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# Lessons from Running a CNCF Community: Mistakes, Wins, and Growth

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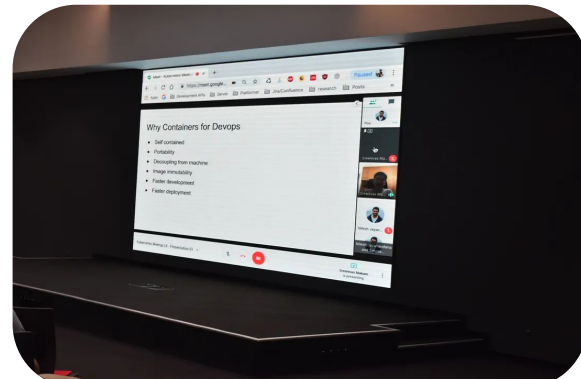
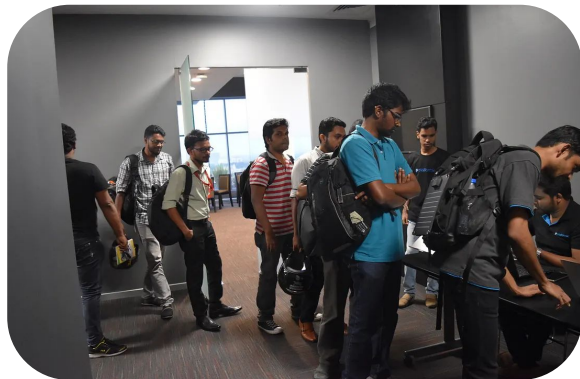
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# Our Journey to Cloud-Native



Kubernetes  
SriLanka



20th of Sept, 2018

# From attendee to Community Volunteer



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26th of Jan, 2019

# The Online Meetup Era

Kubernetes Sri Lanka  
12 March 2020 · 🌐

There's no higher priority for us than the health, safety and physical well-being of each of you.



## Special Notice!

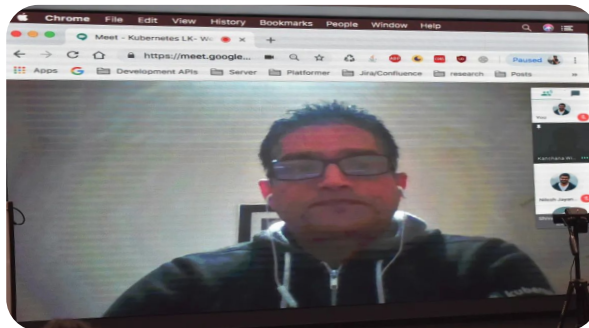
It's with a heavy heart we inform you that due to COVID-19 outbreak we've decided to postpone Kubernetes Sri Lanka meetups till the situation get settled.



Kubernetes Sri Lanka  
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Anyone interested in an online meetup this month?  
Comment your thoughts.

Also If anyone interested in speaking in this event, please reach out to us on messenger



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TODAY AT  
3.00 - 4.00pm  
on Google Meet



Webinar  
**Kubernetes Sri Lanka**



**Webinar Session On**  
CI/CD Strategies with Kubernetes

Binura Gunasekara

Senior Software Architect @ Platformer

Kubernetes Sri Lanka

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7:00 - 8:00pm  
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# Mistake #1 | Too Much Accessibility = Chaos

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Top questions (24)



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**Anonymous** 4 👍  
Tell us a bit more about your future projects and what can we expect to see on kubernetes

**Anonymous** 3 👍  
Multi-tenancy is a big challenge in Kubernetes, what collective effort do you see formulating to solve this problem?

**Anonymous** 3 👍  
Do you think more and more companies will consider using Kubernetes to manage Kubernetes or will they rely on 3rd party tooling?

**Latest question**

**Anonymous** 0 👍  
What would be the best way to do cidc with 1000 of the microservices running on the K8s ecosystem? Spinnaker and Jenkins have some limitations for doing cidc.

Kelsey Hightower

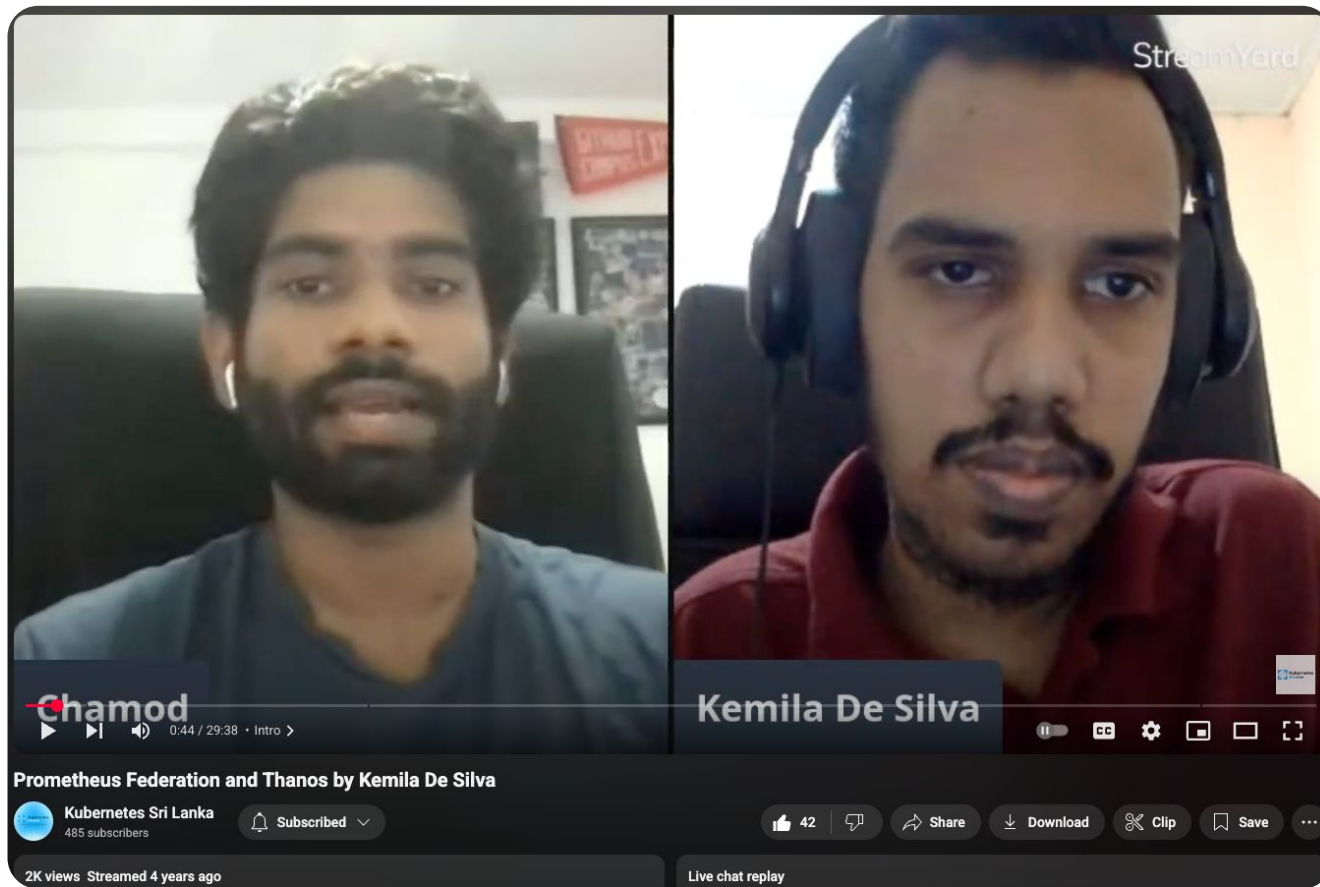
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# Win - Streaming to the rescue



**Chamod** 0:44 / 29:38 • Intro >

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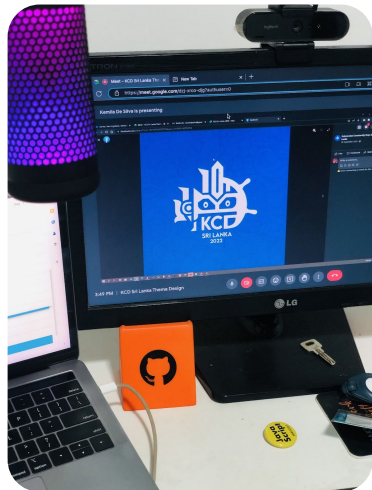
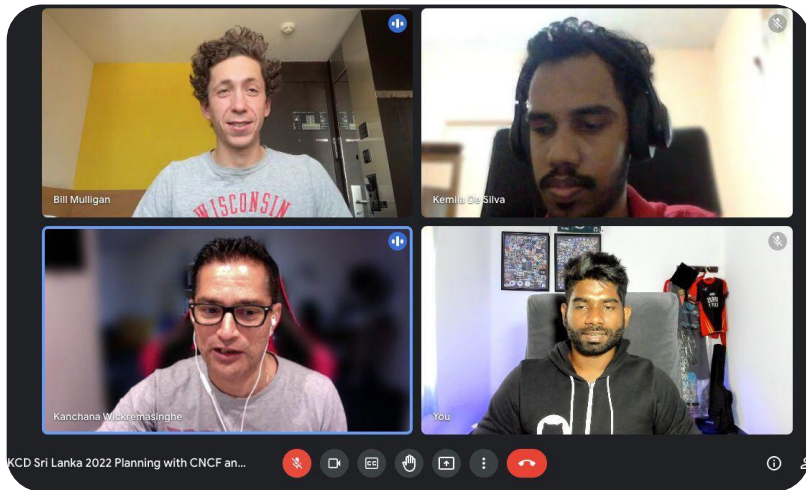
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# Growth - Launching KCD Sri Lanka



# KCD Sri Lanka 2022 - A Milestone in Growth



#KCDL2022



Kubernetes Community Day  
Sri Lanka 2022

# We had big dreams!



# Challenge - Had to face economic crisis (LKA)



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**#1 - Easter Sunday Attack**

**#2 - The COVID Pandemic**

**#3 - The Economic Crisis**

# Virtual Concept



## Kubernetes Community Days Sri Lanka 2022

#KCDSL2022

*Virtual*

06th of August - Main Event

07th of August - Virtual Demo Series

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**POSTPONED**

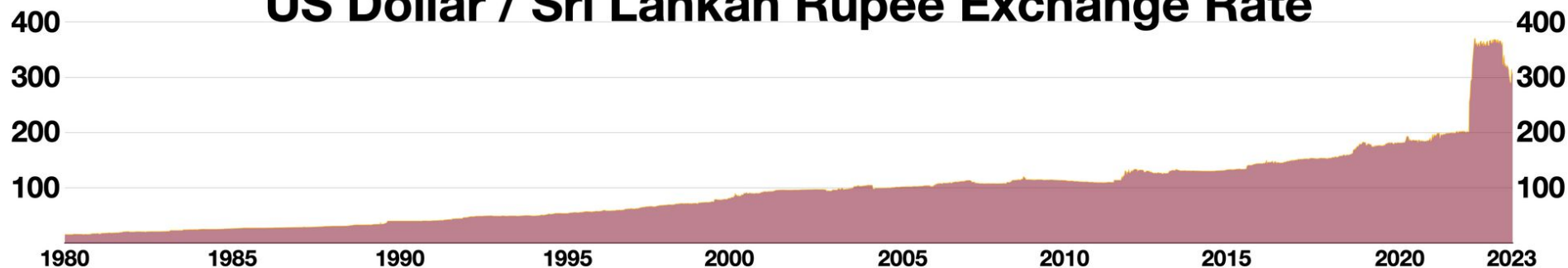
**NEW DATE**

03rd of September - Main Event

04th of September - Virtual Demo Series

# Found the silver lining during the crisis

## US Dollar / Sri Lankan Rupee Exchange Rate



# KCD Sri Lanka 2022 - Highlights

## SPEAKERS



## SPONSORS



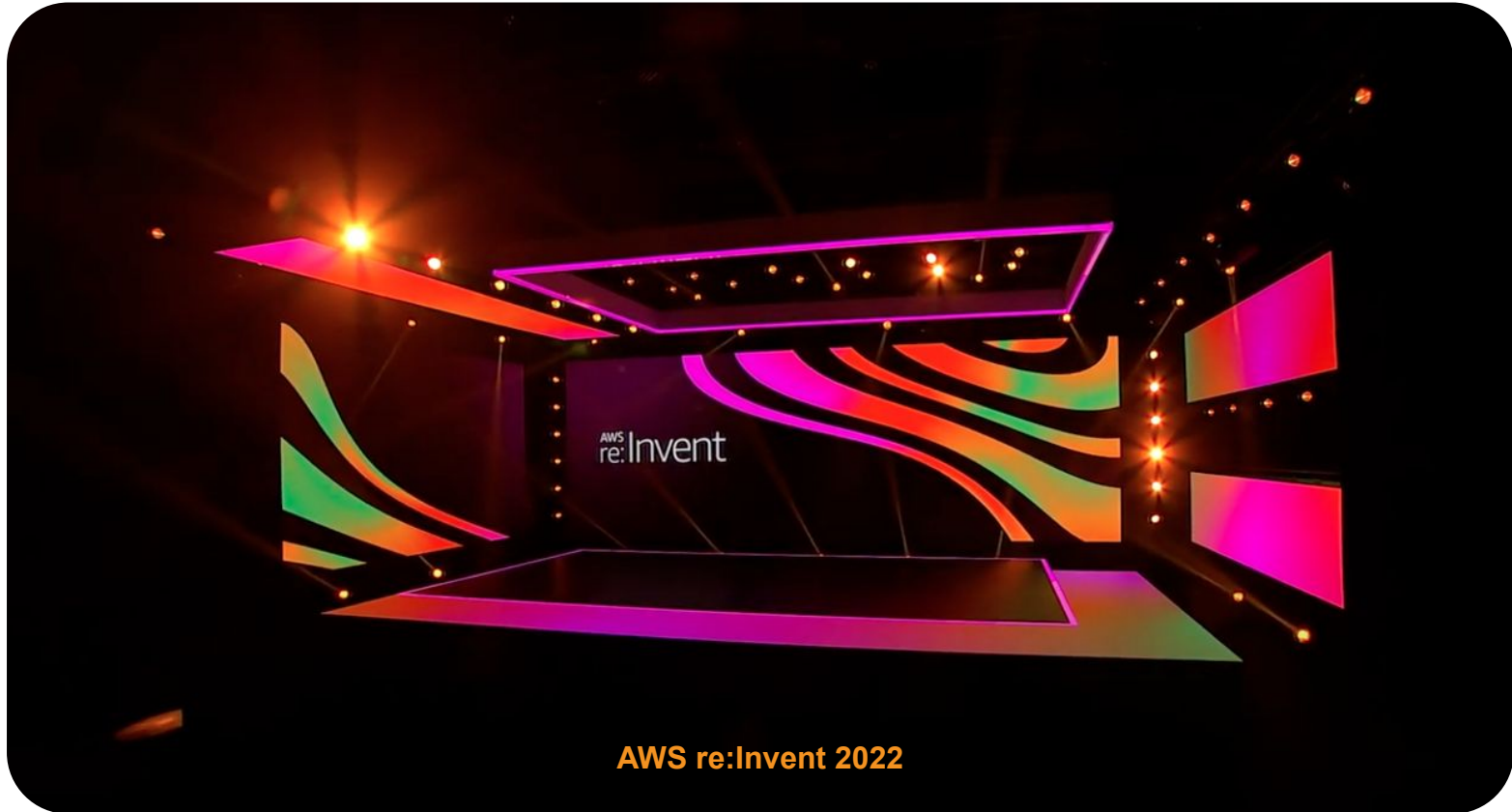
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# Win - Green Screen Magic



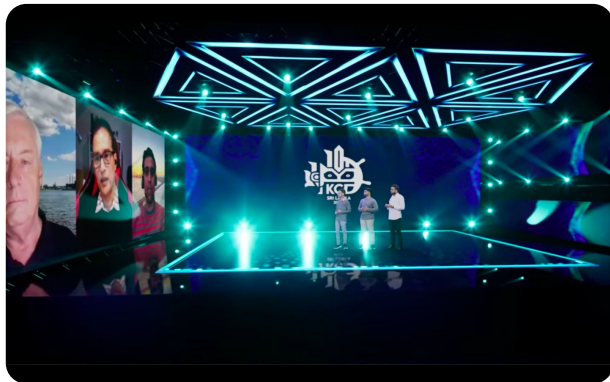
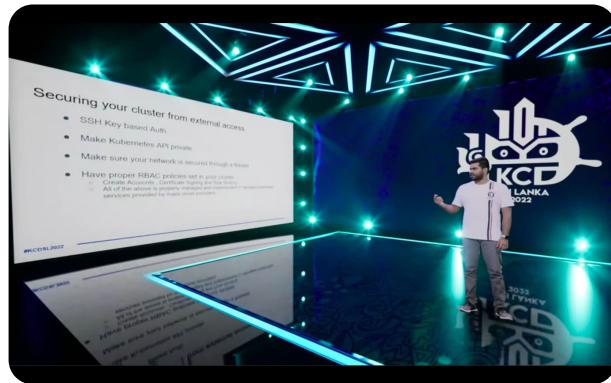
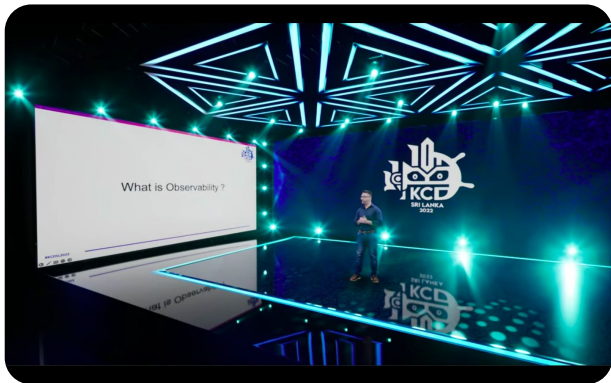
# A Source of Inspiration



# Initial Concept Design



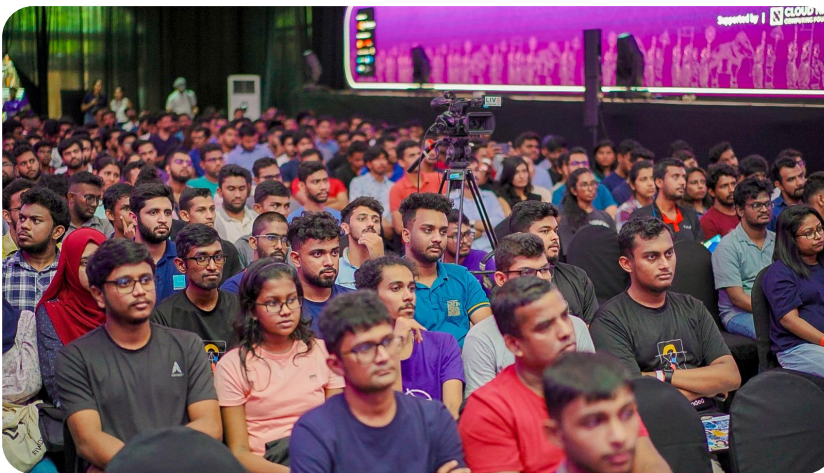
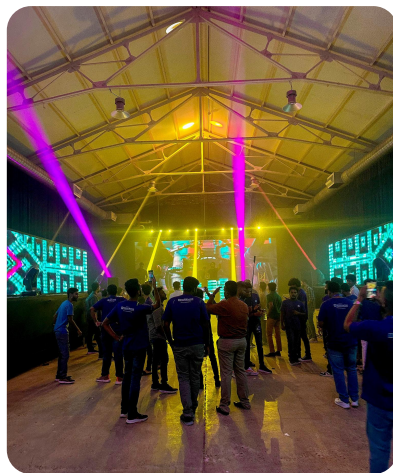
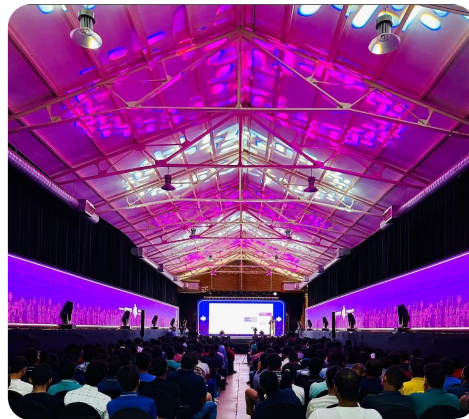
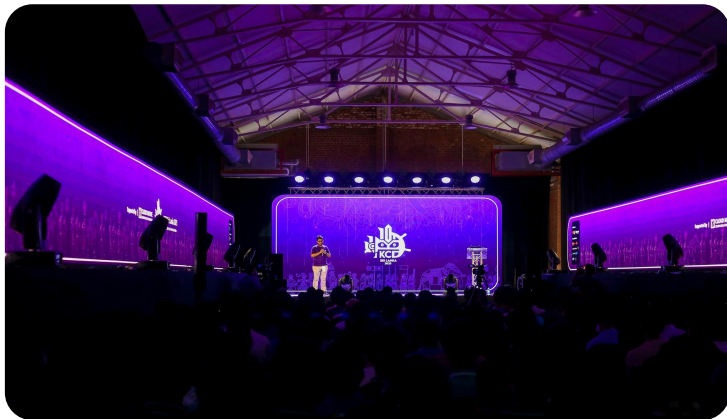
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# Mistake #2 | Gift Pack Chaos



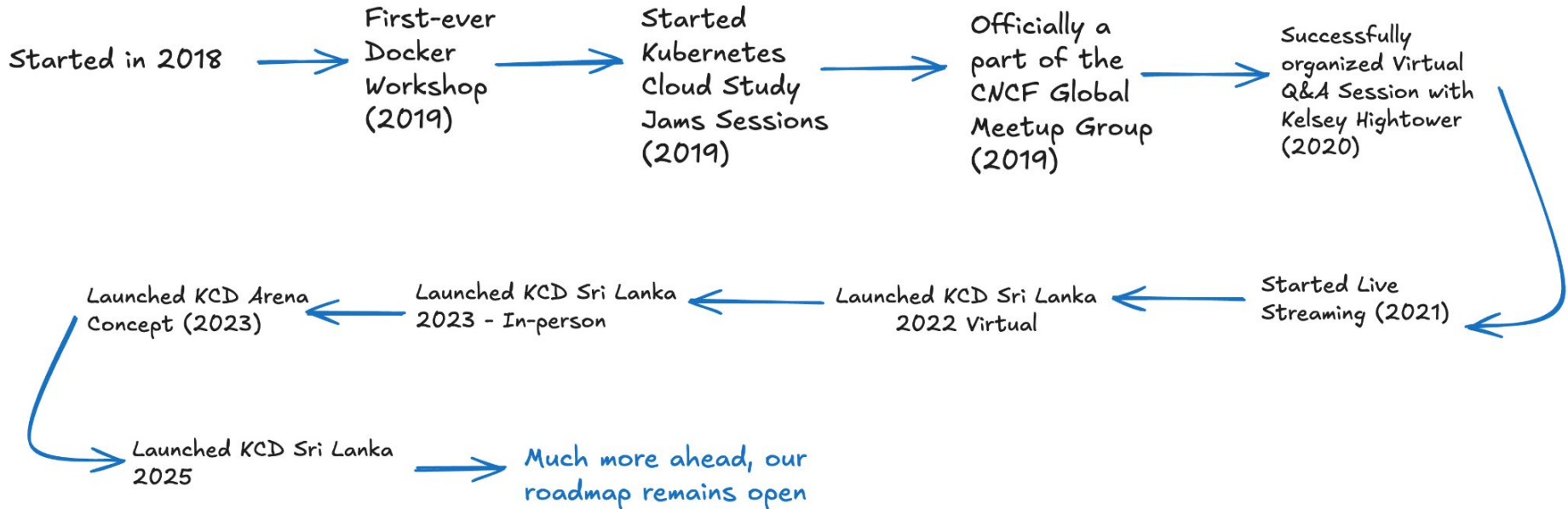
# Growth • Community • Maturity



# Mistake #3 | Event got delayed



# Key Takeaways



# KCD Sri Lanka 2025



**26**<sup>th</sup> OF OCT.  
**2025**

# Final Message (Chamod)



**You don't need anyone's permission to get started**

# Final Message (Kemila)



**In infinite games, the journey itself becomes the destination.**



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# Thank You!

