

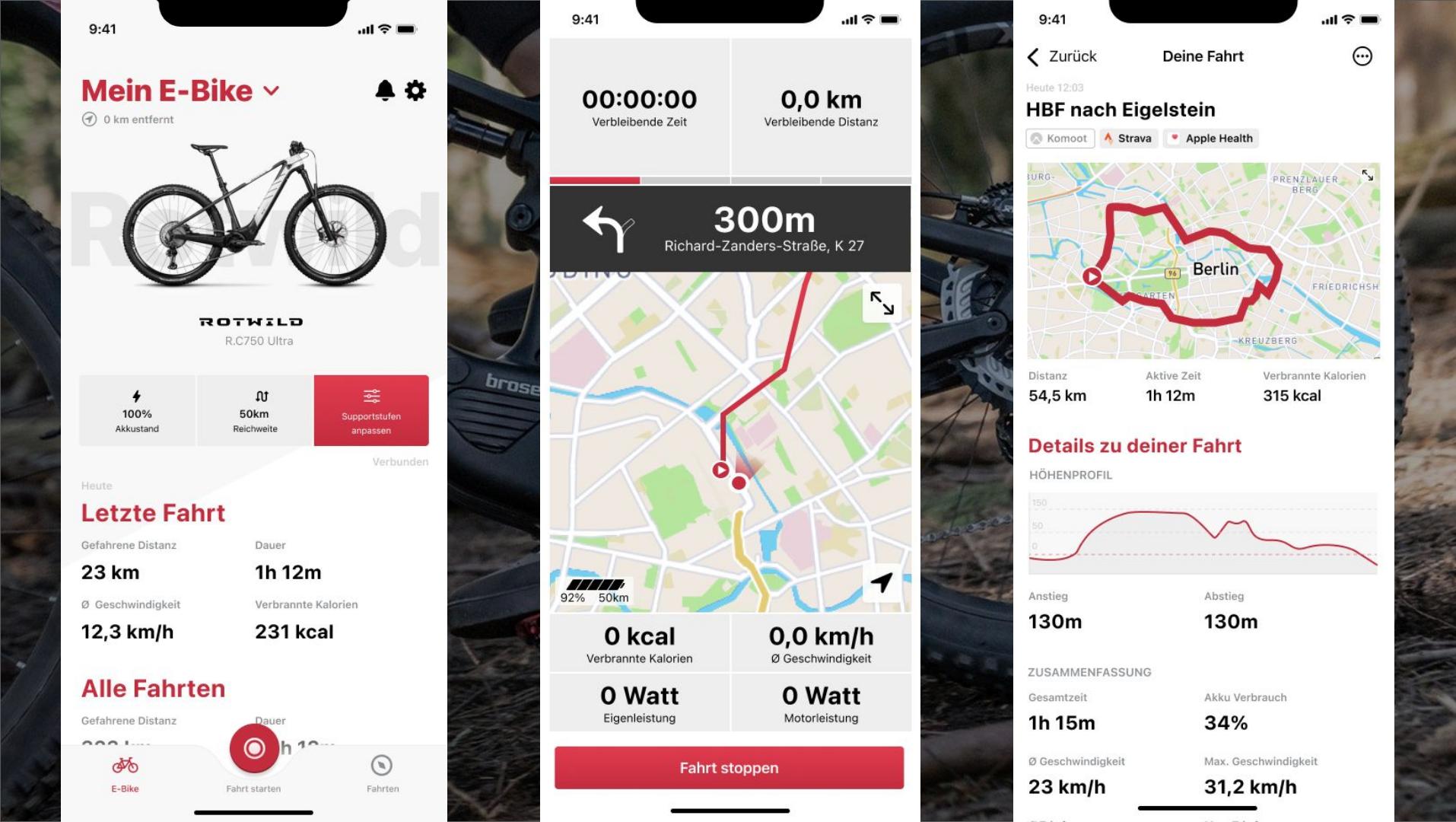
# Write your own K8s operator

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- Development around the globe
- Kubernetes for service orchestration
- We ❤️ Infrastructure as Code

# Database management with(out) terraform!?



Terraform

Registry



Providers

cyrilgdn

postgresql

Version 1.19.0 ▾

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## postgresql

Overview

Documentation

USE PROVIDER ▾



### postgresql

by:cyrilgdn

Database

VERSION

1.19.0

PUBLISHED

3 months ago

SOURCE CODE

[cyrilgdn/terraform-provider-postgresql](#)

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- Everything in one place
  - Database configuration is stored in GIT
  - Database configuration can be tested
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- Terraform needs direct network access to db server
  - Terraform plan takes much time
  - Developers need to learn HCL

# DAMN YOU TERRAFORM



# Write custom K8s operator

# WRITE MORE CODE





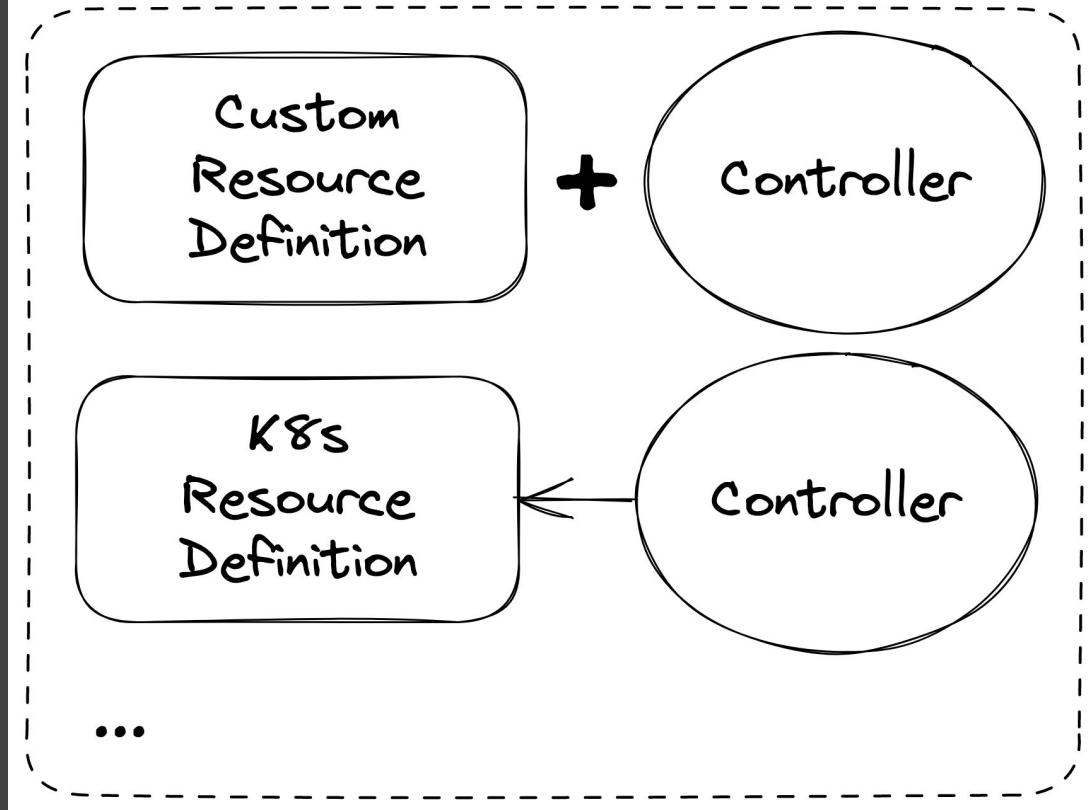
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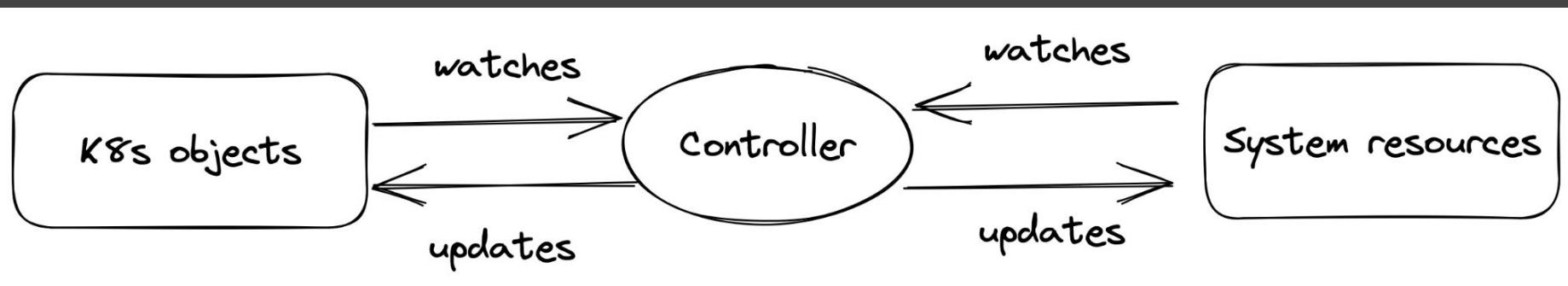
- Database config with application config
  - Network access already available
  - Known interface for developers
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- Terraform needs to inject admin credentials
  - Developer user handling
  - Operator needs to be maintained

# K8s basics

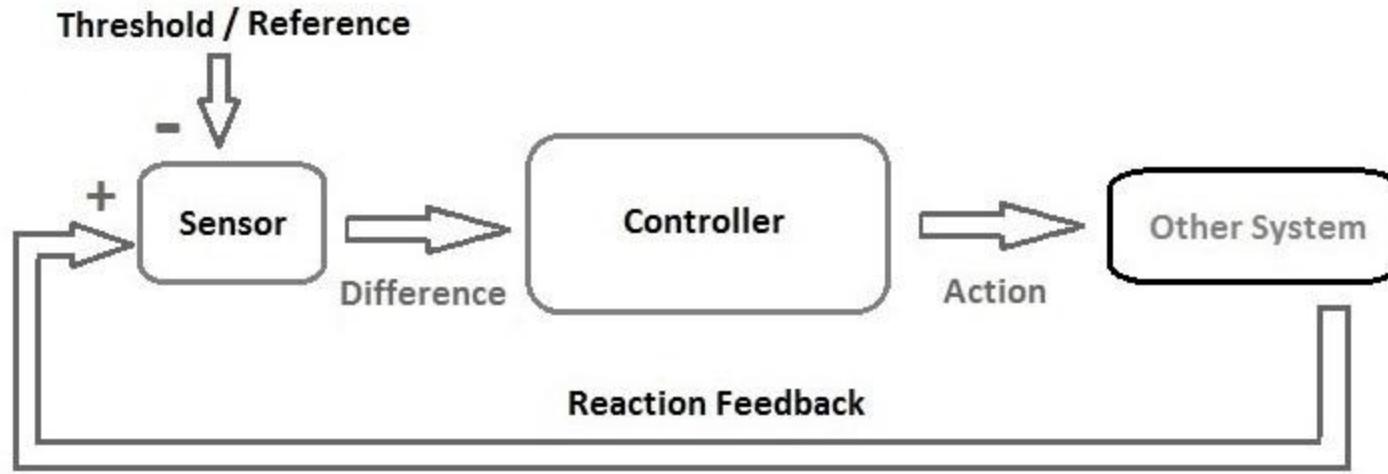
## Operator, Controller, etc.

## K8s Operator Pattern



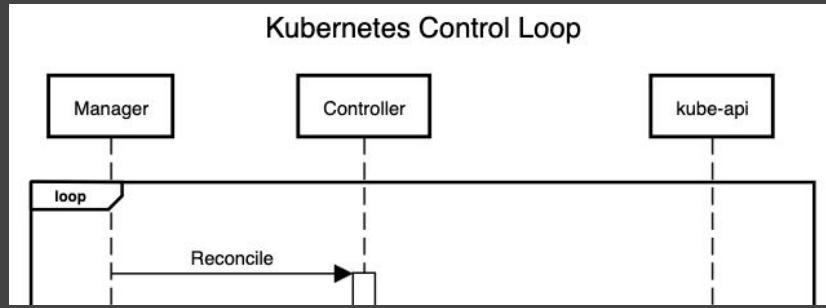


The cybernetics in  
kubernetes



**A Cybernetic Loop**







OPERATOR  
FRAMEWORK



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The Operator Framework is an open source toolkit  
to manage Kubernetes native applications,  
called Operators, in an effective, automated,  
and scalable way.



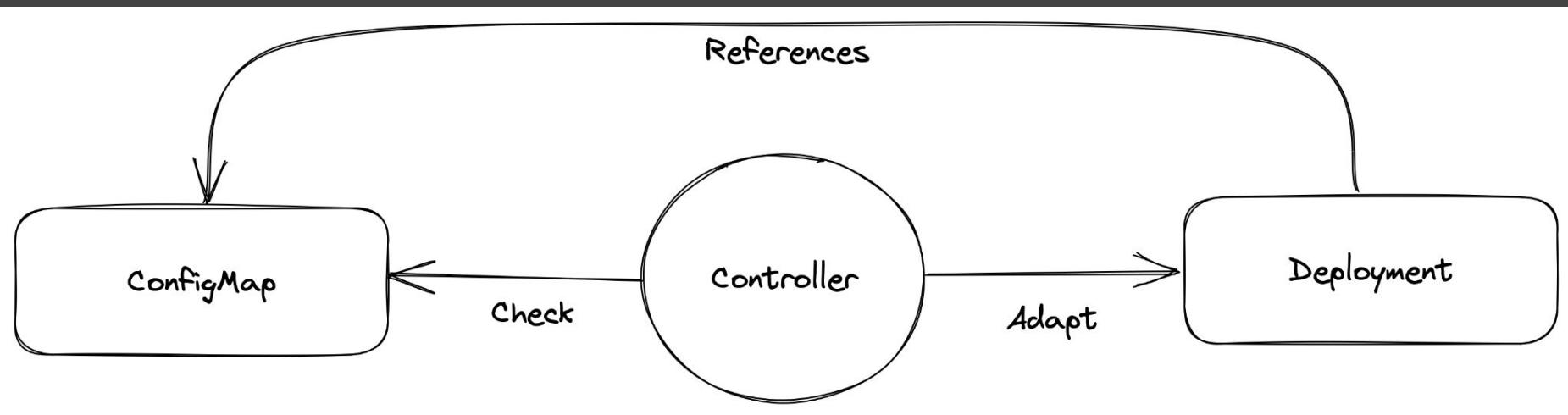
# OPERATOR FRAMEWORK

Operator SDK

Operator  
Lifecycle  
Manager

# Coding Session

Let us write our own k8s operator,  
which restarts pods of a deployment  
when a config map gets changed



```
mkdir auto-reload-operator
```

```
cd auto-reload-operator
```

```
operator-sdk init --domain raynigon.com  
--repo github.com/raynigon/auto-reload-...
```

```
operator-sdk create api --group=apps  
--version=v1 --kind=Deployment  
--controller=true --resource=false
```

```
operator-sdk create api --group=core  
--version=v1 --kind=ConfigMap  
--controller=true --resource=false
```





<https://github.com/raynigon/auto-reload-operator>

# Summary

1. Cybernetic control loop as architecture of k8s controllers
2. What is the operator sdk and how to use it
3. Start writing your own k8s operator today

# Questions



# Thank you



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