

Shaping the future of developer productivity with Backstage

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So what on earth is Backstage anyway?



An open platform for building developer portals

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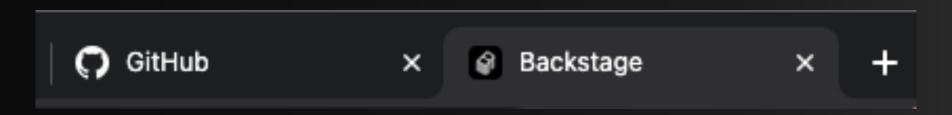
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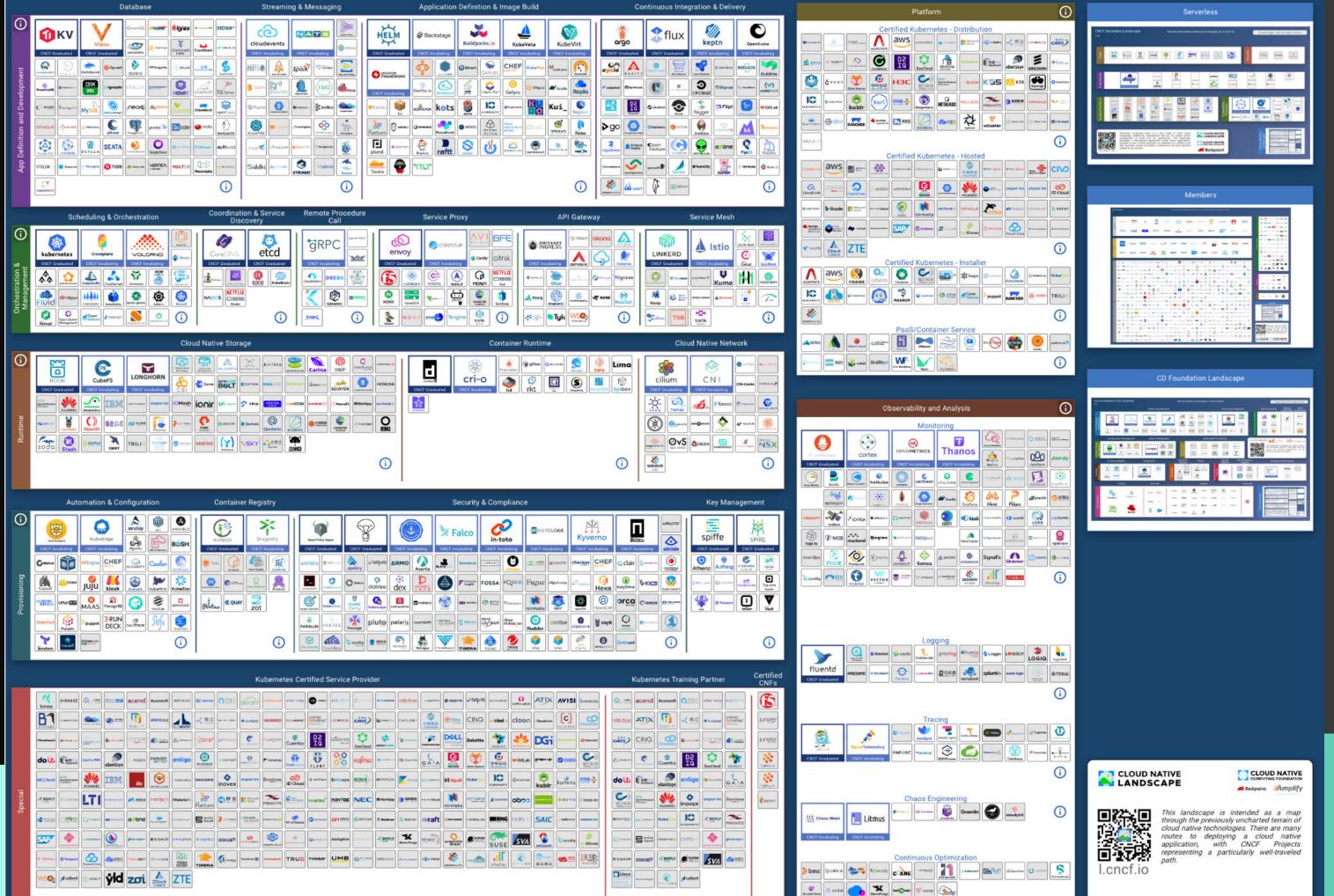






An open platform for building developer portals





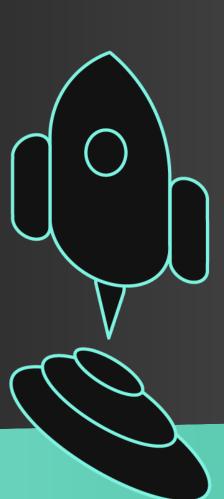


We created Backstage to make developers happy

21 K~
GitHub stars

1K+
Contributors

9K~ Discord Members





Companies adopting*

Companies evaluating*

200~

Companies
attending
Office Hours
(in 5 months)

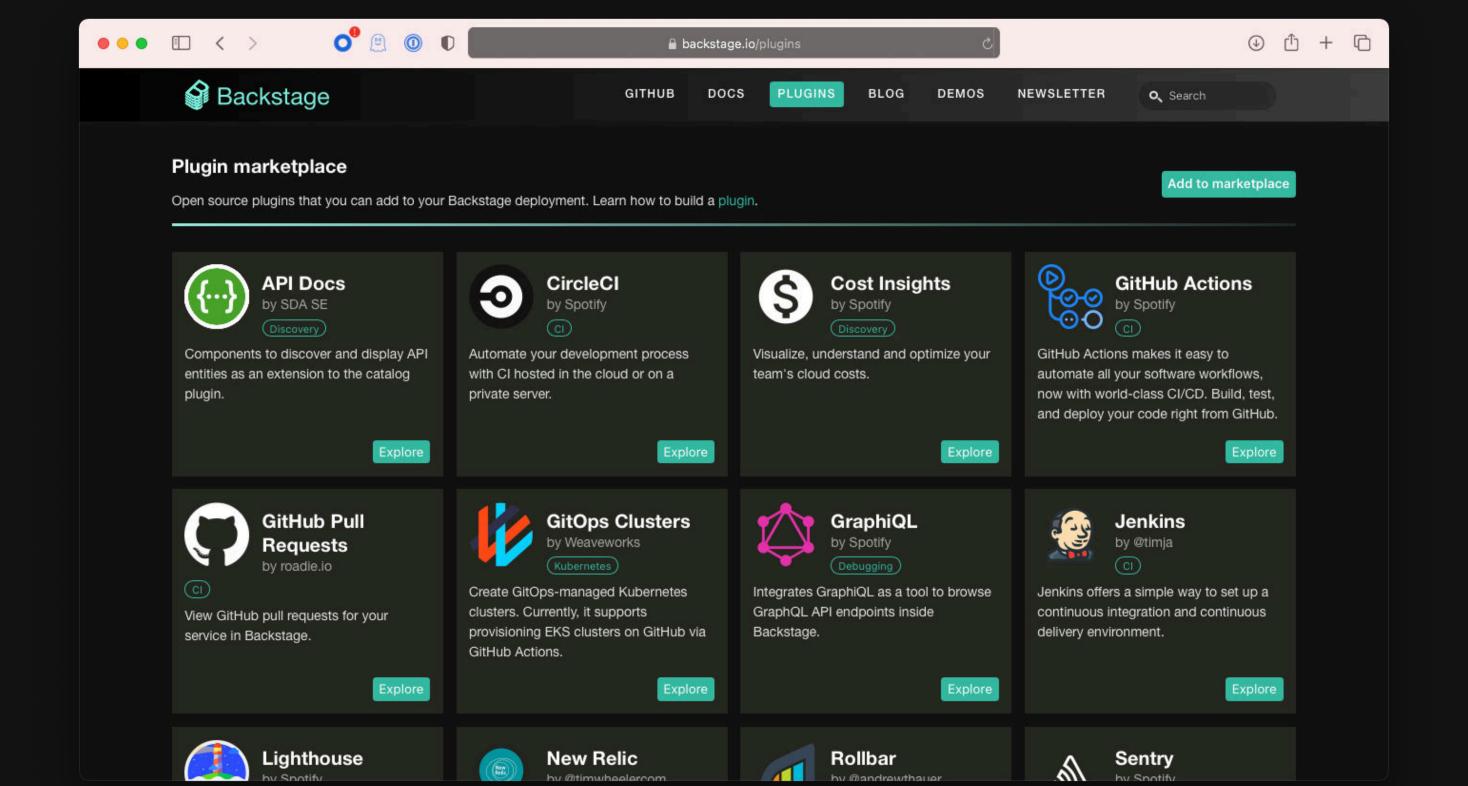


4 Million*

*approximate number of developers impacted by Backstage



Powered by a passionate community



Backstage community



Your company

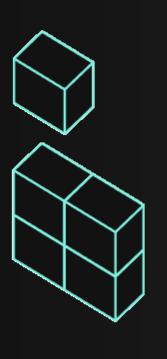
A sustainable OSS model

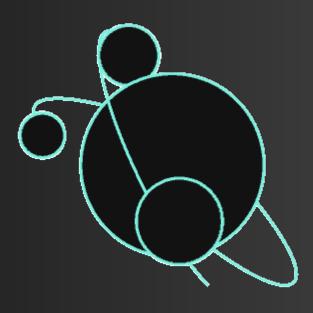
By building a developer portal on an open platform, you can:

- Leverage common integrations and best practices developed with the community
- Customize those integrations to suit your unique needs









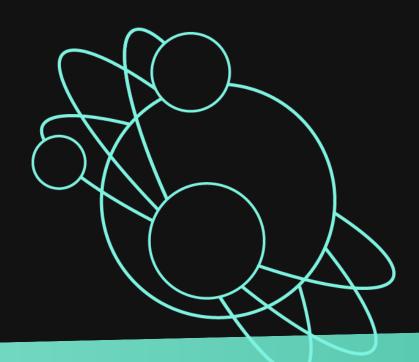
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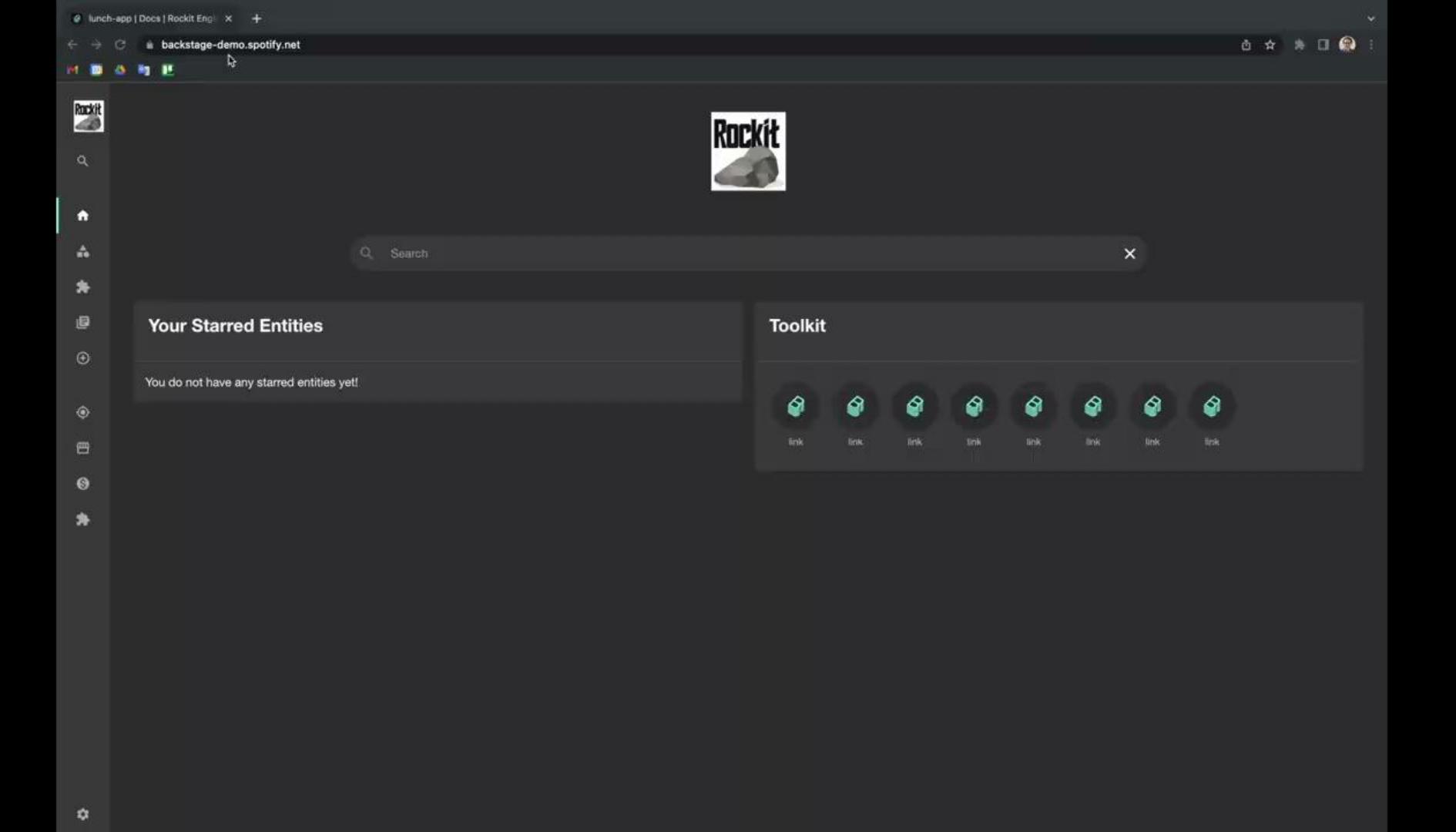
Standards

Ecosystem



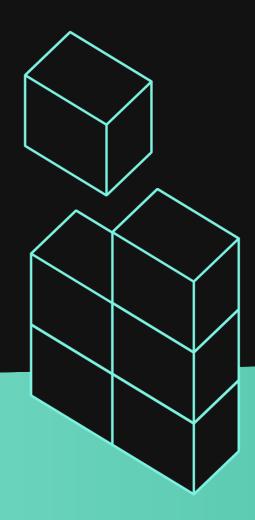
Centralization of technology assets

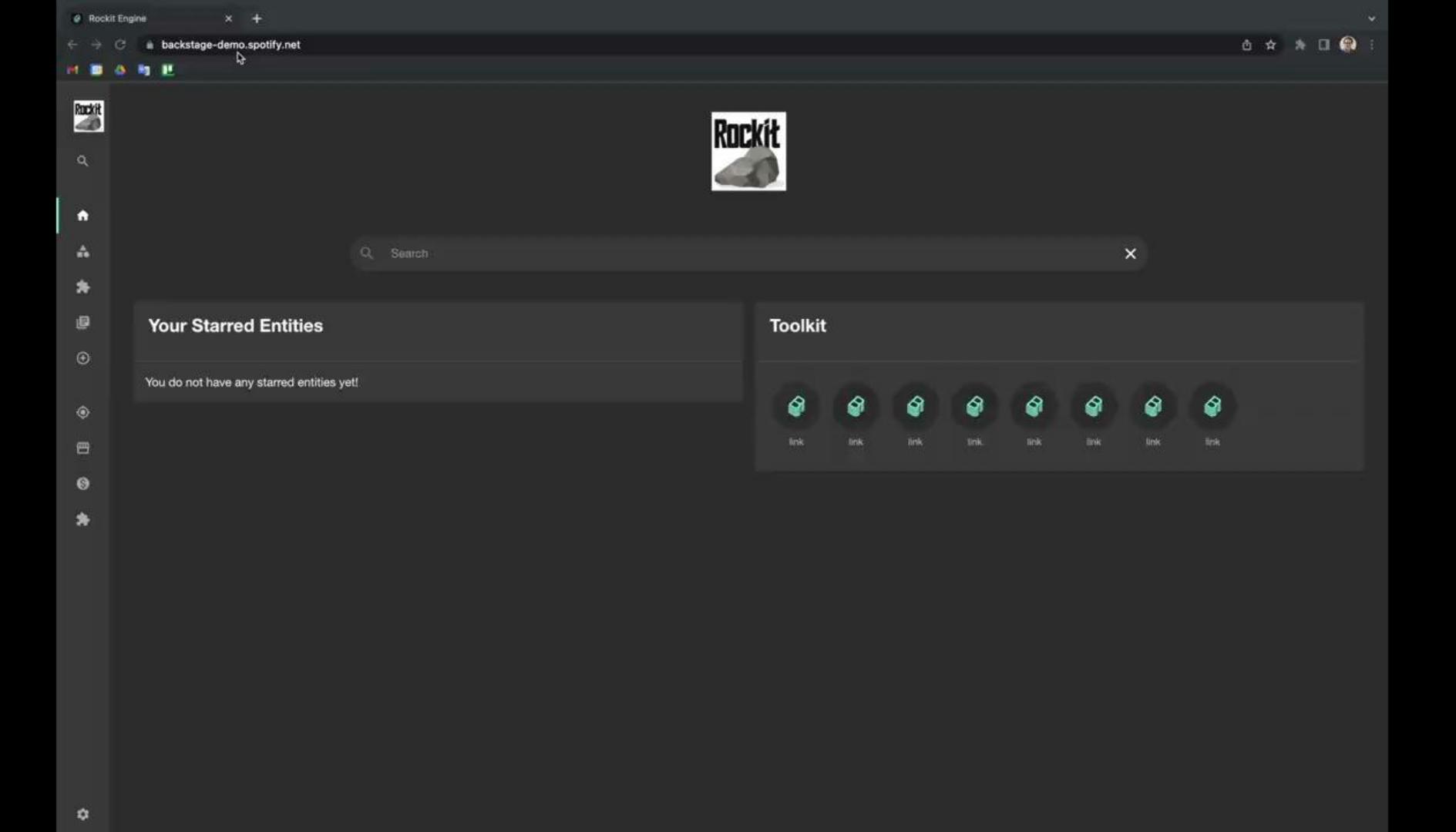






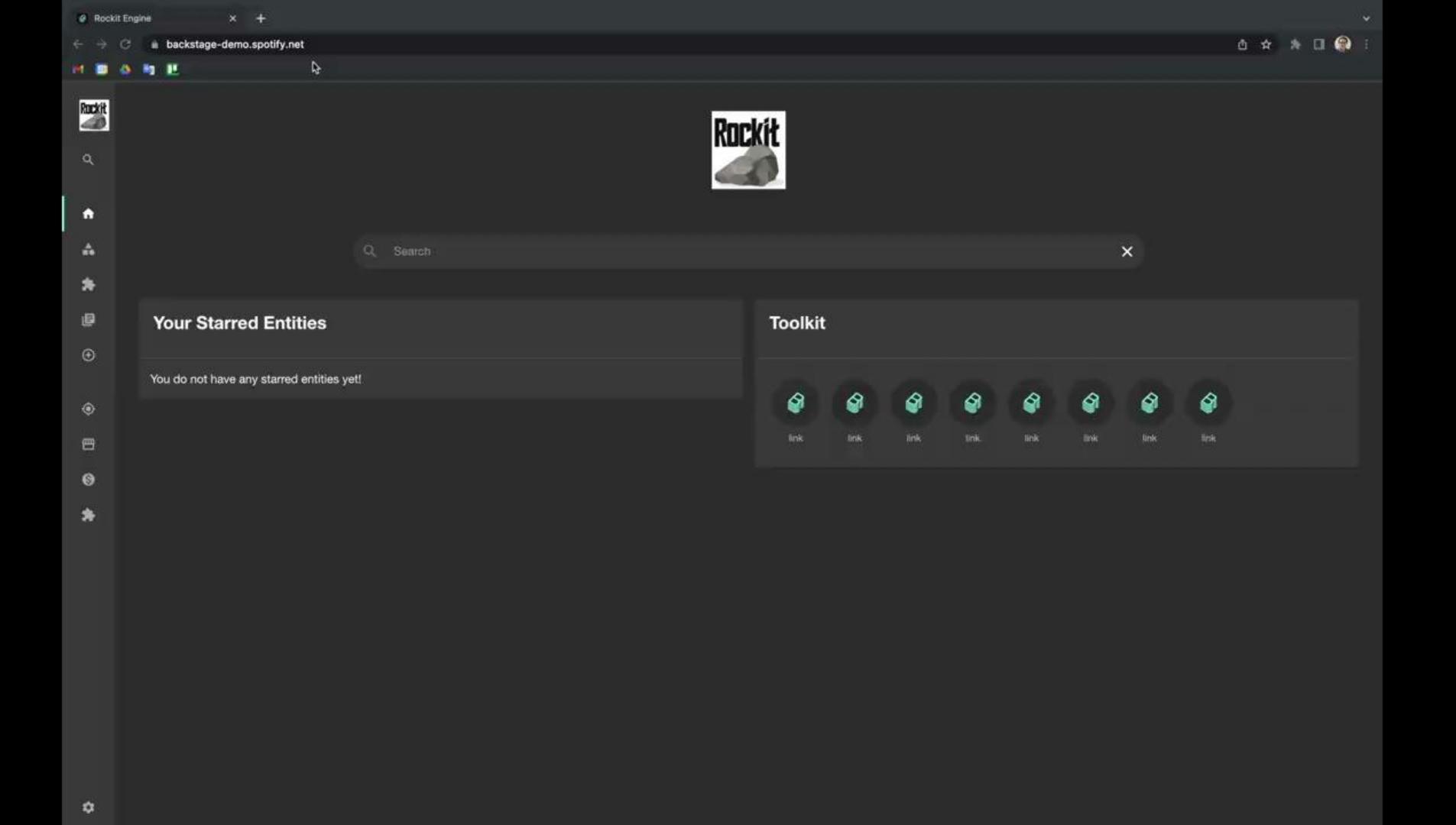
Software creation





Onboarding



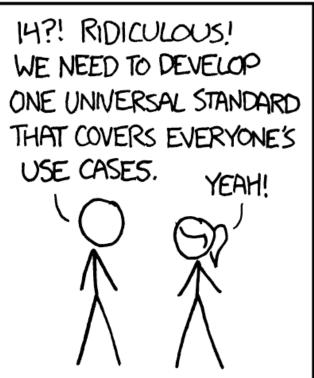


Core Philosophy

- □ Backstage is the interface
 - ☐ Aggregator, rarely the source of truth
- □ Autonomy
 - ☐ We build it together; no big central platform team
 - ☐ The team closest to the problem owns the plugin
- Ownership
 - ☐ There should be a single point of contact for any software
 - ☐ These owners are empowered and responsible for metadata

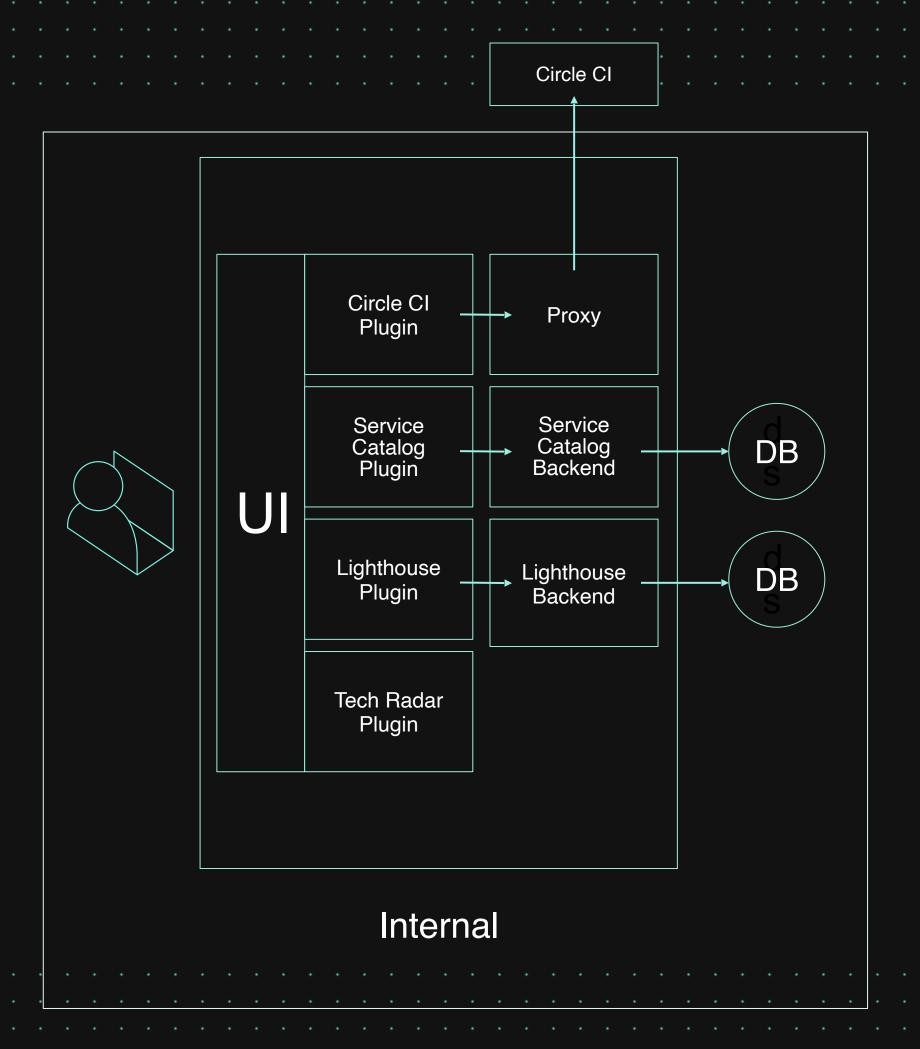
HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.



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SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.



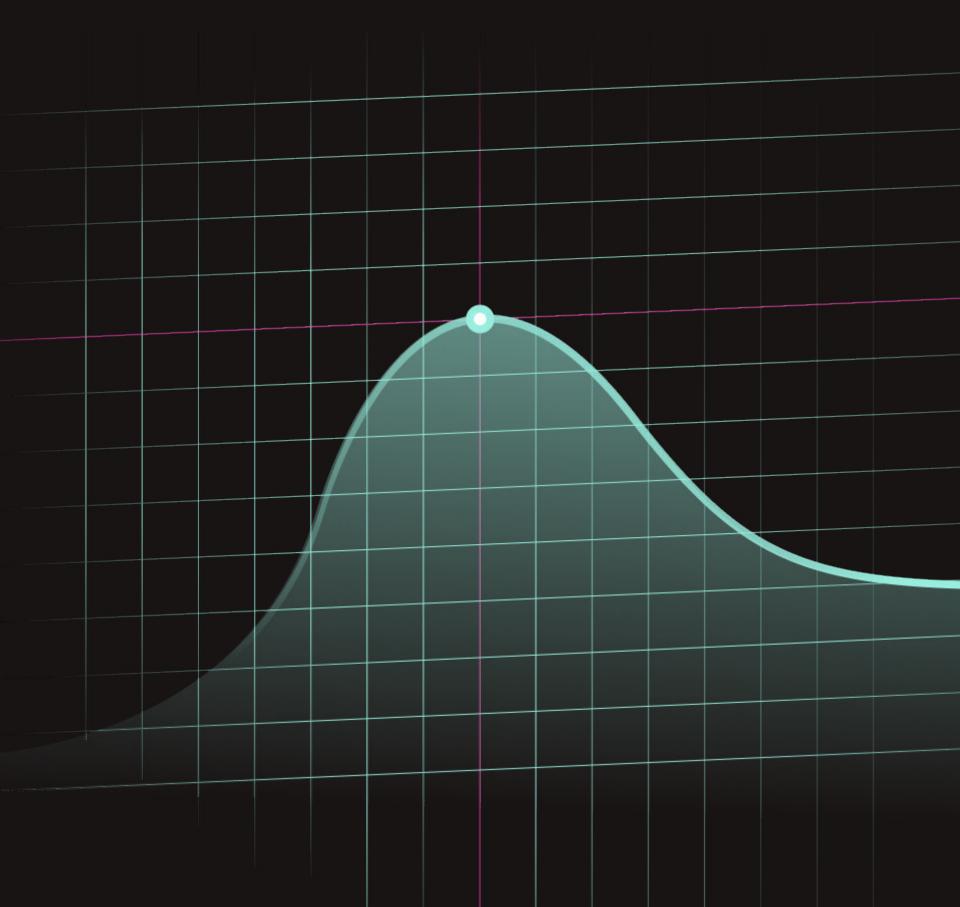
A true platform, inside and out

- → A small team maintains the core features of the Backstage app
- Different platform teams build and maintain all the other plugins
- ☐ Feature teams use the plugins to build and maintain their software (and provide feedback directly to the plugin owners)

At Spotify, we reduced time- to-10th-pull-request from

66 days to **22** days

(66% drop)



86%

of internal users are satisfied with Backstage 80%

of contributions are from outside the core team 150+

plugins contributed from 100+ squads









are 2.3x more active in GitHub

create 2x code changes in 17% less cycle time

deploy software 2x as often and their software is deployed for 3x as long are 5% more likely to be at Spotify one year later



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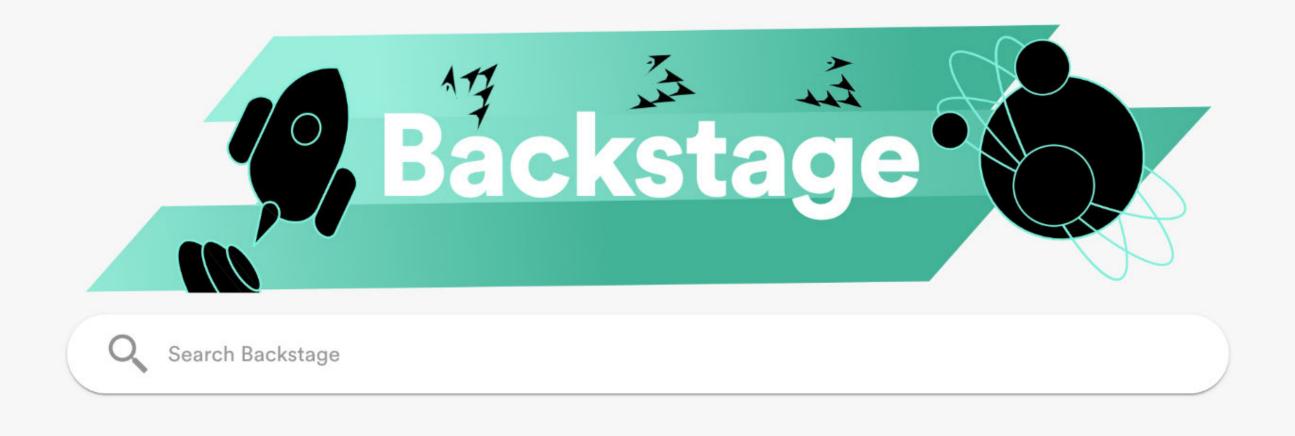
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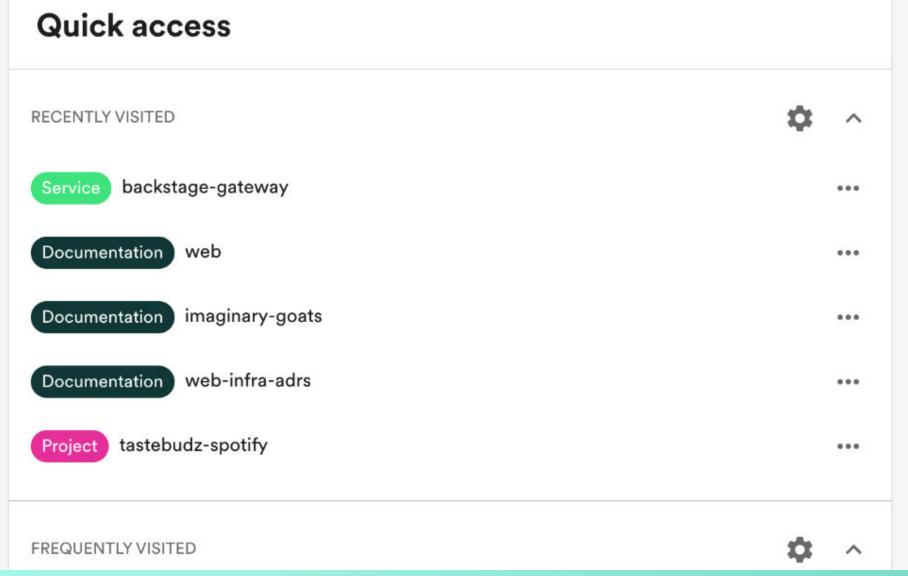
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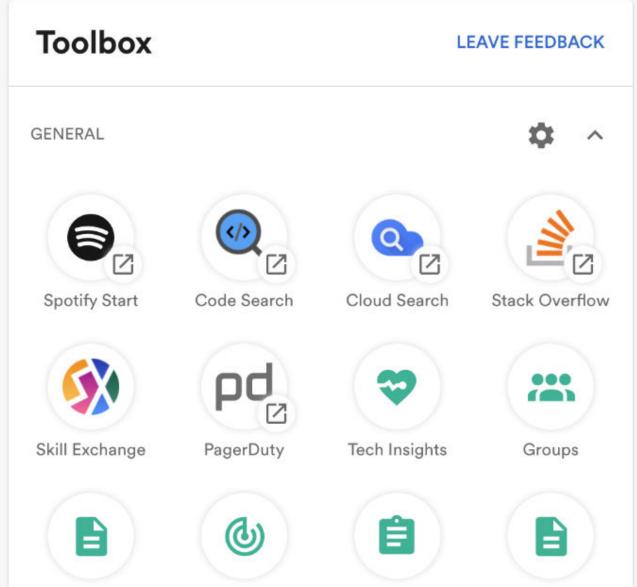
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Firekube COVID

GitOps-managed Kubernetes

Version 0.1.0

Lifecycle alpha



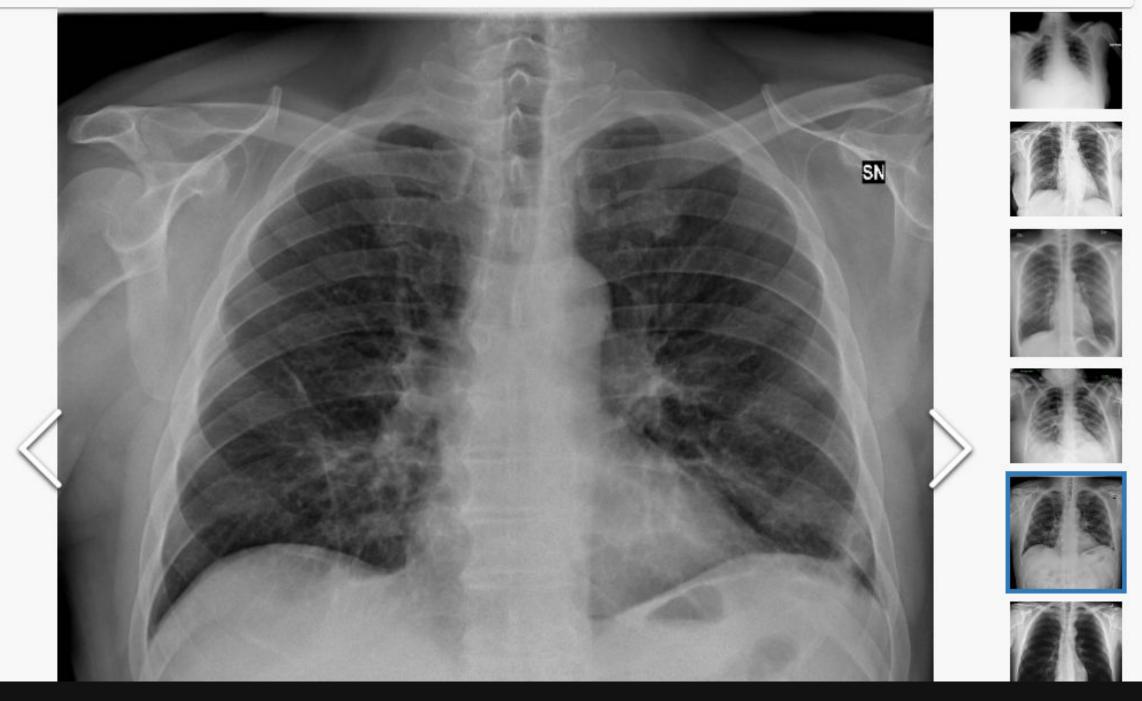
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Inference with COVID-Net

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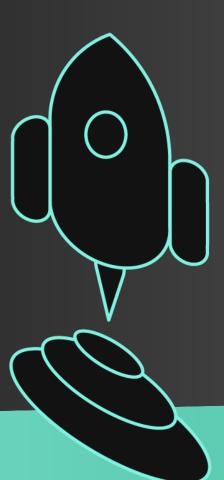


Classification	Probability
Normal	N/A
Pneumonia	N/A
COVID-19	N/A





Questions?





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