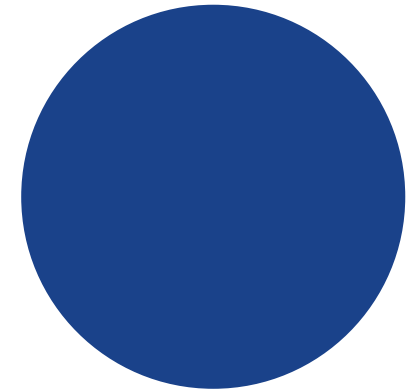
- Larger Scale



- Frequent Changes



- Human Error



- Confidence



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Cloud Native Terminology

Cloud Native App & Platform & cloud Infra

Application CI/CD
Tools

Platform Automation
Control Plane

Platform

Applications
Framework

Runtimes

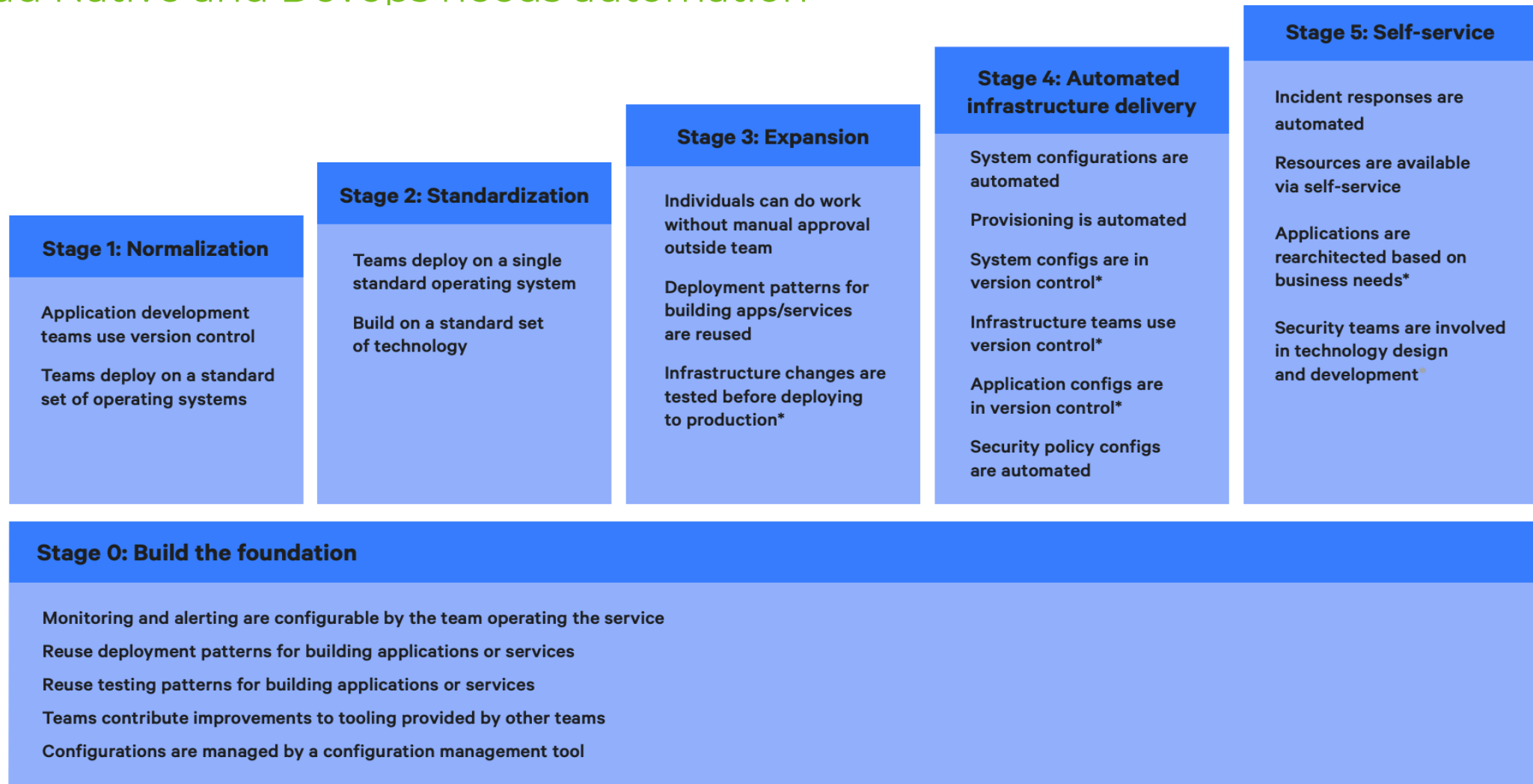
VM / Container

Cloud Native Infra



5 stages of DevOps Evolution

Cloud Native and Devops needs automation



* These practices are highly correlated with the stage

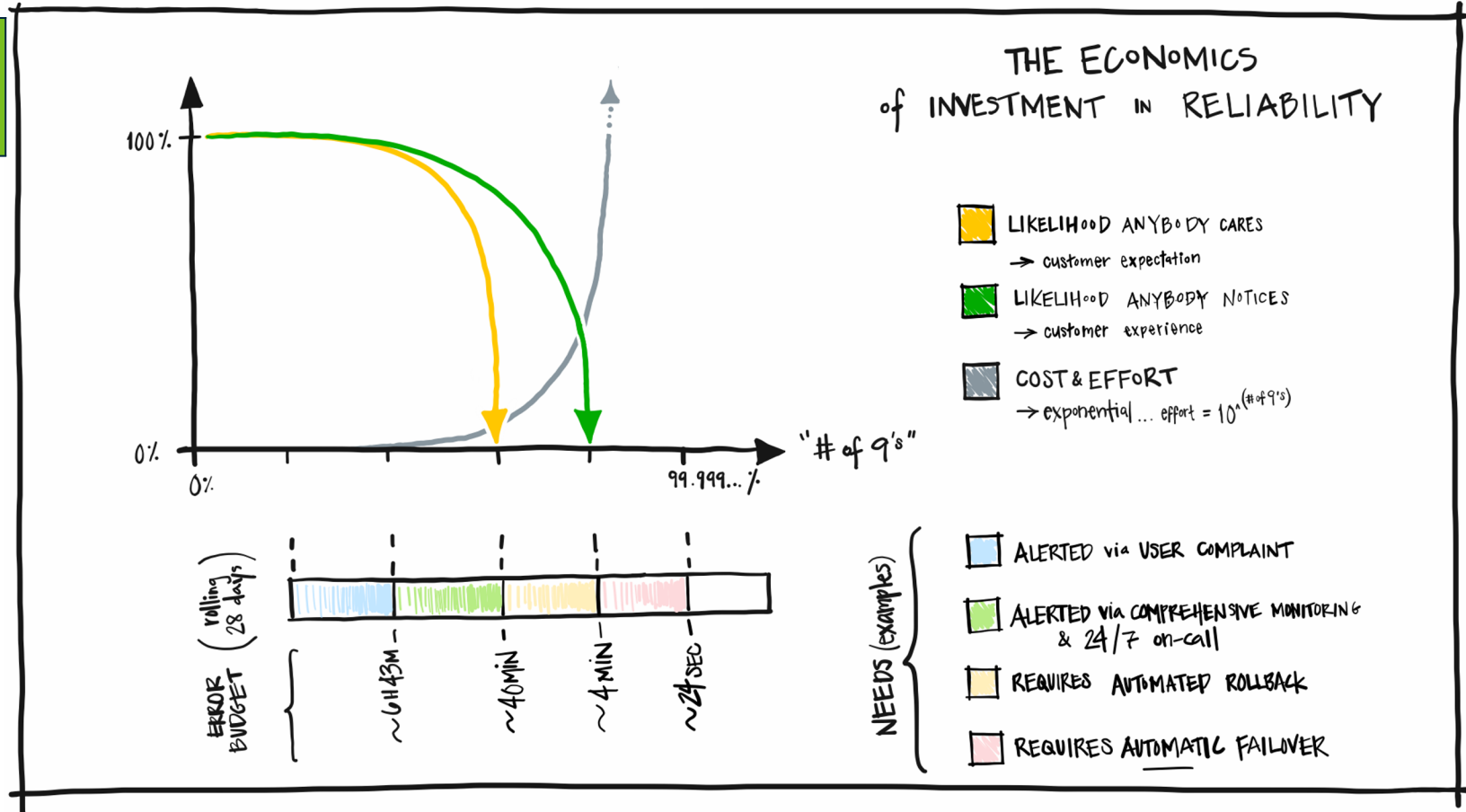
Typical PLATFORM Automation Areas


Cloud
Native
Platform
is
API based
Application

1. Provisioning/ Patching Platform(include security patch)
2. Platform Configuration with version control
3. Monitoring and Alerting
4. Scaling
5. Automatic Failover and Failback
6. Self-service(Devops)

SRE practice /Error budget

SLO	Error Budget (per 28 Days)
99%	< 7 hours
99.5%	< 3.5 hours
99.9%	~ 40 minutes
99.95%	~ 20 minutes
99.99%	~ 4 minutes
99.999%	~ 24 seconds



A photograph of a person in a meeting room using a tablet. The person's hands are visible, interacting with the device. In the background, other people are seated at a table, and a laptop is open. The image is overlaid with a blue diagonal gradient.

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Designing Platform Automation Architecture

Basic

Platform Automation Control Plane

Jumpbox



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Target Platform

Development

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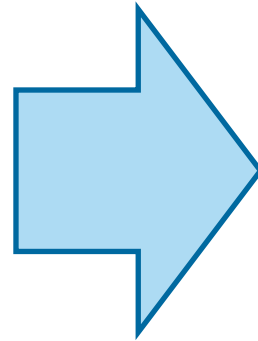
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Cloud Infra

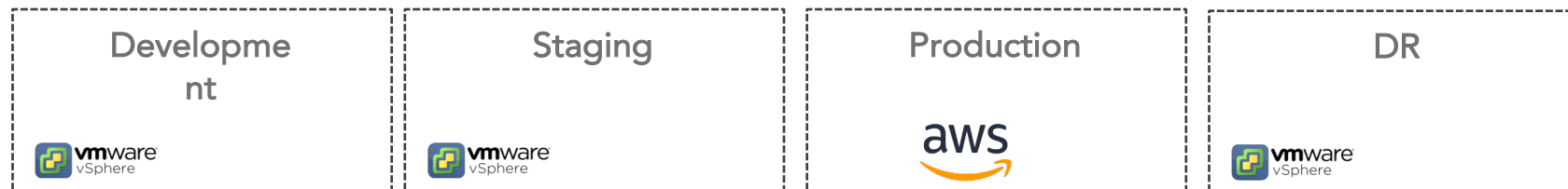


Typical Platform Operation Problems

1. Human error
2. Slow at scale
3. Slow to fix, Need human education
4. System Parity problem



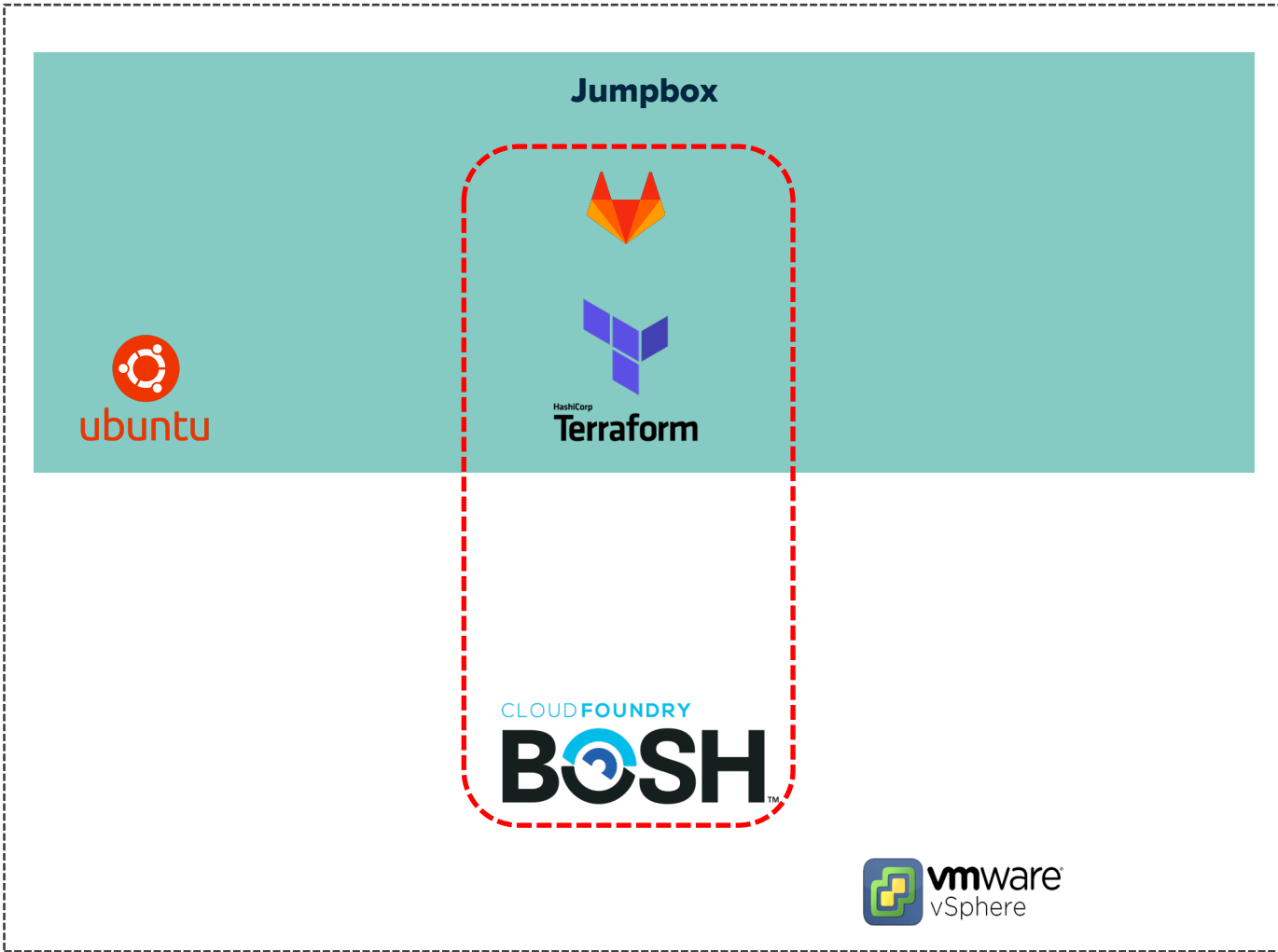
1. Consistent config at scale
2. scalable
3. Easy and faster to fix



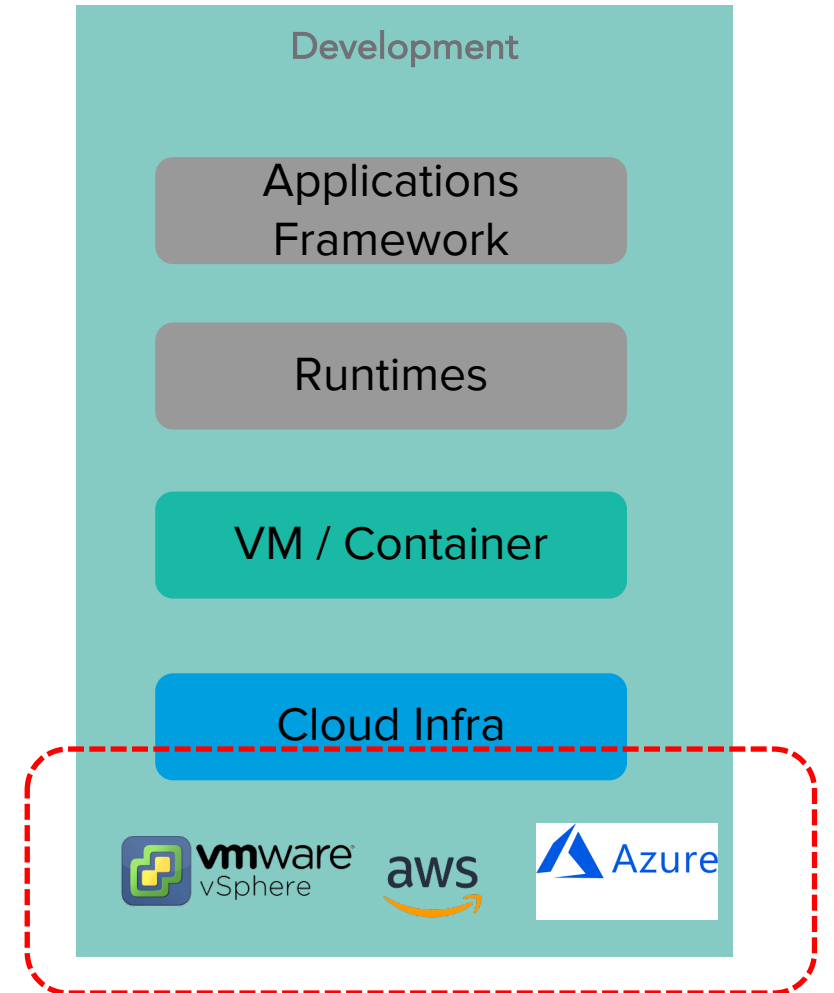
Designing Platform Automation Architecture

Adopting tools, multi cloud

Platform Automation Control Plane



Target Platform



Target Platform Requirements

1. Automatic Platform Rolling Upgrade
2. Monitoring
3. Scaling
4. Automatic Platform Failover Handling And healing
5. Automatic App Failover Handling
6. API based Platform

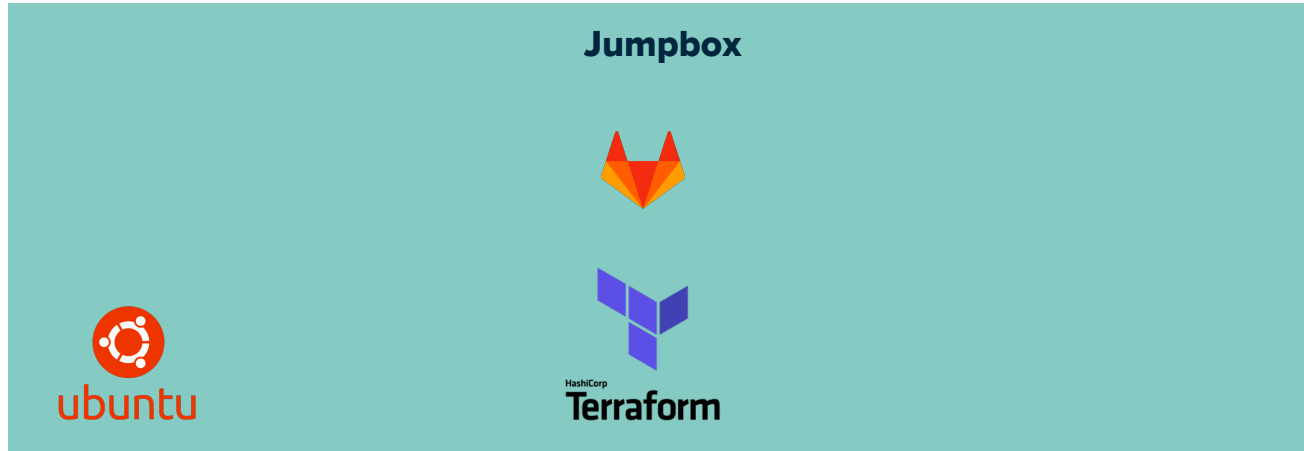
Cloud Native
Platform

Cloud Native
App

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Adopting Cloud Native Platform

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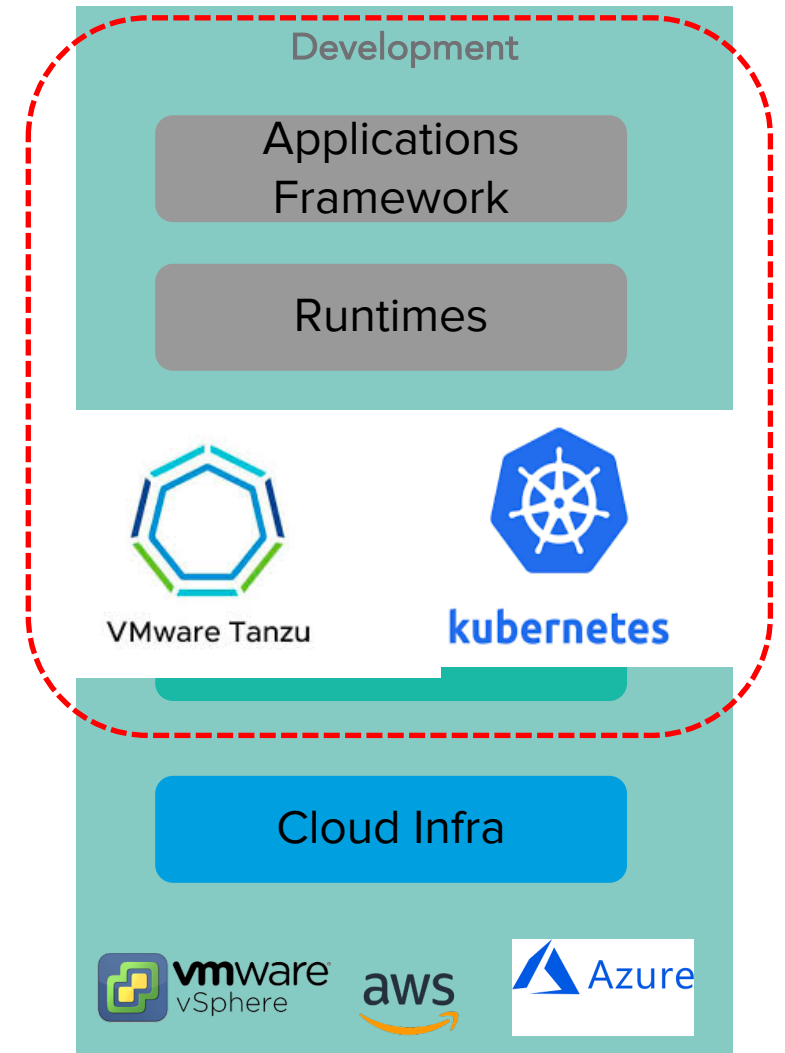
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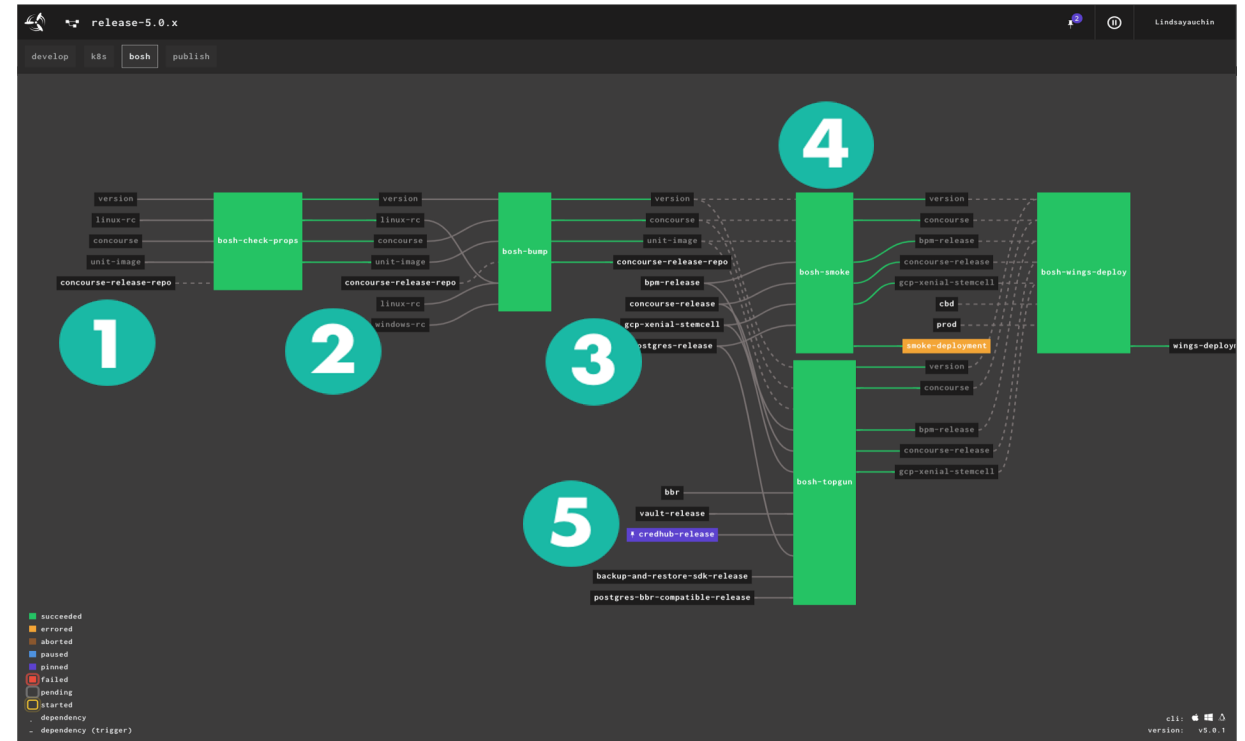
Platform Automation Tool Problems

1. Difficult to control and trace input/output versioning
2. Conflict dependency and config on runtime
3. Workload Scalability
4. slow time to recover pipeline, difficult to automate.
5. Pipeline migration cost to adopt multi-cloud
6. Exception handling
7. Automatic Platform Failover Handling

Concourse – new automation tools

Concourse moves to realize the conceptual delivery model in visual pipelines!

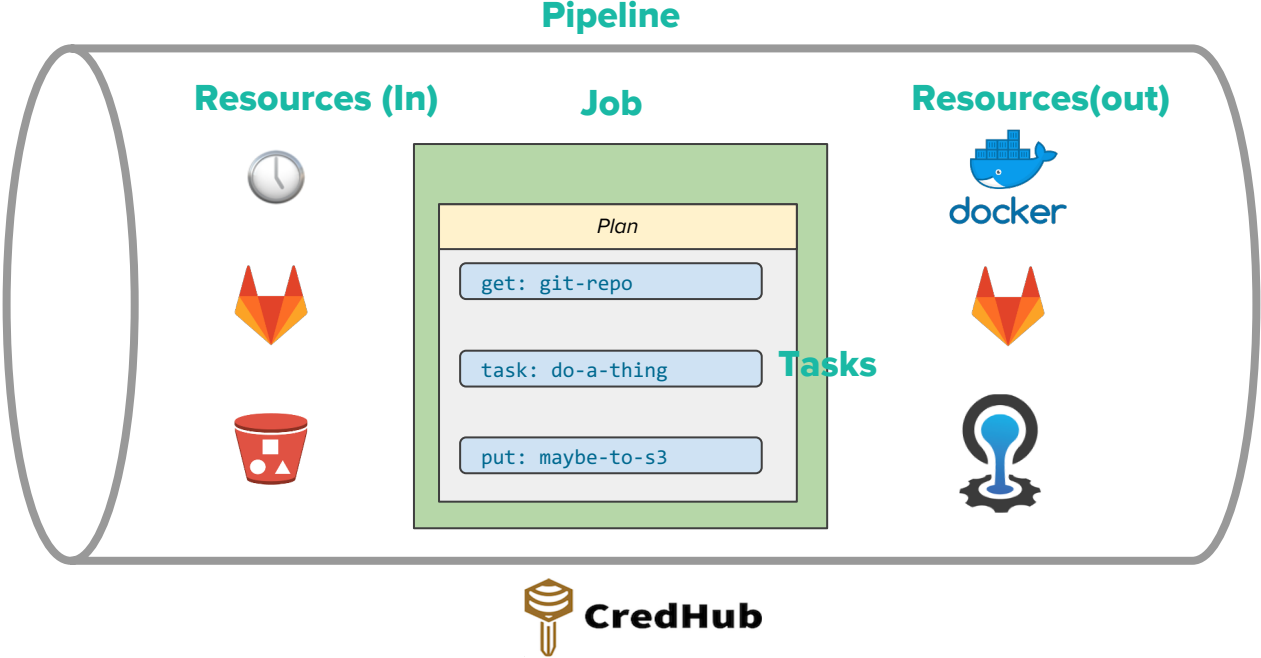
1. Versioned input, versioned output
2. All pipeline by code
3. Containerized runtime
4. Scalable CI system
5. Strong Abstractions and fewer things to learn



<https://ci.concourse-ci.org/teams/main/pipelines/concourse>

Concourse Concepts

- 1. Strong Abstractions and fewer things to learn

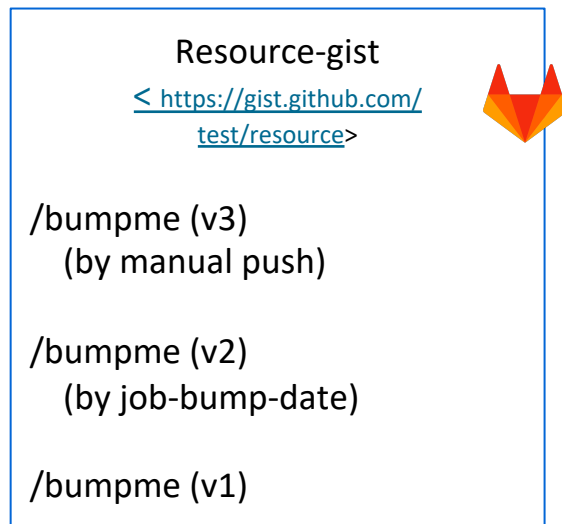
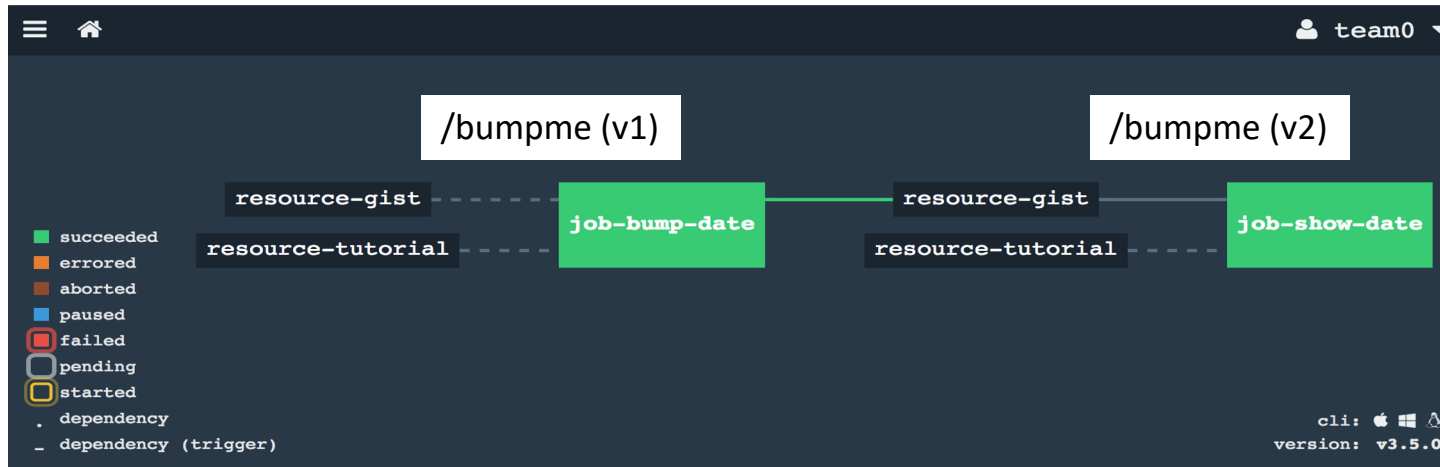


100+ OSS resources to external systems and tool



Concourse Concepts

1. Versioned input, versioned output
2. All pipeline by code (Infra as a code)

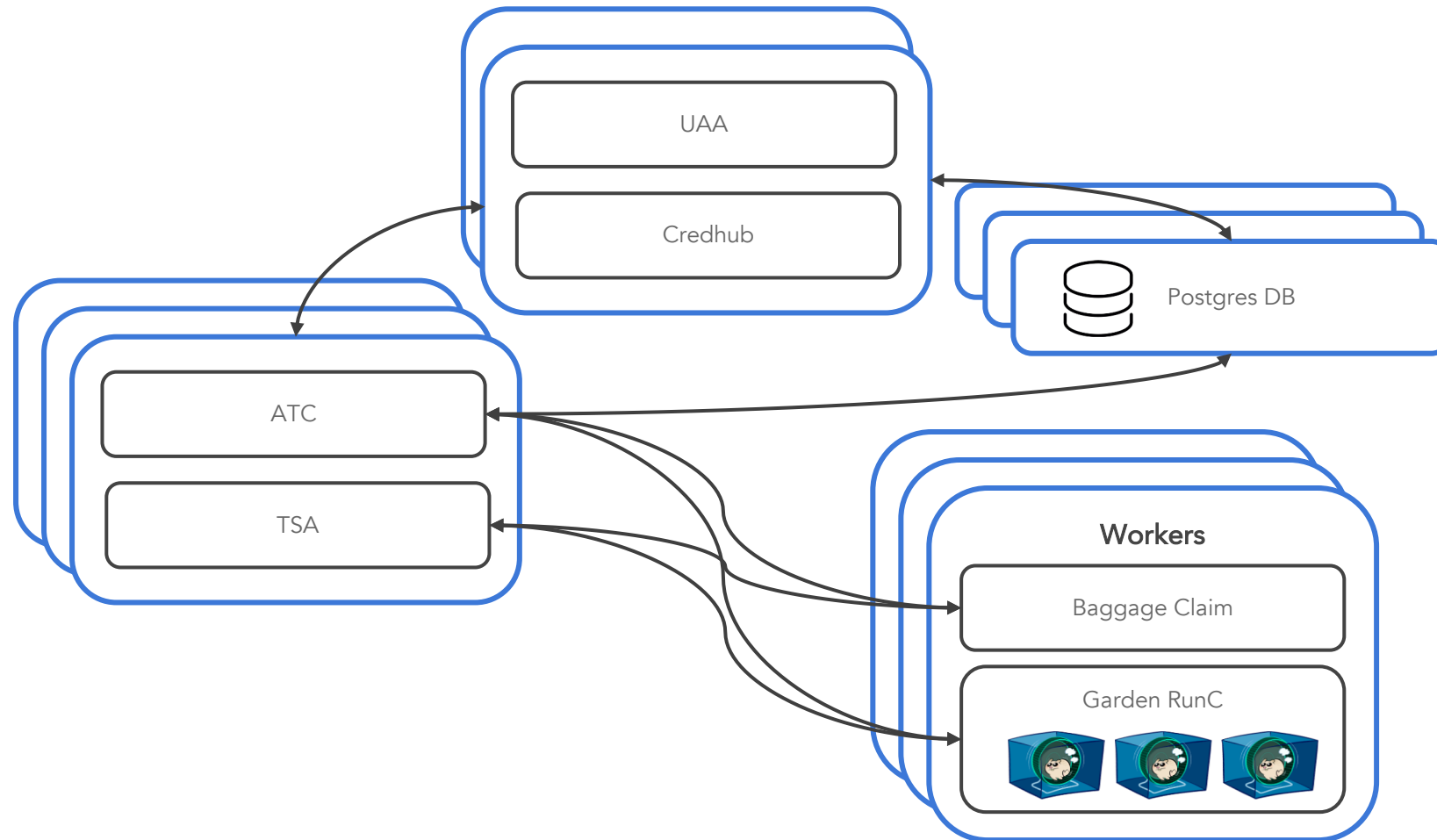


```
- name: job-show-date
plan:
- get: resource-tutorial
- get: resource-gist
  passed: [job-bump-date]
  trigger: true
- task: show-date

config:
  platform: linux
  image_resource:
    type: docker-image
    source: {repository: busybox}
  inputs:
    - name: resource-gist
  run:
    path: cat
    args: [resource-gist/bumpme]
```

Concourse Concepts

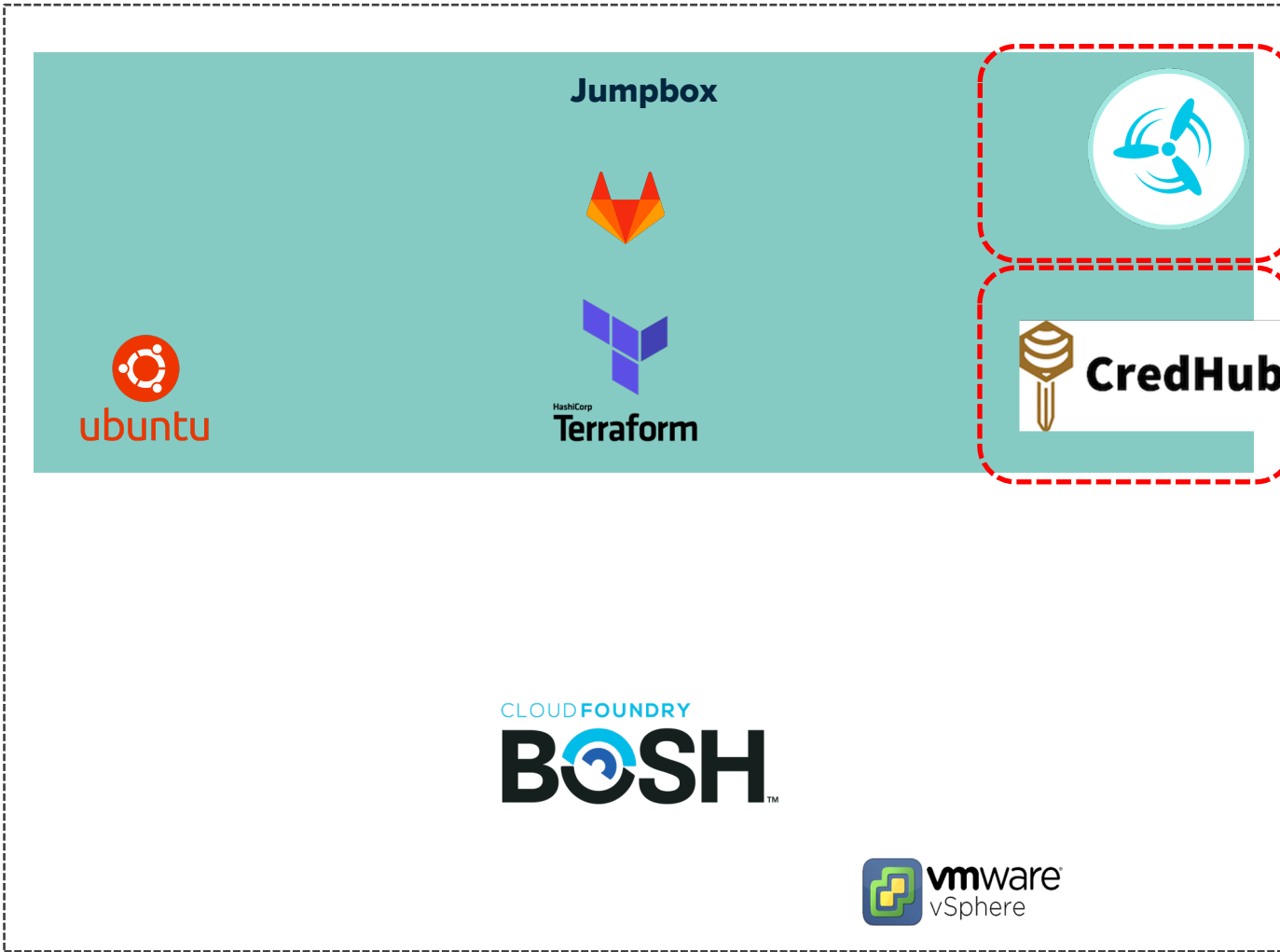
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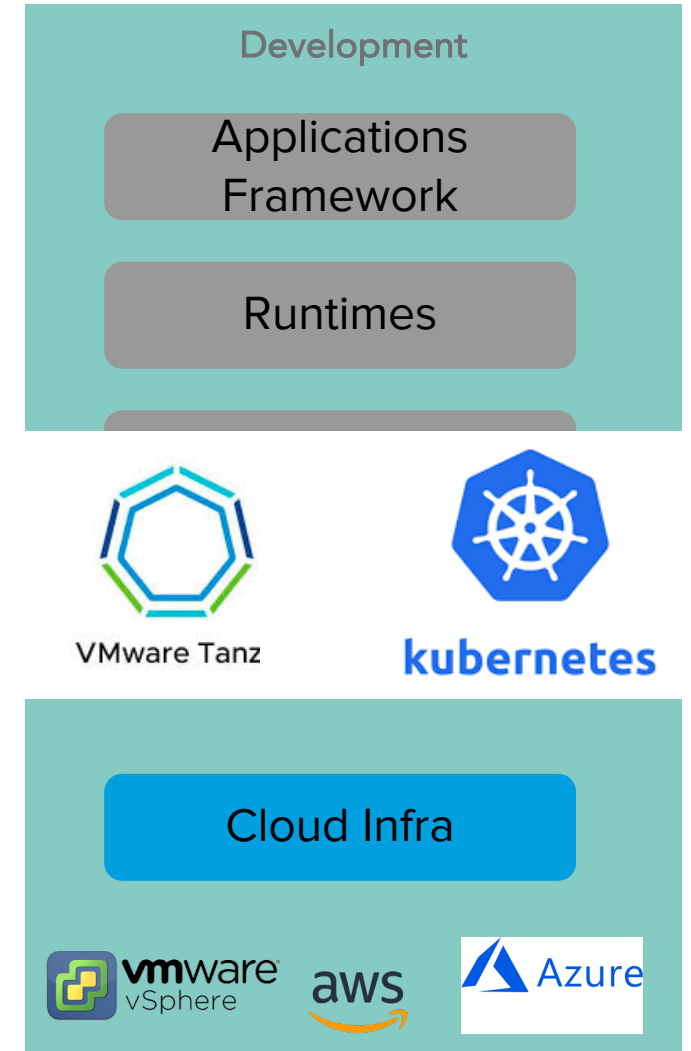
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Concourse

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Platform Automation Toolkit



Platform Automation for PCF provides the **building blocks** for teams to create a **repeatable and reusable automated pipeline** for **upgrading and installing** their **PCF** foundations.

“perpetual upgrade machine”

Platform Automation Toolkit

Composable, Reusable Tasks

apply-changes

apply-director-changes

assign-stemcell

configure-authentication

configure-director

configure-ldap-authentication

configure-product

configure-saml-authentication

create-vm

credhub-interpolate

delete-installation

delete-vm

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Platform Automation Toolkit

Overview

Release Notes

Compatibility and Versioning

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Task Reference

Task Inputs and Outputs

Report an Issue

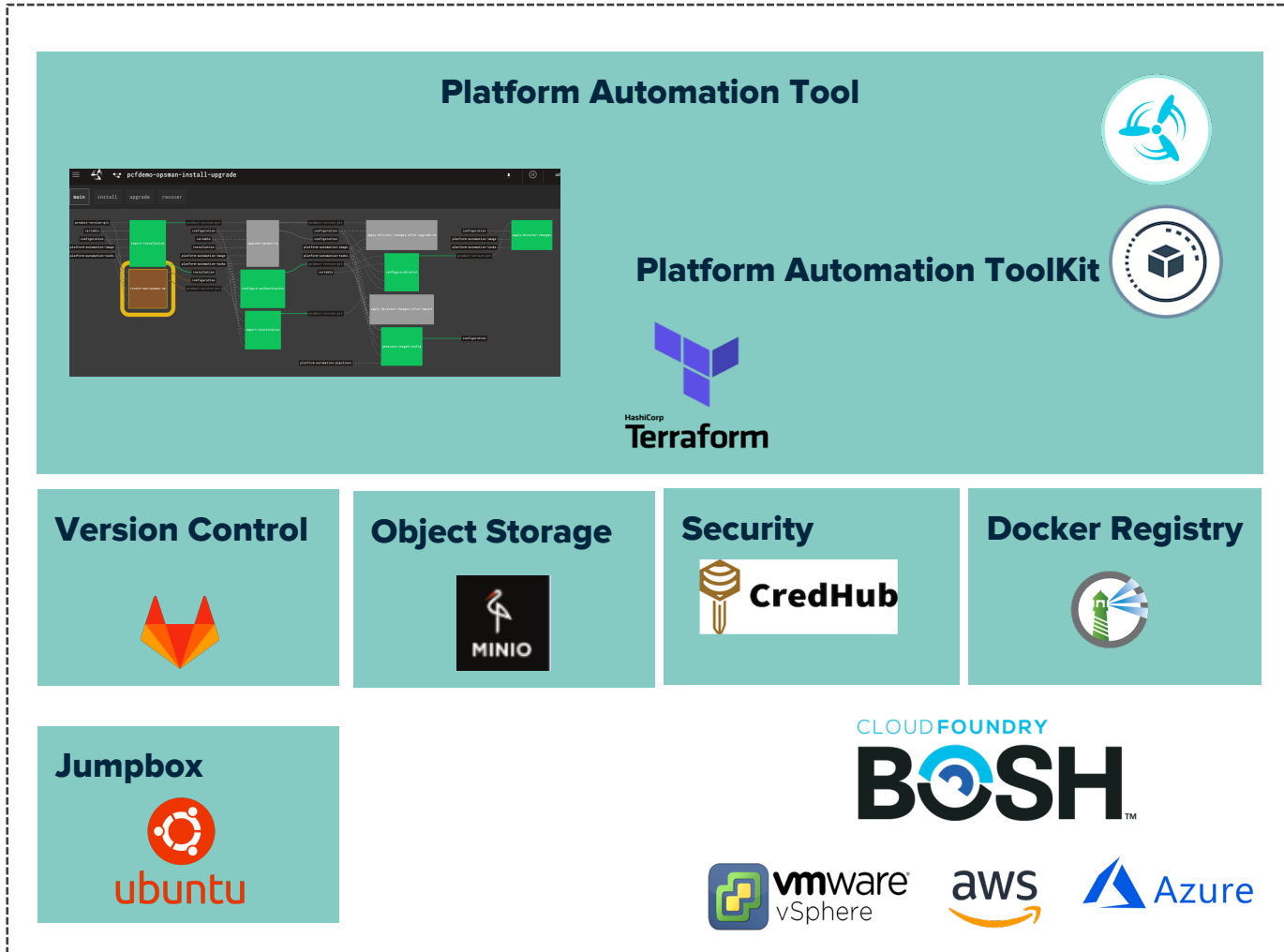
create-vm

Creates an unconfigured Ops Manager VM.

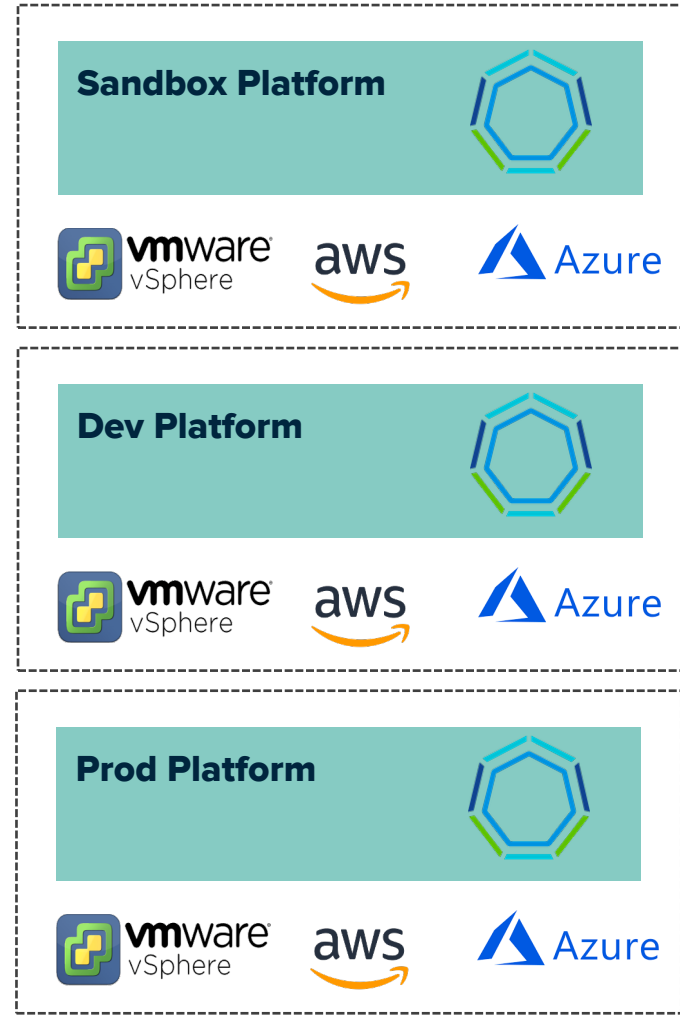
Task	Implementation	Usage
1	---	
2	platform: linux	
3		
4	inputs:	
5	- name: platform-automation-tasks	
6	- name: state # contains the state for the vm	
7	- name: config # contains the product configuration file	
8	- name: image # contains the image file to be installed	
9	- name: vars # variable files to be made available	
10	optional: true	
11	- name: secrets	
12	# secret files to be made available	
13	# separate from vars, so they can be store securely	
14	optional: true	
15		
16	outputs:	

Designing Platform Automation Architecture (Final)

Infra as a software: Eventually Consistency, Idempotent
Platform Automation Control Plane



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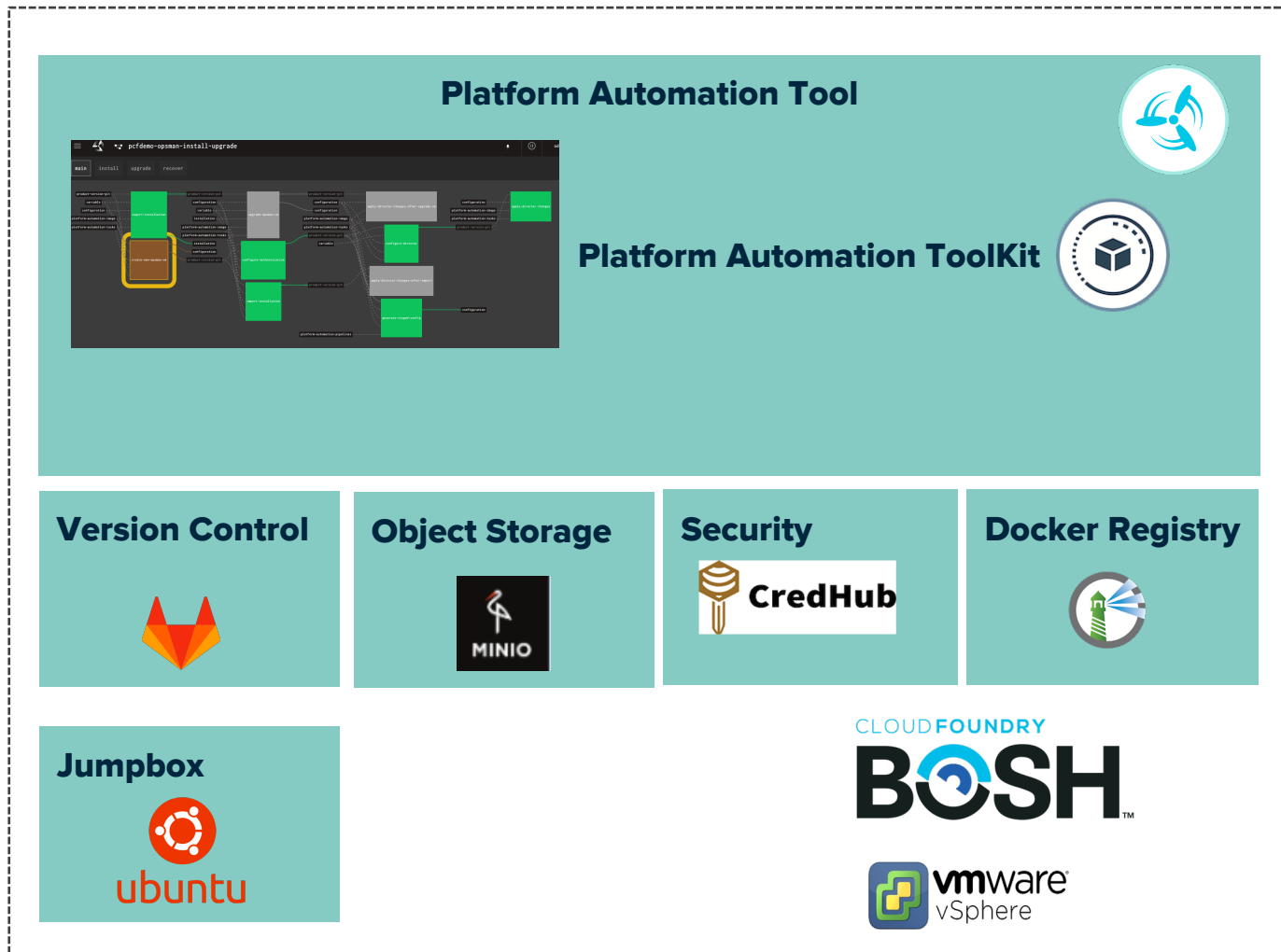




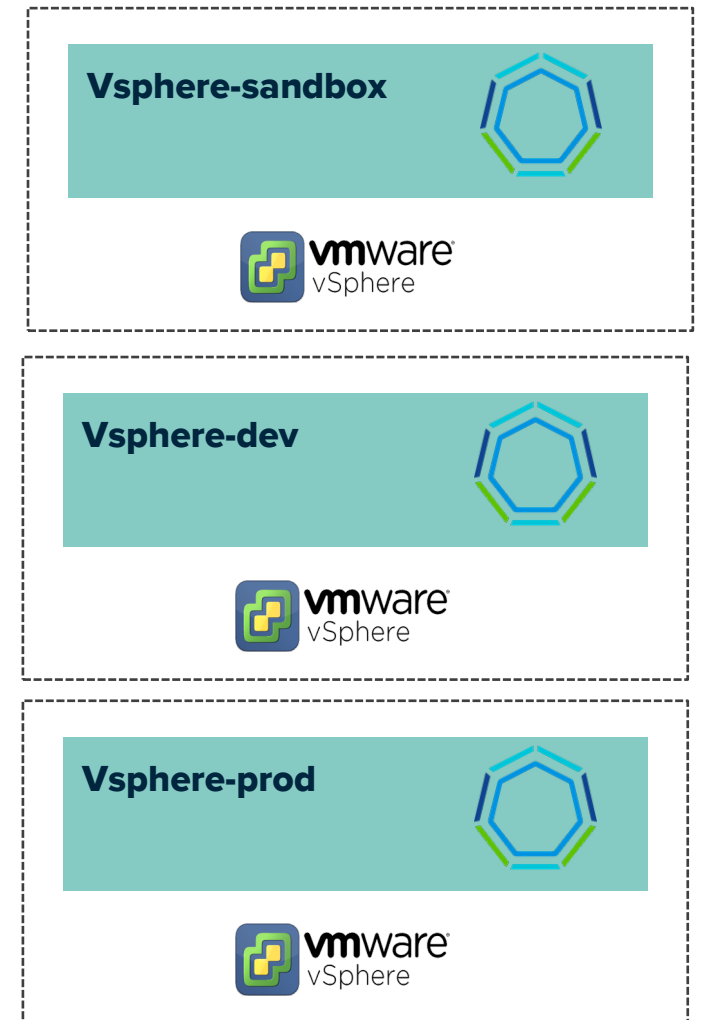
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Demo - Platform Automation Architecture

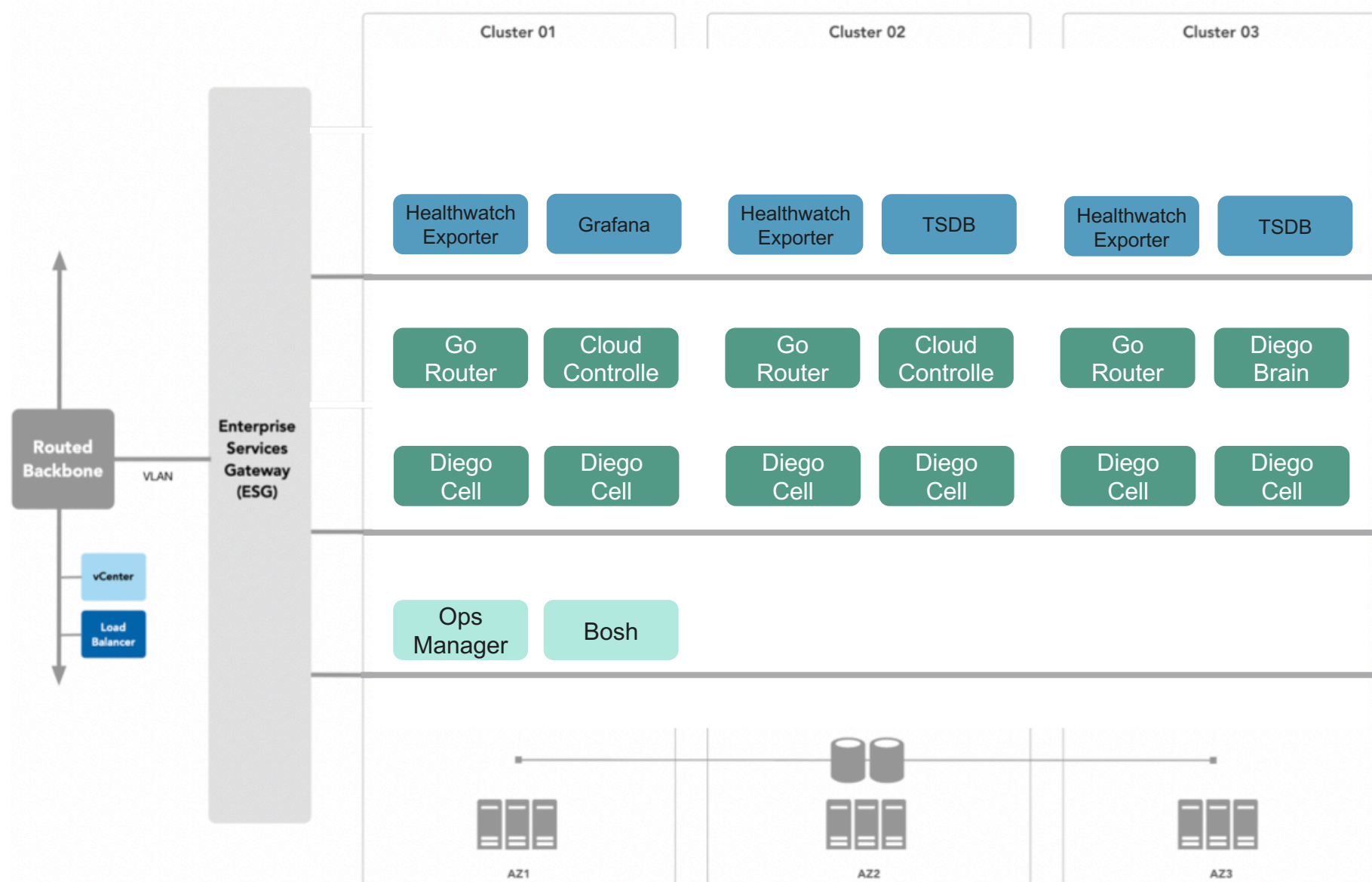
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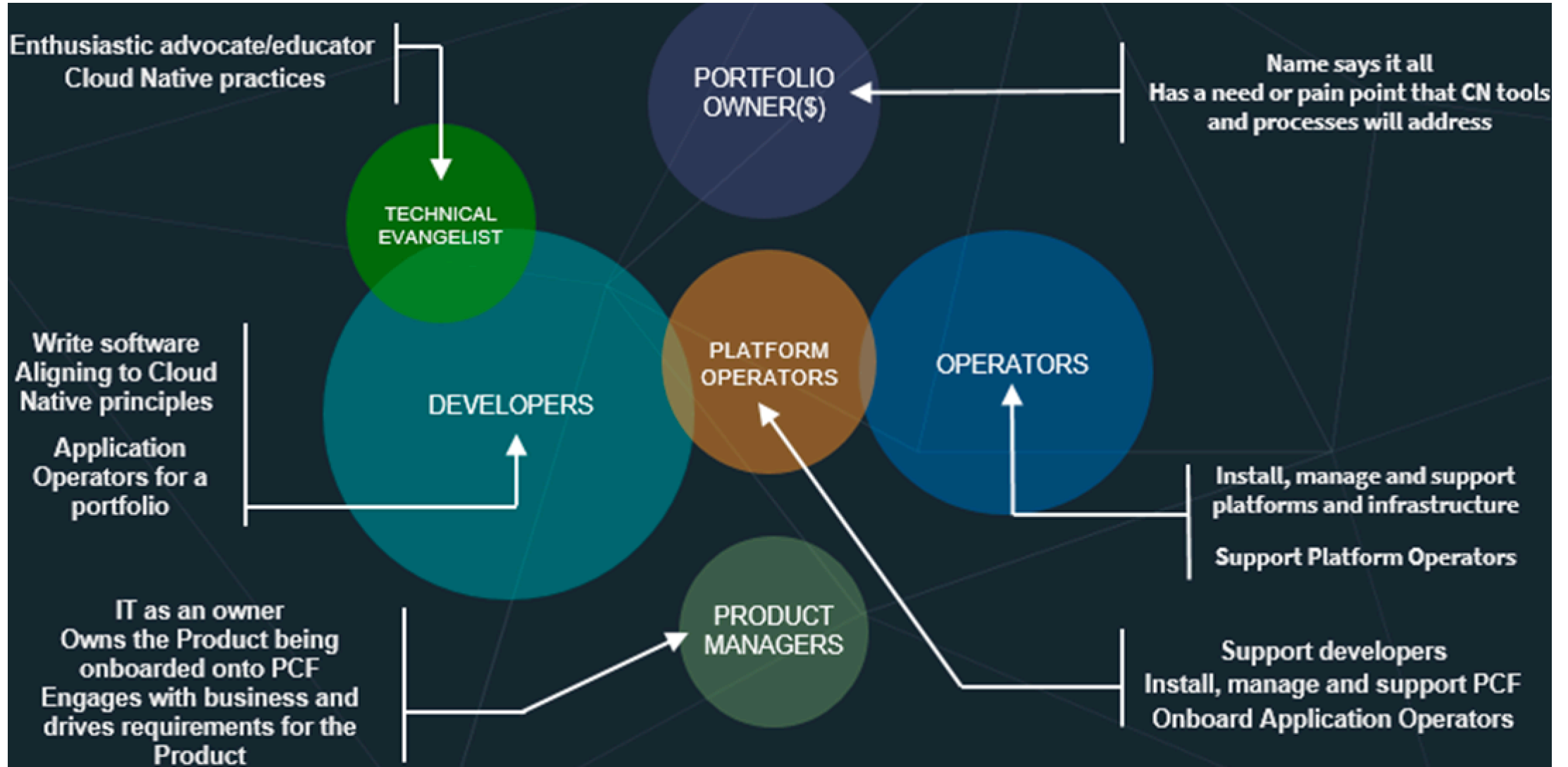
Demo - Target Platform Architecture(Tanzu Application Service)





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Cloud Native Platform Team



Lessons Learned

1. **Set your Platform automation Roadmap for** your platform journey.
2. Adopt **Cloud Native Platform**
3. Design your platform automation architecture **using cloud agnostic tools**
4. Automation requires **Dedicated team** to manage.