



Managing k8s

moving from the Openstack Magnum to the Cluster API



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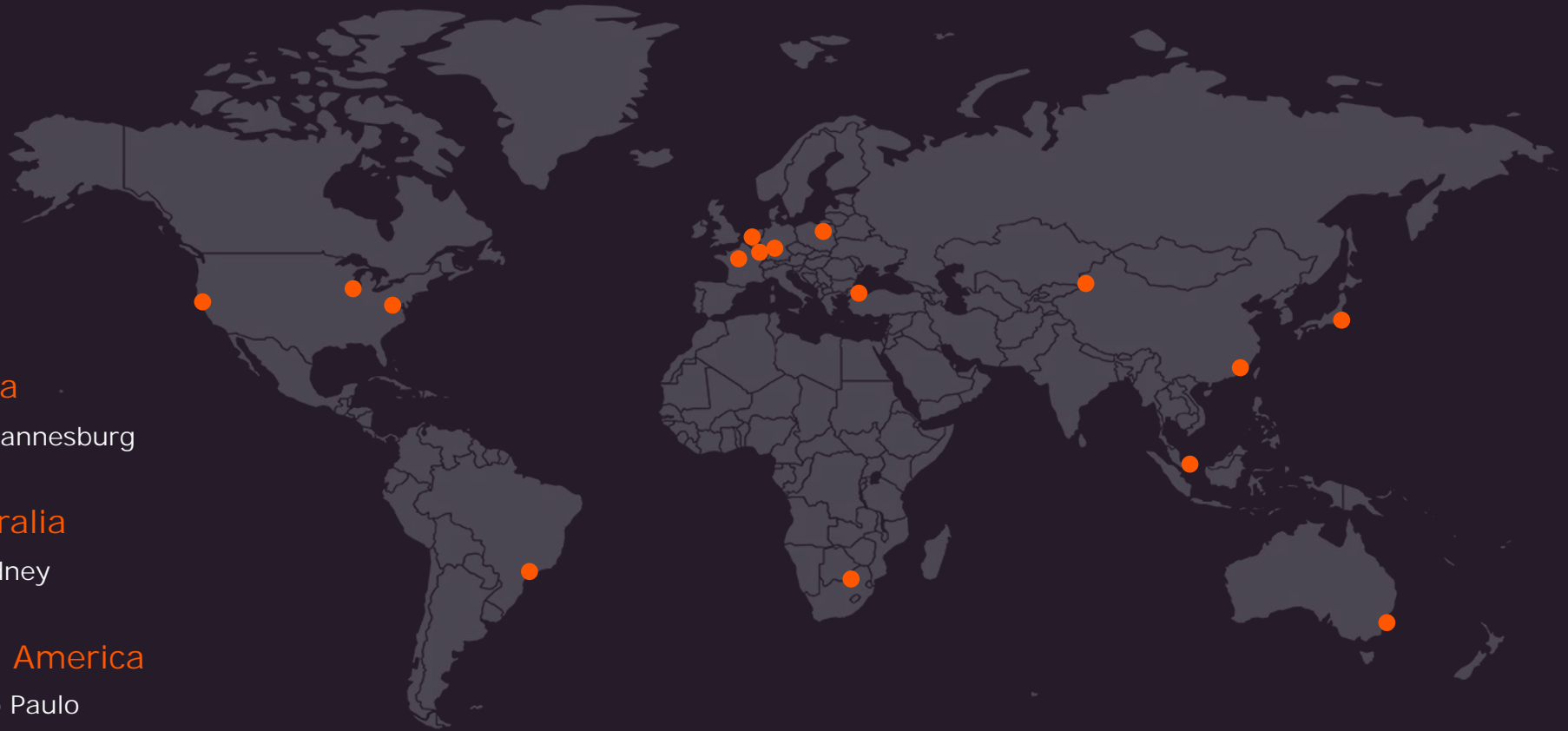
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MKaaS

- Openstack Magnum
- Cluster API

Magnum



- Orchestrates container clusters
- Supports docker swarm and k8s

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- Creates cloud-init config for k8s nodes
- Updates applications versions / configuration on the k8s node

Magnum



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- Magnum conductor

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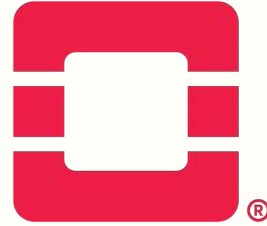


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Limitations

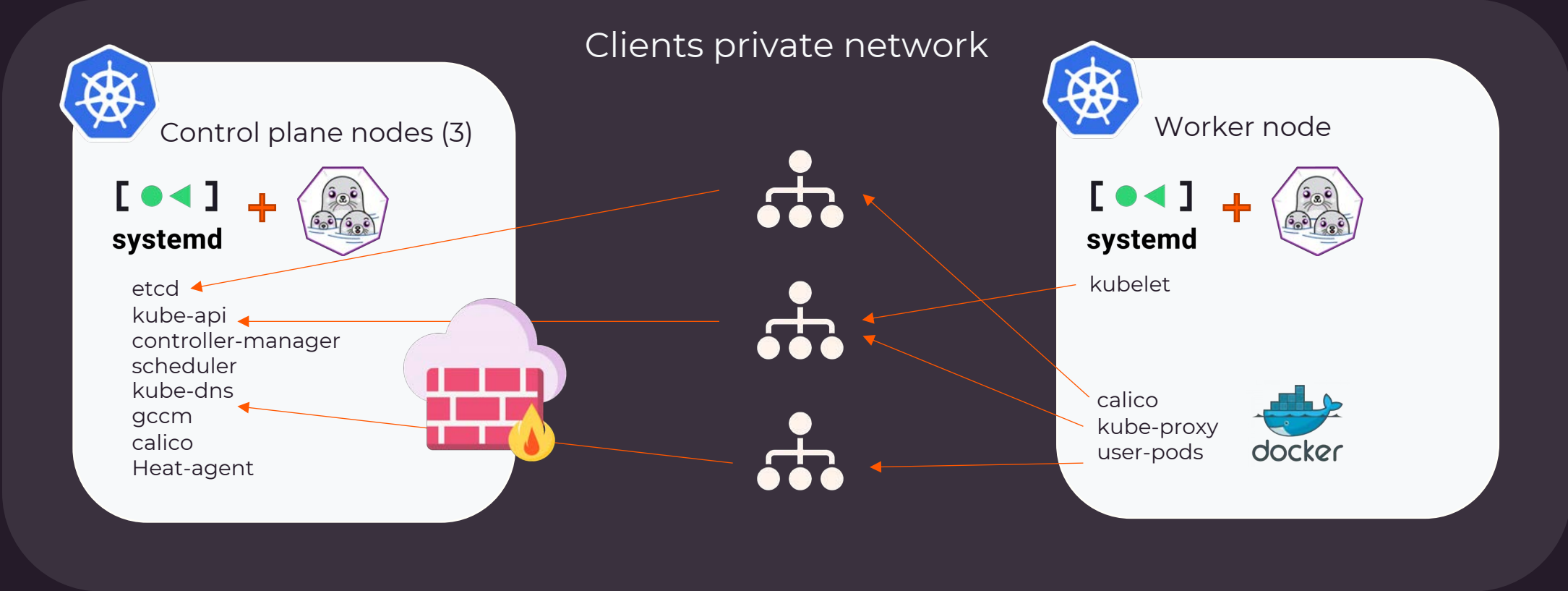


No control-plane isolation
from user



It's an Openstack API
(it needs to be behind GCore Cloud API)

GCore Magnum based managed k8s service architecture:



Magnum + Heat: pros and cons

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- Extra rps for Cloud API
- Fragile
- Observability
- No baremetal nodes

Magnum + Heat: pros and cons

Magnum

Documentation

Please see [Magnum Documentation](#) 🗝️

Compatibility Matrix

The following table captures what we know about releases of Kubernetes (kube_tag) that are compatible with different releases of OpenStack Magnum.

| Release | kube_tag | | os_distro | os version | required labels |
|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| | max | default | | | |
| 14.0.0 (Yoga) | v1.23.3 | v1.23.3 | fedora-coreos | fcos 35 | container_infra_prefix |
| 13.0.0 (Xena) | v1.21.x | v1.18.16 | fedora-coreos | fcos 31 | container_infra_prefix |
| 12.0.0 (Wallaby) | v1.21.x | v1.18.16 | fedora-coreos | | container_infra_prefix |
| 11.1.1 (Victoria) | v1.21.x | v1.18.16 | fedora-coreos | | container_infra_prefix |
| 10.1.0 (Ussuri) | v1.21.x | v1.18.2 | fedora-coreos | | container_infra_prefix |
| 9.4.1 (Train) | v1.15.x | v1.15.7 | fedora-atomic | | |
| 9.4.1 (Train) | v1.18.x | v1.15.7 | fedora-atomic | | use_podman=true |

Magnum + Heat: pros and cons

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Release History

1.26

Latest Release: 1.26.2 (released: 2023-02-15)

End of Life: 2024-02-28

Patch Releases: [1.26.0](#), [1.26.1](#), [1.26.2](#)

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1.25

Latest Release: 1.25.7 (released: 2023-02-15)

End of Life: 2023-10-28

Patch Releases: [1.25.0](#), [1.25.1](#), [1.25.2](#), [1.25.3](#), [1.25.4](#), [1.25.5](#), [1.25.6](#), [1.25.7](#)

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Latest Release: 1.24.11 (released: 2023-02-15)

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Cluster api

cluster-api.sigs.k8s.io



- Manages the lifecycle (create, scale, upgrade, destroy) of k8s clusters using a declarative API.
- Work in different environments, both on-premises and in the cloud
- Defines common operations, provide a default implementation, and provide the ability to swap out implementations for alternative ones
- Cluster API can be extended to support any infrastructure (AWS, Azure, vSphere, etc.), bootstrap or control plane (kubeadm is built-in) provider.

What is cluster api made of?

- capi-controller-manager
- capi-bootstrap-controller-manager
- capi-control-plane-controller-manager
- infrastructure-provider

What do we have out of the box?

Bootstrap

- Kubeadm
- MicroK8s
- Talos
- EKS

Control Plane

- Kubeadm
- MicroK8s
- Talos
- Nested

What do we have out of the box?

Infrastructure:

| | | | | | | |
|---------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| AWS | Azure | Azure Stack HCI | BYOH | CloudStack | CoxEdge | DigitalOcean |
| vSphere | GCP | Hetzner | IBM Cloud | KubeKey | KubeVirt | MAAS |
| Metal3 | Microvm | Nested | Nutanix | OCI | OpenStack | Outscale |
| Sidero | Tinkerbell | vcluster | Virtink | VMware Cloud Director | Equinix Metal (formerly Packet) | |

Some yaml

API: x-k8s.io/v1beta1

Cluster

Control-plane

Machine-deployment

```
spec:
  clusterNetwork:
    pods:
      cidrBlocks:
        - 192.168.0.0/21
    serviceDomain: cluster.local
  services:
    cidrBlocks:
      - 192.168.12.0/22
  controlPlaneEndpoint:
    host: 10.0.0.38
    port: 6443
  controlPlaneRef:
    apiVersion: controlplane.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1beta1
    kind: KubeadmControlPlane
    name: my-cluster-control-plane
    namespace: my-cluster
  infrastructureRef:
    apiVersion: infrastructure.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1beta1
    kind: GcoreCluster
    name: my-cluster
```

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namespace: my-cluster

infrastructureRef:

apiVersion: infrastructure.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1beta1

kind: GcoreCluster

name: my-cluster

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Cluster

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Machine-deployment

```
spec:
  kubeadmConfigSpec:
    clusterConfiguration:
      apiServer:
        extraArgs:
          cloud-provider: external
    controllerManager:
      extraArgs:
        cloud-provider: external
  format: cloud-config
  initConfiguration:
    localAPIEndpoint: {}
    nodeRegistration:
      criSocket: /var/run/crio/crio.sock
    kubeletExtraArgs:
      cloud-provider: external
      cluster-dns: 169.254.25.10
  machineTemplate:
    infrastructureRef:
      apiVersion: infrastructure.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1beta1
      kind: GcoreMachineTemplate
      name: my-cluster-control-plane-9f71e857-feb7-45c0-9f76-3c7b8249e301
      namespace: my-cluster
    replicas: 3
    rolloutStrategy:
      rollingUpdate:
        maxSurge: 1
        type: RollingUpdate
    version: v1.24.10
```

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      cluster-dns: 169.254.25.10
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infrastructureRef:

apiVersion: infrastructure.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1beta1

kind: **GcoreMachineTemplate**

name: **my-cluster-control-plane-9f71e857-feb7-45c0-9f76-3c7b8249e301**

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Cluster

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Machine-deployment

```
spec:
  clusterName: my-cluster
  replicas: 6
  strategy:
    rollingUpdate:
      maxSurge: 1
      maxUnavailable: 0
    type: RollingUpdate
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        cluster.x-k8s.io/cluster-name:my-cluster
        cluster.x-k8s.io/deployment-name:my-cluster-md-0
```

```
spec:
  bootstrap:
    configRef:
      apiVersion: bootstrap.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1beta1
      kind: KubeadmConfigTemplate
      name: my-cluster-md-0
    clusterName: my-cluster
    infrastructureRef:
      apiVersion: infrastructure.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1beta1
      kind: GcoreMachineTemplate
      name:my-cluster-md-0-68fc39a2-3239-4dbf-bf50-94652f37c260
    nodeDrainTimeout: 1m0s
    version: v1.24.10
```

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API: x-k8s.io/v1beta1

Cluster

Control-plane

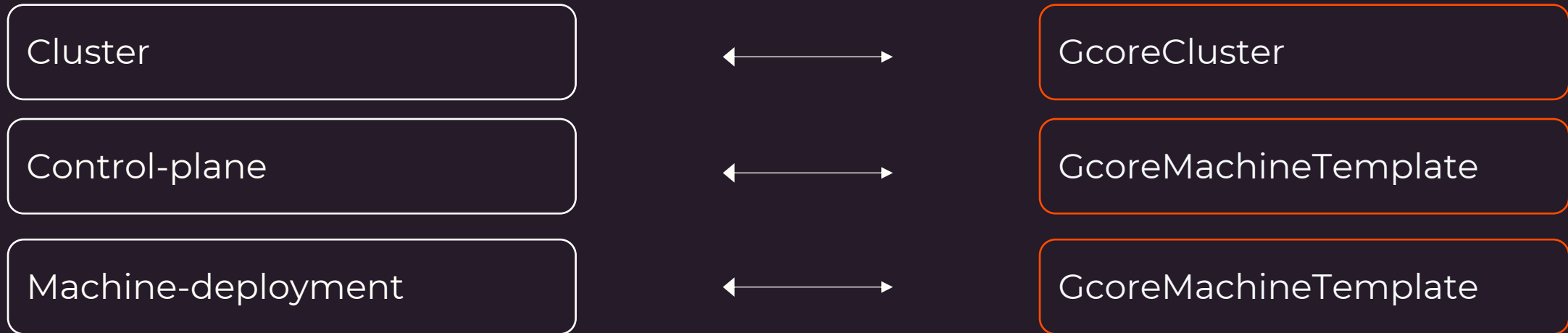
Machine-deployment

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spec:  
  clusterName: my-cluster  
  replicas: 6  
  strategy:  
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      maxSurge: 1  
      maxUnavailable: 0  
    type: RollingUpdate  
  template:  
    metadata:  
      labels:  
        cluster.x-k8s.io/cluster-name:my-  
cluster  
        cluster.x-k8s.io/deployment-name:  
my-cluster-md-0
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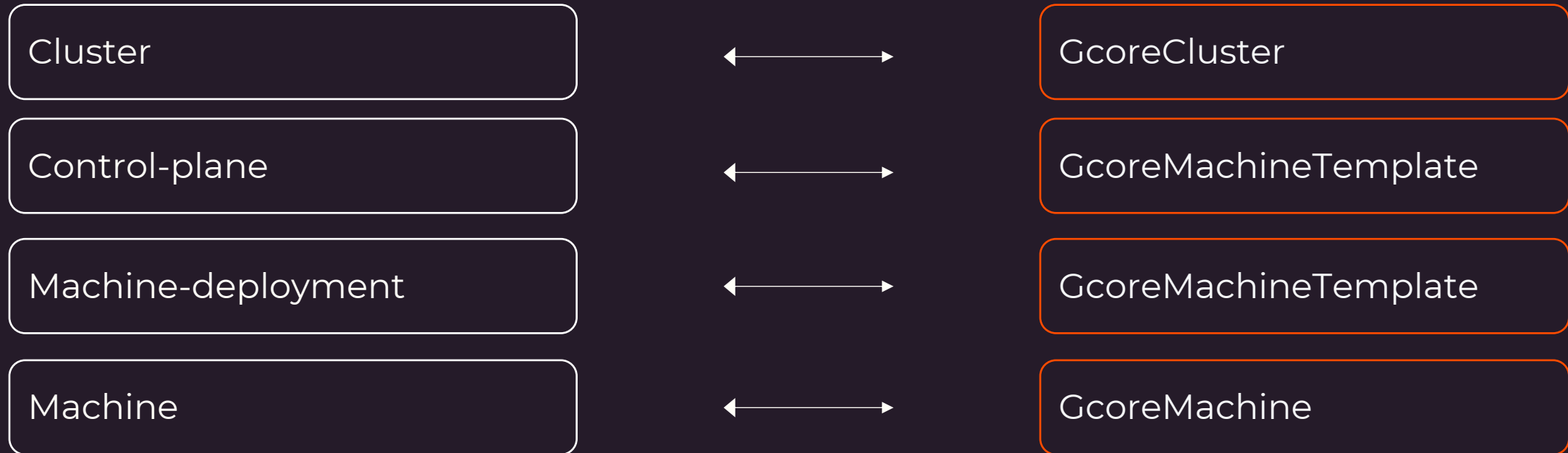

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Limitations

Bootstrap: **kubeadm**

Control plane: **kubeadm**

Infrastructure: **none**

- No control-plane isolation from user
- You need a k8s cluster to create a k8s cluster
- No GCore provider
- 3 VMs for control-plane

Our implementation

Bootstrap:

gcore-bootstrap-controller

Control plane:

gcore-control-plane-controller

Infrastructure:

capgc (thanks for our colleges from the Wargaming for help with that ;)

- Control Plane components are pods inside the service k8s cluster
- All CAPI objects are at the same namespace as control plane pods
- no VMs for control-plane

Two more things

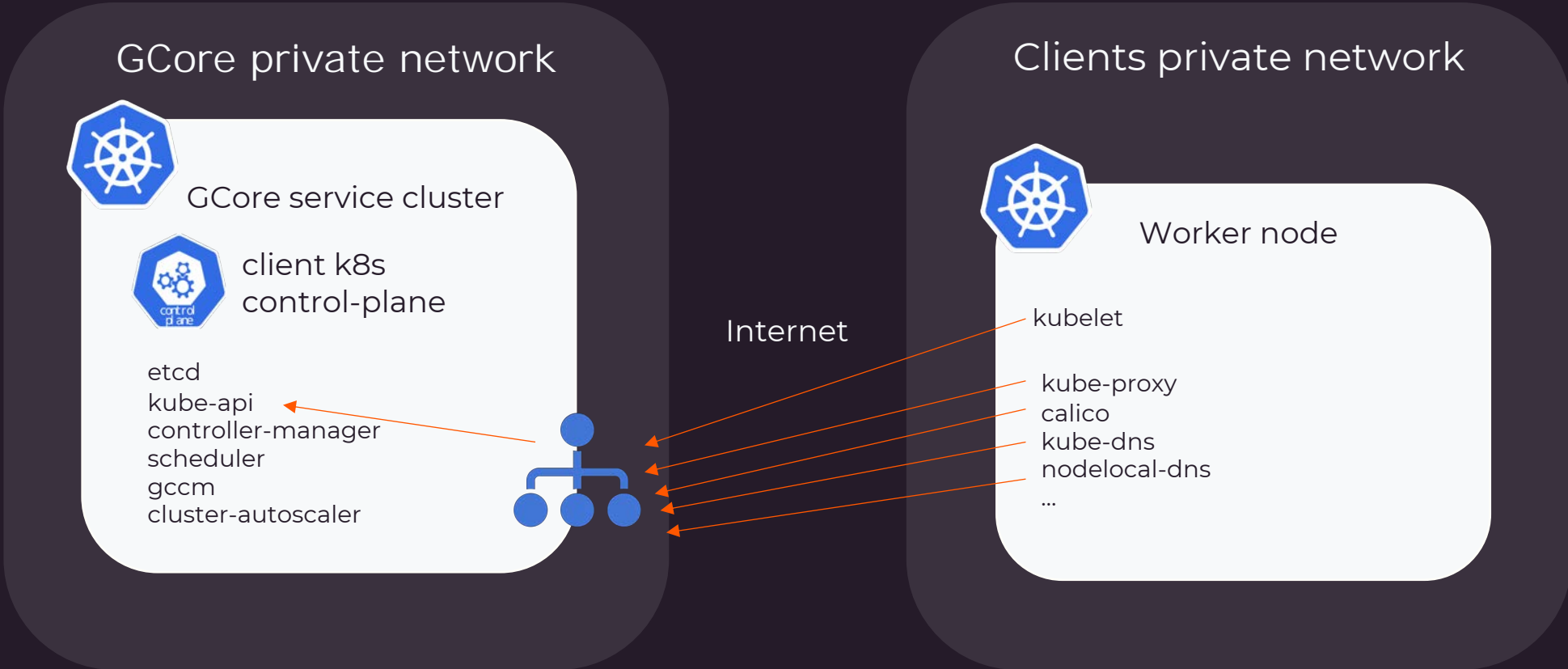


- OpenVPN controller



- ArgoCD

GCore ClusterAPI based managed k8s service architecture:



Reverse network connectivity

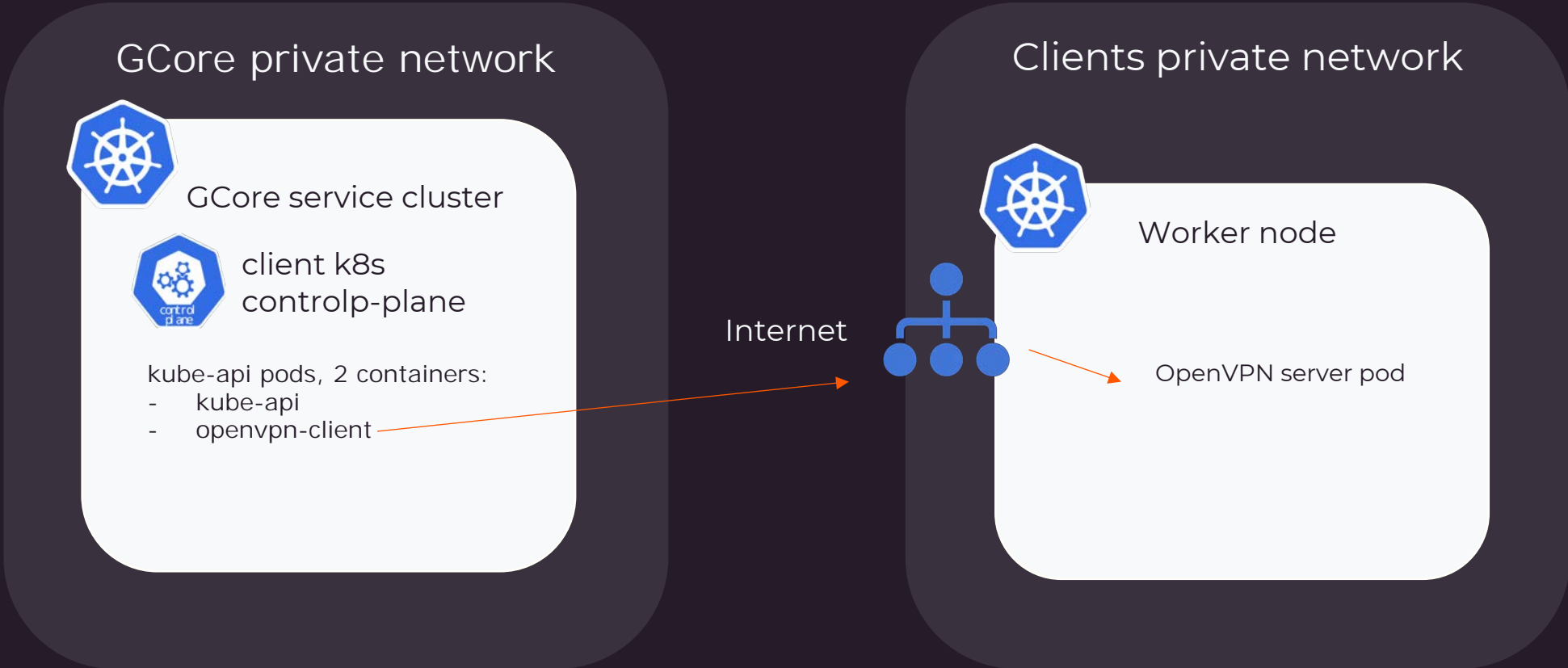
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VPN!

GCore ClusterAPI based managed k8s service architecture:



What if client deletes something?

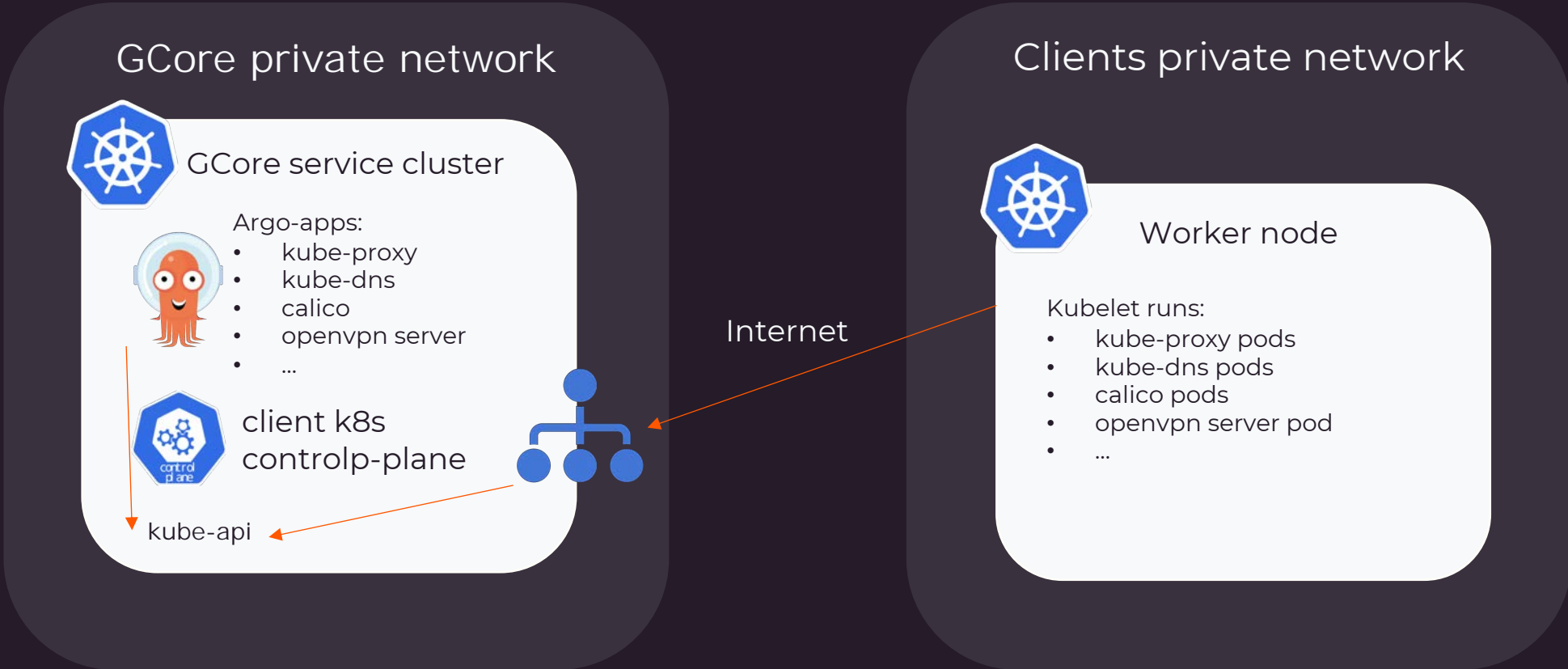
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- calico?
- kube-proxy?

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ArgoCD!

GCore ClusterAPI based managed k8s service architecture:



Observability

kubectl get cluster -A

| NAMESPACE | NAME | CLUSTER | READY | VERSION |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|
| 76-12706 | cluster-1-control-plane | cluster-1 | true | v1.24.10 |
| 76-15 | some-cluster-1-control-plane | some-cluster-1 | true | v1.24.10 |
| 76-250683 | cluster-1-control-plane | cluster-1 | true | v1.24.10 |
| 76-309102 | cluster-tst-2-control-plane | cluster-tst-2 | true | v1.24.10 |

Observability

```
kubectl get gcorecontrolplane -A
```

| NAMESPACE | NAME | CLUSTER | READY | VERSION |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|
| 76-12706 | cluster-1-control-plane | cluster-1 | true | v1.24.10 |
| 76-15 | some-cluster-1-control-plane | some-cluster-1 | true | v1.24.10 |
| 76-250683 | cluster-1-control-plane | cluster-1 | true | v1.24.10 |
| 76-309102 | cluster-tst-2-control-plane | cluster-tst-2 | true | v1.24.10 |

Observability

kubectl get machinedeployment -A

| NAMESPACE | NAME | CLUSTER | REPLICAS | READY | UPDATED | UNAVAILABLE | PHASE | AGE | VERSION |
|-----------|--|----------------|----------|-------|---------|-------------|---------|------|----------|
| 76-12706 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment | cluster-1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Running | 2d9h | v1.24.10 |
| 76-15 | some-cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment | some-cluster-1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Running | 8d | v1.24.10 |
| 76-250683 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment | cluster-1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Running | 6d2h | v1.24.10 |
| 76-309102 | cluster-tst-2-pool-1-machine-deployment | cluster-tst-2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Running | 8d | v1.24.10 |

Observability

kubectl get machine -A

| NAMESPACE | NAME | CLUSTER | NODENAME | PROVIDERID | PHASE | AGE | VERSION |
|-----------|--|----------------|----------------|--|---------|------|----------|
| 76-12706 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-556c46fb6b-cth78 | cluster-1 | cluster-1 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-556c46fb6b-cth78 | Running | 2d9h | v1.24.10 |
| 76-12706 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-556c46fb6b-g8s95 | cluster-1 | cluster-1 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-556c46fb6b-g8s95 | Running | 2d9h | v1.24.10 |
| 76-12706 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-556c46fb6b-xvf8c | cluster-1 | cluster-1 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-556c46fb6b-xvf8c | Running | 2d9h | v1.24.10 |
| 76-15 | some-cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-bbb5fd448-m2sww | some-cluster-1 | some-cluster-1 | some-cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-bbb5fd448-m2sww | Running | 8d | v1.24.10 |
| 76-250683 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-556c46fb6b-fs2lg | cluster-1 | cluster-1 | cluster-1-pool-1-machine-deployment-556c46fb6b-fs2lg | Running | 6d2h | v1.24.10 |
| 76-309102 | cluster-tst-2-pool-1-machine-deployment-58d854f865-j9s75 | cluster-tst-2 | cluster-tst-2 | cluster-tst-2-pool-1-machine-deployment-58d854f865-j9s75 | Running | 8d | v1.24.10 |
| 76-309102 | cluster-tst-2-pool-1-machine-deployment-58d854f865-pjrpx | cluster-tst-2 | cluster-tst-2 | cluster-tst-2-pool-1-machine-deployment-58d854f865-pjrpx | Running | 8d | v1.24.10 |



ClusterAPI vs Magnum

- Speed up
- Reconciliation loop
- Transparency
- Easy updates and 1.24, 1.25, 1.26 + (and easy k8s infra updates)
- Baremetal worker nodes
- No control-plane nodes – no extra cost



Thanks for your attention!

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