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# Configuring WordPress for Multiple Environments

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## Who am I?

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- Louisville, KY
- Production Lead at VIA Studio
- Web Developer since 1999
- PHP since version 3
- Active StackOverflow member
- <http://jason.pureconcepts.net> (shhh!  
It's not WordPress, yet...)





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# Who are you?

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*“[...] instances of the phrase ‘WordPress blog’ are gone from the core source files, replaced with the all-encompassing phrase ‘WordPress site.’”*

Andrew Nacin  
Changeset 14315

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<http://bit.ly/r8jFm3>





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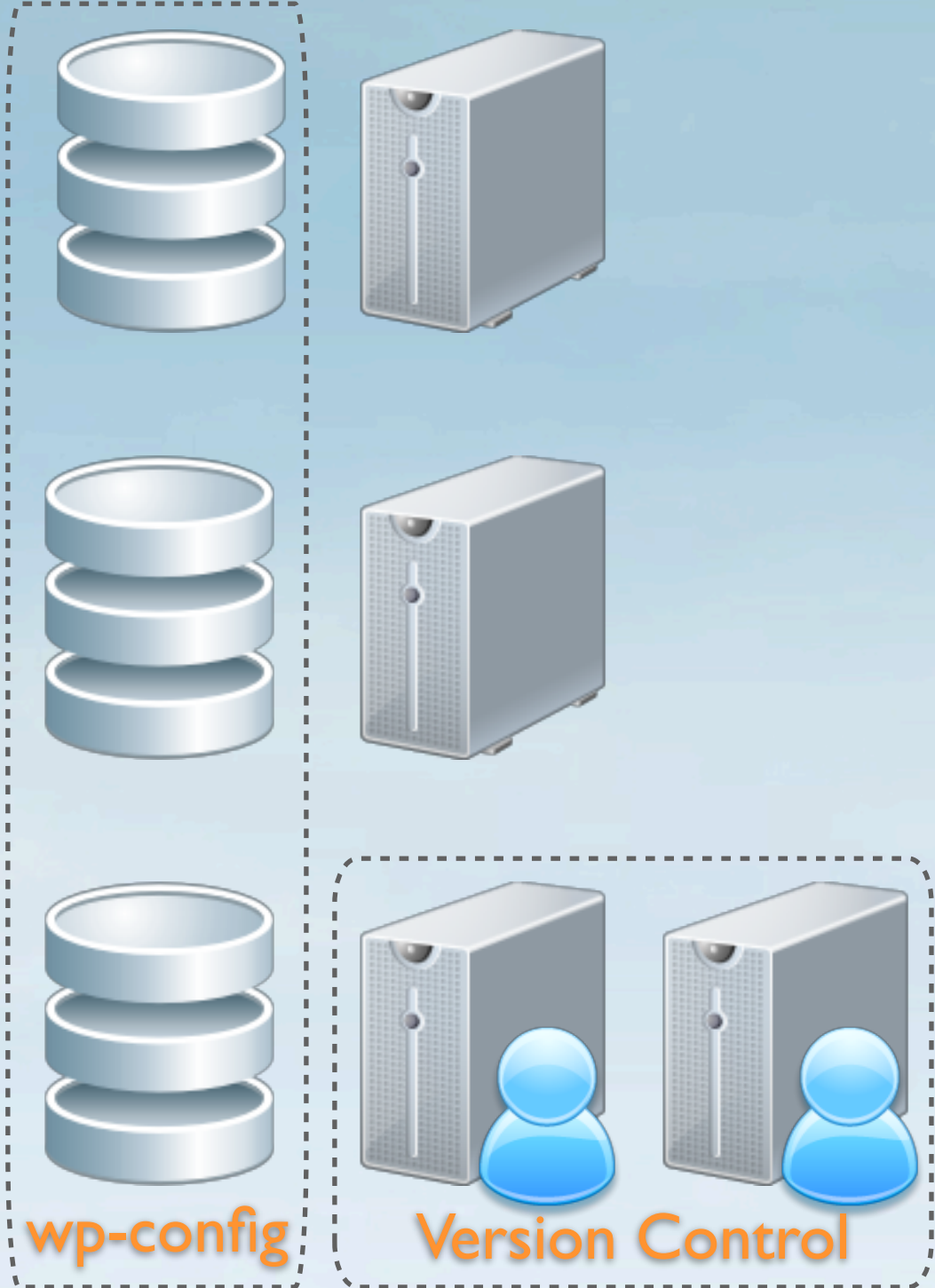


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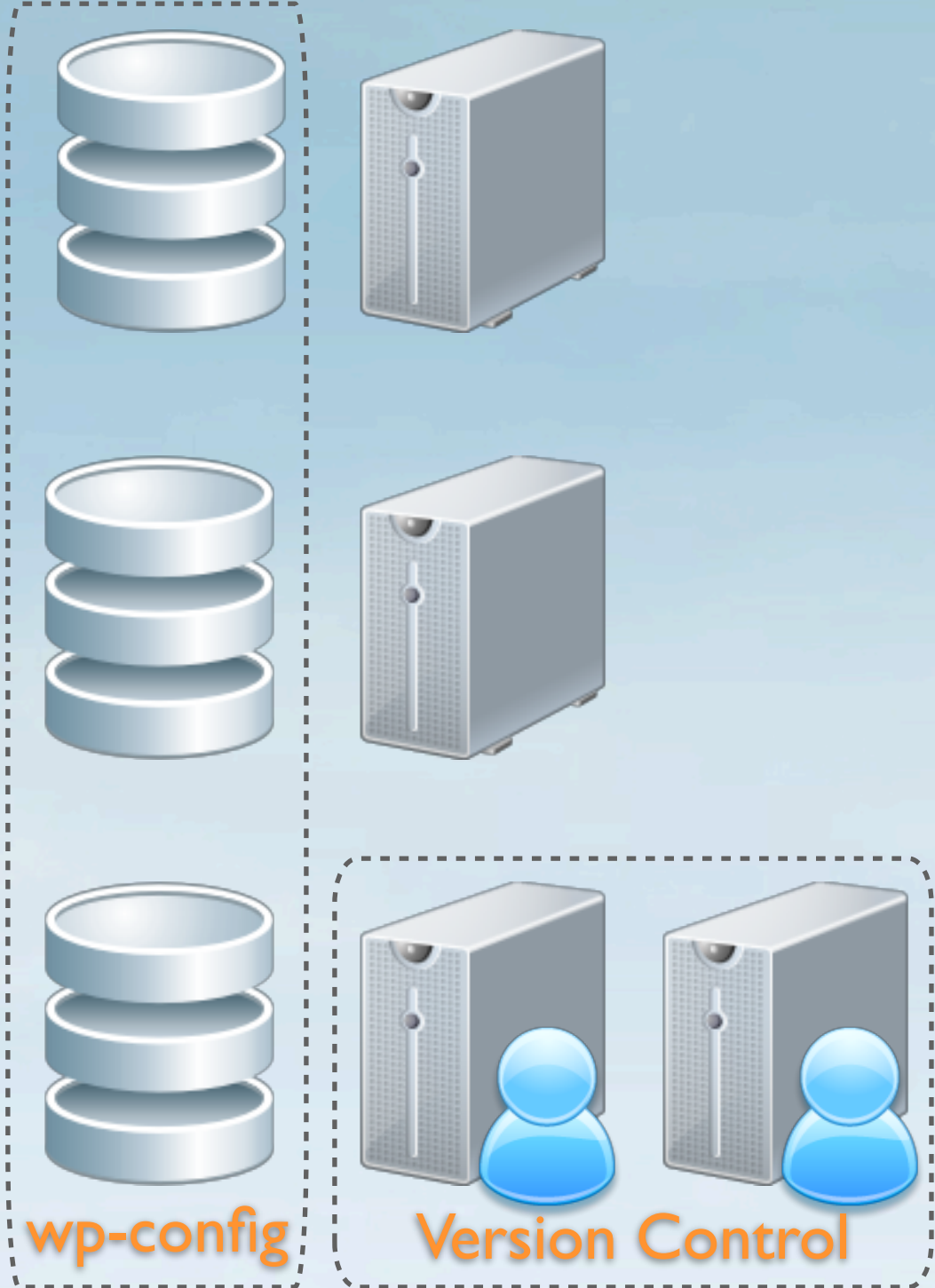
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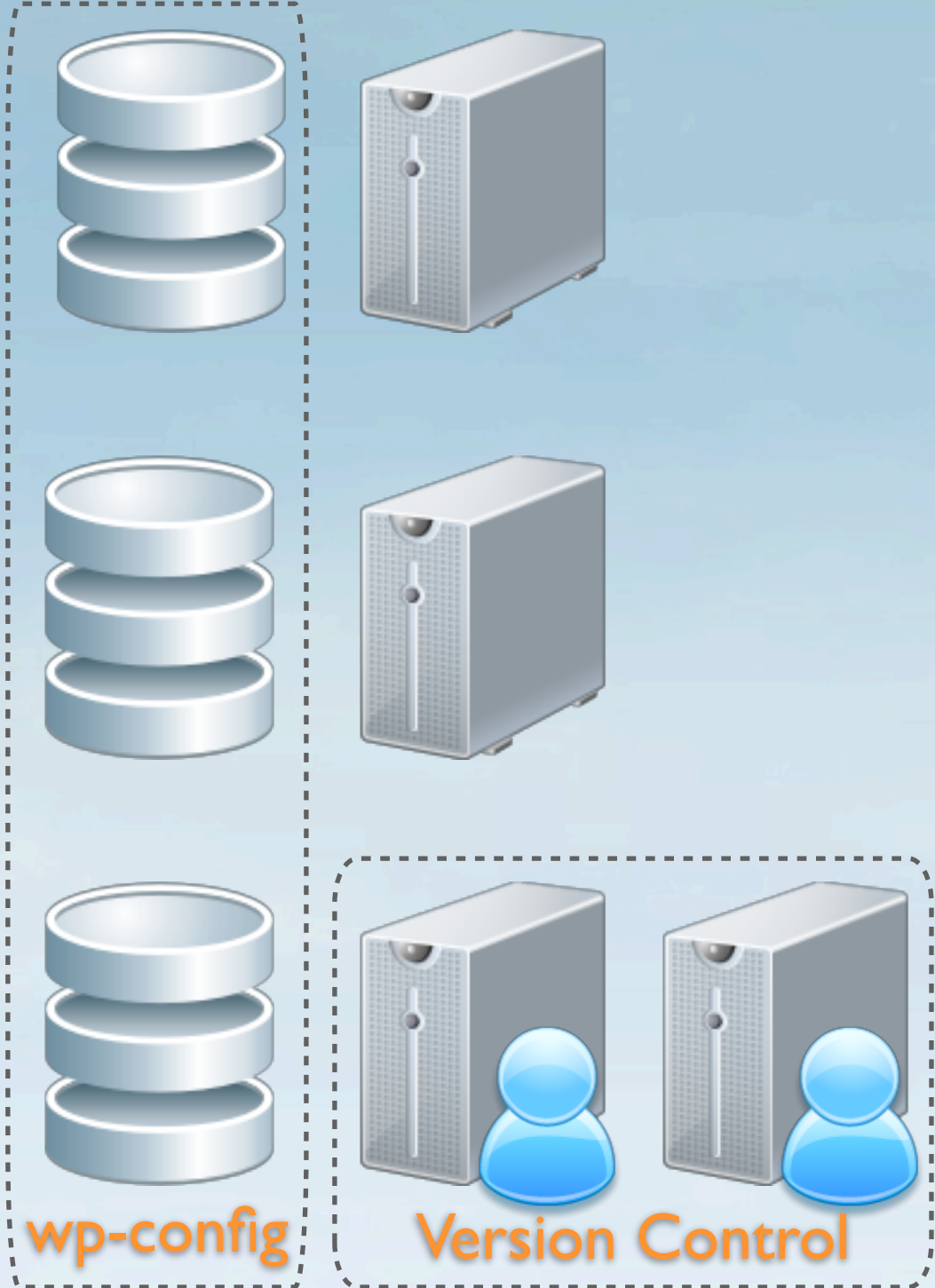
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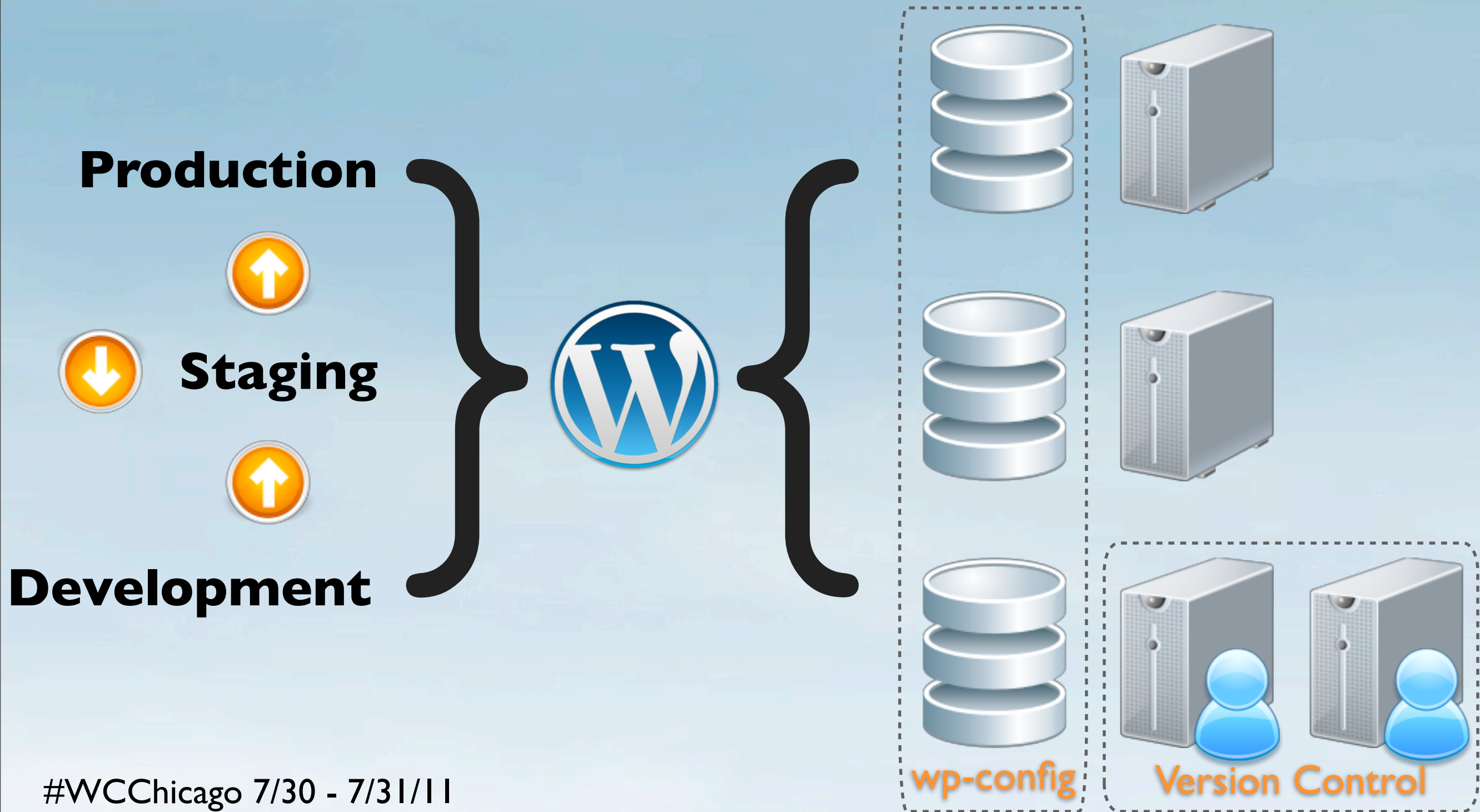
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option_id	blog_id	option_name	option_value	autoload
1	0	siteurl	http://actorstheatre.org	yes
37	0	home	http://actorstheatre.org	yes





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# Demo: *wp-config-env.php*

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# What have we done...

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# What have we done...

*By sniffing out the runtime environment we've extended wp-config.php with a configuration specific for that environment. This allows us to run a production-ready WordPress install smoothly on multiple, different environments.*



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- **Configuring Plugins**

```
/** wp-config-prod.php */  
// turn on caching  
define('WP_CACHE', true);
```



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# Demo: *Development*

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# Deployment

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- Use symlinks for shared directories (e.g. *uploads/*)
- Just move what you need (e.g. *wp\_posts*)
- Don't forget your environment constant (e.g. `VIA_ENVIRONMENT`)
- Migration scripts are your friend



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# The Process

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5. Deploy
6. Repeat 4 and 5



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