

# How to Leverage Kubernetes Architecture for Developer Independence

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WORLD**  
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# About Me

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- Software developer for 10+ years in various teams
- 6 years at Riskified
- 2 years a cloud platform developer
- Lead the DevOps Culture
- Design the developers experience
- Argo community





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Kubernetes is an opportunity to make drastic changes



# Our Drastic Change

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Developers independence = Do more actions on their own



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- Reducing learning curve
- Safe & secure process



# Developers

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- How the production environment is designed
- How to deploy microservices



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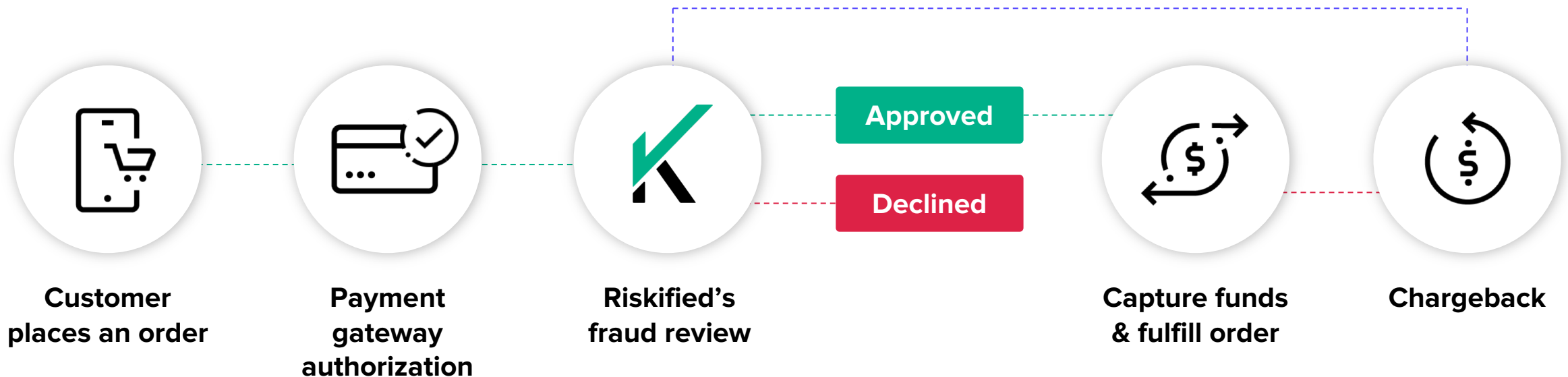
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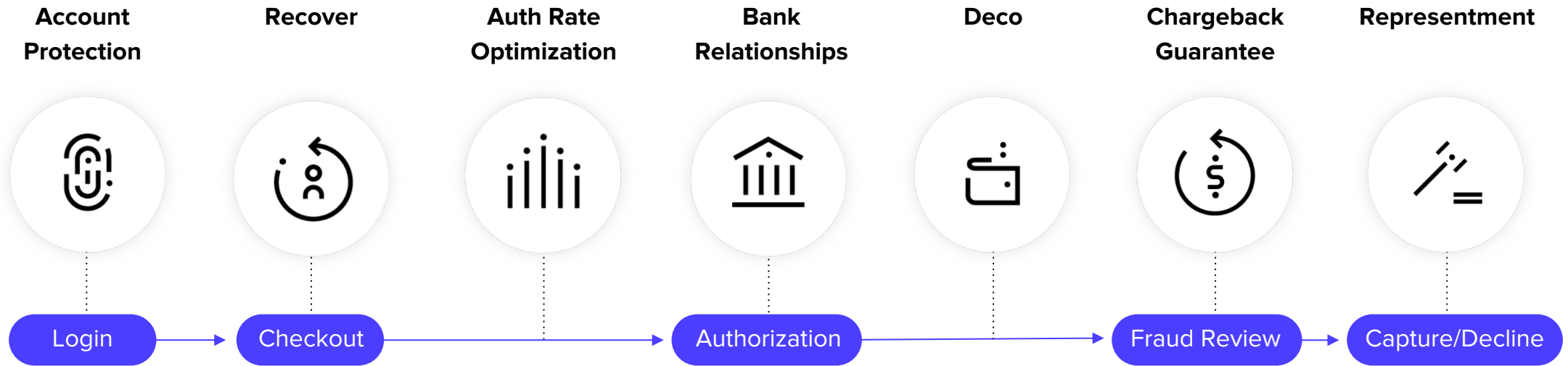
- Creating a new service
- Reduce magic
- Understand, trust, operate

Riskified develops powerful machine-learning algorithms that recognize legitimate customers.





# riskified End-to-End Solution



# Riskified Growth

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- More teams, more services
- Operations is a bottleneck
- We have a chance to change it

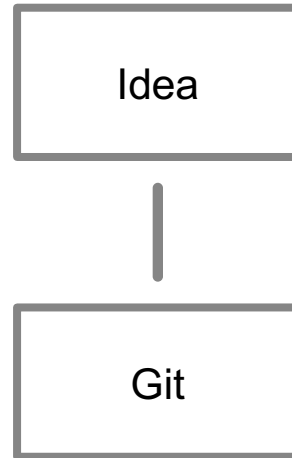
# New Service Steps

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Idea

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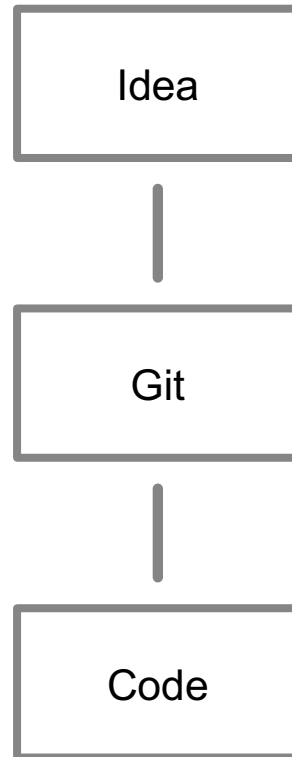
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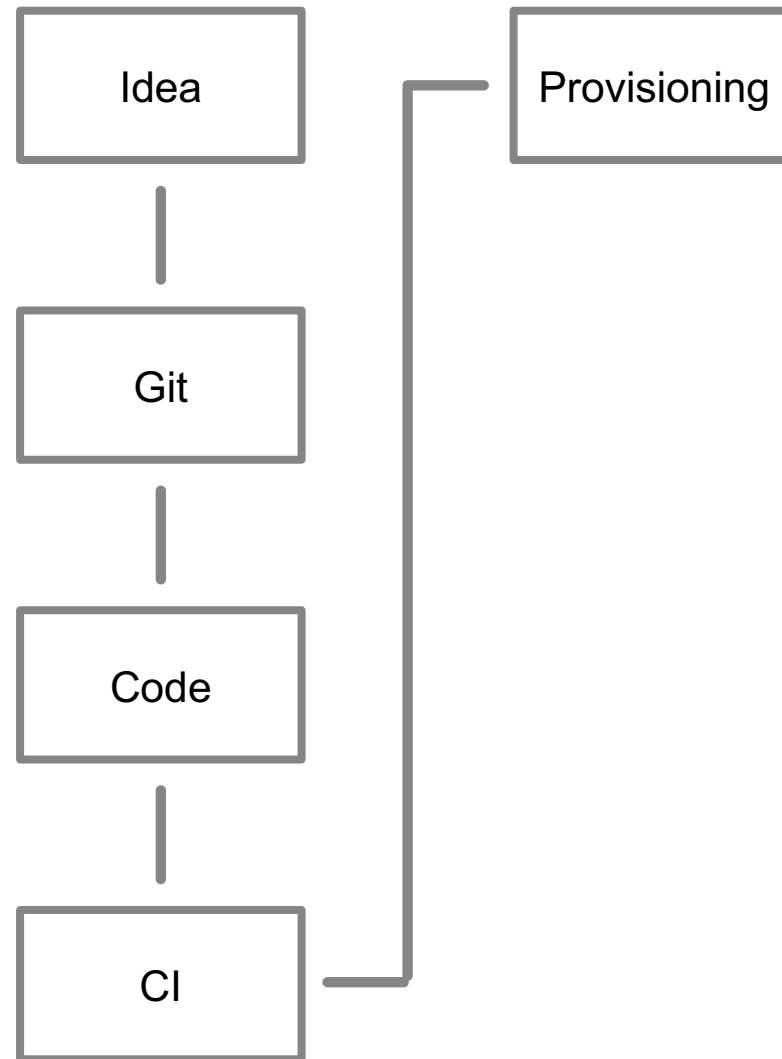
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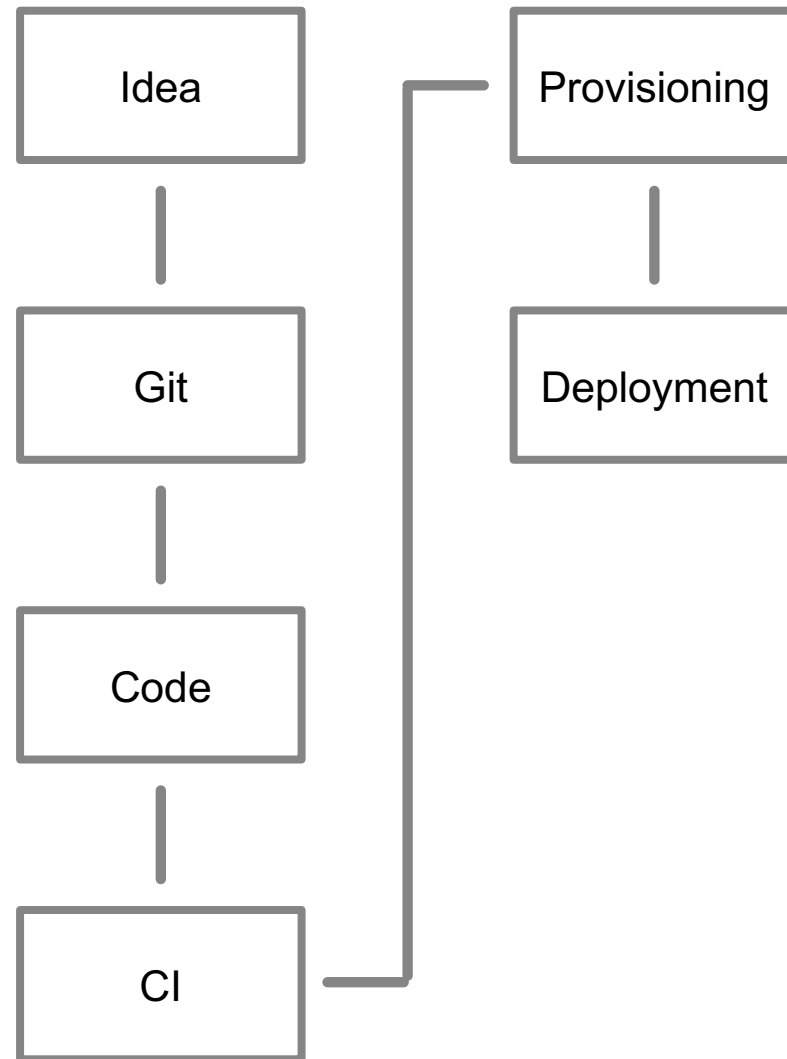
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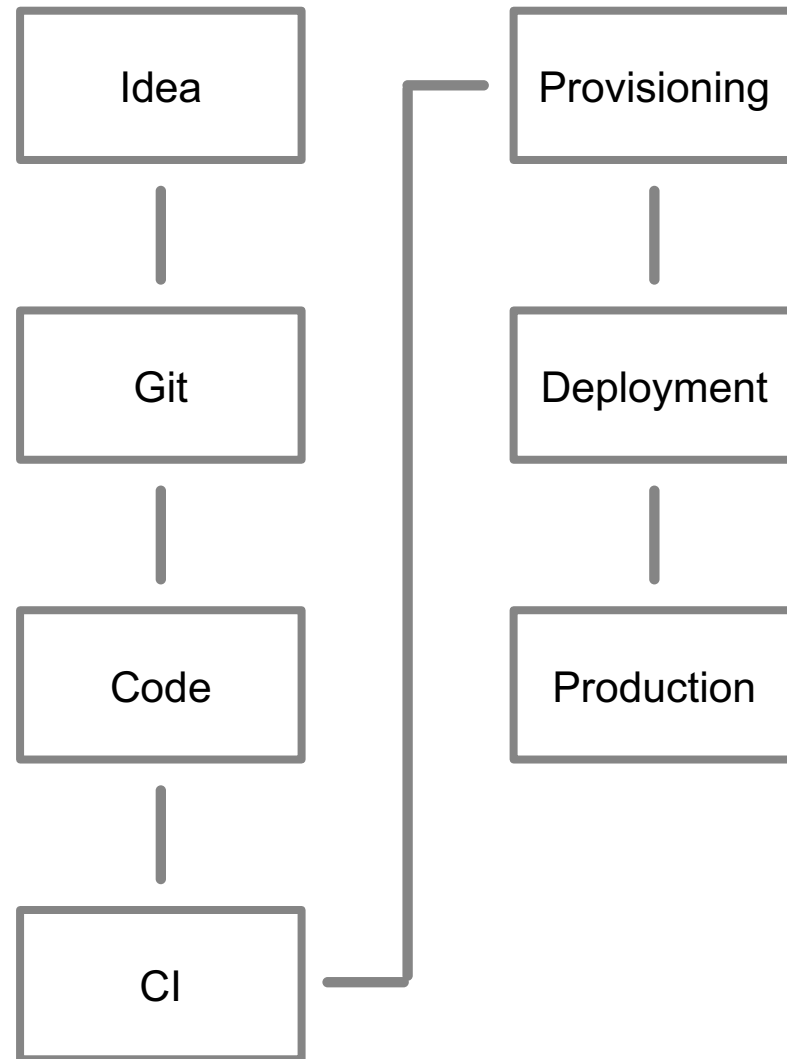
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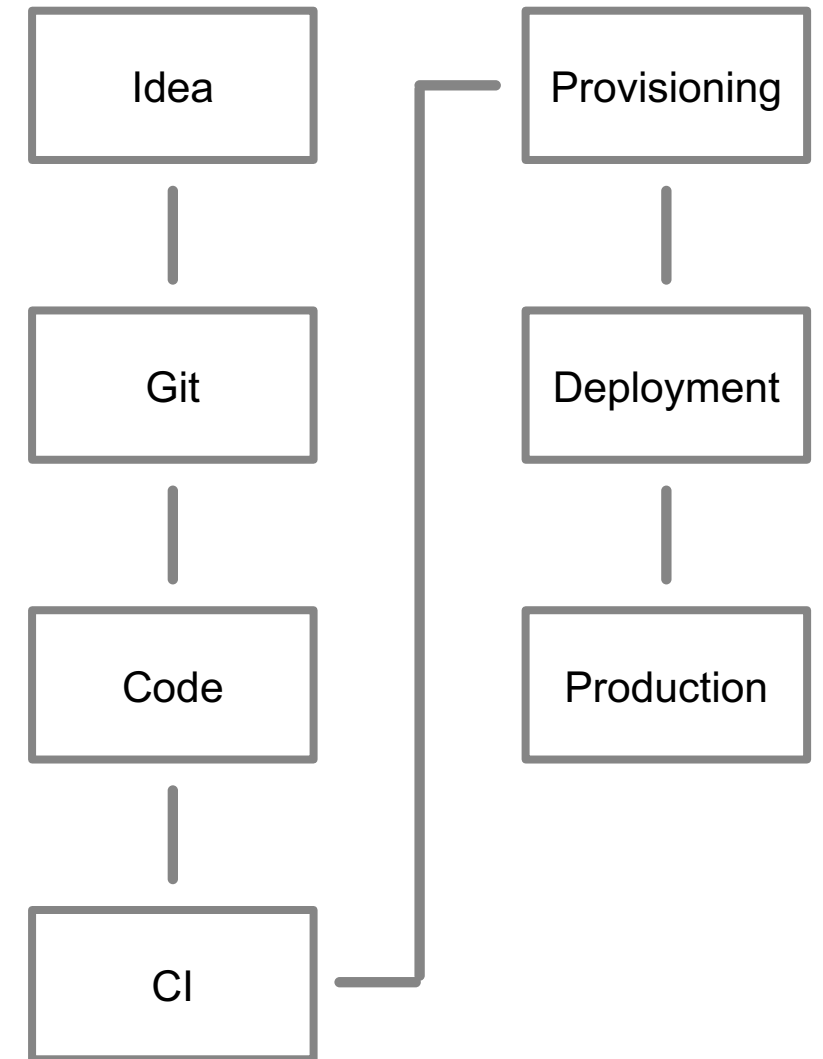
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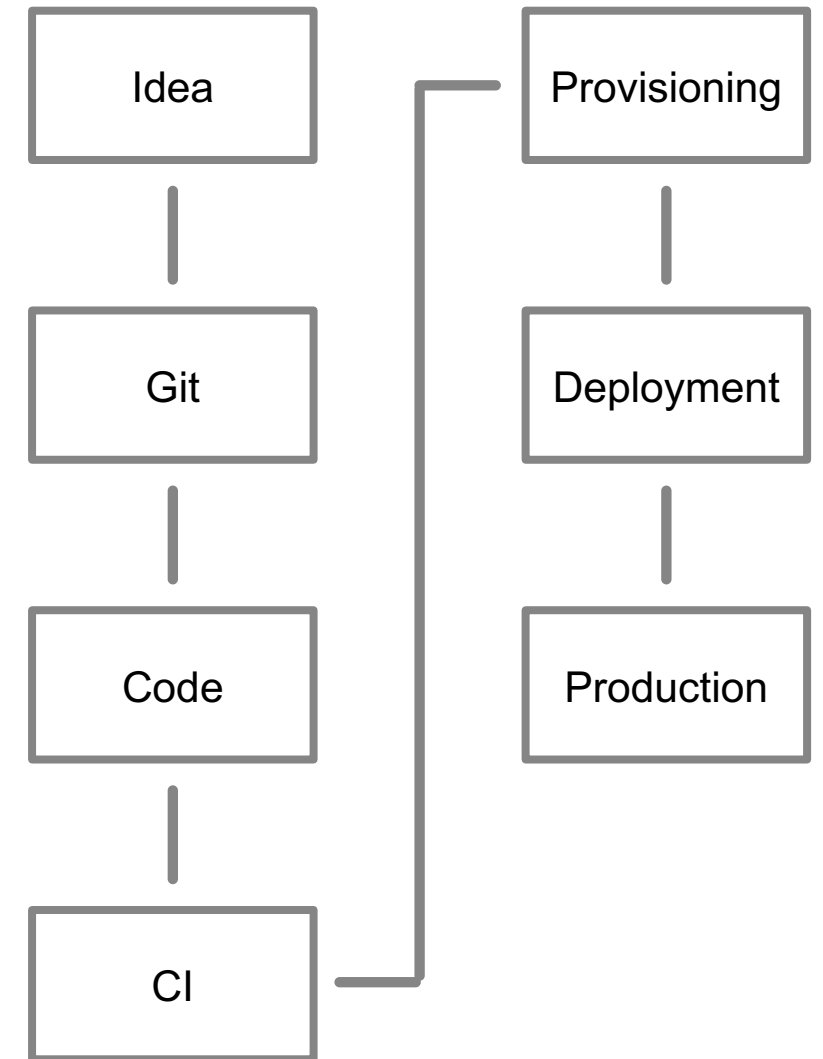
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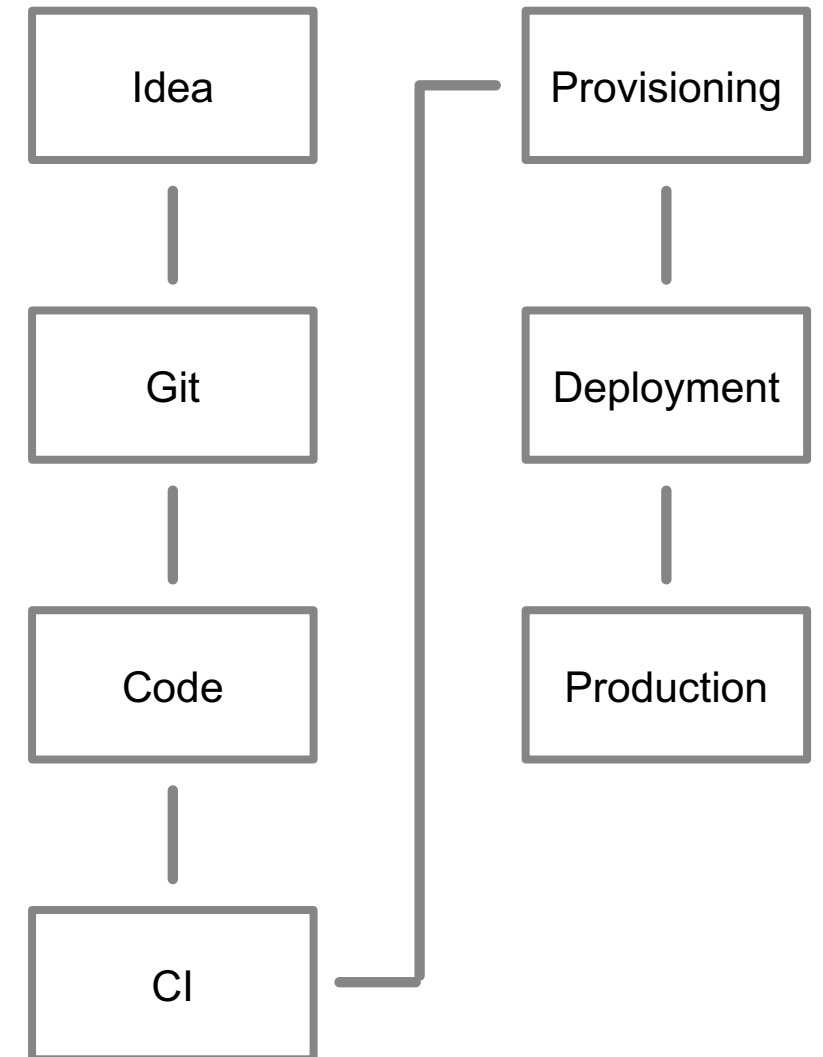
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- Developers know GitOps - embrace it





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- Terraform internal model

A new git repository - developer experience

```
module "hello-world" {  
    source      = "../module"  
    name        = "hello-world"  
    description = "hello world example"  
    write       = [var.team.devops.id]  
}
```

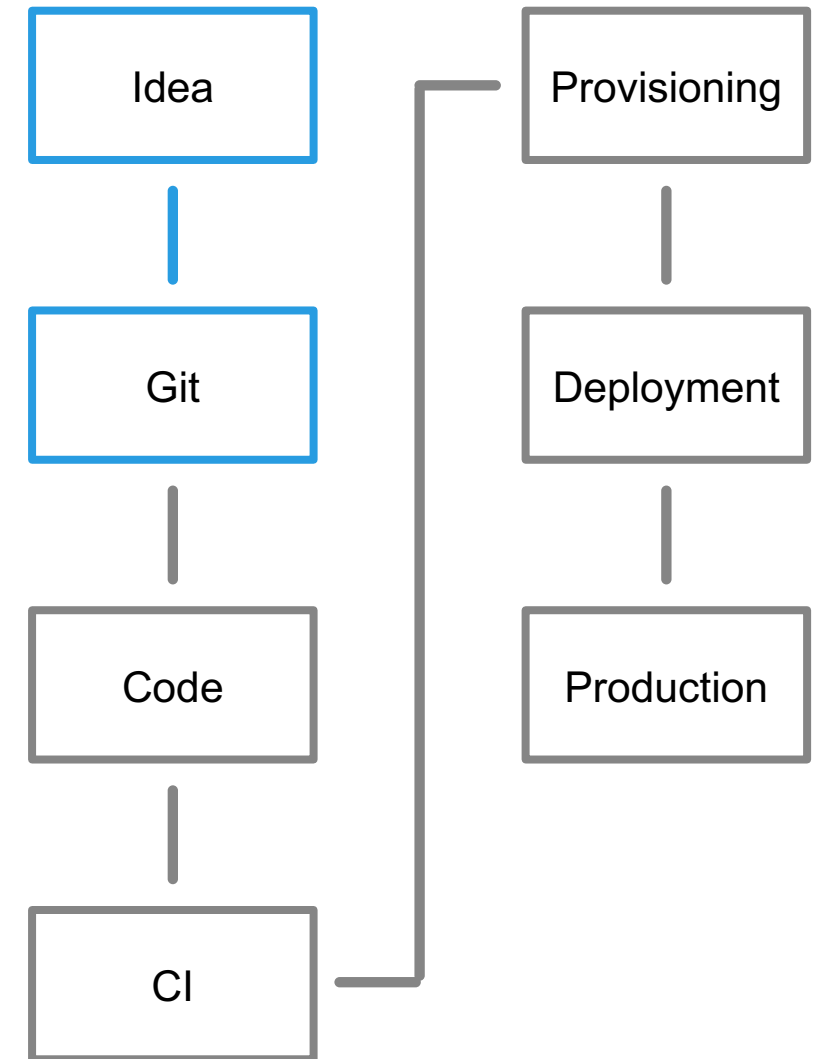
# Code & Integration

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- Hello World template
  - Running Hello World example
  - Docker file
  - CircleCI file

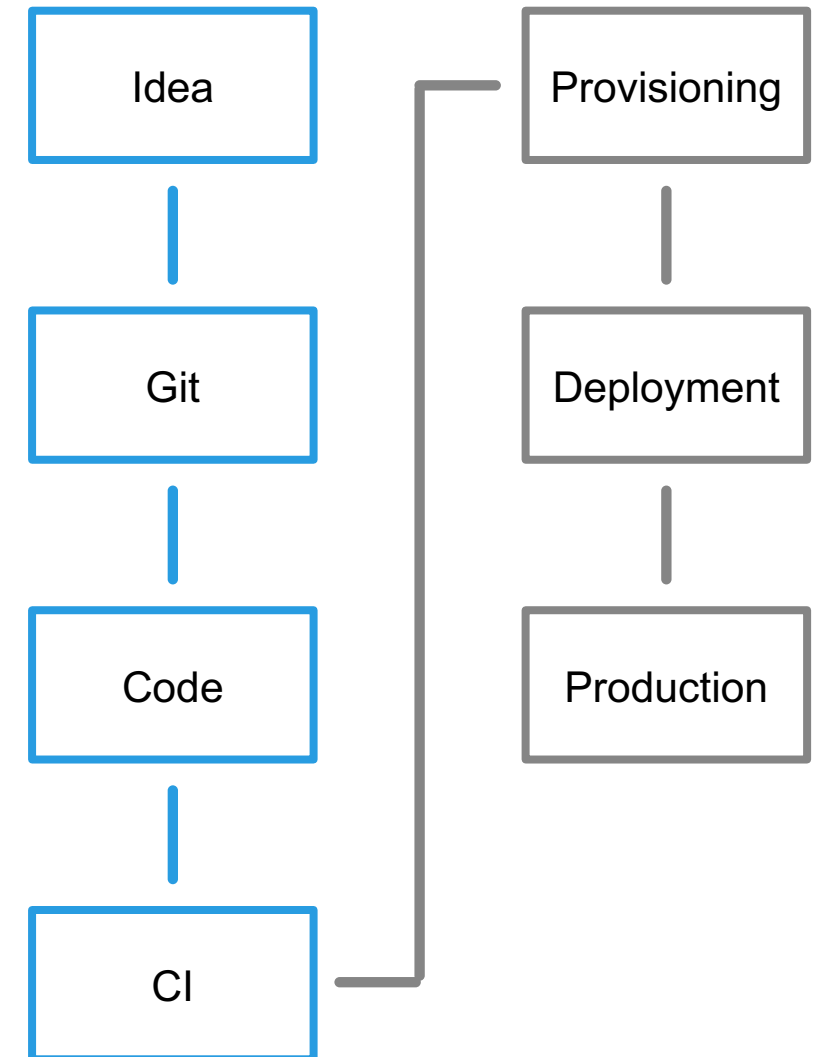
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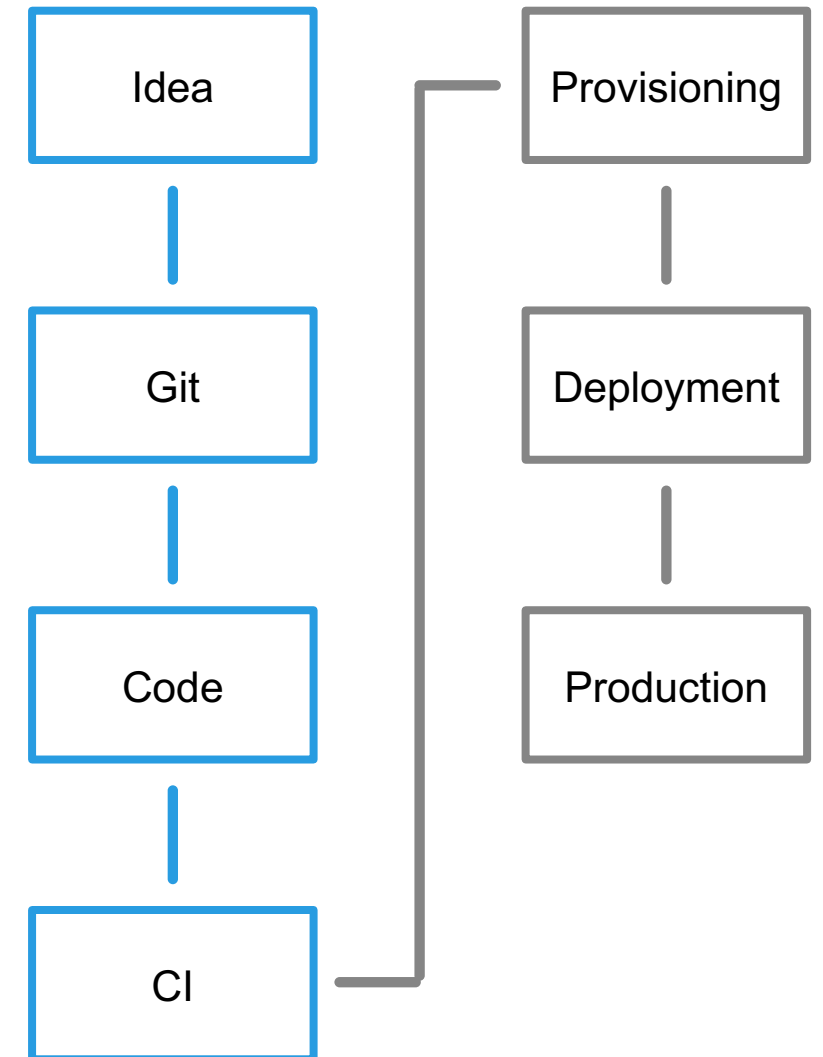
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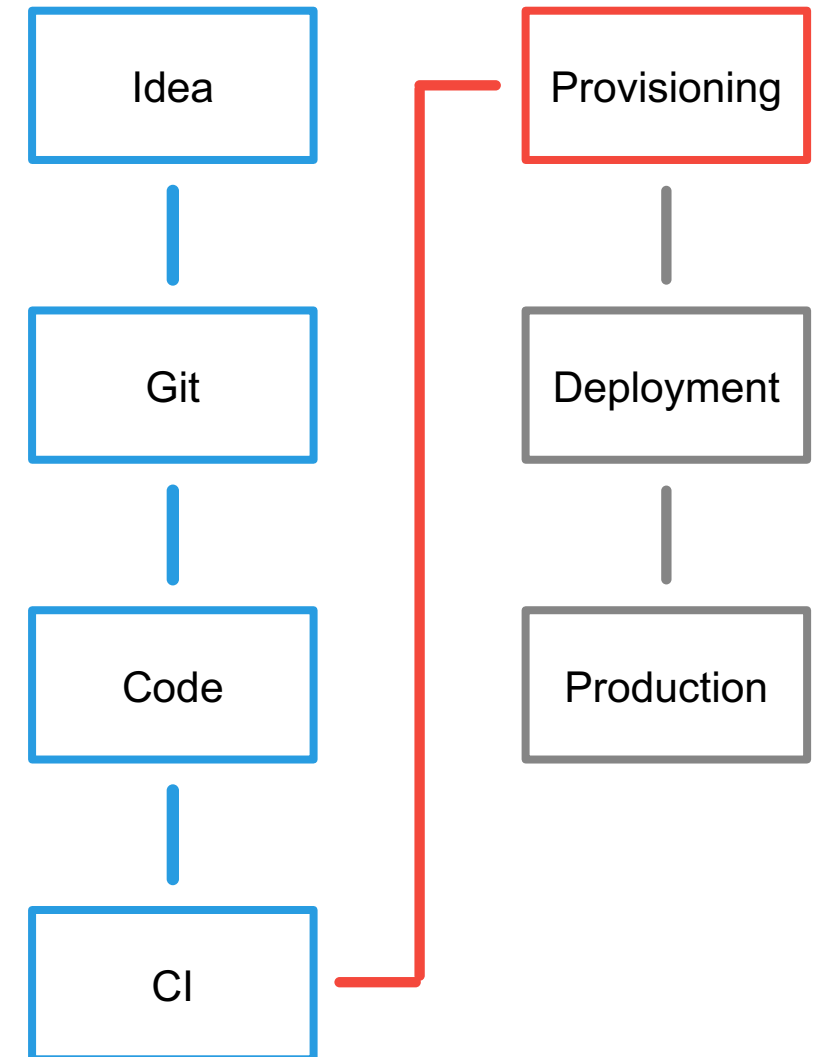
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- Hide complex options
- Enable start coding faster
- Use organization standards



# Next Step - Provisioning

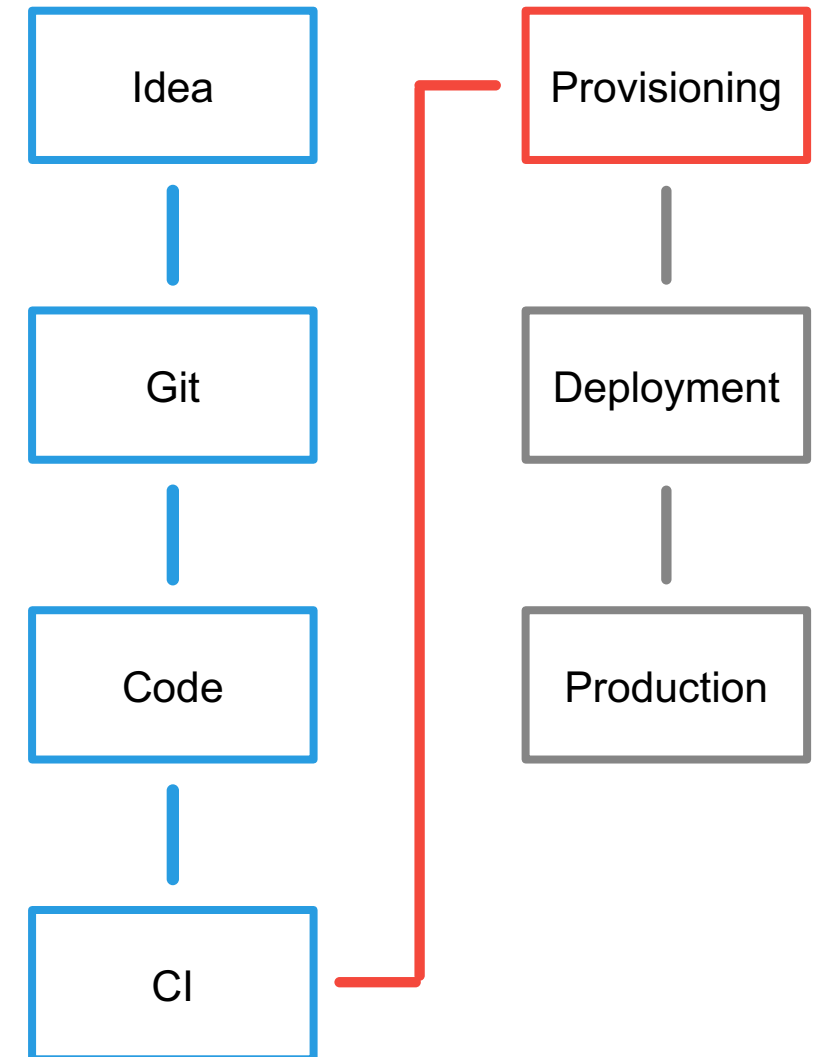
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1. Helm - which
  2. Cluster architecture - where



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# Provisioning - Hello World Example

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- Hello World example
  - **Deployment - pods & containers**
  - **Service - load-balancer**

# Provisioning - The Problem

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: hello-world
  labels:
    app: hello-world
spec:
  replicas: 3
```

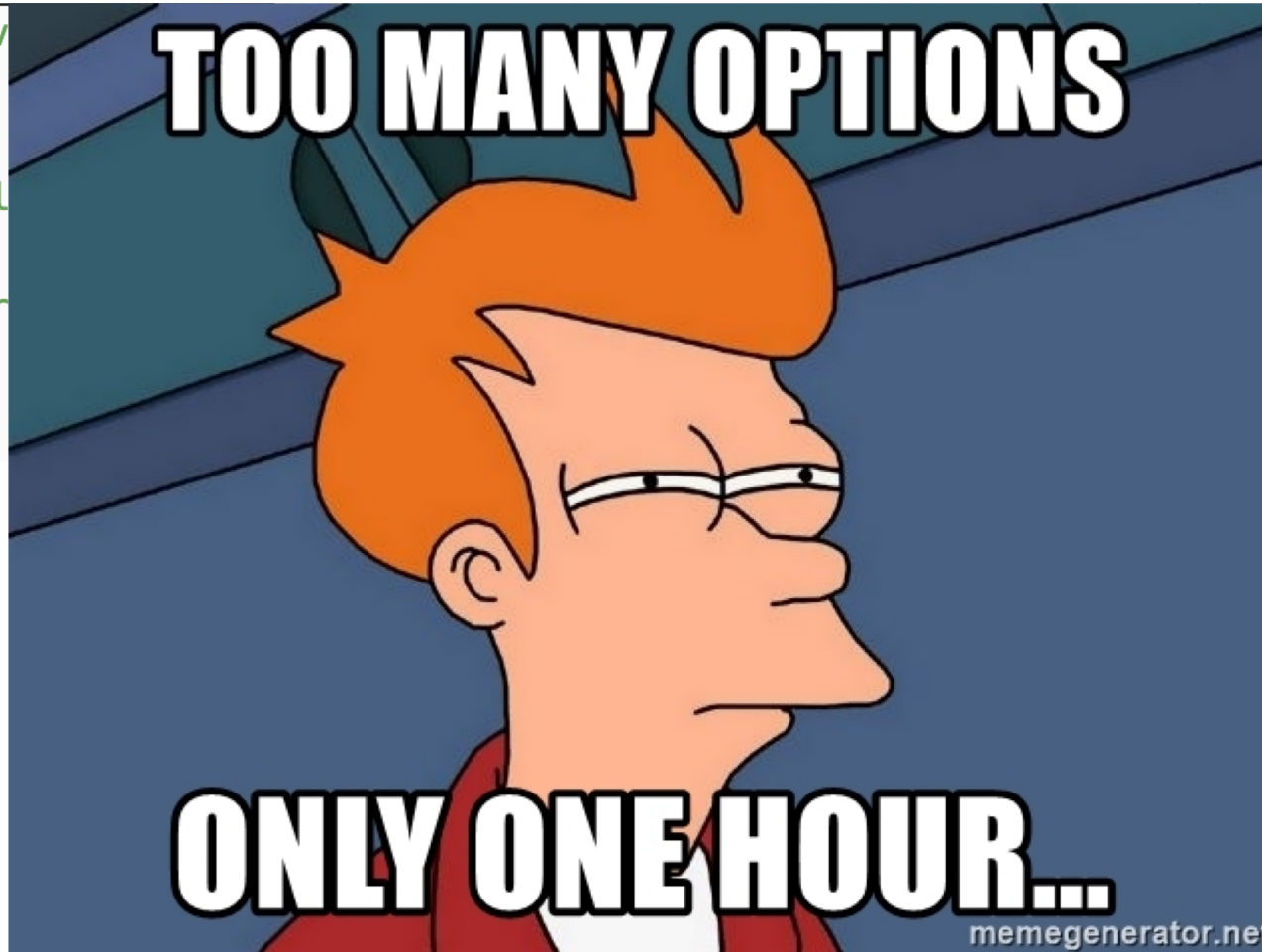
```
selector:
  matchLabels:
    app: hello-world
template:
  metadata:
    labels:
      app: hello-world
  spec:
    containers:
      - name: server
        image: hello-world:1
        ports:
          - name: http
            containerPort: 80
        resources:
          requests:
            memory: "100Mi"
            cpu: "100m"
          limits:
            memory: "100Mi"
            cpu: "500m"
```

```
priorityClassName: default
livenessProbe:
  httpGet:
    path: /healthz
    port: http
  initialDelaySeconds: 20
  periodSeconds: 10
  failureThreshold: 3
  timeoutSeconds: 2
readinessProbe:
  httpGet:
    path: /healthz
    port: http
  initialDelaySeconds: 3
  periodSeconds: 3
  failureThreshold: 2
  timeoutSeconds: 2
affinity:
  podAntiAffinity:
    preferredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
      - weight: 70
        podAffinityTerm:
          labelSelector:
            matchExpressions:
              - key: app.kubernetes.io/name
                operator: In
                values:
                  - hello-world
          topologyKey: kubernetes.io/hostname
```



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be:
healthz
p
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ds: 10
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ttp
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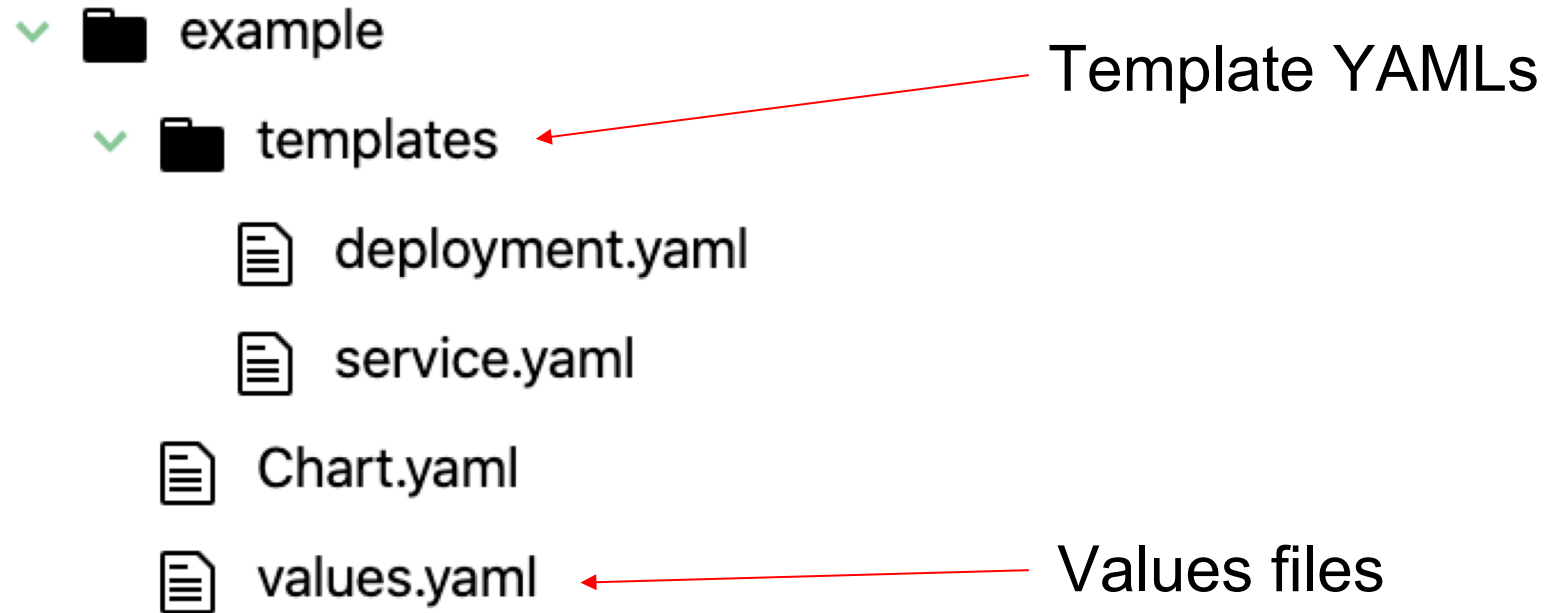
# Helm - Provisioning Solution

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- Helm is a package manager:
  - Template
  - Manage
- CNCF graduated project

# Helm Chart

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# Helm Abstract Chart

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```
1  apiVersion: apps/v1
2  kind: Deployment
3  metadata:
4    name: example
5    labels:
6      app: example
7  spec:
8    replicas: 1
```

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```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: {{ .Values.name }}
  labels:
    {{- include "stateless.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
spec:
  replicas: {{ .Values.replicaCount | default 2 }}
  {{- if .Values.deploymentStrategy }}
  strategy:
    {{- toYaml .Values.deploymentStrategy | nindent 2 }}
  {{- end }}
```

Mandatory value

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Default value

# Helm Abstract Chart - Use Case

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chart.yaml

```
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10     alias: helloWorld
```

Require  
other chart





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## values.yaml

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1  helloWorld:
2    name: example
3    image:
4      tag: v1
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## Extension

- ✓  hello-app
  - ✓  templates
    -  prometheusAlerts.yaml
    -  Chart.yaml
    -  values.yaml

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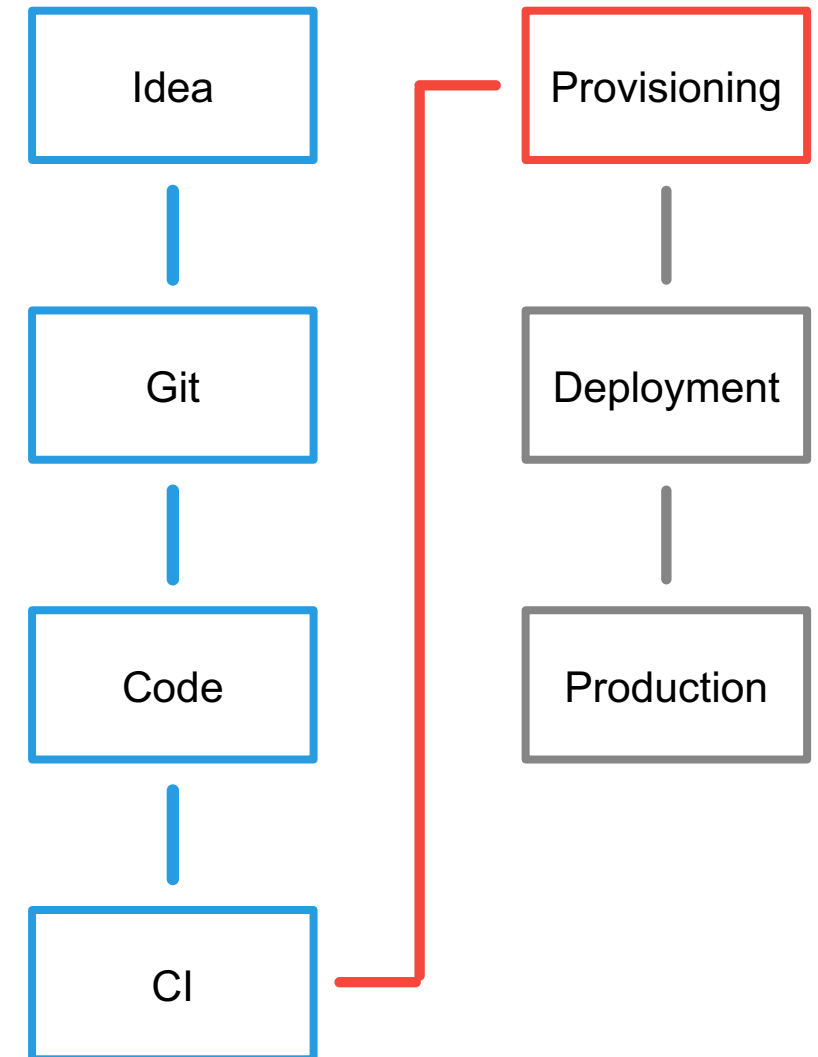
- Helm charts are the platform API
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- Guidelines
  1. New objects should be added only when absolutely necessary by more than one consumer.
  2. Variable name should be in camelCase

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1. Helm

2. **Cluster architecture**



# Cluster Architecture

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- Security & reliability
- Developers independence

# Cluster Architecture

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- Cluster per environment
- Namespace per team
- Namespace limits

# Cluster Architecture - Cluster per Environment

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- Staging can't cause problems in production





# Cluster Architecture - Namespace per Team

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- Separate services by owners
- Developers can only change services they own



# Cluster Architecture - Namespace Limits

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- Limit CPU, Memory, Pods
- Prevent mistakes

## Limit Example

```
1  apiVersion: v1
2  kind: ResourceQuota
3  metadata:
4    name: cpu-memory-pods
5    namespace: example
6  spec:
7    hard:
8      requests.cpu: 1000
9      requests.memory: 1000
10     count/pods: 100
```

# Value File per Environment

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values.yaml

```
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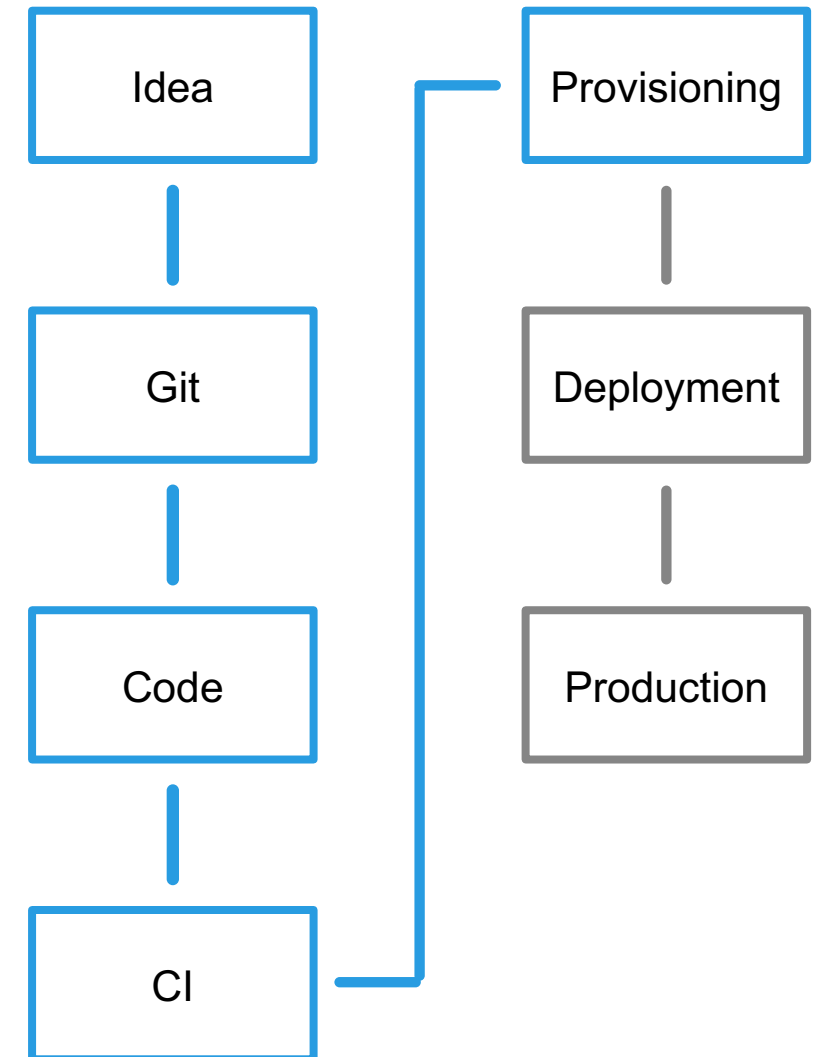
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1  helloWorld:
2    name: example
```

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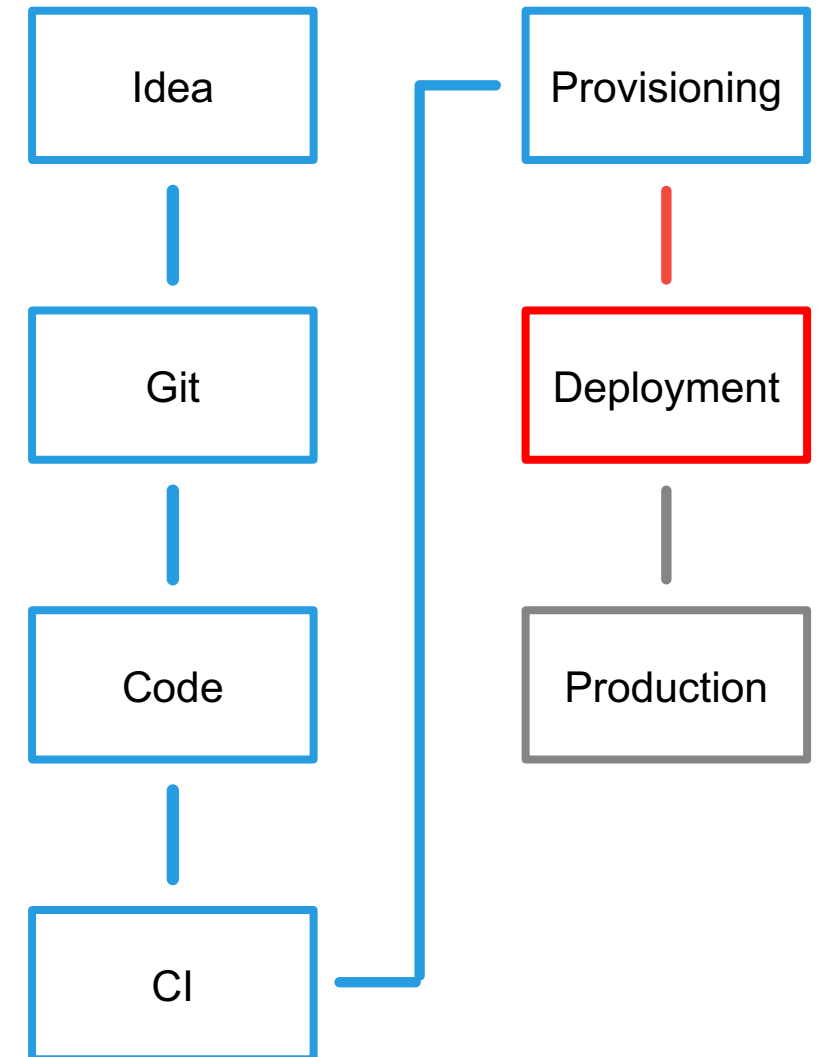
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- Provisioning
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  - Cluster and Namespace



# Next Step - Deployment

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  - Helm chart - add few values
  - Cluster and Namespace
- Deployment pipeline





# Deployment

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“How to apply the change?”

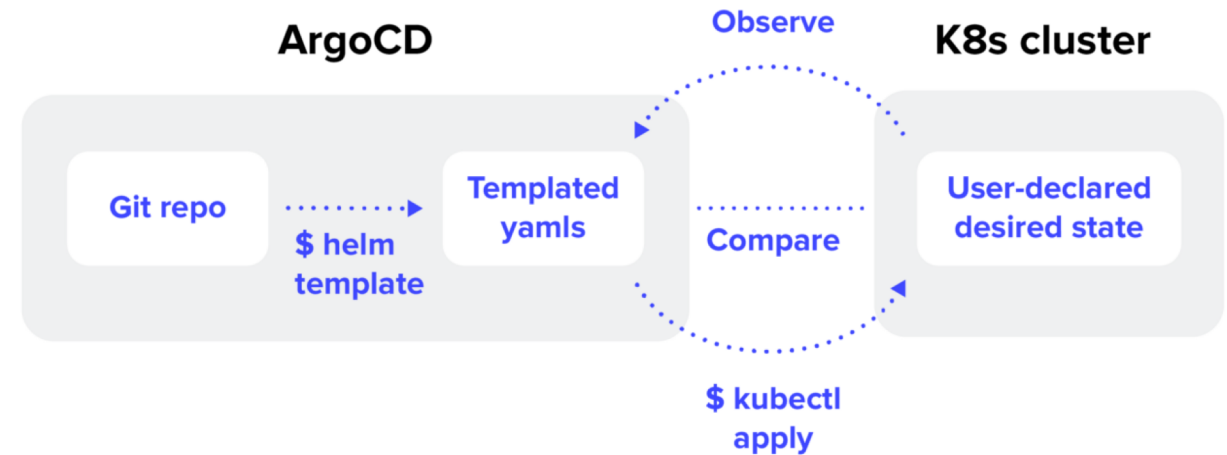
# Deployment - ArgoCD

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- GitOps continuous delivery tool

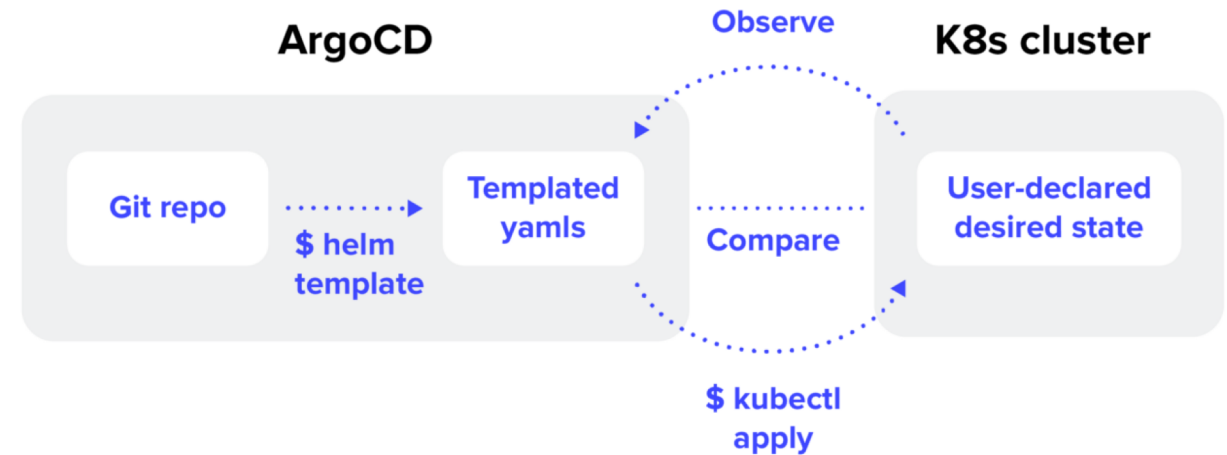
# Deployment - ArgoCD

- GitOps continuous delivery tool
- Controller / git watcher



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- GitOps continuous delivery tool
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- Supports multiple templating tools



# The Deployment Process

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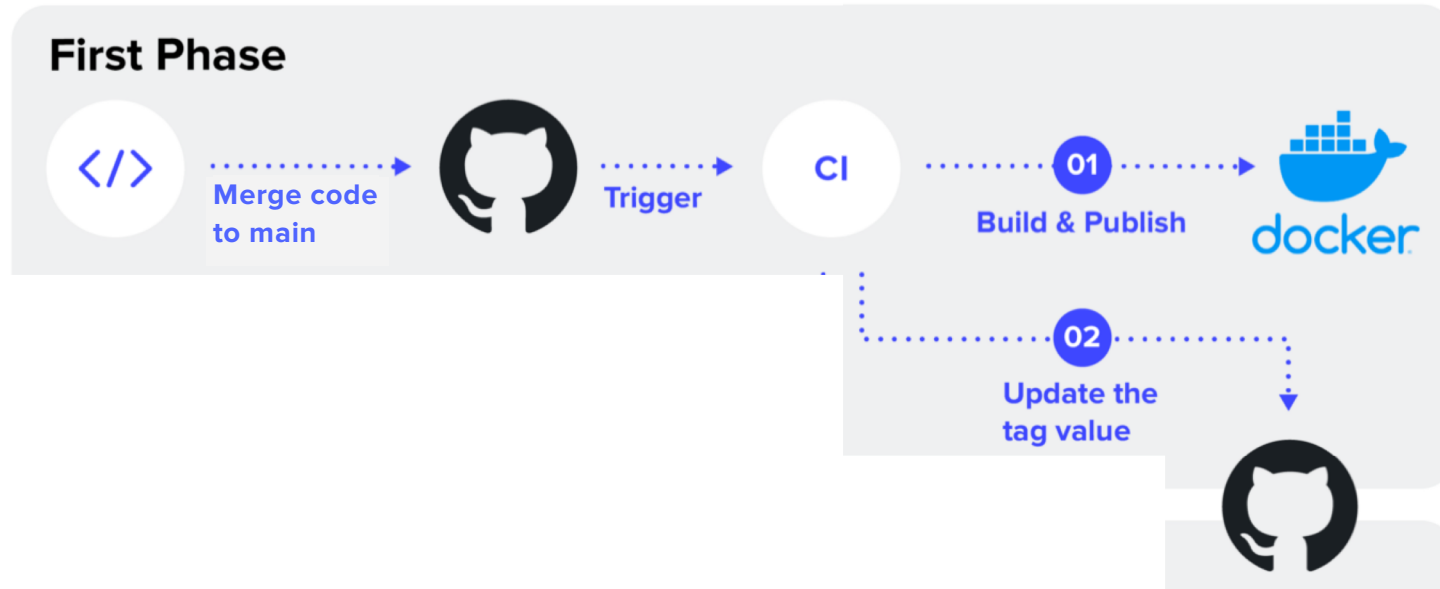
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helloWorld:v2

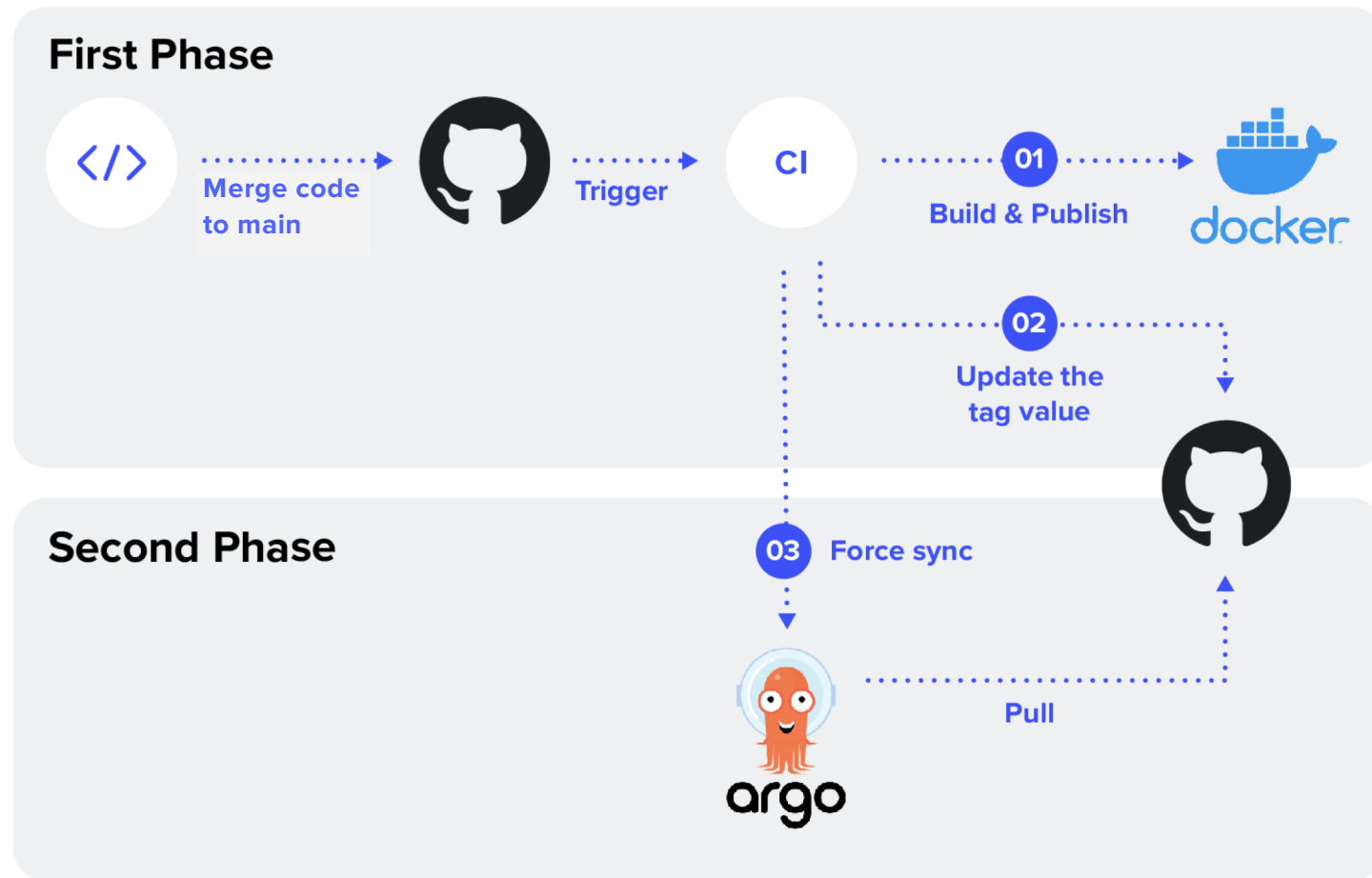
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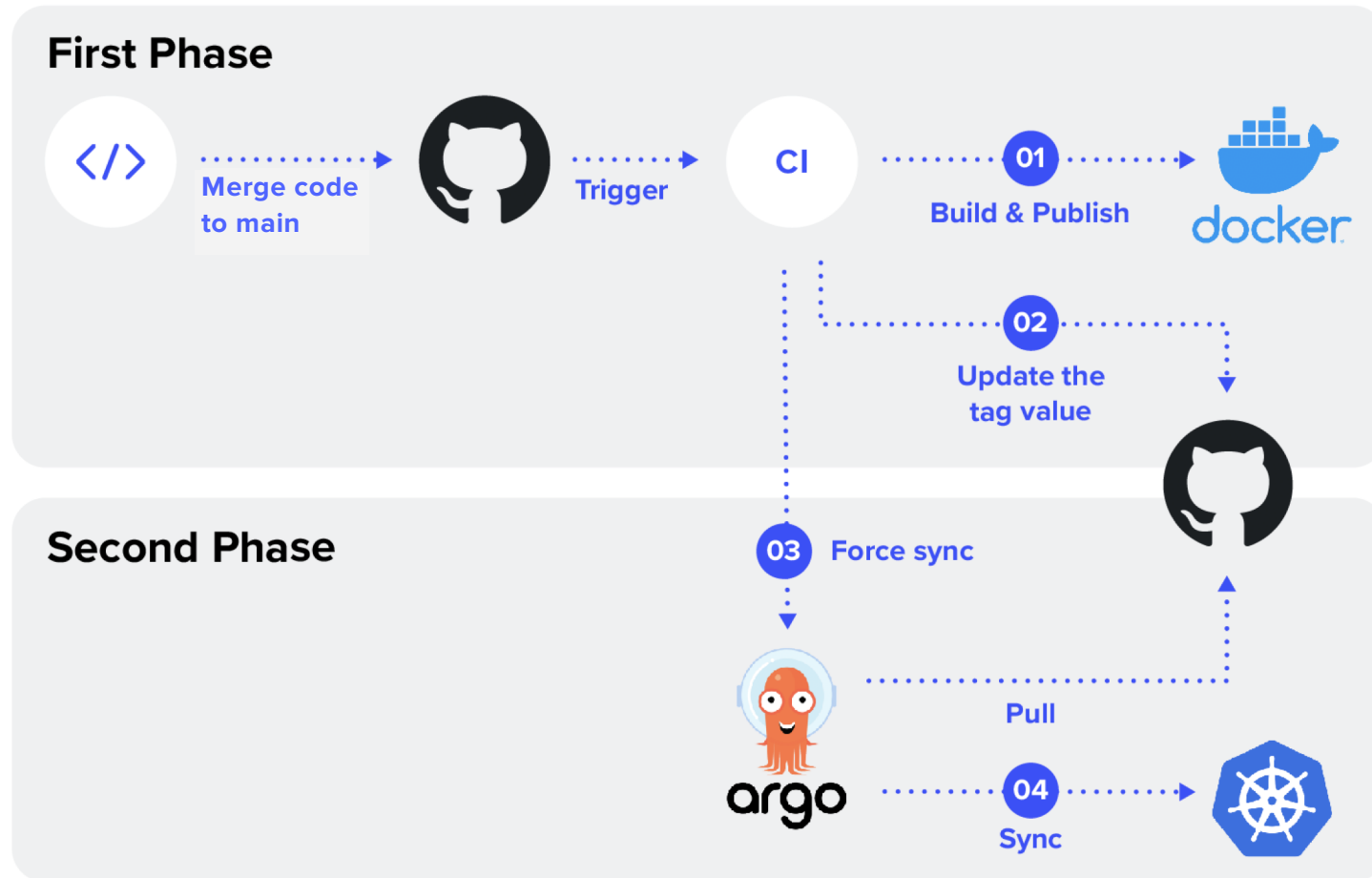
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1 helloWorld:
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3     tag: v2
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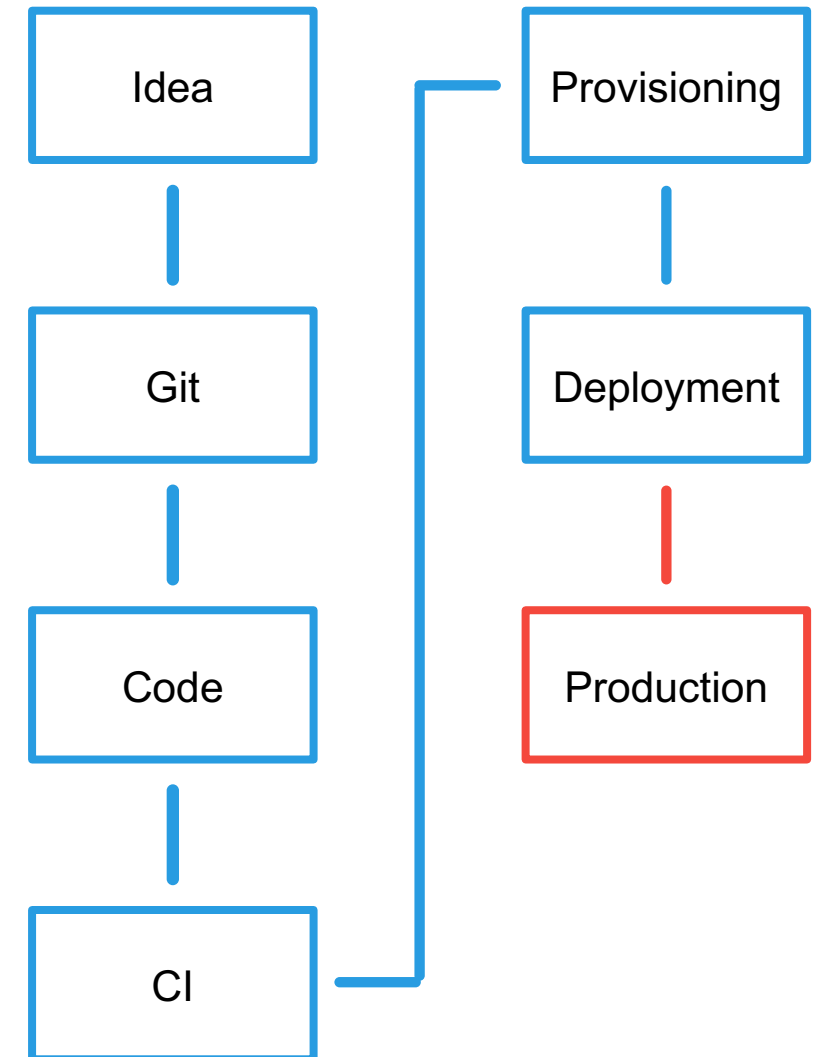


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# Next Step - Production

- Git, Code, CI - single file
- Provisioning
  - Helm chart - add few values
  - Cluster and Namespace
- Code deployment pipeline
  - ArgoCD
- Does my application works?



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- Good for the learning curve
- Bad in production

# ArgoCD - UI

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APP DIFF

SYNC

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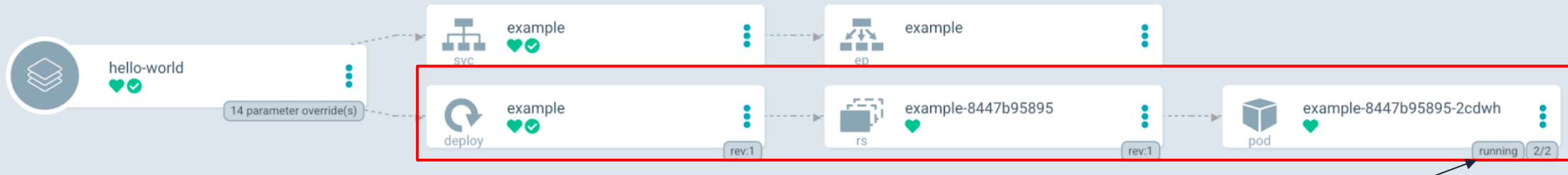
Healthy

Synced

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add example

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Pod status  
(running, error, init...)

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pod

running

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Deployment Health  
(green / red)



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Click for more...

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example

NAMESPACE

devops

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✓

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♥

 Healthy

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# ArgoCD - UI

LIVE MANIFEST		 DIFF	DESIRED MANIFEST
43	43		- name: STDOUT
44	44		value: 'true'
45			image: 'riskified/hello:v1'
	45		image: 'riskified/hello:v2'
46	46		imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
47	47		lifecycle:

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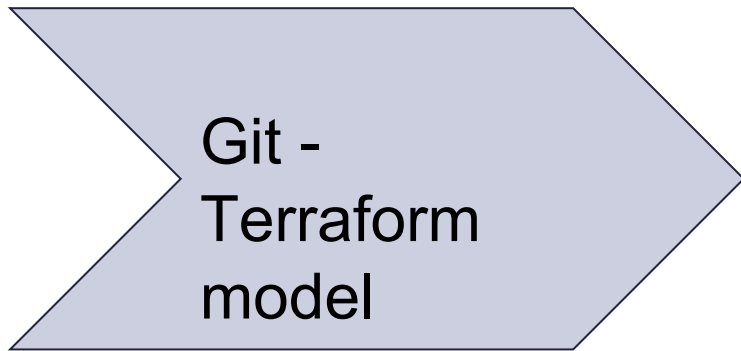
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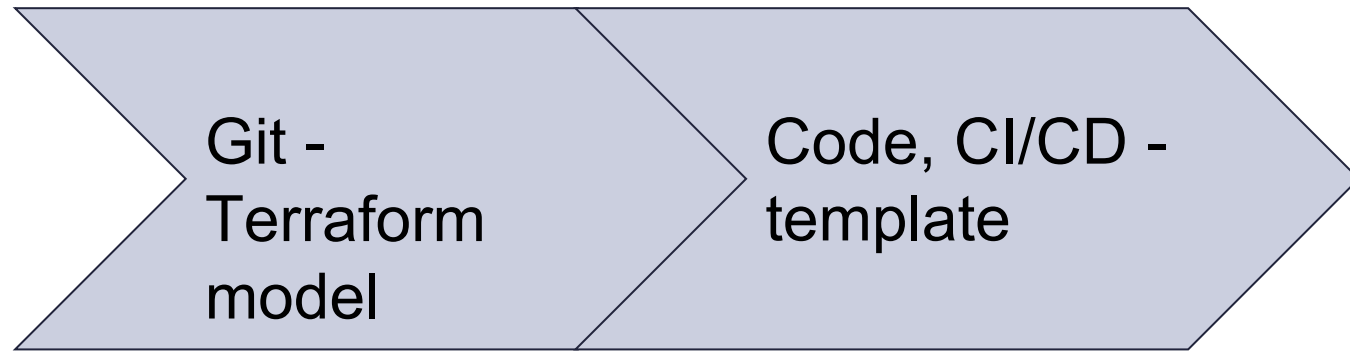
- 3 steps to a working service



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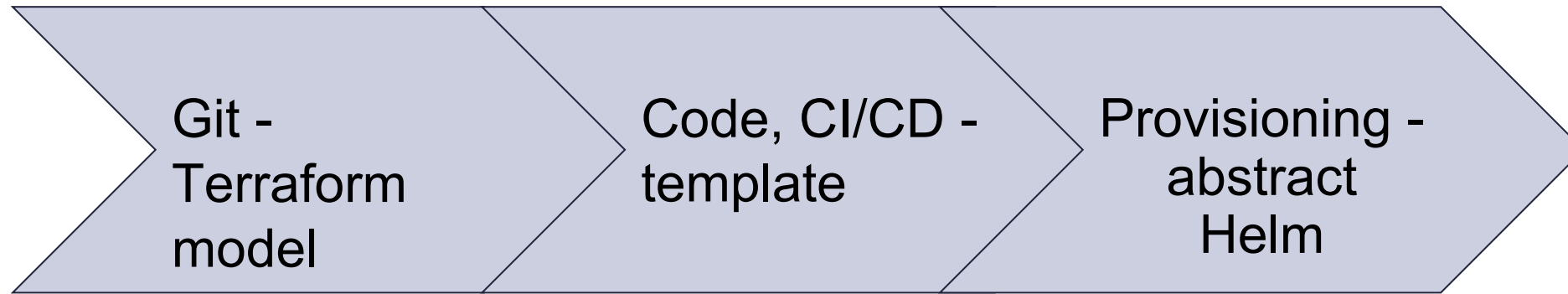
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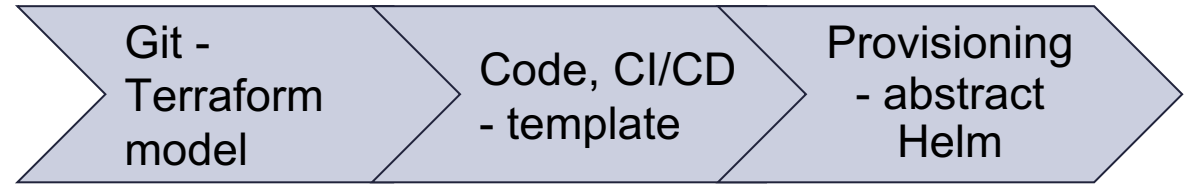
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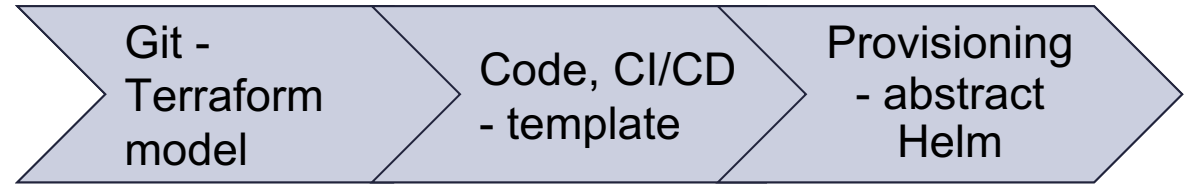
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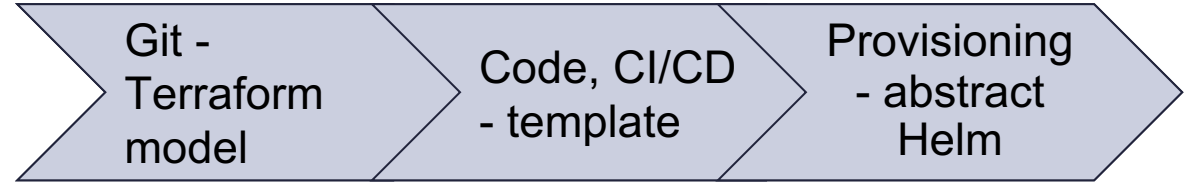
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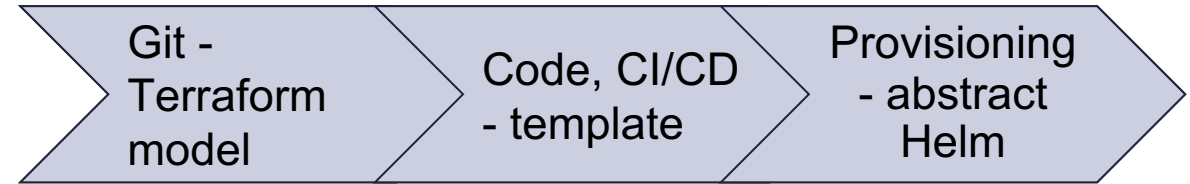
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- Safe, explainable process
- Developer independence



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