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QUESTION 1

What is autoscaling?

A. Automatically measuring resource usage

B. Automatically assigning workloads to nodes in a cluster

C. Automatically repairing broken application instances

D. Automatically adding or removing compute resources as needed

Correct Answer: D

https://kubernetes.io/blog/2016/07/autoscaling-in-kubernetes/ Autoscaling means automatically scaling up or down in response to real-time usage data.

QUESTION 2

A new Pod is created. Then, the Pod is assigned to a Node. Which Kubernetes component was responsible for determining which Node to assign the Pod to?

A. kubelet

B. Scheduler

C. API Server

D. Controller manager

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/command-line-tools-reference/kube- scheduler/

The Kubernetes scheduler is a control plane process which assigns Pods to Nodes. The scheduler determines which Nodes are valid placements for each Pod in the scheduling queue according to constraints and available resources. The scheduler then ranks each valid Node and binds the Pod to a suitable Node. Multiple different schedulers may be used within a cluster; kube-scheduler is the reference implementation. See scheduling for more information about scheduling and the kube-scheduler component.

```
kube-scheduler [flags]
```

QUESTION 3

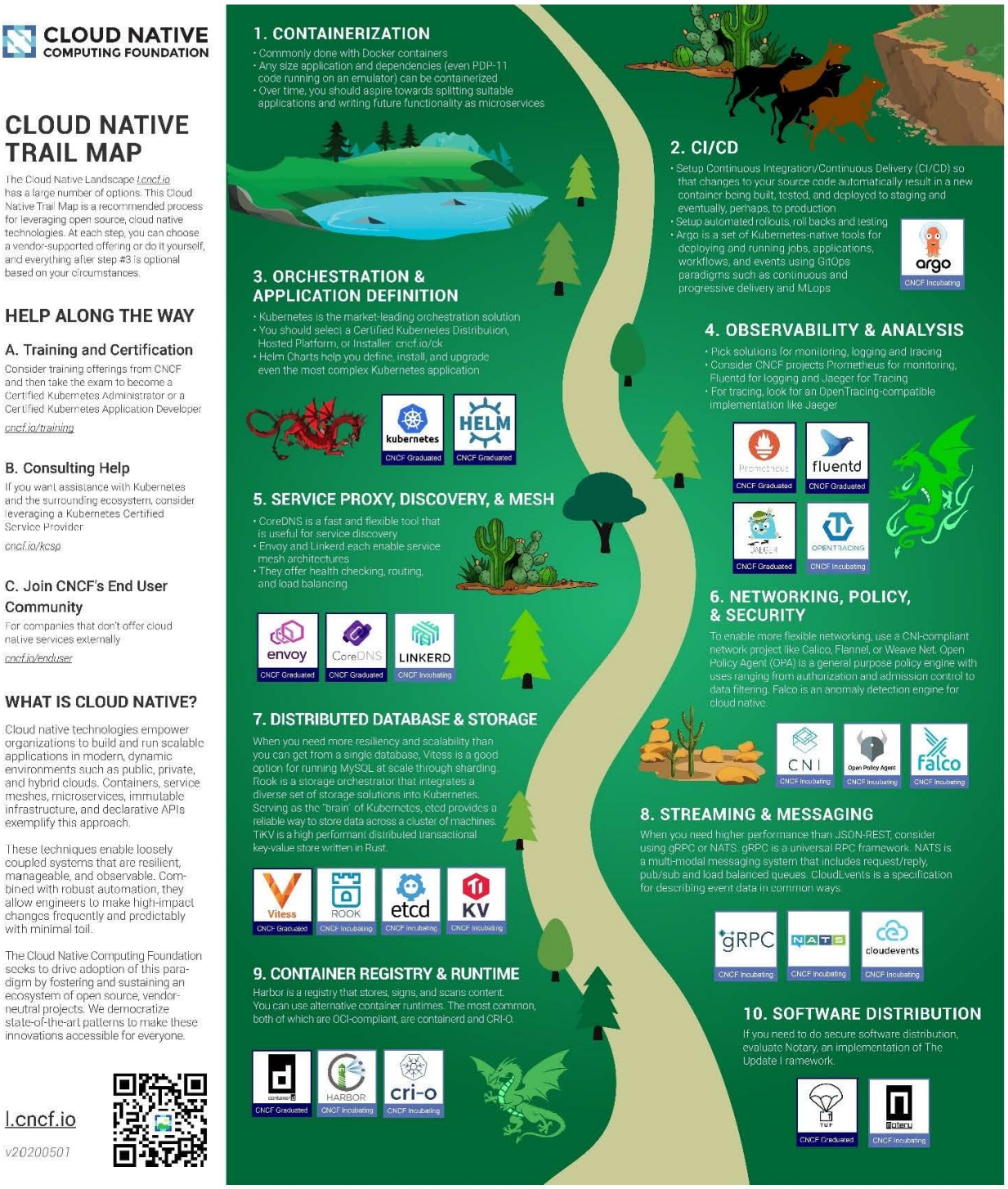
Fluentd is the only way to export logs from Kubernetes cluster or applications running in cluster

A. True

B. False

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: https://github.com/cncf/landscape#trail-map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1. CONTAINERIZATION
• Commonly done with Docker containers
• Any size application and dependencies (even PDP-11 code running on an emulator) can be containerized
• Over time, you should aspire towards splitting suitable applications and writing future functionality as microservices
2. CI/CD
• Setup Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery (CI/CD) so that changes to your source code automatically result in a new container being built, tested, and deployed to staging and eventually, perhaps, to production
• Setup automated rollouts, roll backs and testing
• Argo is a set of Kubernetes-native tools for deploying and running jobs, applications, workflows, and events using GitOps paradigms such as continuous and progressive delivery and MLops
argo
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3. ORCHESTRATION & APPLICATION DEFINITION
• Kubernetes is the market-leading orchestration solution
• You should select a Certified Kubernetes Distribution, Hosted Platform, or Installer: cncf.io/ck
• Helm Charts help you define, install, and upgrade even the most complex Kubernetes application
kubernetes
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HELM
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4. OBSERVABILITY & ANALYSIS
• Pick solutions for monitoring, logging and tracing
• Consider CNCF projects Prometheus for monitoring, Fluentd for logging and Jaeger for Tracing
• For tracing, look for an OpenTracing-compatible implementation like Jaeger
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fluentd
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5. SERVICE PROXY, DISCOVERY, & MESH
• CoreDNS is a fast and flexible tool that is useful for service discovery
• Envoy and Linkerd each enable service mesh architectures
• They offer health checking, routing, and load balancing
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CoreDNS
CNCF Graduated
LINKERD
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6. NETWORKING, POLICY, & SECURITY
To enable more flexible networking, use a CNI-compliant network project like Calico, Flannel, or Weave Net. Open Policy Agent (OPA) is a general purpose policy engine with uses ranging from authorization and admission control to data filtering. Falco is an anomaly detection engine for cloud native.
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Open Policy Agent
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falco
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7. DISTRIBUTED DATABASE & STORAGE
When you need more resiliency and scalability than you can get from a single database, Vitess is a good option for running MySQL at scale through sharding. Rook is a storage orchestrator that integrates a diverse set of storage solutions into Kubernetes. Serving as the "brain" of Kubernetes, etcd provides a reliable way to store data across a cluster of machines. TiKV is a high performant distributed transactional key-value store written in Rust.
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ROOK
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etcd
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KV
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8. STREAMING & MESSAGING
When you need higher performance than JSON-REST, consider using gRPC or NATS. gRPC is a universal RPC framework. NATS is a multi-modal messaging system that includes request/reply, pub/sub and load balanced queues. CloudLvents is a specification for describing event data in common ways.
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NATS
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cloudevents
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9. CONTAINER REGISTRY & RUNTIME
Harbor is a registry that stores, signs, and scans content. You can use alternative container runtimes. The most common, both of which are OCI-compliant, are containerd and CRI-O.
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HARBOR
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cri-o
CNCF Incubating
10. SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION
If you need to do secure software distribution, evaluate Notary, an implementation of The Update Framework.
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Notary
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QUESTION 4

Continuous delivery is _____.

A. Manually deploying the code

B. Coding, Building and Testing the code

C. Automatically deploying code to [container or server] environment

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 5

Which of the following is an example of vertical scaling?

A. Using cluster autoscaler

B. Adding more resources (memory and/or cpu) to a kubernetes node

C. Adding more nodes to kubernetes cluster

D. Adding more replica pods to a deployment

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/run-application/horizontal-pod-autoscale/

> Horizontal scaling means that the response to increased load is to deploy more Pods. This is different from *vertical* scaling, which for Kubernetes would mean assigning more resources (for example: memory or CPU) to the Pods that are already running for the workload.

QUESTION 6

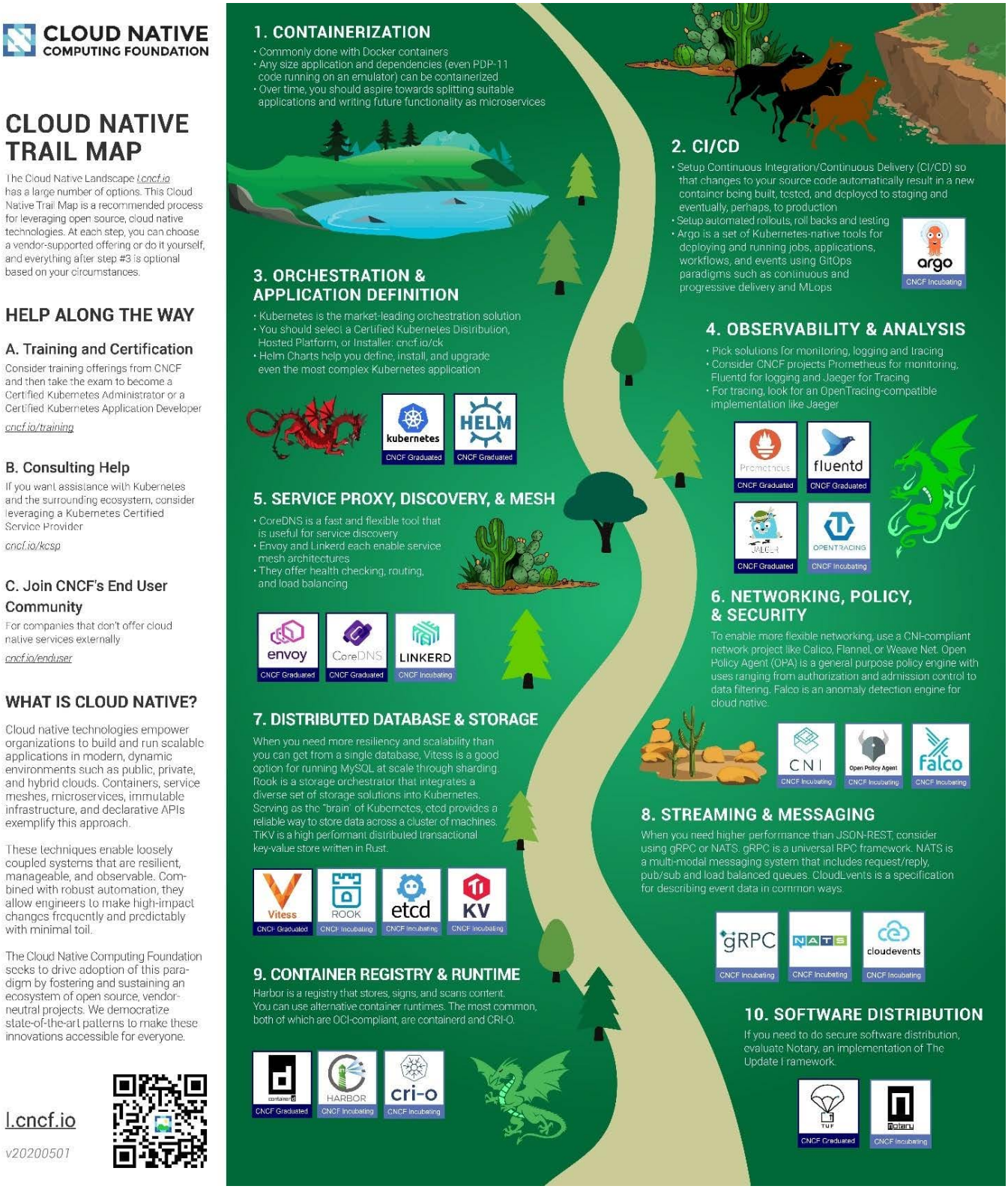
Notary and the update framework leading security projects in CNCF

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: https://github.com/cncf/landscape#trail-map



QUESTION 7

Which organizational persona creates Service Level Agreements \\'SLA\\', Service Level Objectives \\'SLO\\', and Service Level Indicator \\'SLI\\'?

A. Developer

B. DevSecOps

C. Site Reliability Engineer (SRE)

D. Security and Compliance Engineer

E. DevOps

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: SREs create SLAs, SLOs, and SLIs to define and implement standards for application and infra-structure reliability.

QUESTION 8

What kubectl command is used to edit a resource on the server?

A. kubectl resource modify

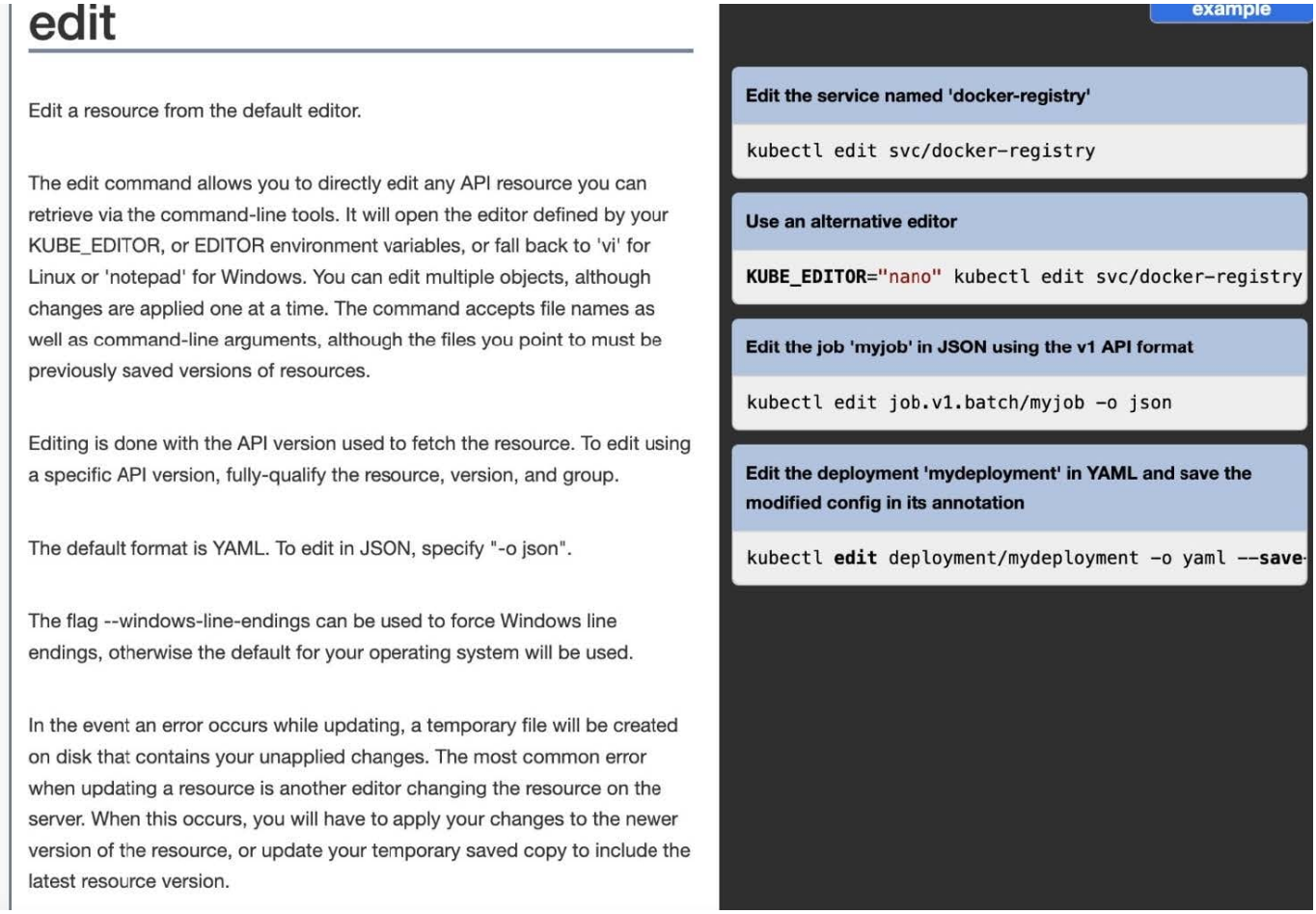
B. kubectl update resource

C. kubectl edit

D. kubectl resource edit

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/generated/kubectl/kubectl- commands#edit



edit

Edit a resource from the default editor.

The edit command allows you to directly edit any API resource you can retrieve via the command-line tools. It will open the editor defined by your KUBE_EDITOR, or EDITOR environment variables, or fall back to 'vi' for Linux or 'notepad' for Windows. You can edit multiple objects, although changes are applied one at a time. The command accepts file names as well as command-line arguments, although the files you point to must be previously saved versions of resources.

Editing is done with the API version used to fetch the resource. To edit using a specific API version, fully-qualify the resource, version, and group.

The default format is YAML. To edit in JSON, specify "-o json".

The flag --windows-line-endings can be used to force Windows line endings, otherwise the default for your operating system will be used.

In the event an error occurs while updating, a temporary file will be created on disk that contains your unapplied changes. The most common error when updating a resource is another editor changing the resource on the server. When this occurs, you will have to apply your changes to the newer version of the resource, or update your temporary saved copy to include the latest resource version.

example

Edit the service named 'docker-registry'

```
kubectl edit svc/docker-registry
```

Use an alternative editor

```
KUBE_EDITOR="nano" kubectl edit svc/docker-registry
```

Edit the job 'myjob' in JSON using the v1 API format

```
kubectl edit job.v1.batch/myjob -o json
```

Edit the deployment 'mydeployment' in YAML and save the modified config in its annotation

```
kubectl edit deployment/mydeployment -o yaml --save-
```

QUESTION 9

Which project in this list is a leading project in the observability space?

A. Jaeger

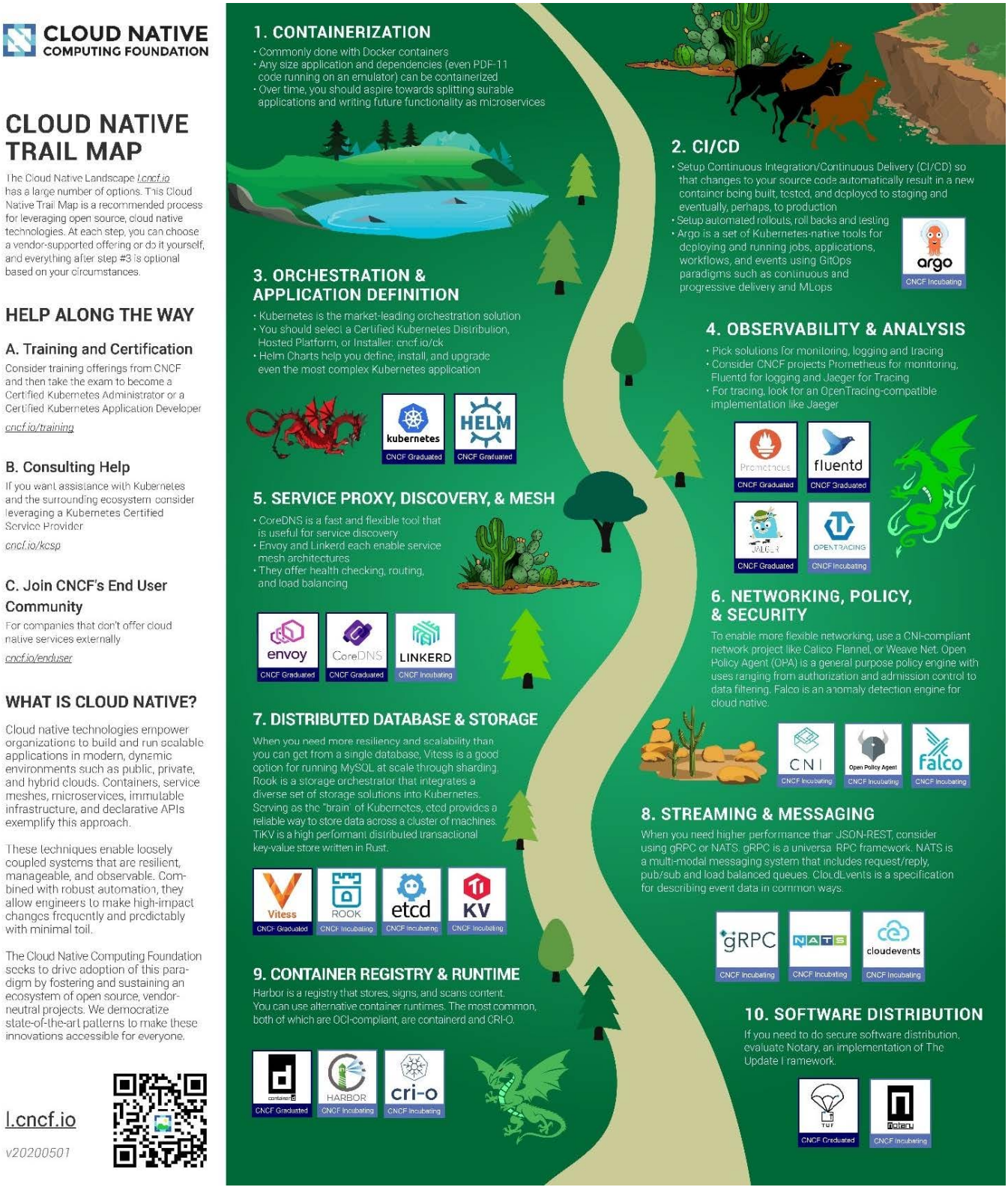
B. Vitess

C. Argo

D. Kubernetes

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: https://github.com/cncf/landscape#trail-map



QUESTION 10

What is a commonly used package manager for kubernetes applications?

A. npm

B. apt

C. helm

D. kubernetes manifest

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: https://helm.sh/

QUESTION 11

What are the two goals of Cloud-Native?

A. Rapid innovation and automation

B. Slow innovation and stable applications

C. Frequent deployments and well-defined organizational silos

D. Rapid innovation and reliability

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: https://www.redhat.com/en/topics/cloud-native-apps

QUESTION 12

Which of the following is not the required field to describe Kubernetes objects?

A. metadata

B. apiVersion

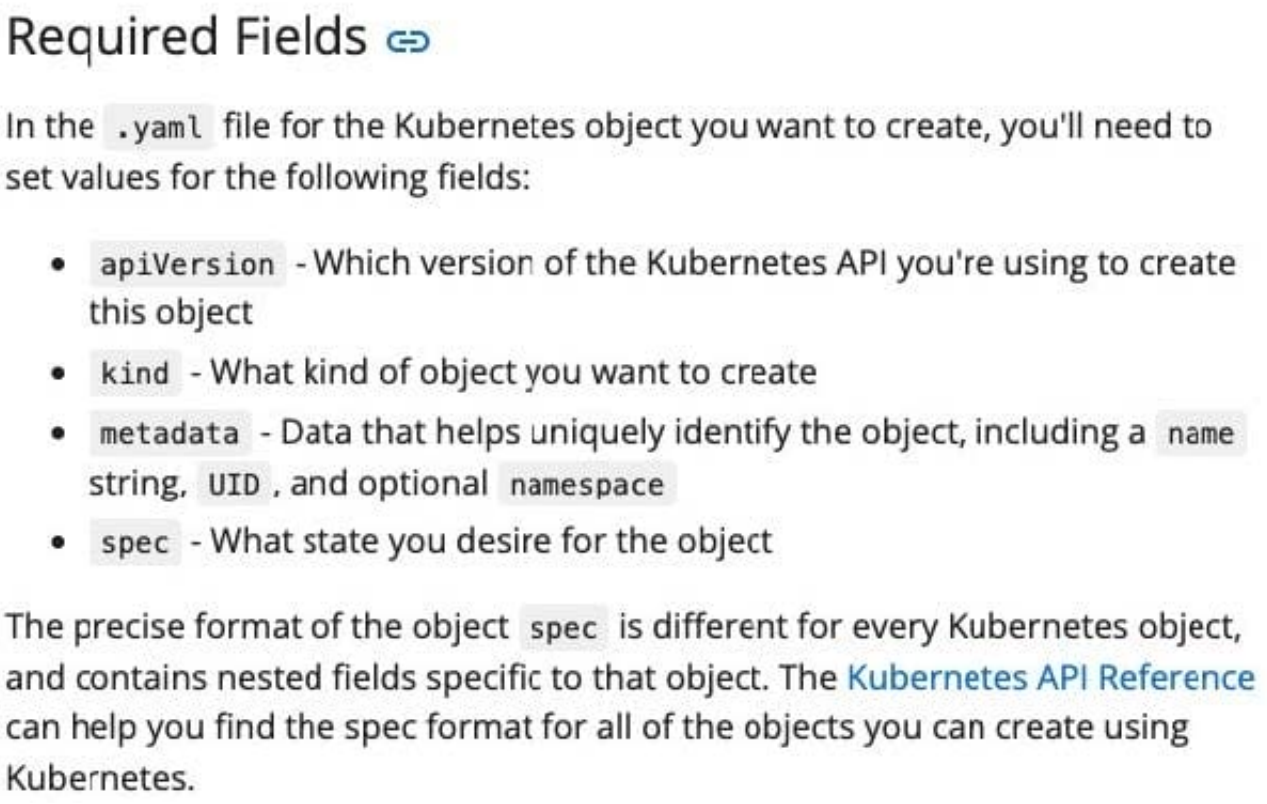
C. Kind

D. Container

E. spec

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/overview/working-with- objects/kubernetes-objects/



QUESTION 13

Which of the following components is part of the Kubernetes control panel

A. kubectl

B. kube-proxy

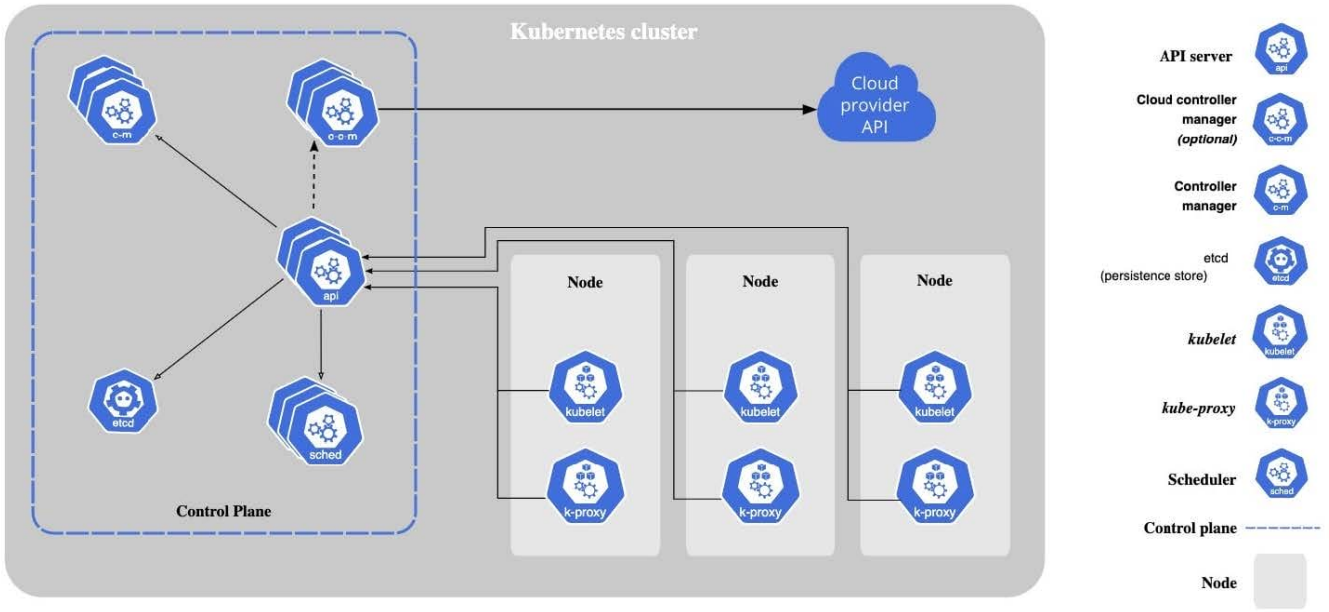
C. Service Mesh

D. kubelet

E. Cloud control manager

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/overview/components/



QUESTION 14

An application that is nearing its usage limit. To increase the amount of users it can handle, you allo-cate additional memory resources to each instance of the application. What type of scaling is this?

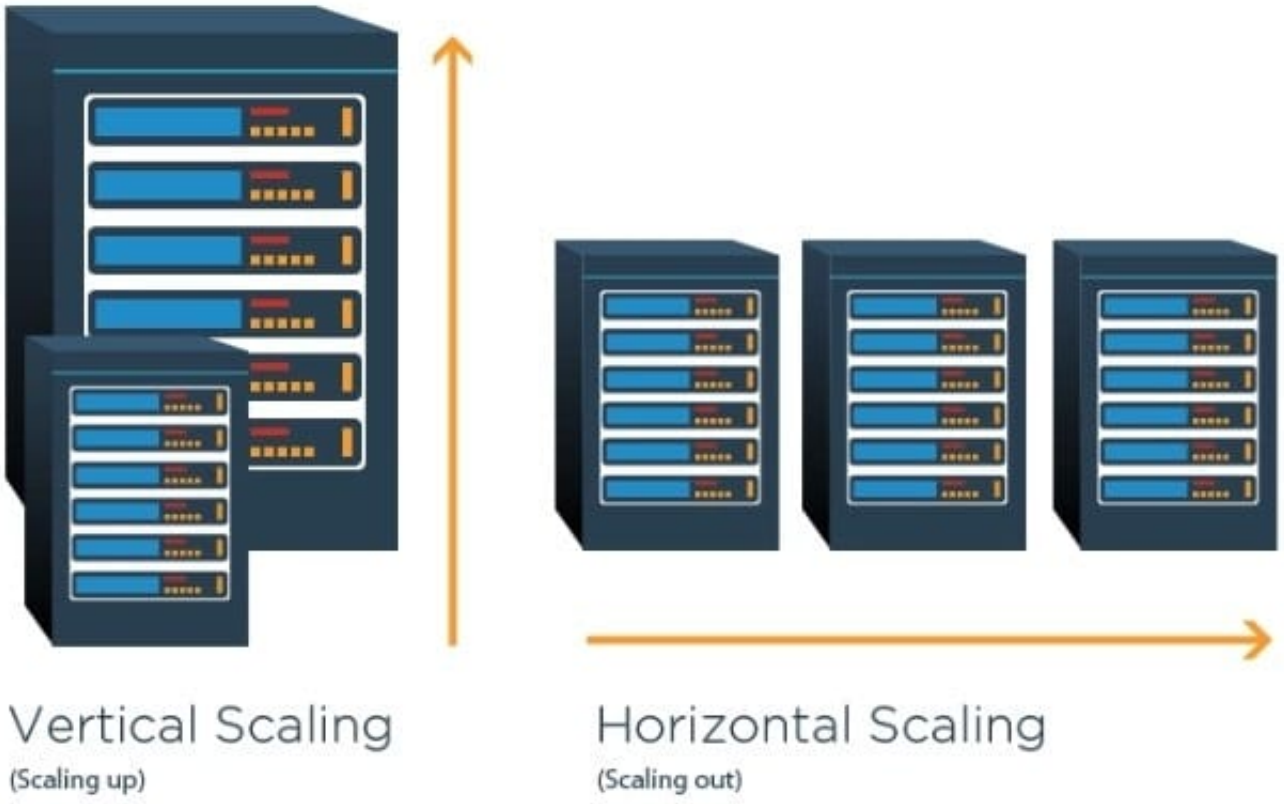
A. Horizontal Scaling

B. Cluster Autoscaling

C. Recursive Scaling

D. Vertical Scaling

Correct Answer: D



QUESTION 15

How can persistent volume be provisioned?

A. Automatically

B. Bootstrap

C. Dynamically

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/persistent-volumes/

A *PersistentVolume* (PV) is a piece of storage in the cluster that has been provisioned by an administrator or dynamically provisioned using Storage Classes. It is a resource in the cluster just like a node is a cluster resource. PVs are volume plugins like Volumes, but have a lifecycle independent of any individual Pod that uses the PV. This API object captures the details of the implementation of the storage, be that NFS, iSCSI, or a cloud-provider-specific storage system.