

K8s and CM

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Outline

- A brief discussion on retarded animals like these \/
- Tragical events of my life
- Random jokes
- A state of the industry



DevOps engineering is magic

- Any DevOps engineers on that conference?



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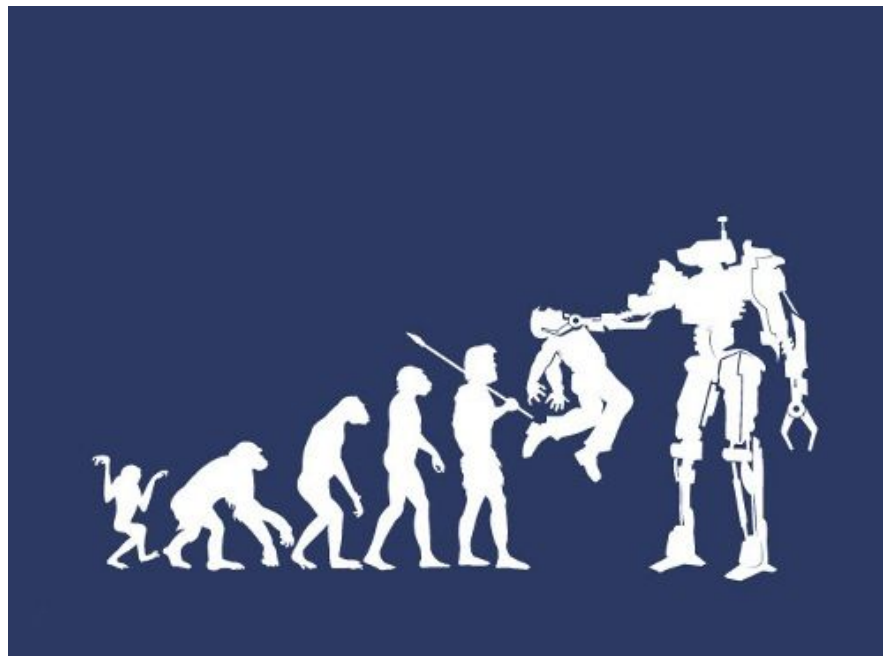
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- Rewrite Ansible in Rust (QUIA POSSUMUS!)

I'm agile

- Rewriting Ansible in any language is like this:



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Why is Docker still relevant?

- Because of Kubernetes!



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- A modern operating system (to some degree)

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- Should describe environments declaratively

Kubernetes

- Pluggable network providers
- YAML for configs

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- A de facto standard in K8s world

Alternatives

- “kubectl apply -f” (should be parameterized externally)
- <https://github.com/fkorotkov/k8s-kotlin-dsl>
- <https://ksonnet.io>
- <https://gitkube.sh>
- <https://draft.sh>

Helm has an m-healthy community

- <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/overview/kubernetes-apps/> - a public repo of K8s-ized apps
- Charts repo on Github:

<https://github.com/kubernetes/charts>

Conclusions

- Helm is a better Ansible (maybe not Ansible at all, but better)
- My personal shrink will be able to buy some more real estate property soon

Questions?

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