

Oh Keptn, my Keptn

A data/observability driven way to DevOps & SRE automation



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Act 1: What is Keptn
Key Use Cases and Adopters

Act 2: Why we built Keptn
What problems it solves!

Act 3: How Keptn works
Architecture, Extensibility ...

Act 1 – What is Keptn

What is Keptn?



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Software Engineer, Coach, Mentor, Host and Organizer of Performance Summit an...

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Keptn feels like a reference implementation of Google's "Site Reliability Engineering" and "The Site Reliability Workbook" books, so it's been an absolute pleasure to learn more about it from [Andreas Grabner](#) himself! I'm looking forward to seeing it establishing standards for such important concepts like SLI, SLO and remediation strategy.

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Keptn uses Service Level Objectives (SLO) to evaluate *App & Infra Desired State*

14:07 evaluation



Lighthouse Service: Retrieves SLIs and compares them against SLOs

evaluation



14:07 get-sli



SLI Providers: Query SLIs based on sli.yaml and return individual values

get-sli



```
count_dbcalls: 5
jvm_memory: 360MB
error_rate: 4.3%
sec_critical: 1
```

slo.yaml (SLI Provider independent)

```
objectives:
- sli: error_rate
  pass:
  - criteria:
    - "<=1" # We expect a max error rate of 1%
- sli: jvm_memory
- sli: count_dbcalls
  pass:
  - criteria:
    - "=+2%" # We allow a 2% increase in DB Calls between builds
  warning:
  - criteria:
    - "<=10" # We expect no more than 10 DB Calls per TX
- sli: sec_critical
  pass:
  - criteria:
    - "<=0" # We do not allow any critical security issues
total_score:
  pass: "90%"
  warning: "75%"
```

sli.yaml (Prometheus)

```
indicators:
  error_rate: "http_requests_total{status='error'}"
  jvm_memory: "jvm_memory_used_bytes{area='heap'}[1m]"
  sec_critical: "rate(falco_events[5m])"
```

sli.yaml (Dynatrace)

```
indicators:
  error_rate: "builtin:service.errors.total.count"
  count_dbcalls: "calc:service.toptestdbcalls"
  jvm_memory: "builtin:tech.jvm.memory.pool.committed"
  sec_critical: "calc:secproblems:filter(risk,CRITICAL)"
```

SLO-based Evaluation in Action: Performance, Architecture, Security, ...

```
$ keptn trigger evaluation myproject myservice buildId=4 timeframe=10m
```

SLIs (Service Level Indicators)	SLO	Build 1	Build 2	Build 3	Build 4
Response Time 95th Perc Query: builtin:service.responsetime(p95)	 ≤100ms ≤ 250ms	80ms	120ms	90ms	95ms
Overall Failure Rate Query: builtin:service.errors.total	≤ 2% ≤ 5%	0%	4%	1%	0%
Test Step LOGIN Response Time Query: calc:service.teststeprt:filter(Test, LOGIN)	≤150ms & ≤+10% ≤ 400ms	100ms	90ms	120ms	95ms
Test Step LOGIN # Service Calls Query: calc:service.testsvc:filter(tx, LOGIN)	≤ +0%	1	2	1	1
Critical Security Vulnerabilities Query: calc:secproblems:filter(risk, CRITICAL)	≤0	0	0	1	0
SLO: Overall Score Goal	90% / 75%	100%	50%	70.0%	100%

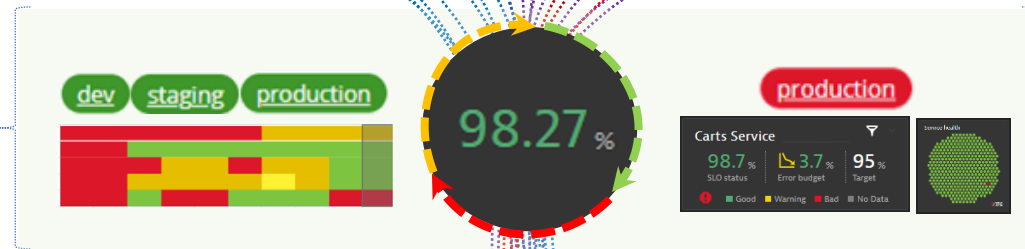
The big picture: SLO-Driven Lifecycle Orchestration with Keptn

Keptn connects to any existing DevOps tool for delivery, test, notification, ticketing, config mgmt ...



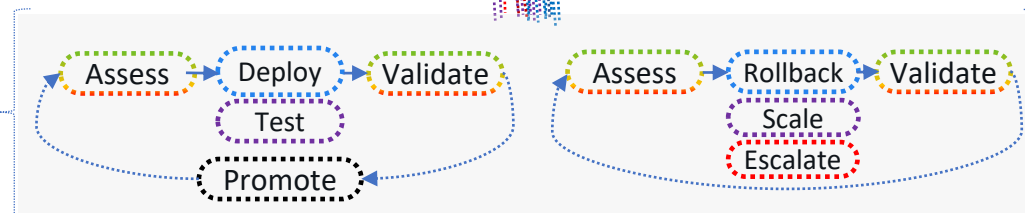
... through Cloud Events, an **open event subscription standard!**

SLOs (Service Level Objectives) describe the **“Business Desired State”** of cloud native apps & infra for every stage



Keptn gets triggered on events such **GitOps Change Request** (*ArgoCD*, *Jenkins*) or **Production Alerts**

Keptn orchestrates **delivery promotion** with pre & post deploy validation



Keptn orchestrates **Day 1*** and **Day 2*** Ops with closed loop SLO & Error Budget validation

*Day 1: Progressive Delivery into Production

*Day 2: Automated incident response and remediation

Trigger Keptn from your tools to orchestrate sequences around SLOs



triggers an automation sequence

14:04 monaco

14:04 deployment

14:05 test

14:07 evaluation

14:07 get-sli

14:07 Approval triggered



orchestrates monitoring config, deployment, test execution, SLO evaluation & remediation

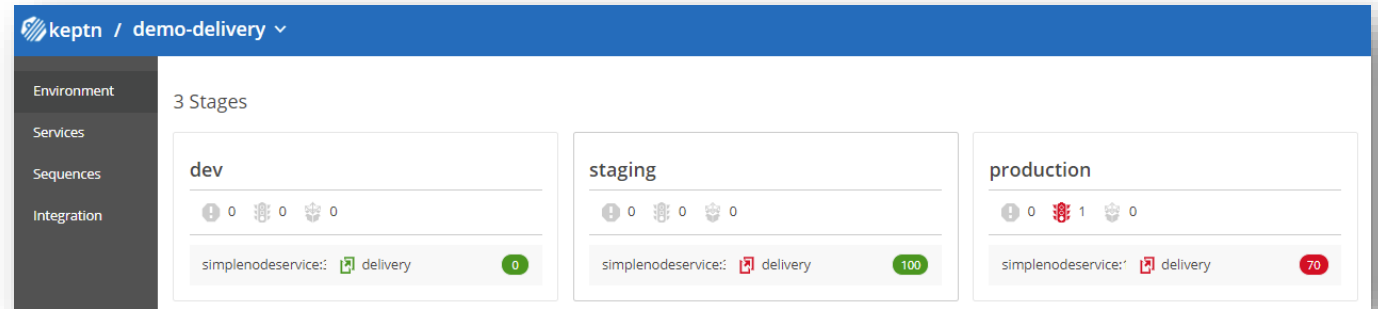
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Score	Green	Red	Green
Error Rate	Green	Green	Green
Process CPU Usage	Grey	Grey	Pink
Process Heap Suspension	Grey	Grey	Pink
Response Time 95th Percentile	Green	Green	Green
Response Time of InvokeAPI Met...	Green	Red	Green
Security Vulnerabilities - Critical	Grey	Green	Pink
Security Vulnerabilities - High	Grey	Red	Pink
Security Vulnerabilities - Low	Grey	Green	Pink
Security Vulnerabilities - Medium	Grey	Green	Pink

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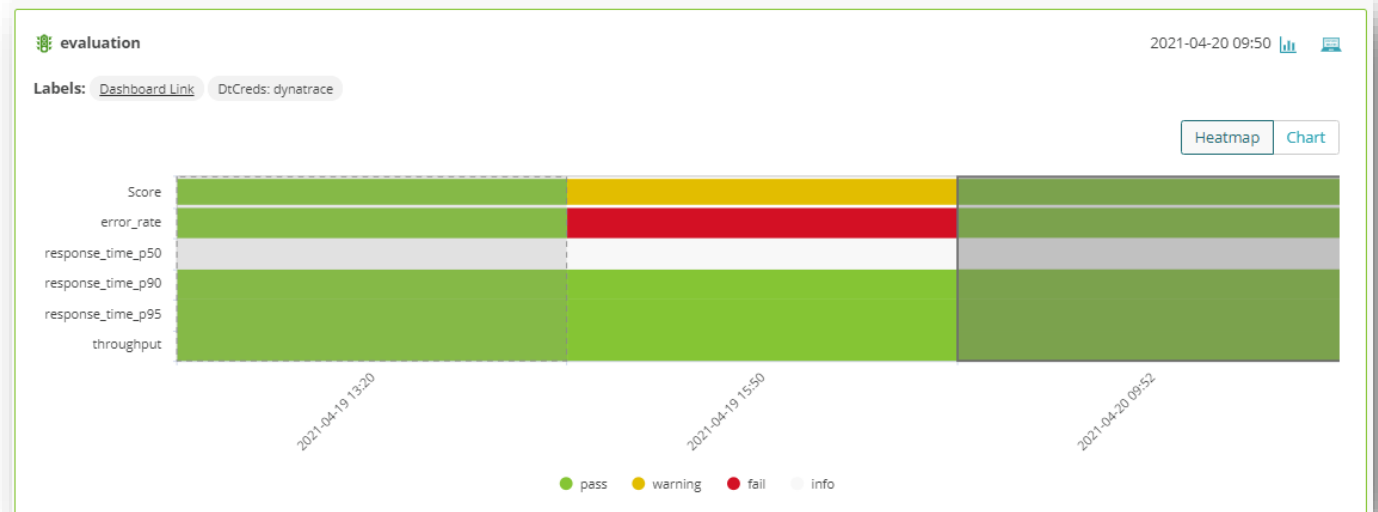


Lets see and explore it in action!

```
Branch: master | demo-delivery / shipyard.yaml
72 lines | 1.6 KiB
1  apiVersion: spec.keptn.sh/0.2.0
2  kind: Shipyard
3  metadata:
4    name: "shipyard-delivery-simplenode"
5  spec:
6    stages:
7    - name: dev
8      sequences:
9      - name: delivery
10       tasks:
11       - name: deployment
12         properties:
13           deploymentstrategy: direct
14       - name: test
15         properties:
16           teststrategy: functional
17       - name: evaluation
18       - name: release
19       - name: approval
20         properties:
21           pass: automatic
```



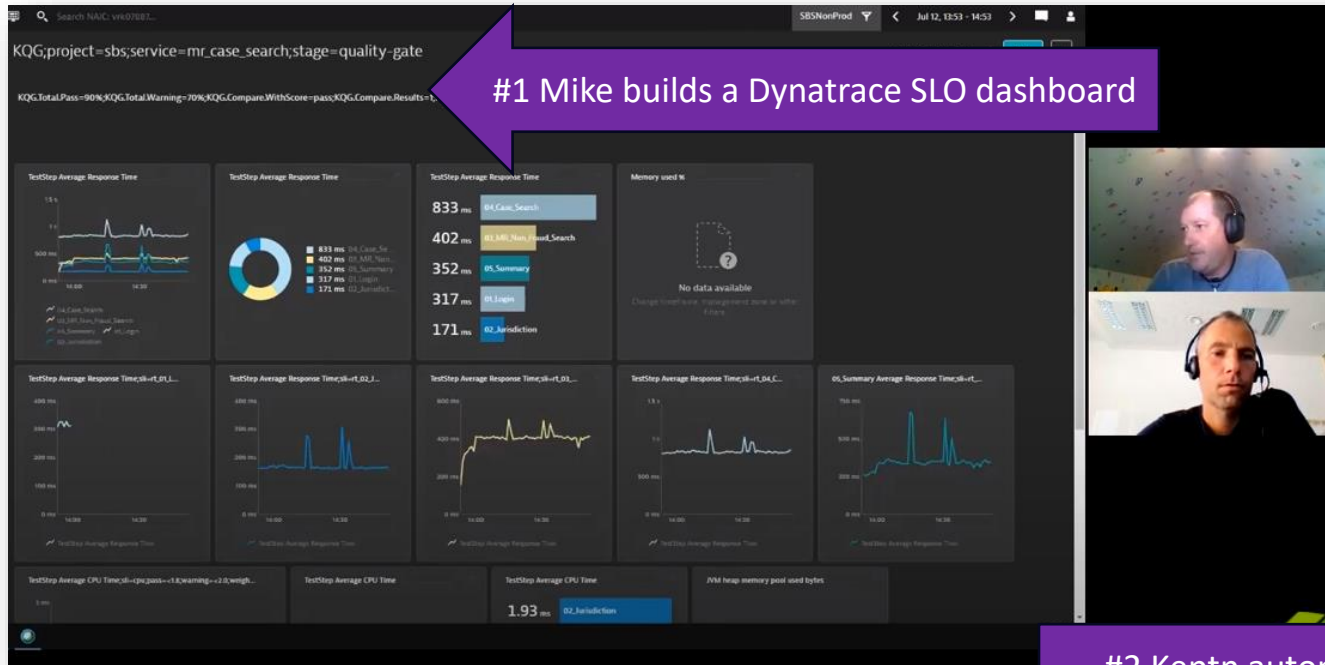
Environment	3 Stages
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staging	100
production	70



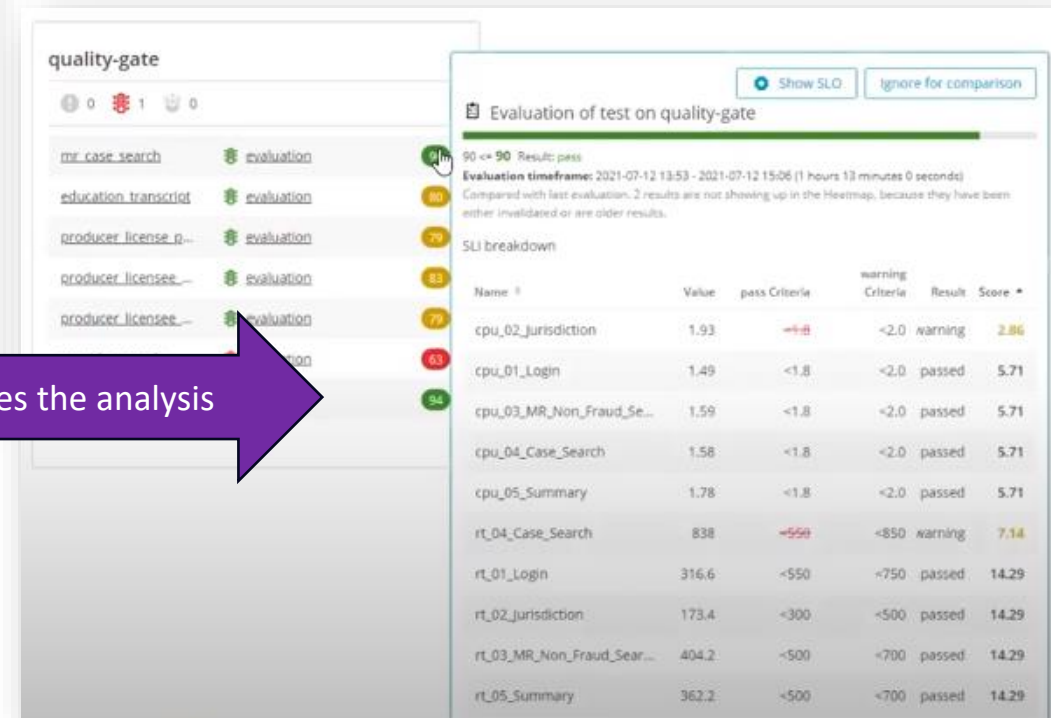
Who is adopting Keptn?

#1: Automated Performance Test Analysis using SLOs at NAIC

#1 Mike builds a Dynatrace SLO dashboard



#2 Keptn automates the analysis



#2: Automated Release Validation of Austrian Online Banking



Util_DRB-PFP_kPuLT-Pipeline_MISC:327 DtCreds: dynatrace buildId: 327 buildNumber: 327 jobname: Util_DRB-PFP_kPuLT-Pipeline_MISC [joburl](#)

#3 Triggered from Jenkins

View sequence execution

evaluation

Test strategy: manual

#2 Automated SLO Score as Quality Gate

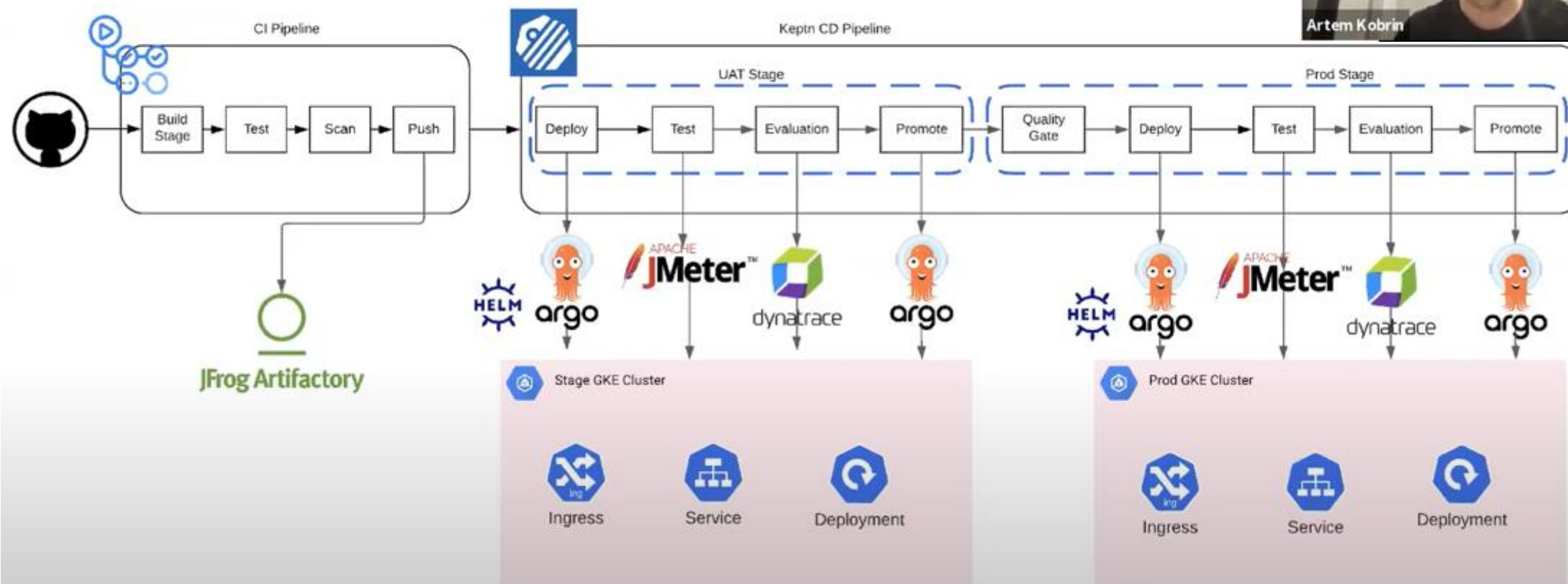
#1 Release-relevant SLOs defined using YAML



#3: Multi-Stage Canary Deployments with Argo Rollouts, JMeter, ... At Volusion



CI/CD Pipeline



#4: Auto-Remediation of SLA violations at P&G



1: Alert triggers

2: Keptn orchestrates remediation sequence

3: Actions to fix the problem

Problem resolved
Context: 36373537-3836-4630-b437-343635343333
allproblems

production

17:31

17:31 Remediation triggered
Labels: Problem_URL

17:31 Action triggered
Labels: Problem_URL

17:41 evaluation
Labels: Problem_URL

17:41 get-sli
Labels: Problem_URL

```
remediation.yaml
1 apiVersion: spec.keptn.sh/0.1.4
2 kind: Remediation
3 metadata:
4   name: carts-remediation
5 spec:
6   remediations:
7     - problemType: default
8       description: Error_BigCommerce_Olay
9       value:
10        Message: Error_BigCommerce_Olay
```

```
action.triggered.myaction.py
1 import requests
2 import json
3 import logging
4 import sys
5 import os
6
7 methodArg = ""
8 if len(sys.argv) > 1:
9     methodArg = sys.argv[1]
10 fo = open(methodArg)
```

4: SLOs validate remediation



Act 2 – Why we built Keptn

Implementing your own automation in your tool of choice is possible

There clearly is no shortage of „DIY swiss-army knife“ tools to build awesome automation

#1 Execute Test

```
1 pipeline {
2   agent {
3     label 'git'
4   }
5   environment {
6     APP_NAME = "front-end"
7   }
8   stages {
9     stage('Performance Check') {
10      steps {
11        checkout scm
12        container('jmeter') {
13          script {
14            def status = executeJMeter (
15              scriptName: "jmeter/${env.APP_NAME}_load.jmx",
16              resultsDir: "PerfCheck_${env.APP_NAME}",
17              serverUrl: "${env.APP_NAME}.dev",
18              serverPort: 80,
19              checkPath: '/health',
20              vuCount: 10,
21              loopCount: 250,
22              LTN: "PerfCheck_${BUILD_NUMBER}",
23              funcValidation: false,
24              avgRtValidation: 250
25            )
26            if (status != 0) {
27              currentBuild.result = 'FAILED'
28              error "Performance check failed."
29            }
30          }
31        }
32      }
33    }
34  }
35 }
```

#6 Add chaos engineering

#2 Add result analysis

```
stage('pre-performance-test') {
  recordDynatraceSession(envId: 'Dynatrace Demo Environment',
    testCase: 'loadtest',
    tagMatchRules: [
      meTypes: ['SERVICE'], tags: [[context: 'CONTEXTLESS', key: 'Frontend']],
      [meTypes: ['SERVICE'], tags: [[context: 'CONTEXTLESS', key: 'Database']]]) {
  }
}

stage('performance-analysis') {
  perfSigDynatraceReports envId: 'Dynatrace Demo Environment', specFile: 'specfile.json', nonFunctionalFailure: 2
}
```

#3 Add results notifications to Slack

```
post {
  always {
    if ( currentBuild.currentResult == "SUCCESS" ) {
      slackSend color: "good", message: "Job: ${env.JOB_NAME} with buildnumber ${env.BUILD_NUMBER} was successful"
    }
    else if ( currentBuild.currentResult == "FAILURE" ) {
      slackSend color: "danger", message: "Job: ${env.JOB_NAME} with buildnumber ${env.BUILD_NUMBER} was failed"
    }
    else if ( currentBuild.currentResult == "UNSTABLE" ) {
      slackSend color: "warning", message: "Job: ${env.JOB_NAME} with buildnumber ${env.BUILD_NUMBER} was unstable"
    }
    else {
      slackSend color: "danger", message: "Job: ${env.JOB_NAME} with buildnumber ${env.BUILD_NUMBER} its resultat was unclear"
    }
  }
}
```

#7 Add security scan

#4 Integrate with your APM

```
createDynatraceDeploymentEvent(
  envId: 'Dynatrace Demo Environment',
  tagMatchRules: [
    [
      meTypes: [
        [meType: 'PROCESS_GROUP']
      ],
      tags: [
        [context: 'CONTEXTLESS', key: '', value: 'frontend']
      ]
    ]
  ]
)
```

#5 Add approval process

```
stage('Approval') {
  agent none
  steps {
    script {
      def deploymentDelay = input id: 'Deploy',
        message: 'Promote to next stage?',
        submitter: 'admin', parameters: [choice(choices: ['yes', 'no'],
          name: 'promoteArtifact')]
      if promoteArtifact.toBoolean() == false {
        currentBuild.result = 'FAILED'
        error "No promoting build"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

#9 Add Deployment

#8 Add more stages

But DIY (Do It Yourself) can become very complex and hard to maintain

„I am constantly reacting to
„Pipeline Broken – please fix!““



Christian Heckelmann
Senior DevOps Engineer

2800
projects

966
CI/CDs

```
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996 image: gitcloud-cr.ert.com/efs/testing/docker/jmeter:latest
997 variables:
998     GIT_STRATEGY: none
999     QA_TARGET_REF: $PACKAGE_VERSION
1000 before_script:
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1006     - unzip -o -q qa.zip && rm qa.zip
1007     - find . -maxdepth 1 -type d -name $QA_PROJECT_NAME $QA_TA
1008     - bash -x qa/test
1009 tags:
1010     - docker
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1012 except:
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1014
1015
```



Scaling DIY to many projects often highlights technical debt in your automation

„Onboarding or updating pipelines is manual & error prone!“



Dieter Ladenhauf
Senior ACE Engineer

25
services

96
workloads

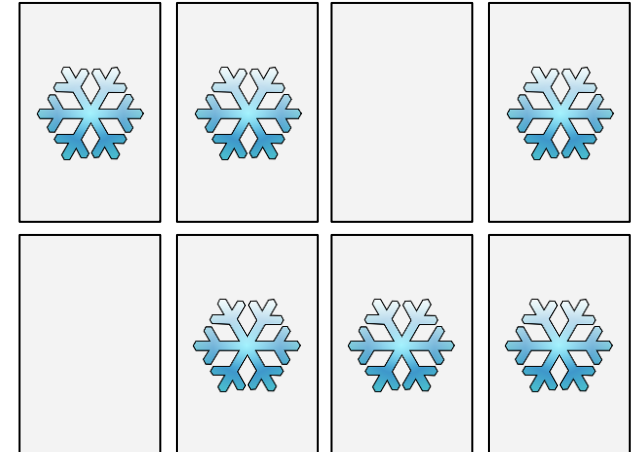
1 Service = 1 Pipeline

```
pipeline {
  stages {
    stage('Deploy to dev namespace') {
      steps {
        container('helm') {
        }
      }
    }
    stage('Run tests') {
      steps {
        container('jmeter') {
        }
      }
    }
    stage('Evaluate performance') {
      steps {
        container('curl') {
        }
      }
    }
  }
  if (evaluation.passed) {
    stage('Deploy to staging') {
      steps {
        container('helm') {
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

1 Project = x Pipelines

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```

n Teams = n*x Pipelines



Pipeline Code Duplication:

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ada	-								
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ipim	437	186	85	77	97	-			
lima-autoprov	179	552	132	115	144	173	-		
lima-processing	203	334	90	86	103	195	310	-	
signup-service	145	436	105	84	109	140	380	269	-
token-exchange	170	487	122	101	126	165	429	291	501

Because this doesn't scale!!

We need a new approach to automation

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Act 3 – How Keptn works!

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Cloud-native application life-cycle orchestration

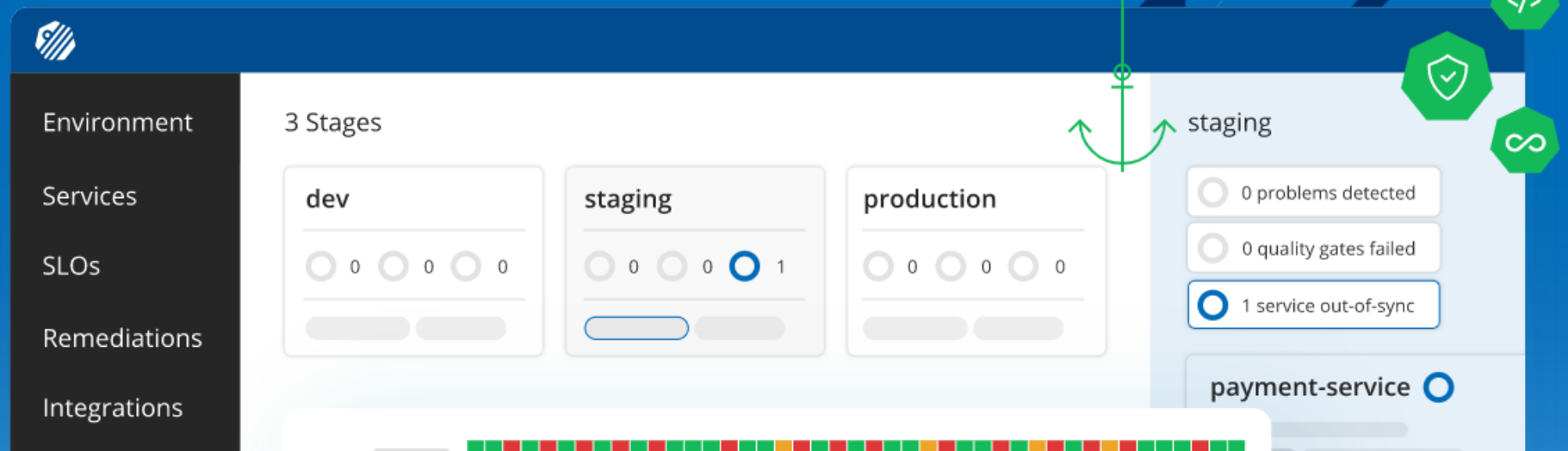
Keptn automates

- Observability, dashboards & alerting
- SLO-driven multi-stage delivery
- Operations & remediation

declarative, extensible and based on GitOps

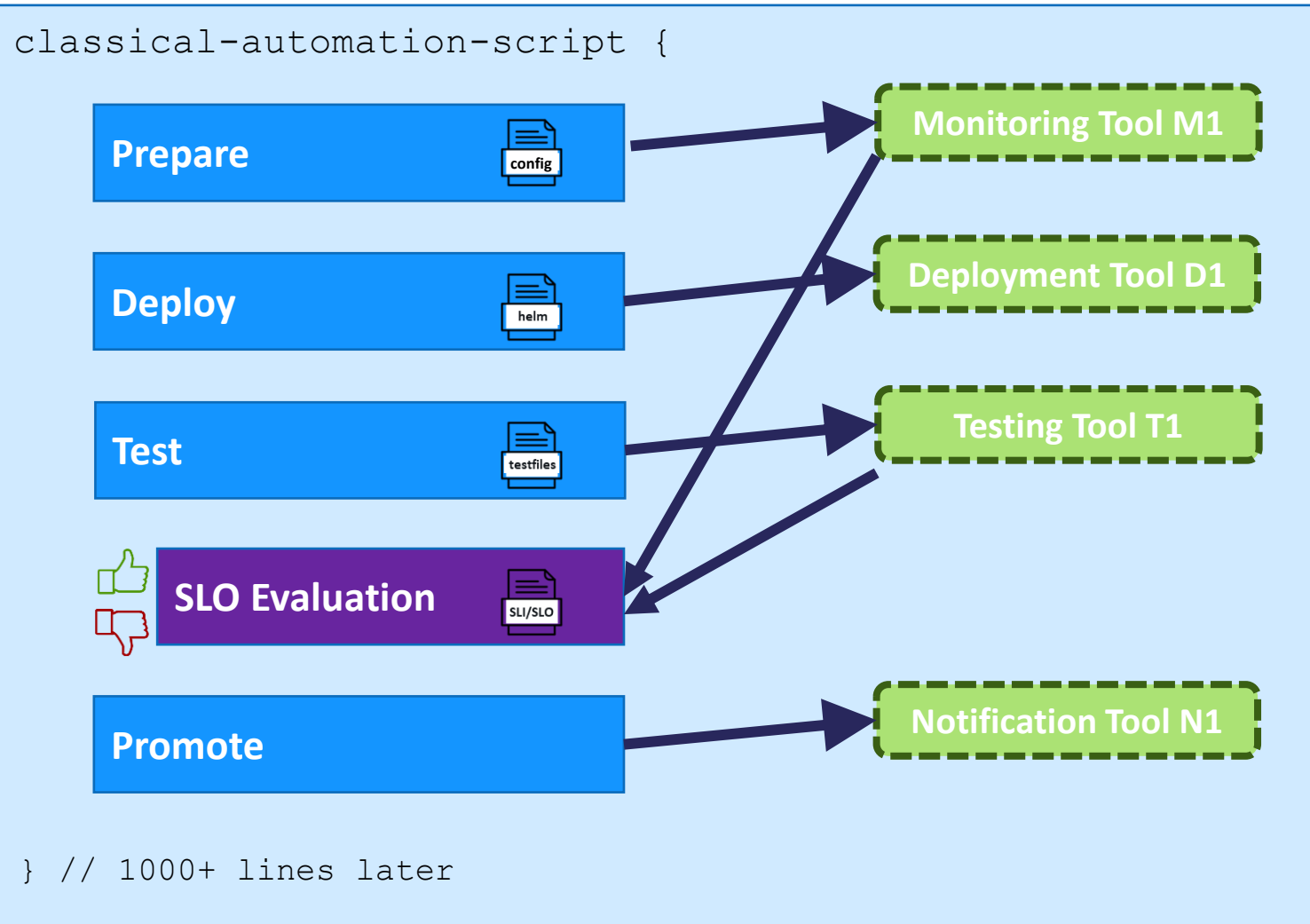
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Explore live demo

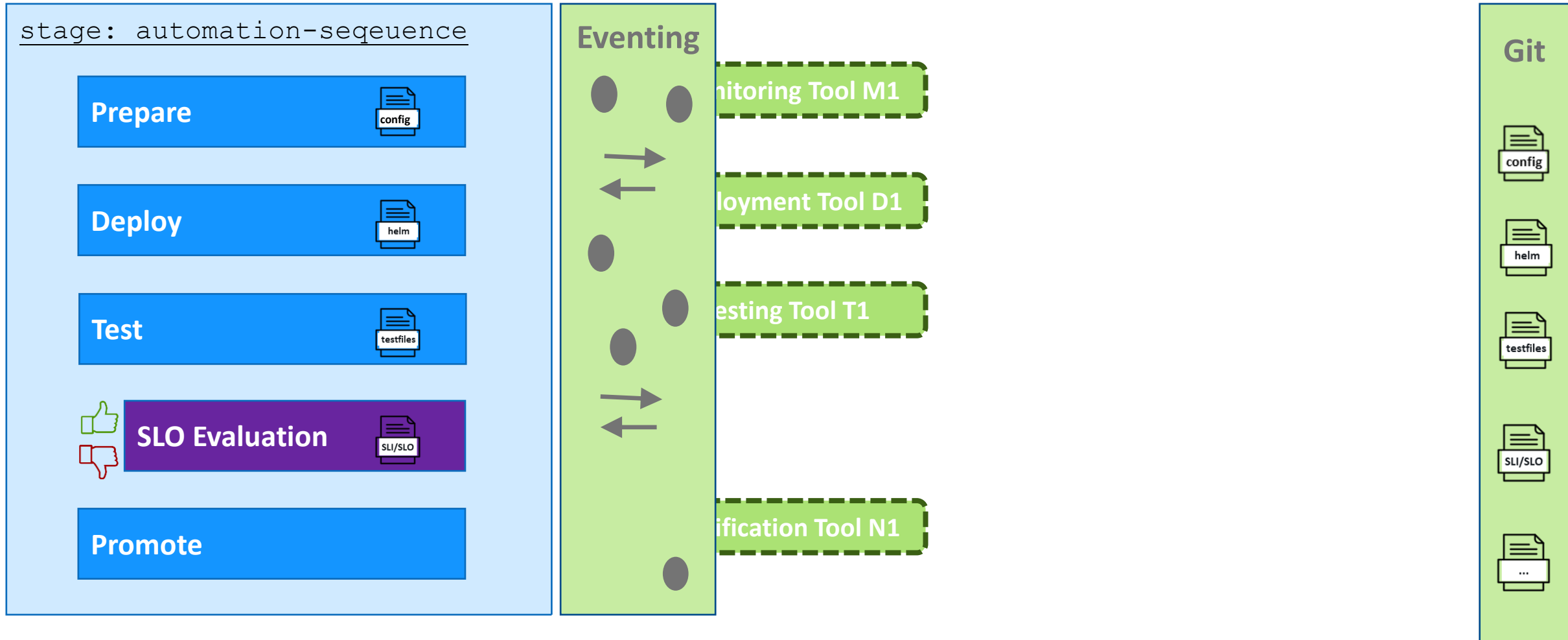


The screenshot shows the Keptn dashboard interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation items: Environment, Services, SLOs, Remediations, and Integrations. The main content area is titled '3 Stages' and displays three stage cards: 'dev', 'staging', and 'production'. Each card shows a row of five status indicators (circles) and a progress bar below. The 'staging' card has one indicator highlighted in blue with the number '1'. To the right of the stage cards is a detailed view for the 'staging' stage, showing a list of metrics: '0 problems detected', '0 quality gates failed', and '1 service out-of-sync'. The 'payment-service' is listed below with a blue indicator. A green anchor icon is positioned between the 'staging' stage card and the detailed view. On the right side of the dashboard, there are several floating green icons: a heart rate monitor, a code symbol, a shield with a checkmark, and an infinity symbol. At the bottom of the dashboard, there is a horizontal bar composed of many small colored squares (green, red, yellow).

Keptn removes hard-coded dependencies of classical automation approaches

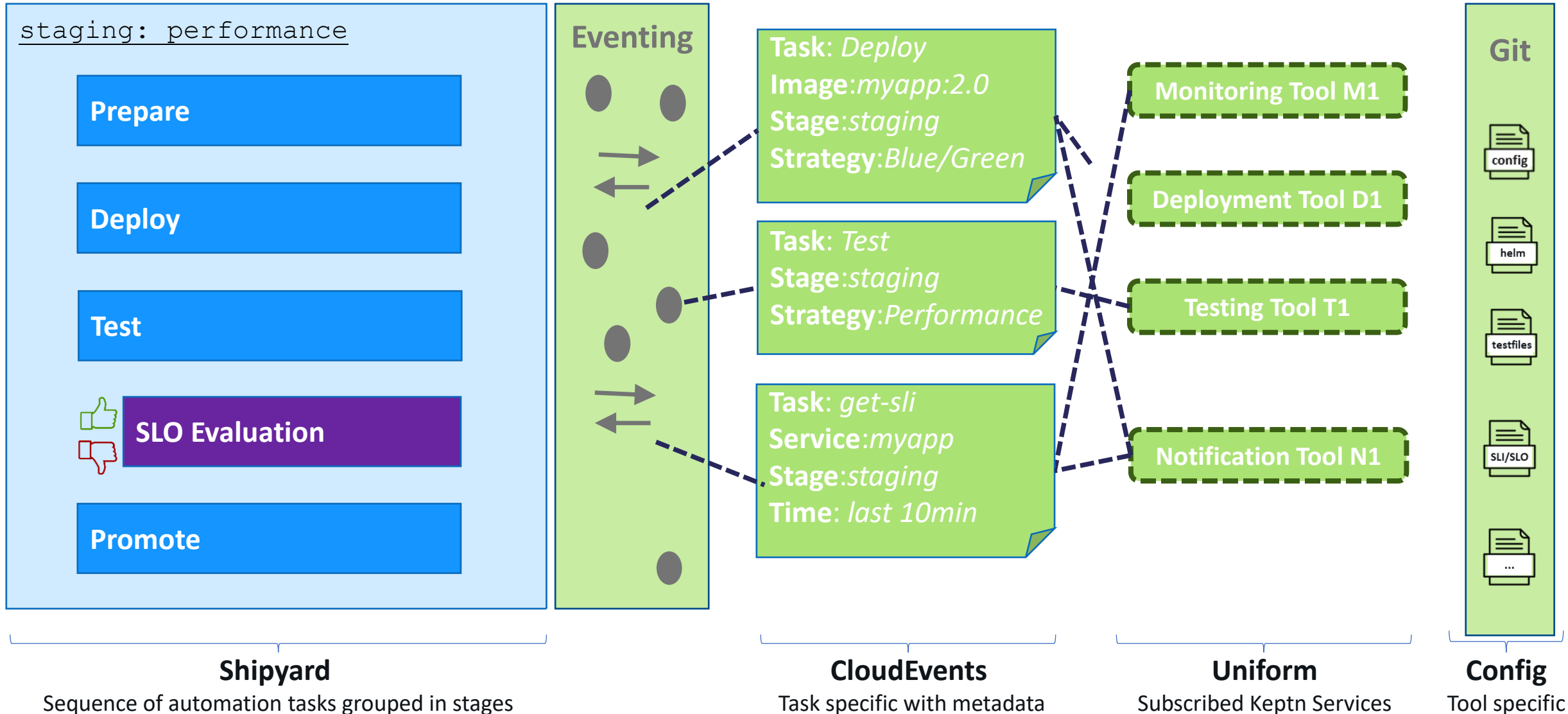


Keptn separates process, tooling and configuration and connects via events



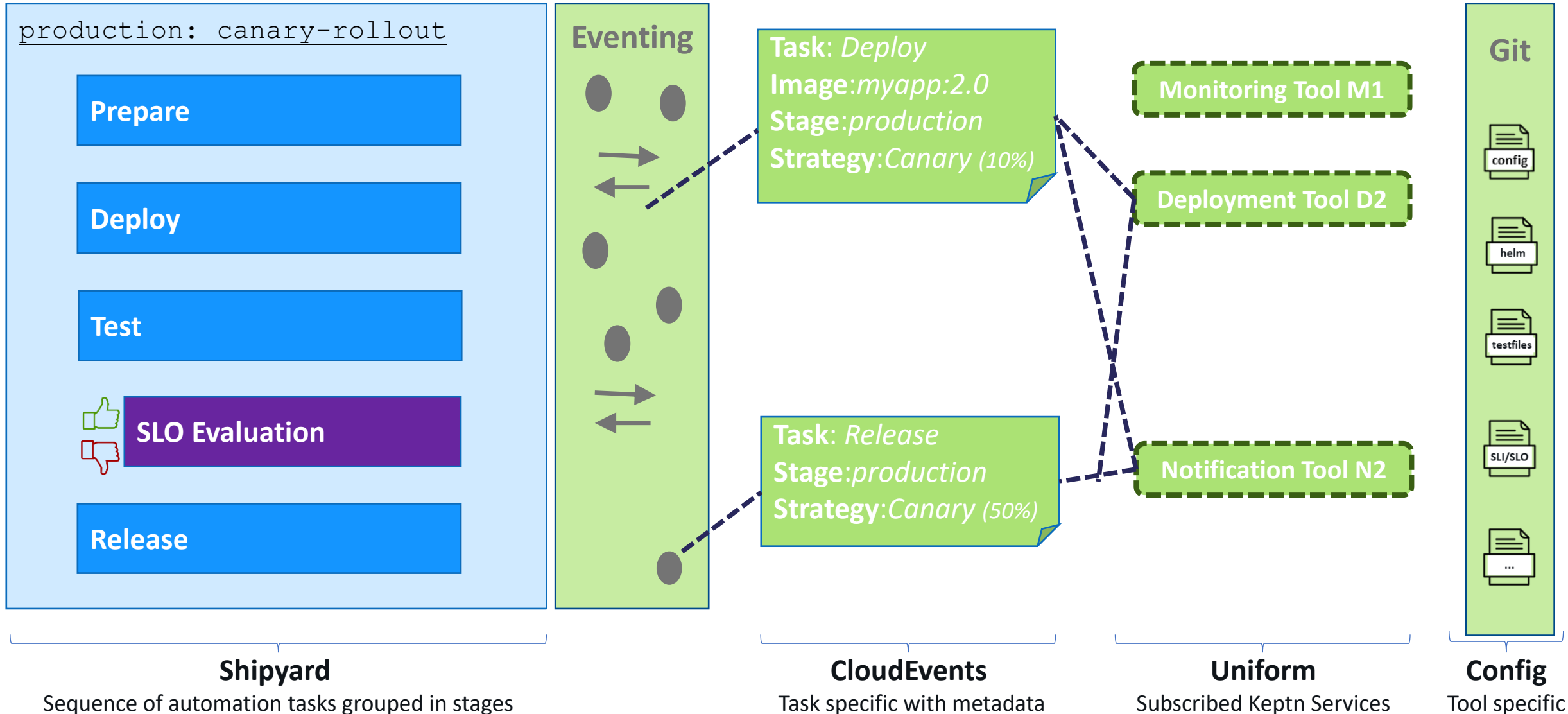
Example #1: automate performance sequence in staging

```
$ keptn trigger performance --stage=staging --image=myapp:2.0
```



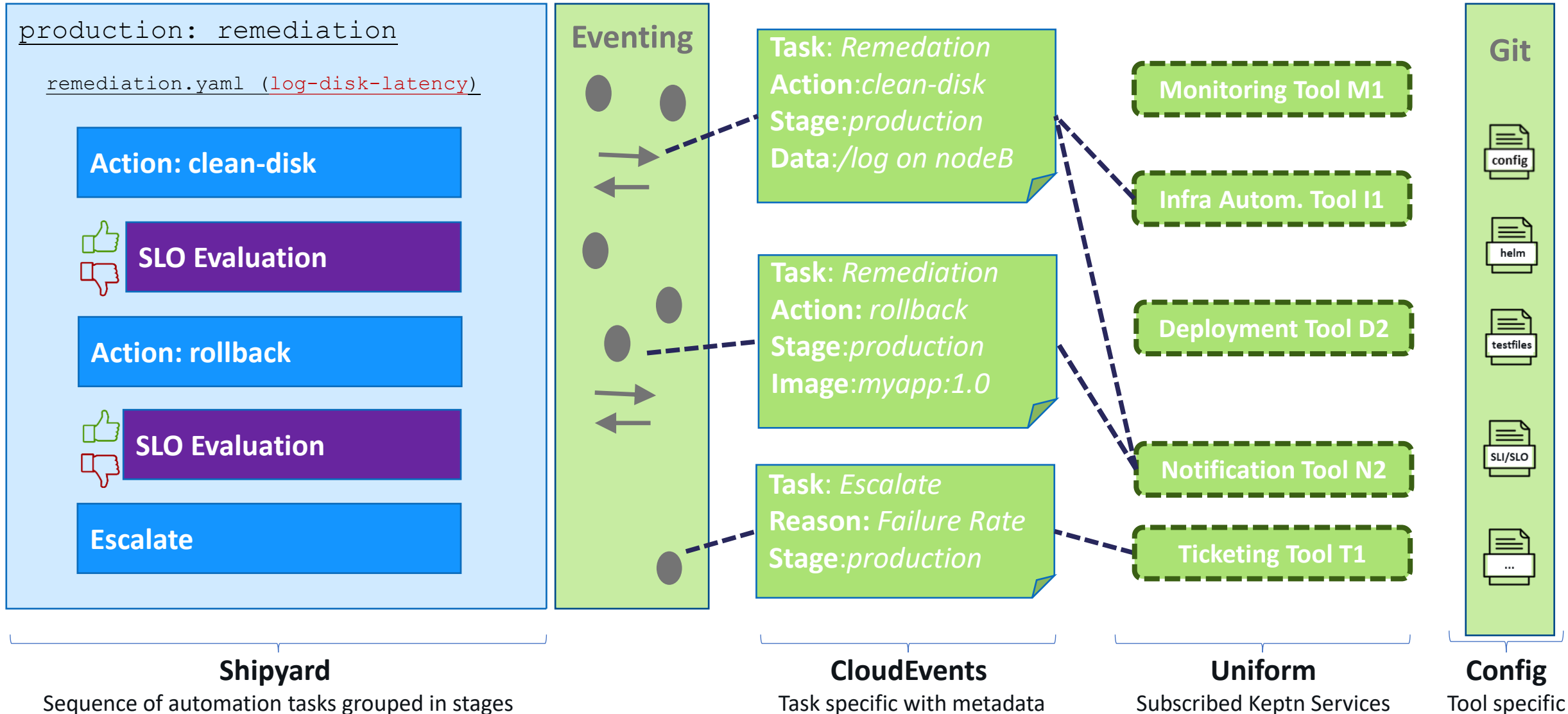
Example #2: automate canary rollout sequence in production

```
$ keptn trigger canary-rollout --stage=production --image=myapp:2.0
```



Example #3: remediate production issue

```
$ keptn trigger remediation --stage=production --problem=high-failure-rate --rootcause=log-disk-latency
```



Keptn brings opinionated cloud native automation to all your projects



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```
5 spec:
6   stages:
7 >   - name: dev ...
23 >   - name: staging ...
50   - name: production
51   sequences:
52     - name: delivery
53       triggeredOn:
54         - event: staging.delivery.finished
55       tasks:
56         - name: monaco
57         - name: deployment
58           properties:
59             deploymentstrategy: blue_green_service
60         - name: test
61           properties:
62             teststrategy: performance
63         - name: evaluation
64         - name: release
65         - name: rollback
66       triggeredOn:
67         - event: production.delivery.finished
68       selector:
69         match:
70           result: "fail"
71       tasks:
72         - name: rollback
```

- 90% less automation code
- Separation of process & tool
- GitOps: all config in git
- SLOs built-in: drive decisions
- Connects with all your tools



Keptn brings opinionated cloud native automation to all your projects



Reduce your automation's **complexity** by letting

keptn orchestrate **declarative, data-driven delivery and ops automation**

~ **90%** of pipeline code is technical debt

Process, tool and config are **hard coded**

GitOps is often an afterthought

Validation typically happens **manually**

Every new tool is extra work

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Most start with integrating SLO-Evaluation – then scale out to more use cases



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Process CPU Usage	Grey	Grey	Pink
Process Heap Suspension	Grey	Grey	Pink
Response Time 95th Percentile	Green	Green	Green
Response Time of InvokeAPI Met...	Green	Red	Green
Security Vulnerabilities - Critical	Grey	Green	Pink
Security Vulnerabilities - High	Grey	Red	Pink
Security Vulnerabilities - Low	Grey	Green	Pink
Security Vulnerabilities - Medium	Grey	Green	Pink

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Speed



Increase Speed of
App Delivery by 75%

Eliminate toil through
automation (monitoring,
test evaluation, remediation)

Quality



Improve Confidence
with 50% Better
Release Quality

Increase quality and
resiliency with **Shift-left**,
Shift-right

Collaboration



100% Better
Collaboration
between Dev & Ops

One platform, single
source of truth, **common
language** of SLOs

Scale



Scale DevOps
Enterprise-wide

Self-service models,
Automation, **AI-driven**
decision making

Oh Keptn, my Keptn

A data/observability driven way to DevOps & SRE automation



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