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# **Crunchy Data and Red Hat OpenShift:**

## **Automating Postgres Deployment & Administration at Enterprise Scale**

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# Agenda

- **Why Crunchy Data?**
- **Why Postgres on OpenShift?**
- **Whoa, that sounds complicated!**
- **What is Crunchy Postgres for Kubernetes?**
- **Create a High Availability PostgresCluster**

# Why Crunchy Data



- Major Contributor to Postgres
- World Class Technical Talent
- Enterprise Focus and Go to Market Approach
- 24 x 365 Support delivered by Skilled Postgres Engineers
- Commitment to Security Conscious Enterprises
- Leader in Postgres Technology for Kubernetes
- Certified Open Source Postgres Distribution

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# Crunchy Data + Red Hat

**Crunchy Data is a Global Technology  
Partner with Certified PostgreSQL  
Technology for a Variety of Platforms**

**Crunchy Data** can help **Red Hat** Customers  
confidently deploy **PostgreSQL** as an **alternative to  
legacy technologies** ensuring the Red Hat Customers  
continue to rely on trusted technology.

**Advanced PostgreSQL Solutions for  
Leading Red Hat Technology including:**



**Crunchy Data & OpenShift**



**Level 5 Certified PostgreSQL Operator**



**Crunchy Data & Ansible Automation Platform**



**Crunchy Data with Quay & Clair**

# SDX is a Crunchy Data Customer for 4+ Years

We will contribute during this session as to how SDX is successful using the Crunchy Data Postgres Operator to run a complex, distributed DLT (Digital Ledger Technology) Network

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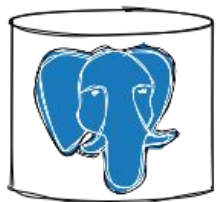
# Why Postgres

- ✓ Established, Reliable & Secure
- ✓ Feature Rich
- ✓ Extensibility
- ✓ No Central Owner
- ✓ Hiring
- ✓ 35+ year evolution

## The Technical Details

- Datatypes
- Transactional DDL
- Foreign Data Wrappers
- Concurrent Index Creation
- Conditional indexes
- JSON/JSONB
- Common Table Expressions
- Fast column addition
- Listen/Notify
- Upsert
- Partitioning
- Per transaction sync replication
- Window function
- Continued innovation

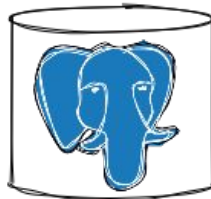
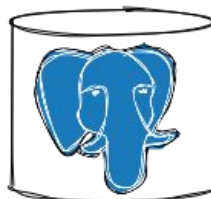
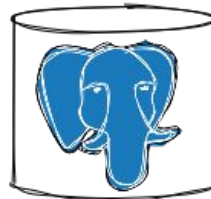
# Why Postgres on OpenShift?



Operating System

Hardware

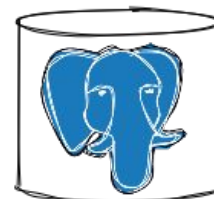
Physical Server



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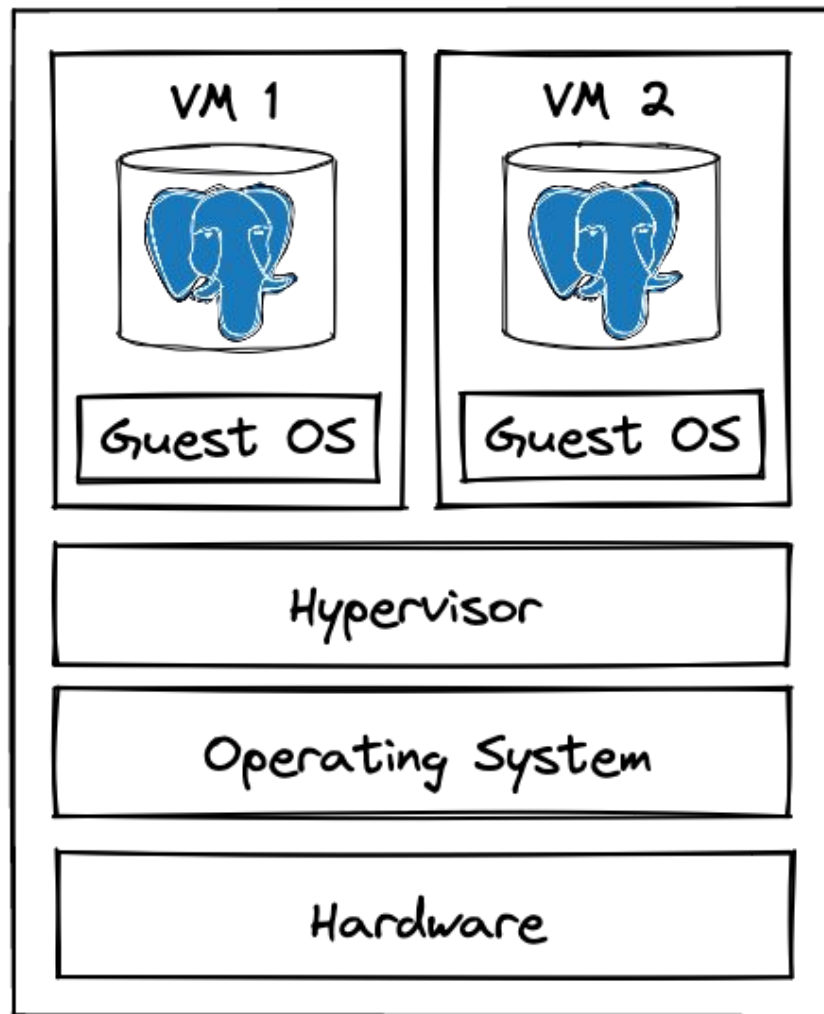


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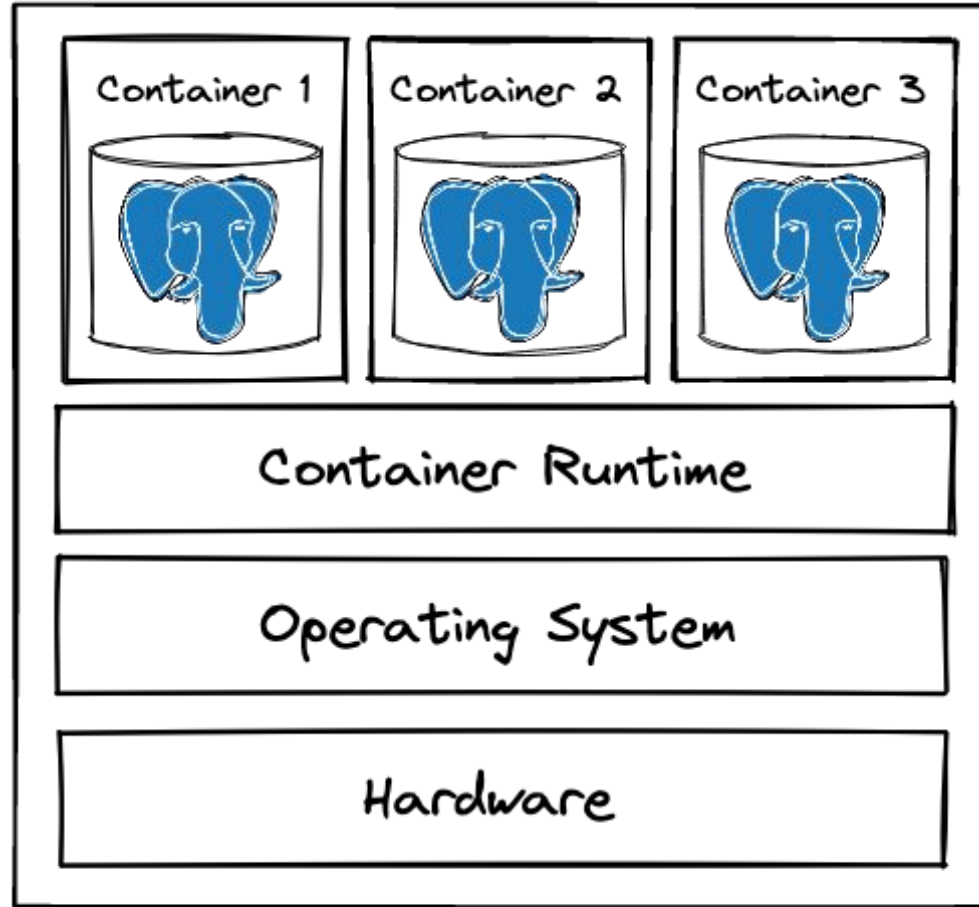
Hardware

Physical Server





Virtual Machines



Containers

# Features of Containers

- Isolated



Stateless

- Lightweight



Ephemeral

- Portable

- Scalable

# Container Orchestration

- Manage many containers
- Automate container lifecycle
- Integrate with DevOps tools

## Persistent Volumes

• Provisioning

• Deployment

• Configuration

• Scheduling

• Scaling

• Self-healing

• Storage

• Services

• Resource allocation

• Load balancing

• Networking

• Security crunchydata



# Sidecars

(with a little help from my friends)

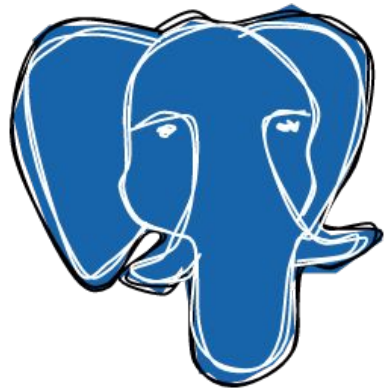
- Pod: “wrapper” around one or more containers
- “Helper” container
- Tightly coupled with main container in a pod
- e.g. metrics exporter, database backup tool

# StatefulSets

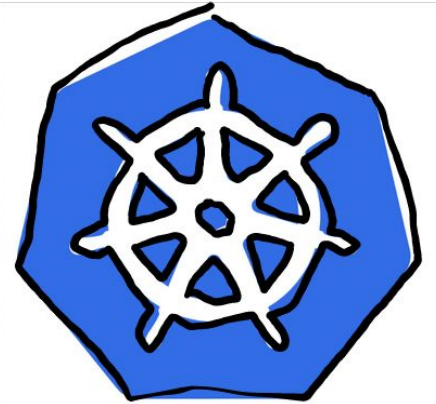
(not all containers are created equal)

- Stable, persistent storage
- Ordered, graceful deployment and scaling
- Ordered, automated rolling updates

# Running Postgres on Kubernetes



PostgreSQL



Kubernetes

# Crunchy Data Postgres SQL clusters @SDX

- SDX is following a Cloud native approach to the extent possible\*\*
- SDX is using Kubernetes/OpenShift as its Micro service platform as abstraction Layer (unifying)
- SDX runs per member a "SDX DLT Node" based on Corda R3
- Each DLT Member Node requires its own Crunchy Data Postgres SQL cluster (DLT=Digital Ledger Technology)

= SDX runs a substantial amount of Postgres clusters with a small operations team

\*\*regulatory and technical limitations apply



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- What is Crunchy Postgres for Kubernetes?
- Demo

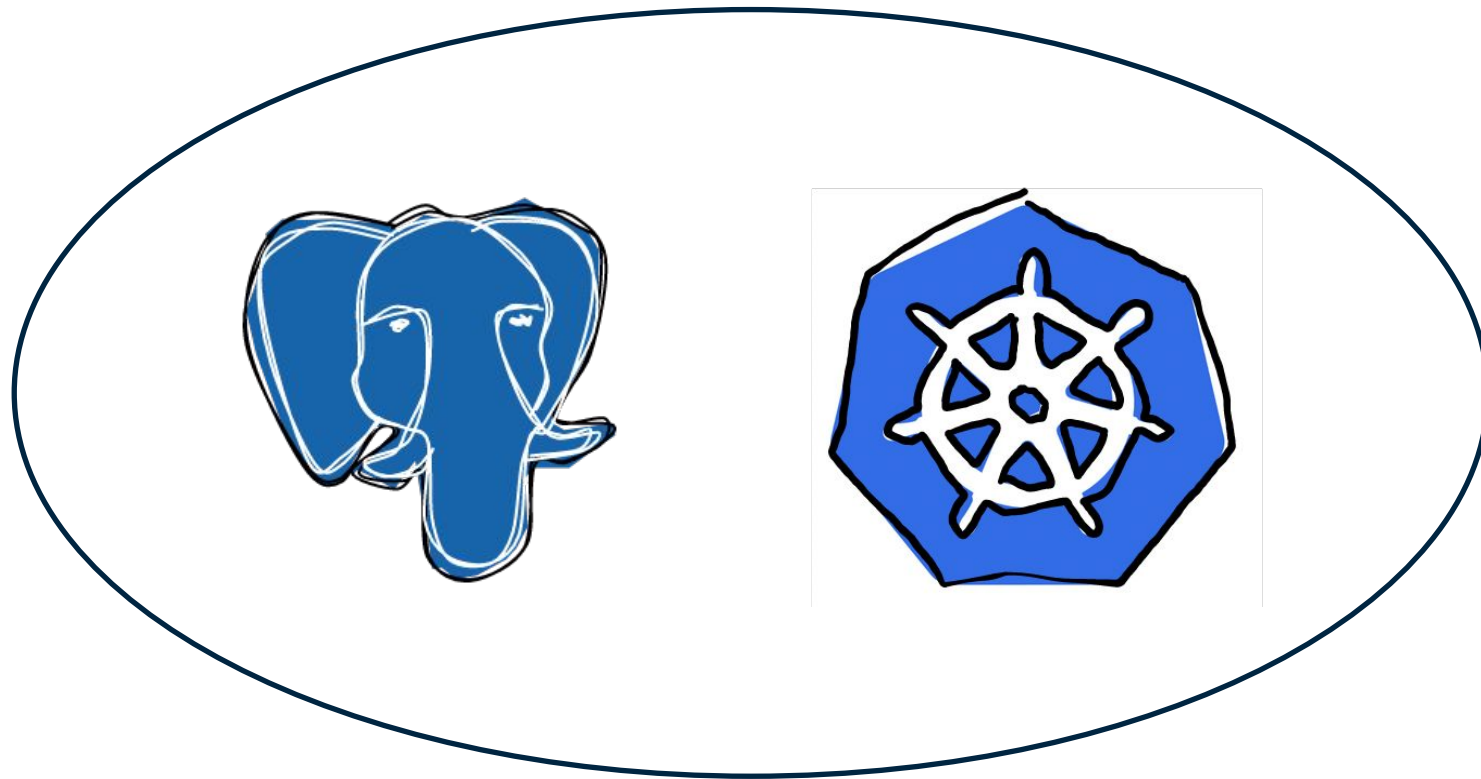
# Kubernetes Operators

“Operators are software extensions to Kubernetes that make use of **custom resources** to manage applications and their components. Operators follow Kubernetes principles, notably **the control loop**.”

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/extend-kubernetes/operator/>

# PGO

## The Postgres Operator from Crunchy Data



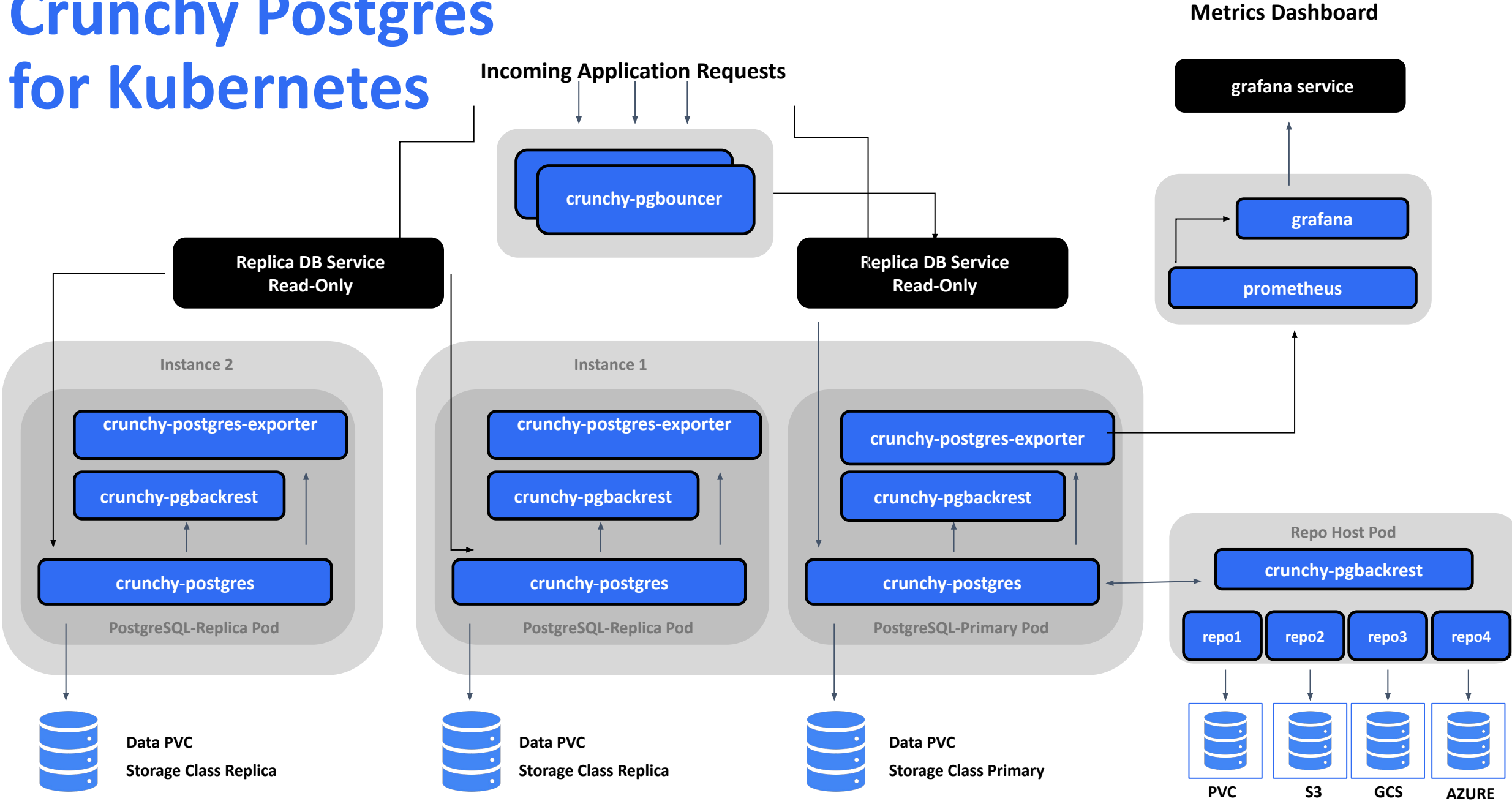
# Crunchy Postgres for Kubernetes

- Enterprise scale PostgreSQL on OpenShift
- Virtual database administrator
- Robust, secure, scalable architecture
- Combined strength of OpenShift and Postgres

# Why Postgres on OpenShift?

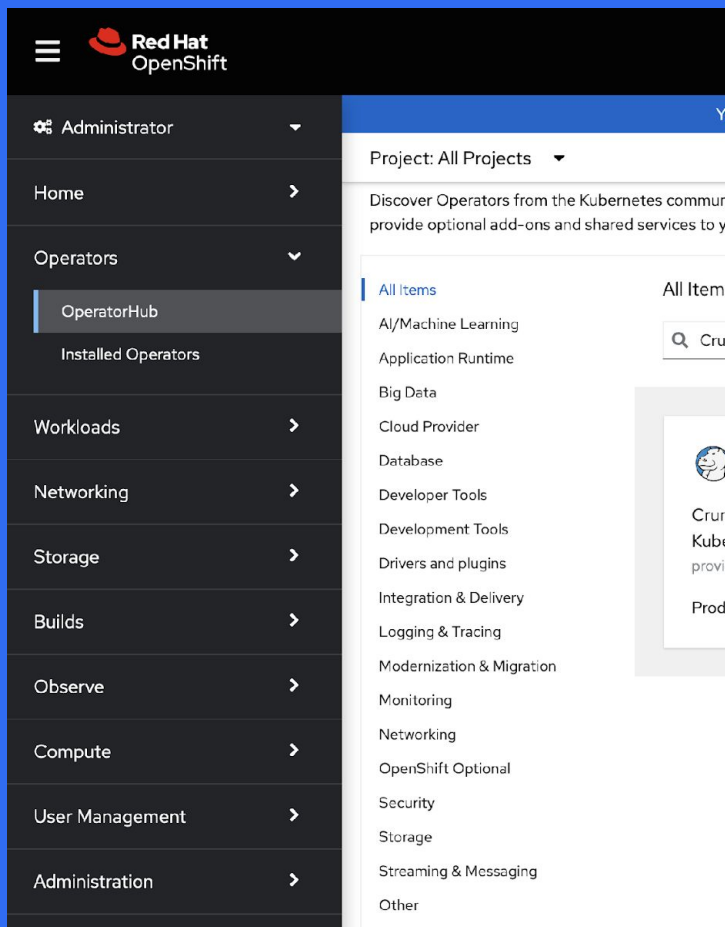
- Automation
- Deploying at scale
- Multi-tenancy
- Microservices
- OpenShift already in use

# Crunchy Postgres for Kubernetes



**“Whoa, that sounds complicated!”**

# OperatorHub



## Crunchy Postgres for Kubernetes

5.5.0 provided by Crunchy Data



Install

### Latest version

5.5.0

### Capability level

- ✓ Basic Install
- ✓ Seamless Upgrades
- ✓ Full Lifecycle
- ✓ Deep Insights
- ✓ Auto Pilot

### Source

Certified

### Provider

Crunchy Data

### Repository

<https://github.com/ CrunchyData>

PGO, the [Postgres Operator](#) from [Crunchy Data](#), gives you a **declarative Postgres** solution that automatically manages your [PostgreSQL](#) clusters.

Designed for your GitOps workflows, it is [easy to get started](#) with Postgres on Kubernetes with PGO. Within a few moments, you can have a production grade Postgres cluster complete with high availability, disaster recovery, and monitoring, all over secure TLS communications. Even better, PGO lets you easily customize your Postgres cluster to tailor it to your workload!

With conveniences like cloning Postgres clusters to using rolling updates to roll out disruptive changes with minimal downtime, PGO is ready to support your Postgres data at every stage of your release pipeline. Built for resiliency and uptime, PGO will keep your desired Postgres in a desired state so you do not need to worry about it.

PGO is developed with many years of production experience in automating Postgres management on Kubernetes, providing a seamless cloud native Postgres solution to keep your data always available.

- **PostgreSQL Cluster Provisioning:** [Create, Scale, & Delete PostgreSQL clusters with ease](#), while fully customizing your Pods and PostgreSQL configuration!
- **High-Availability:** Safe, automated failover backed by a [distributed consensus based high-availability solution](#). Uses [Pod Anti-Affinity](#) to help resiliency; you can configure how aggressive this can be! Failed primaries automatically heal, allowing for faster recovery time. You can even create regularly scheduled backups as well and set your backup retention policy
- **Disaster Recovery:** [Backups](#) and [restores](#) leverage the open source [pgBackRest](#) utility and

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[Installed Operators](#) > [Operator details](#)

## Crunchy Postgres for Kubernetes

5.5.0 provided by Crunchy Data

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[PGAdmin](#)

[PGUpgrade](#)

[Postgres Cluster](#)

## Provided APIs

### **PGA** PGAdmin

PGAdmin is the Schema for the pgadmins API

[+ Create instance](#)

### **PGU** PGUpgrade

PGUpgrade is the Schema for the pgupgrades API

[+ Create instance](#)

### **PC** Postgres Cluster

PostgresCluster is the Schema for the postgresclusters API

[+ Create instance](#)

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## Create R

Create by con

Configure via

ew shortcuts

```
1 kind: PostgreSQL
2 apiVersion: postgres-operator.crunchydata.com/v1beta1
3 metadata:
4   name: darmstadt
5   namespace: openshift-operators
6 spec:
7   backups:
8     pgbackrest:
9       repos:
10        - name: repo1
11          volume:
12            volumeClaimSpec:
13              accessModes:
14                - ReadWriteOnce
15              resources:
16                requests:
17                  storage: 1Gi
18   instances:
19     - dataVolumeClaimSpec:
20        accessModes:
21          - ReadWriteOnce
22        resources:
23          requests:
24            storage: 1Gi
25     replicas: 3
26 postgresVersion: 16
```

Create

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# Important Features

- Fully Featured PostgreSQL
- High Availability
- Database backup and recovery
- Automated rolling Upgrades

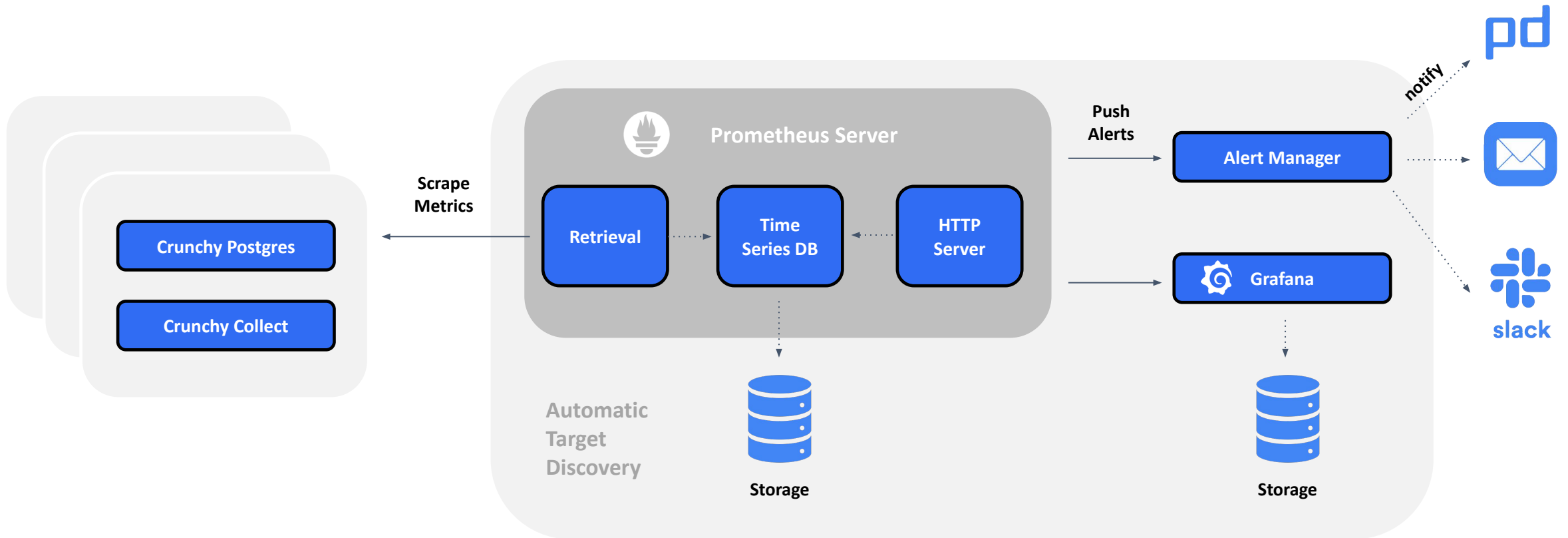
# Fully featured PostgreSQL

- The full featured PostgreSQL compatibility ensured, complex applications like Corda DLT solution was working flawless
- SDX built on high availability feature it's disaster failover scenarios
- SDX executes its regulatory DR exercises, using Crunchy Data Cluster features

# Configuration

- Configure multiple backup repositories
- Implement database monitoring
- Create DR cluster
- Security – Custom TLS, host-based authentication...
- Personalise your database cluster

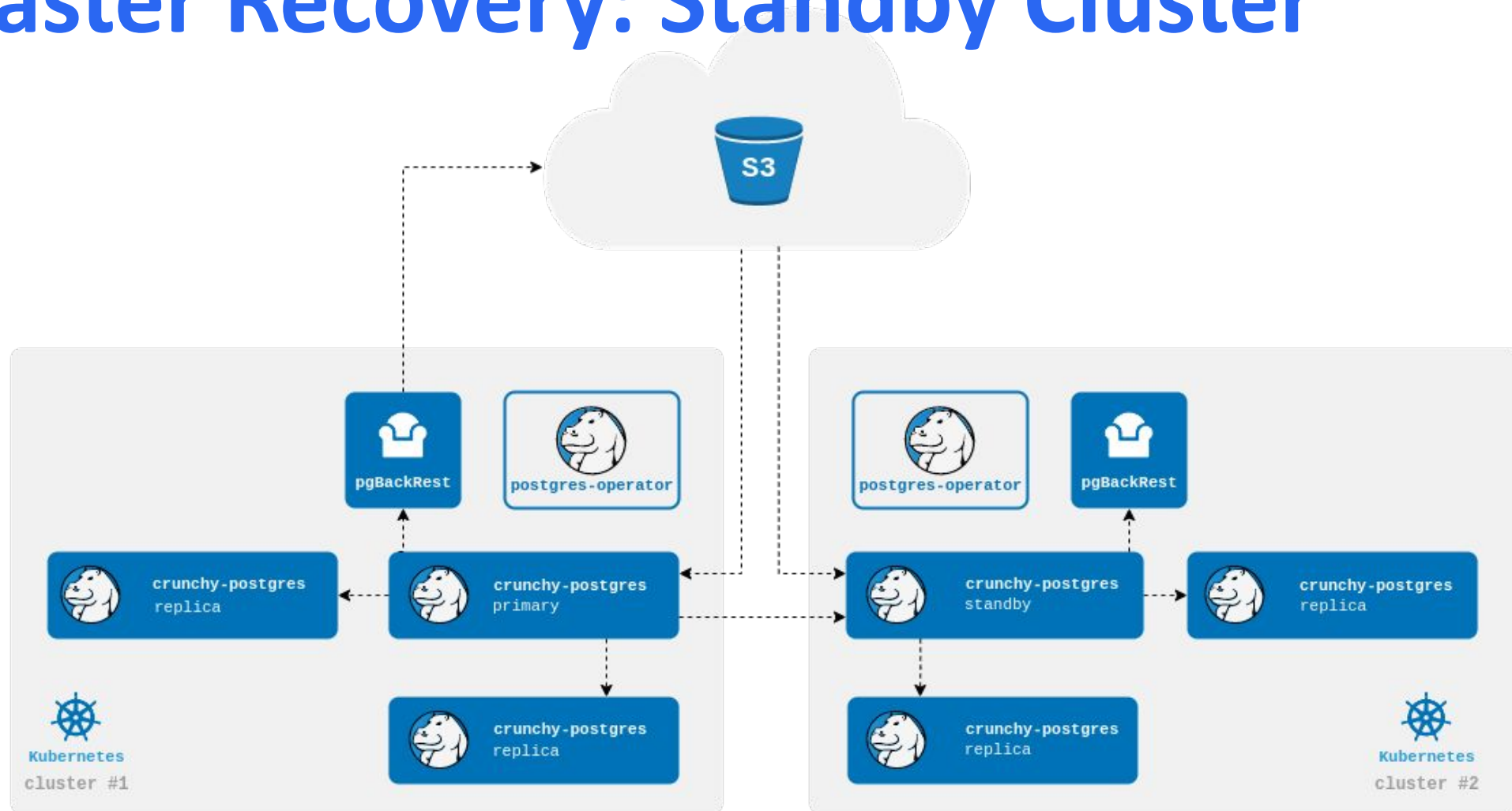
# Monitoring: pgMonitor



# Prometheus pgMonitoring @ SDX

- The integration with Prometheus & Grafana enables SDX to monitor all running PG Clusters seamlessly in its solution health monitoring

# Disaster Recovery: Standby Cluster





# PostgreSQL Major Version Upgrades

- Automated via PGUpgrade API
- Fast, In-Place Upgrades
- 1. Create PGUpgrade resource
- 2. Shutdown and annotate Postgres Cluster
- 3. Restart Postgres Cluster with new version

# pgAdmin

## Administration and Development Platform

- GUI tool
- pgAdmin API
- Automatic database discovery
- Server groups

# Try it Out the Postgres Playground

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TUTORIAL INSTRUCTIONS

psql basics

## Let's connect

Never seen PostgreSQL before? Here's a quick guide to get you up and running in for you and your team.

The first command you'll need to run is:

\?

The results will be displayed in the terminal window.

List of possible SQL commands

\h

Get help on a specific command

Open source license info

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Expanded display is used automatically.

postgres=# \i /mnt/data.sql

SET

SET

SET

SET

SET

SET

SET

SET

SET

SET

SET

SET

CREATE TABLE

ALTER TABLE

COPY 1200

postgres=# \! printf '%b\n' "\$(cat /mnt/greeting)"

Welcome to the CrunchyData Playground terminal! Type or paste the code examples on the side to follow along with the psql tutorial.

Join the discord community to find help or learn more about Postgres:

<https://discord.gg/4uZ8PTDXr2>

postgres=#

to follow

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# Try it Out - Postgres Operator Examples

<https://github.com/CrunchyData/postgres-operator-examples>

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README.md

## PGO, Crunchy Postgres Operator Examples

This repository contains examples for deploying PGO, the Postgres Operator from Crunchy Data, using a variety of examples.

The examples are grouped by various tools that can be used to deploy them.

The best way to get started is to fork this repository and experiment with the examples.

About

Examples for deploying applications with PGO, the Postgres Operator from Crunchy Data

🔗 [access.crunchydata.com/documentati...](https://access.crunchydata.com/documentation)

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# Conclusions

- Postgres on OpenShift:  
flexible, scalable database architecture
- Crunchy Postgres for Kubernetes:  
expert Postgres & Kubernetes knowledge
- Built-in HA, DR, security, monitoring & alerting
- Automation of day-to-day DBA tasks

# Conclusion @ SDX

Crunchy Data enabled SDX to run its complex PG cluster infrastructure.

As Crunchy provides an off the shelf solution, delivering always tested and up to date package, we are enabled to run the solution with min. amount of people effort.

The High availability features, enable SDX to support the various failure and disaster scenarios, which we have to annually test in our DR exercise.

So yes – SDX can run Crunchy Data Clusters without requiring our own Postgres Experts team.



# Thank You

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