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# From Database in Container to DBaaS on Kubernetes

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# Early Days of Modern Open Source

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Floppy drive(s): fd0 is 1.44M
floppy: FDC version 0x90
Swansea University Computer Society Net2Debugged [1.30]
IP Protocols: ICMP, UDP, TCP
NE*000 ethercard probe at 0x300: 52 54 00 12 34 57
eth0: NE2000 found at 0x300, using IRQ 9.
ne.c:v0.99-15k 3/3/94 Donald Becker (becker@super.org)
Checking 386/387 coupling... Ok, fpu using exception 16 error reporting.
Linux version 1.0 (root@softland) #1 Tue Apr 26 19:25:39 PDT 1994
Partition check:
  hda: hda1 hda2
EXT2-fs warning: mounting unchecked fs, running e2fsck is recommended
UFS: Mounted root (ext2 filesystem).
Cannot open *.o
[: argument expected
none on /proc type proc (rw)
/etc/rc.net: sls105(192.168.1.100), rpc.portmap, inetd, namedJul 22 13:57:32 named[45]: restarted

, rpc.nfsd, rpc.mountd

Welcome to Linux 0.99.15g
sls105 login:
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Never-Ending  
Move towards  
Simplicity



# Installation of Open Source Software



**Download Sources, Patch and Compile**



**Tar.gz binaries and INSTALL**



**Packages with Dependencies – .deb .rpm**

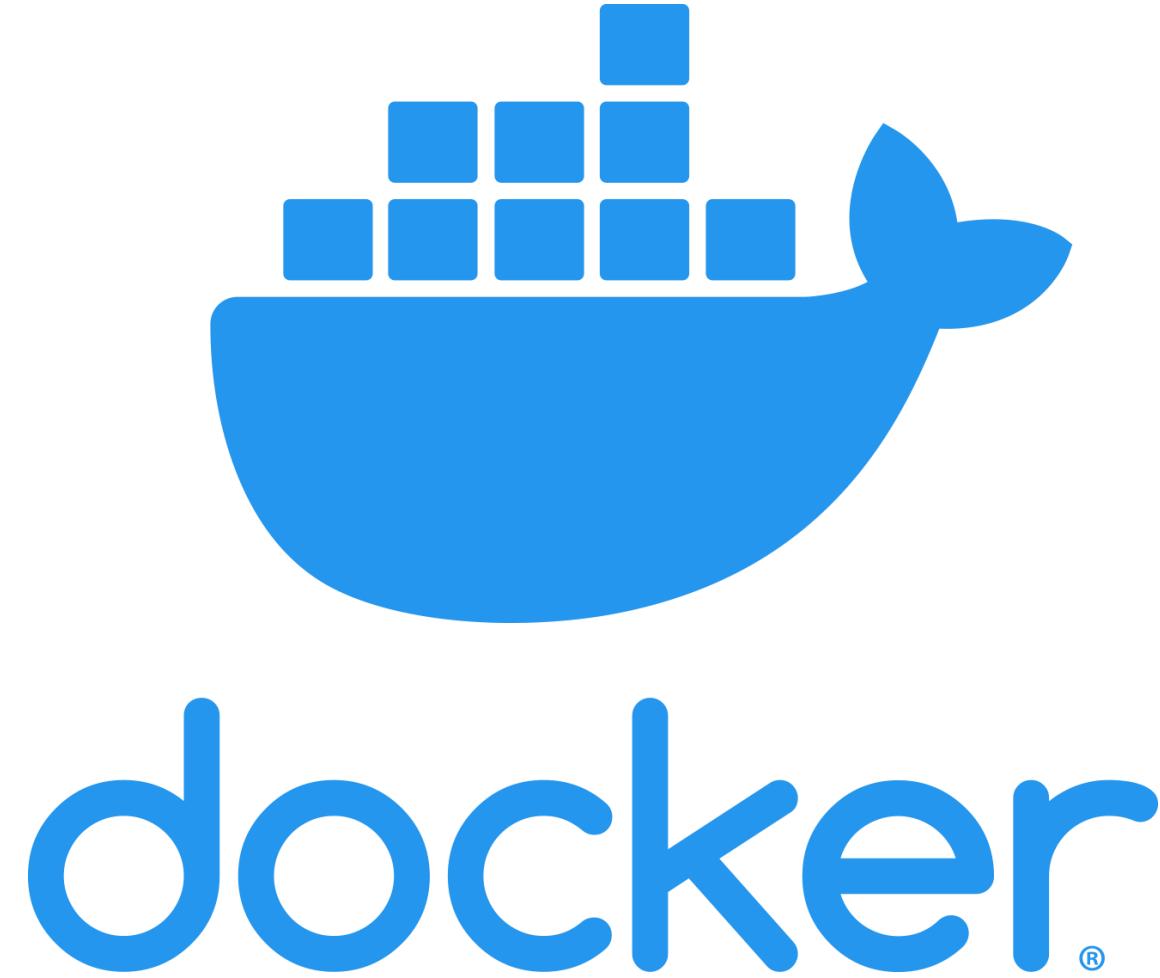


**Package repositories APT and YUM**



**Docker, Snap etc.**

# Database in Docker





**Clean. Isolated from Other  
Components in the  
Environment**



**Easy to have Multiple  
Environments**



**Simplify Deployment  
with Docker Compose**

# Test and Dev

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## (Mostly Unfounded) Fears of overhead

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Extra Complexity. Need to use Data Volumes for Best Result

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Some monitoring tools initially lacked proper Docker Support

Most Open Source  
Databases have  
official Docker  
Images

Commonly  
Deployed for Test  
and Dev

Limited  
Deployment in  
Production

# Open Source Databases with Docker

Percona  
Solution

We Provide Docker  
Packages for  
MySQL, MongoDB,  
PostgreSQL

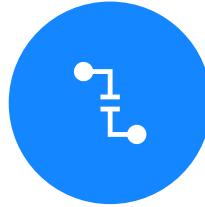
Enhanced  
Enterprise Grade  
Distribution

100% Free and  
Open Source

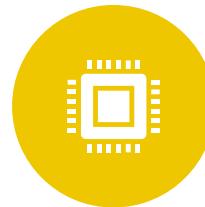
# Unsolved Problem



**What about Day 2 Operations**



**Must be done in the context of “Cluster” rather than single node**



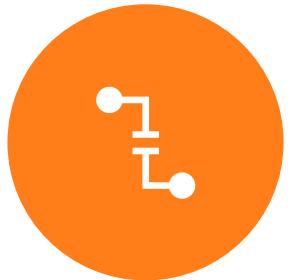
**Upgrades, High Availability, Scaling Up and Down**



**Docker does not provide great Solution**

# Kubernetes





**Complicated  
Relationship...**



**Kubernetes was  
designed for Stateless  
application first**



**... and Database is  
very opposite of  
Stateless**



**Improved to manage  
Stateful Applications  
in Recent Years**

# Kubernetes and Databases

# Stateful Applications and Kubernetes



**Kelsey Hightower**   
@kelseyhightower

I'm always going to recommend people exercise extreme caution when running stateful workloads on Kubernetes. Most people who are asking "can I run stateful workloads on Kubernetes" don't have much experience with Kubernetes and often times the workload they are asking about.

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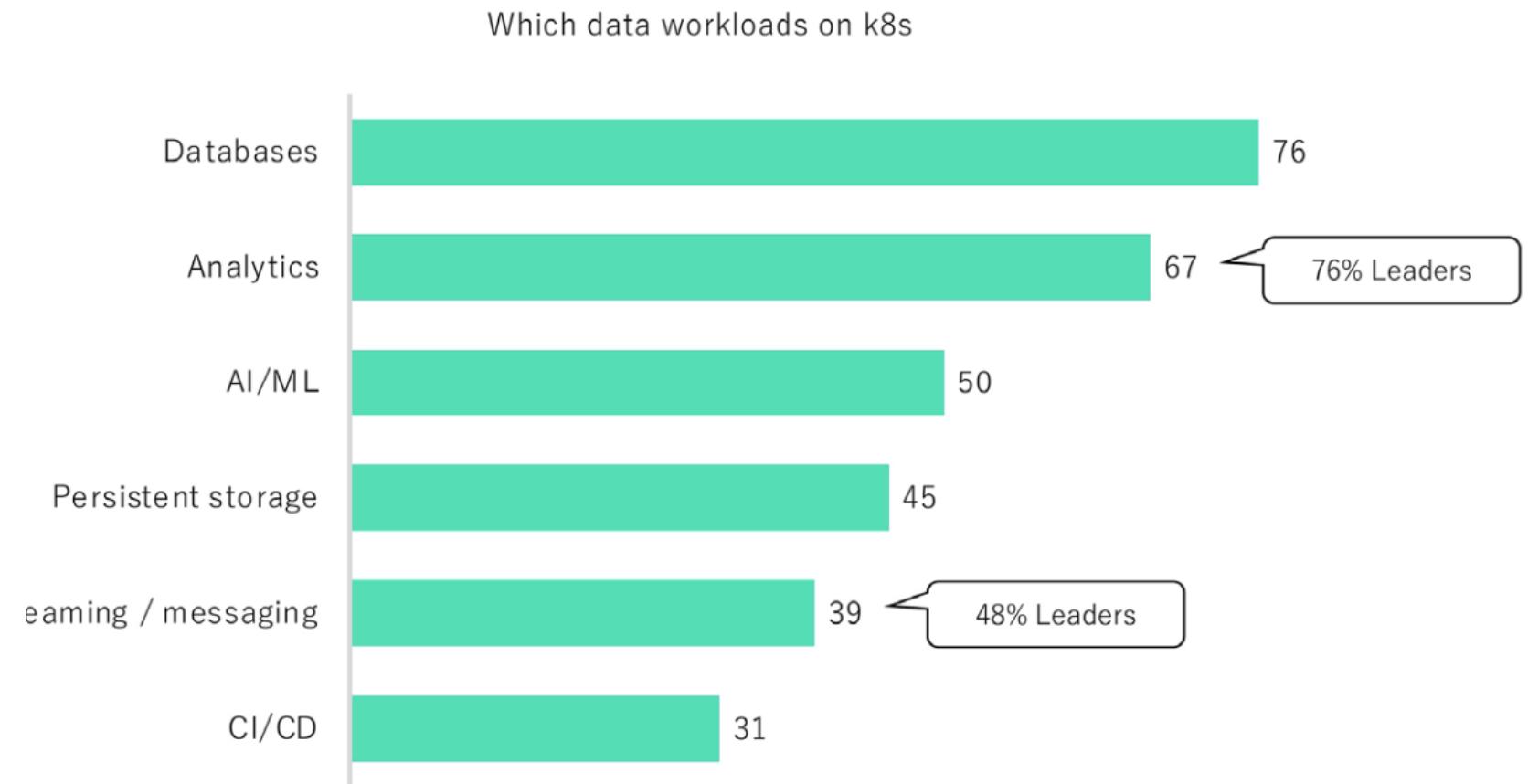
# DOK Community



Dok  
Community

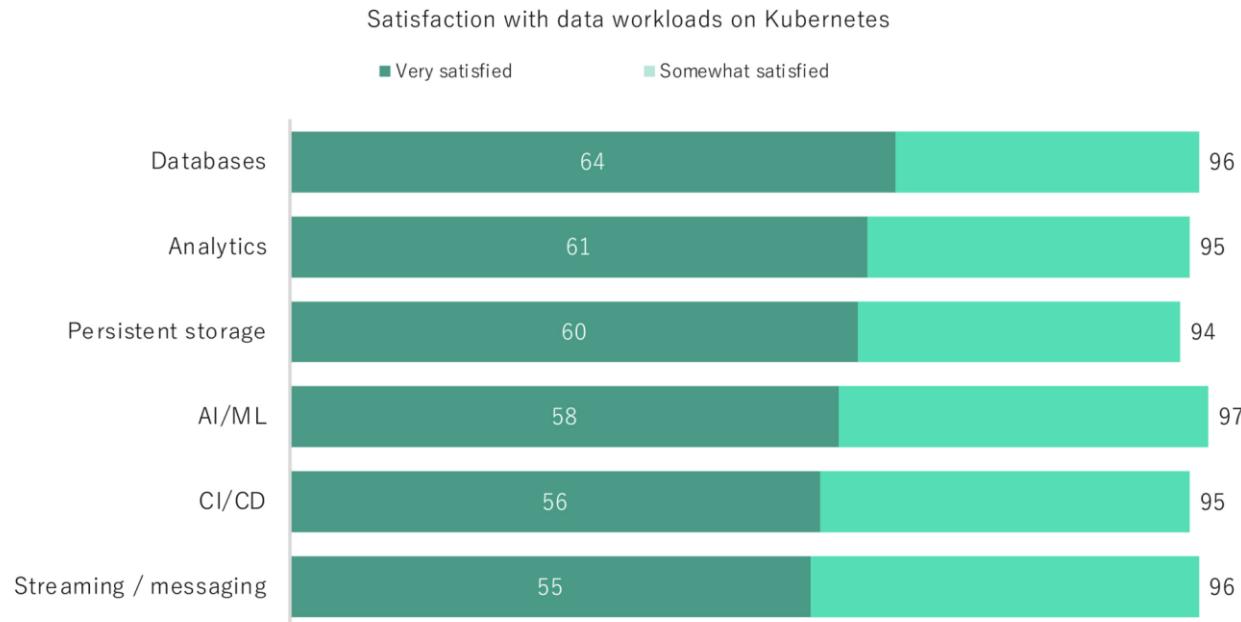
<https://dok.community/>

# Data on Kubernetes



[https://dok.community/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/DoK\\_Report\\_2022.pdf](https://dok.community/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/DoK_Report_2022.pdf)

# Satisfied



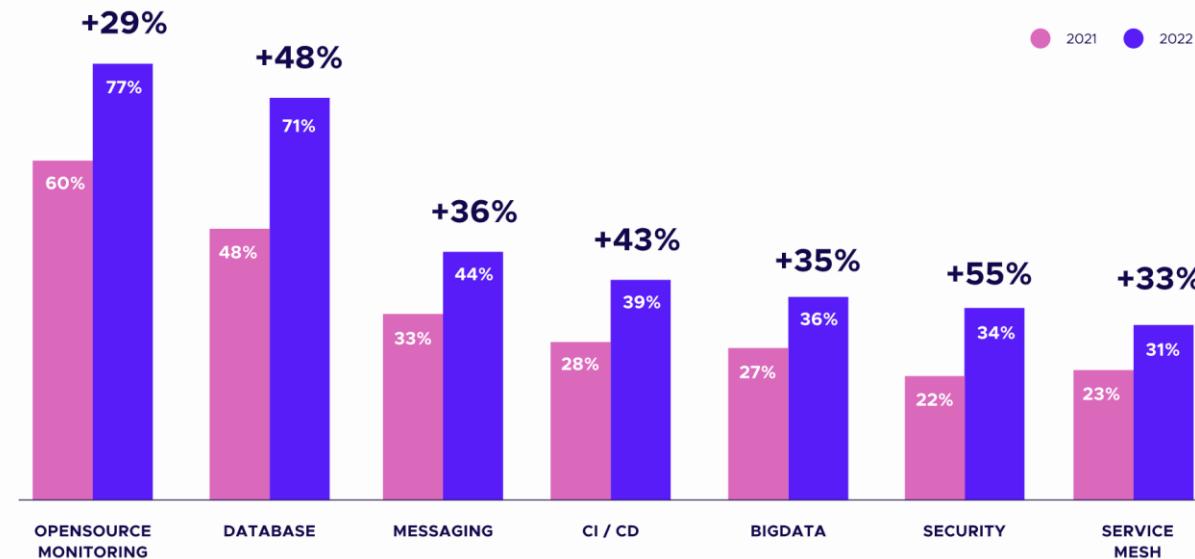
I. In general, how satisfied are you with using Kubernetes to run each of the following data workloads in your organization? Use a scale from 1 to 5 where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "not at all".

# Adoption Areas

## KUBERNETES GROWTH AREAS

Focusing on non-application workloads, enterprises used an increasing variety of technologies. This reflects the need to enhance Kubernetes with better observability, security, and service-to-service communications. Other technologies enable specific use cases like CI/CD tools or databases.

Across all categories, **open source projects rank among the most frequently used solutions**.



<https://www.cncf.io/reports/cncf-annual-survey-2022/>

Kubernetes  
Powers many  
DBaaS



## Promise of Kubernetes

**Operating System for your Data Center,  
like Linux was for a single server**

**Robust mechanics to deal with node  
failure**

**Operator Framework for Automating  
Complex Database Operations Tasks**

**Slower Pickup by  
vendors**

**Many Third Party  
Kubernetes  
Solutions Were  
Developed**

**“Helm Chart” and  
“Operator”  
packages**

# Open Source Databases on Kubernetes

# Percona Solutions

**Operators  
for MySQL,  
MongoDB,  
PostgreSQL**

**Available to  
install  
directly or  
through  
Helm Chart**

**Improved  
with  
Enterprise  
Grade  
Features**

**Open Source  
and Source  
Available  
(MongoDB)**

# Mission Critical: Open Source Base Database Software



**PERCONA**

Distribution for  
MySQL



**PERCONA**

Distribution for  
PostgreSQL



**PERCONA**

Distribution for  
MongoDB

**Running Business  
Critical Statefull  
applications on  
Kubernetes is “Black  
Belt” level skill**

**Not an easy task for  
non-Kubernetes  
expert**

## Unsolved Problems

DBaaS “state  
of art”  
simplicity for  
databases



Cloud

**Proprietary  
Clouds bring  
Great Usability  
at Great Cost**

# Current State

## Major Clouds have Proprietary DBaaS Offerings

- Amazon RDS, Aurora, Google Cloud SQL etc

## Database Vendor Own Proprietary Solutions

- MongoDB Atlas, SkySQL, CockroachCloud etc

## Multi Database Proprietary Solutions

- Aiven, Instaclustr etc



**Managing High Availability**



**Database Patching**



**Backups**



**(Some) Performance Tuning**



**Easy to Scale**

# DBaaS Removes a lot of “Toil”



Do not worry, DBaaS is Open Source Compatible  
**Limited, “Hotel California” Compatibility**

# DBaaS



PROMISE

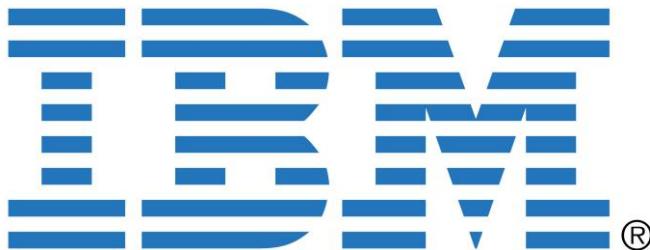
REALITY

**Fully Managed DBaaS tends to be  
Overmarketed**



# DBaaS Vendor Lock-In

**It may not be so painful now, but it is going to be painful in the future**



# History Lesson

**Oracle used to Save its customer from IBM Hardware Lock-in with Mainframe computers**

# How about Going Back to Basics?

## What is Cloud Computing?

An analogy: think of electricity services...

You simply plug into a vast electrical grid managed by experts to get a low cost, reliable power supply – available to you with much greater efficiency than you could generate on your own.



Power is a utility service - available to you on-demand and you pay only for what you use.



# Kubernetes – Universal API for Public and Private Cloud



# Cloud Choice

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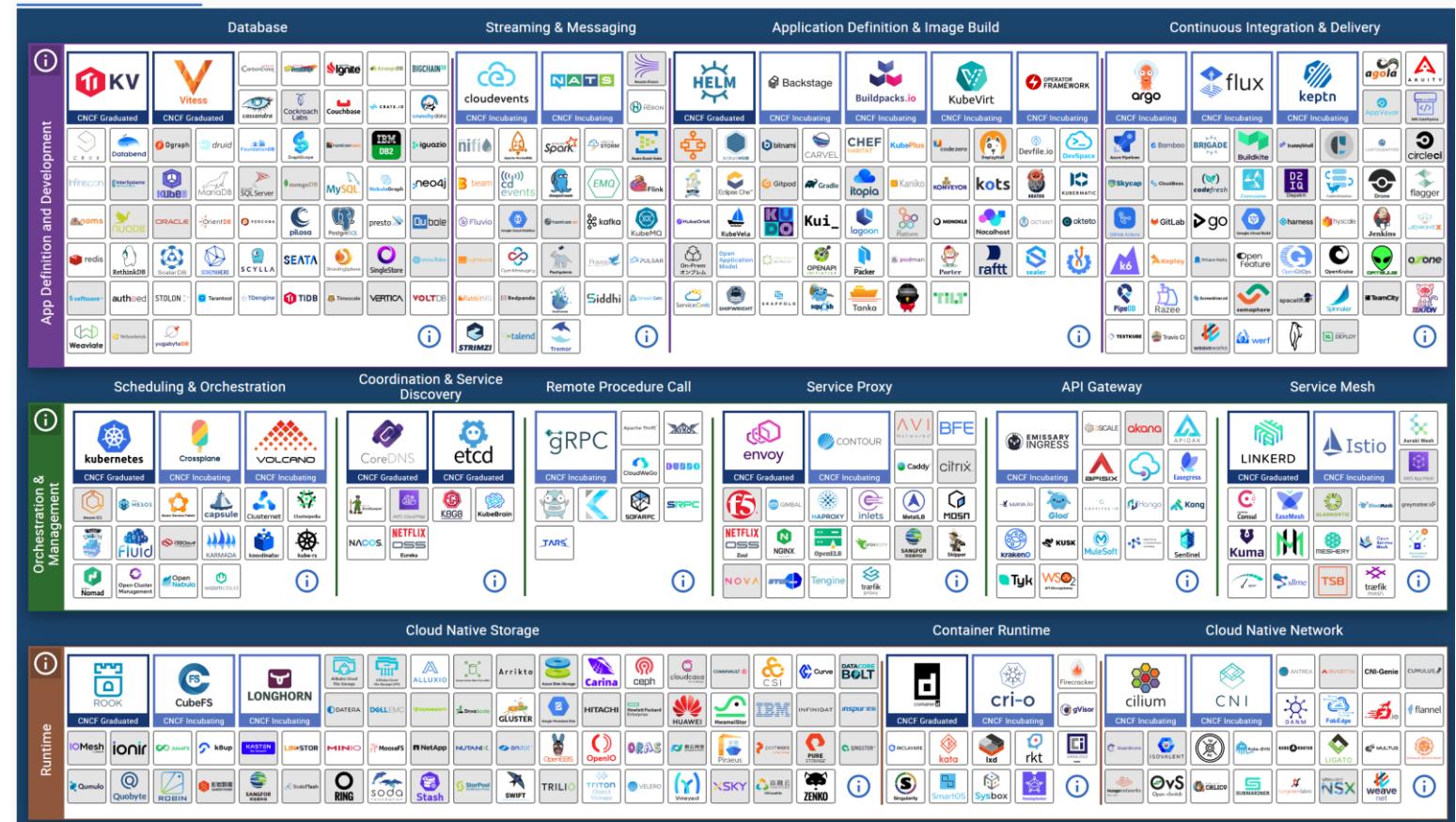
- **Lock-in with Cloud Vendor**
- **Use Proprietary Solutions**
- **Highly Differentiated Cloud**
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- **Freedom to Run Anywhere**
- **Use Open Source**
- **Cloud Is Commodity**
- **Customer**
- **Choice of Vendors**



# Cloud Native is Going Strong



<https://landscape.cncf.io/>

# Our Vision

**Provide AWS RDS-Like DBaaS Experience in Public and Private with Open Source Software and No Vendor Lock-in**





Get look and feel for Basics?

**Kubernetes with  
Operators is **Easy** and  
**Powerful****

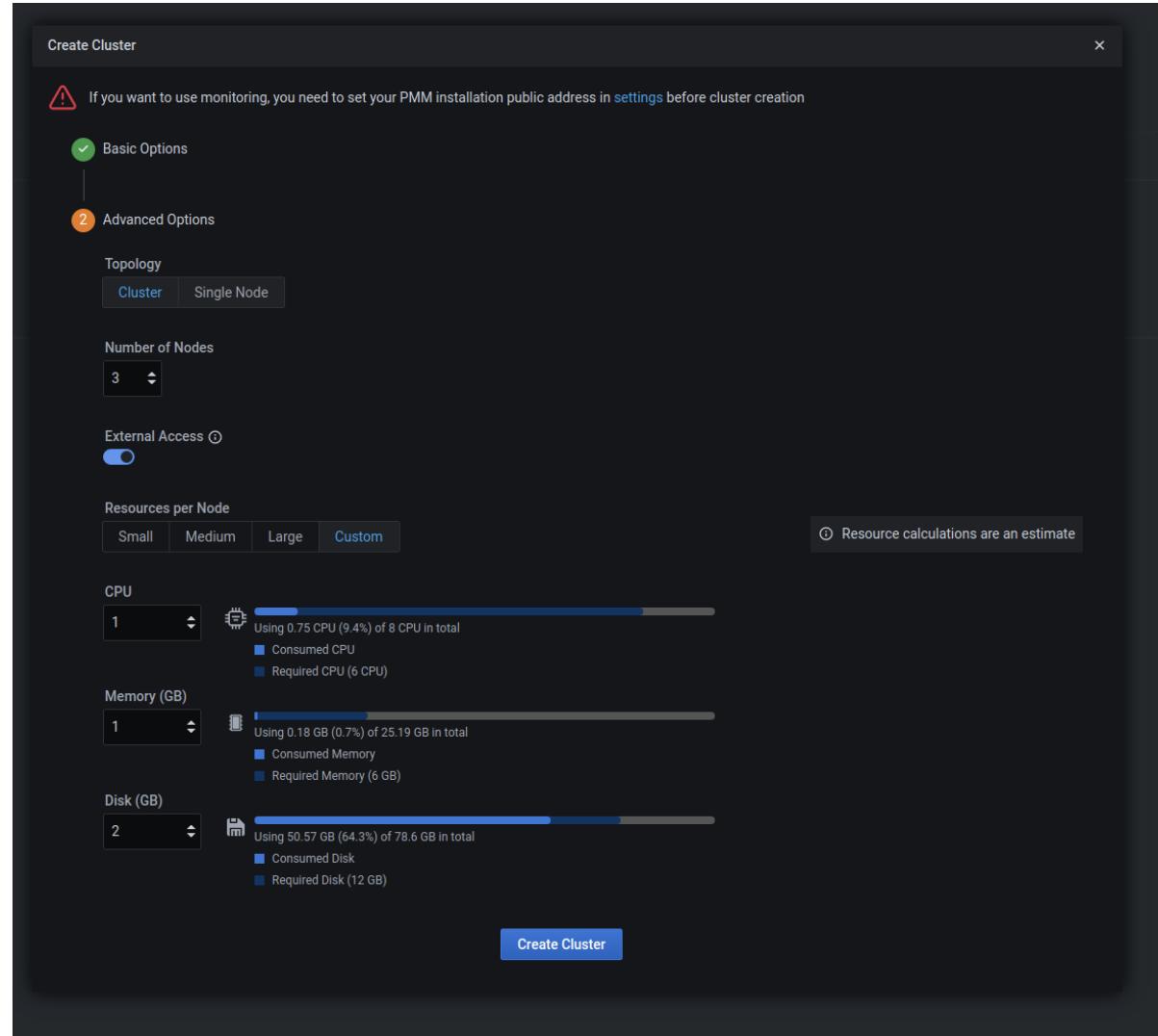
<https://per.co.na/PXCMinkube>

“Operators”  
to run them on  
Kubernetes



Kubernetes  
Operators

# Work in Progress...



<https://www.percona.com/doc/percona-monitoring-and-management/2.x/setting-up/server/dbaas.html>



Open Source Databases are on the path from support of Containers to full DBaaS Experience



Docker Support Mature, Kubernetes Support is Getting Where and DBaaS Experience is still work in Progress



In Open Source you can always be part of solution – help build the projects you care about!

## Summary



DBaaS has  
won

Unparallel convenience  
of using the database

# Software Vendor Lock-in Sucks





Open  
Source to  
the Rescue

# Thank you, Let's Connect!

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