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# Kubernetes in Azure for .NET Developers - Zero to Hero

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What value do you get by attending this talk?

- Learn Kubernetes in the cloud



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# Impact of cloud native

- Kubernetes has crossed the adoption chasm to become a mainstream global technology.
- According to CNCF's respondents, **96% of organizations are either using or evaluating Kubernetes** – a record high since the surveys began in 2016.
  - CNCF 2021 Survey



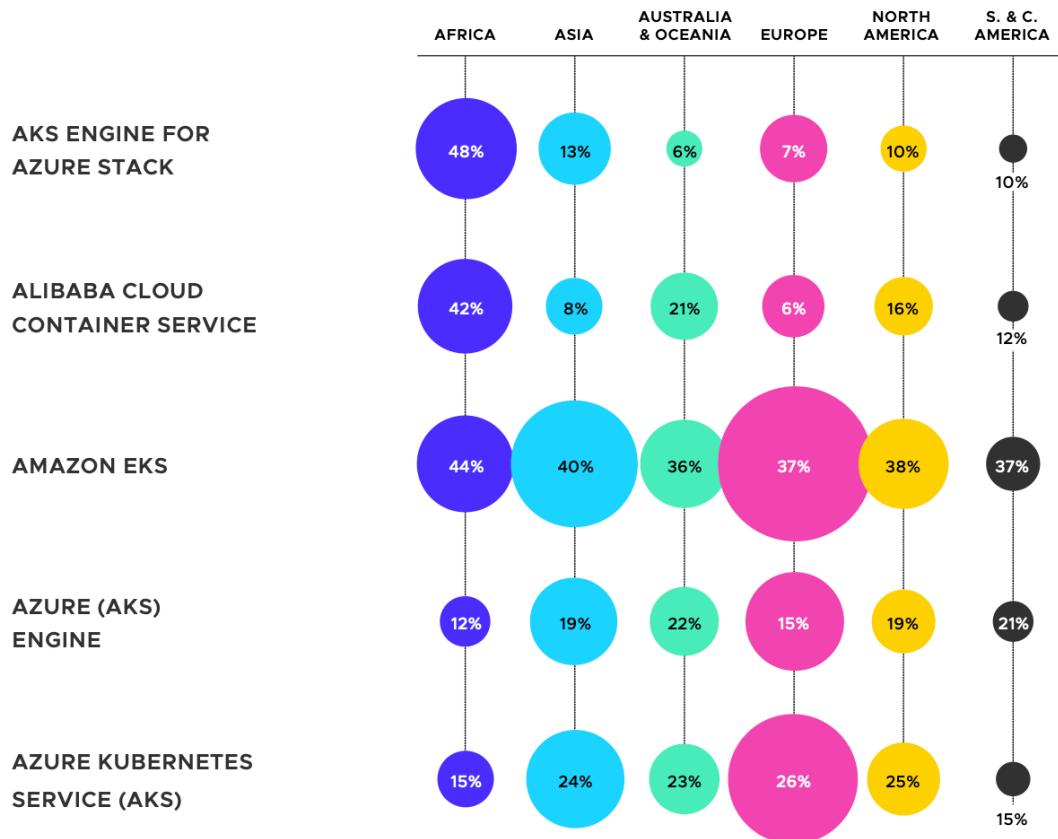
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# KUBERNETES IS STARTING TO GO “UNDER THE HOOD”

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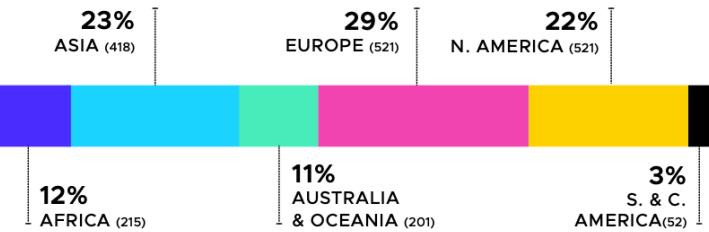
CNCF saw this trend reflected in part one of our survey results: 79% of respondents use Certified Kubernetes Hosted platforms. Of those, the most popular are Amazon Elastic Container Service for Kubernetes (39%), Azure Kubernetes Service (23%), and Azure (AKS) Engine (17%).

## DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION USE ANY CERTIFIED KUBERNETES INSTALLERS?



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RESPONDENTS

respondents could select  
more than one platform



Scale of circle denotes volume of respondents and platform combined

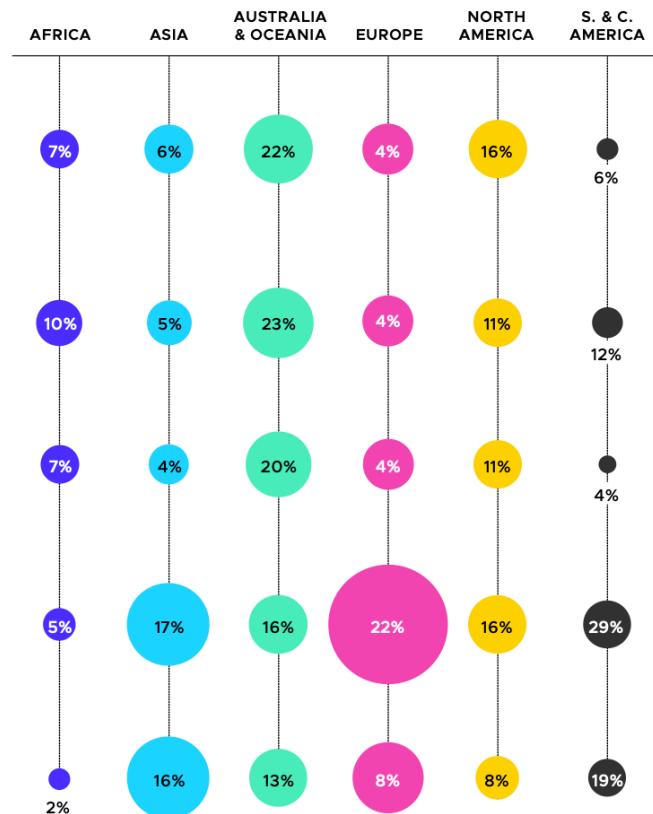
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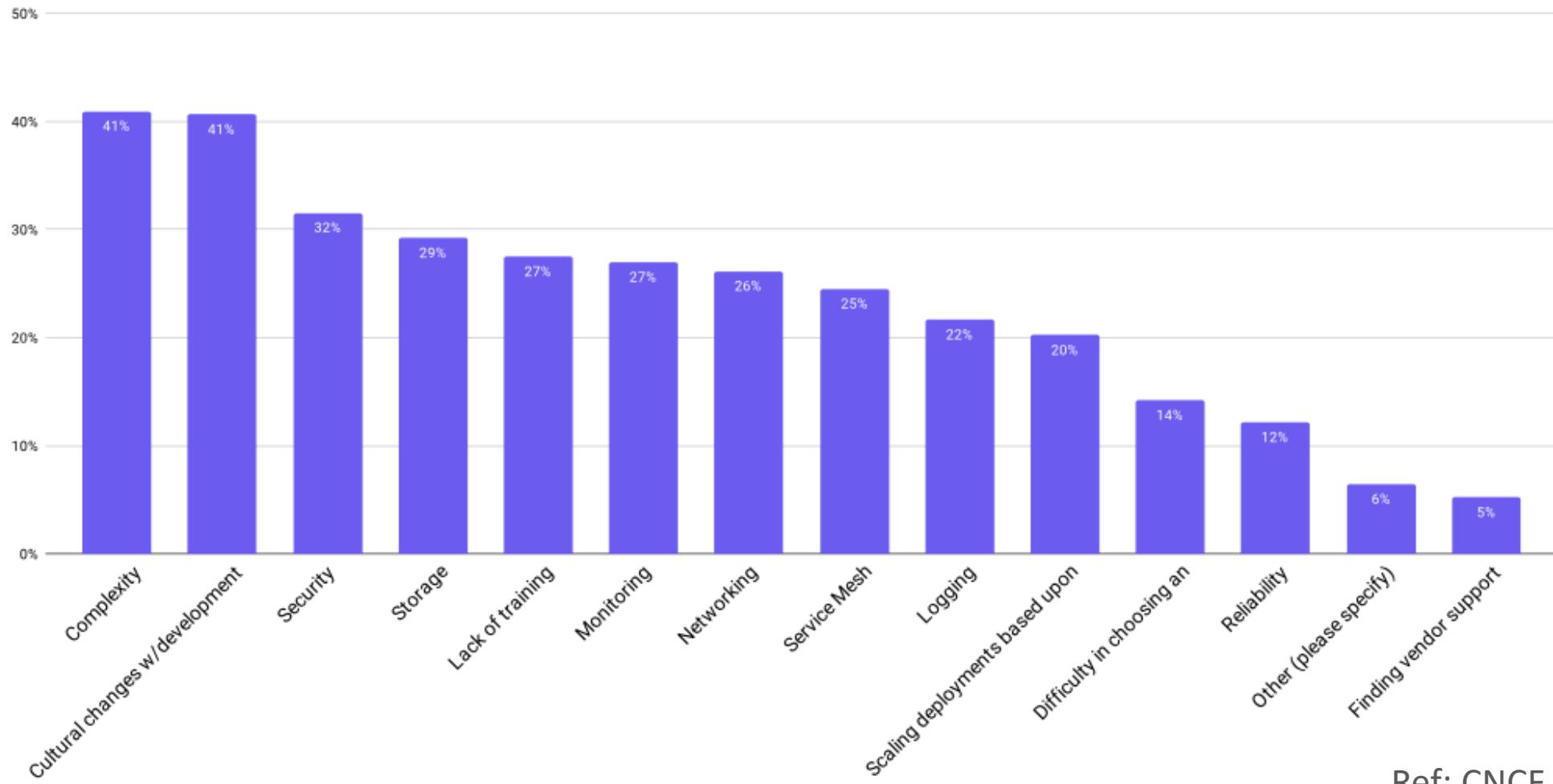
## BOCLOUD BEYOND CONTAINER

## GOOGLE KUBERNETES ENGINE (GKE)

## RED HAT OPENSHIFT



What are your challenges in using/deploying containers? Please select all that apply



Ref: CNCF 2020 Survey



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# Agenda:

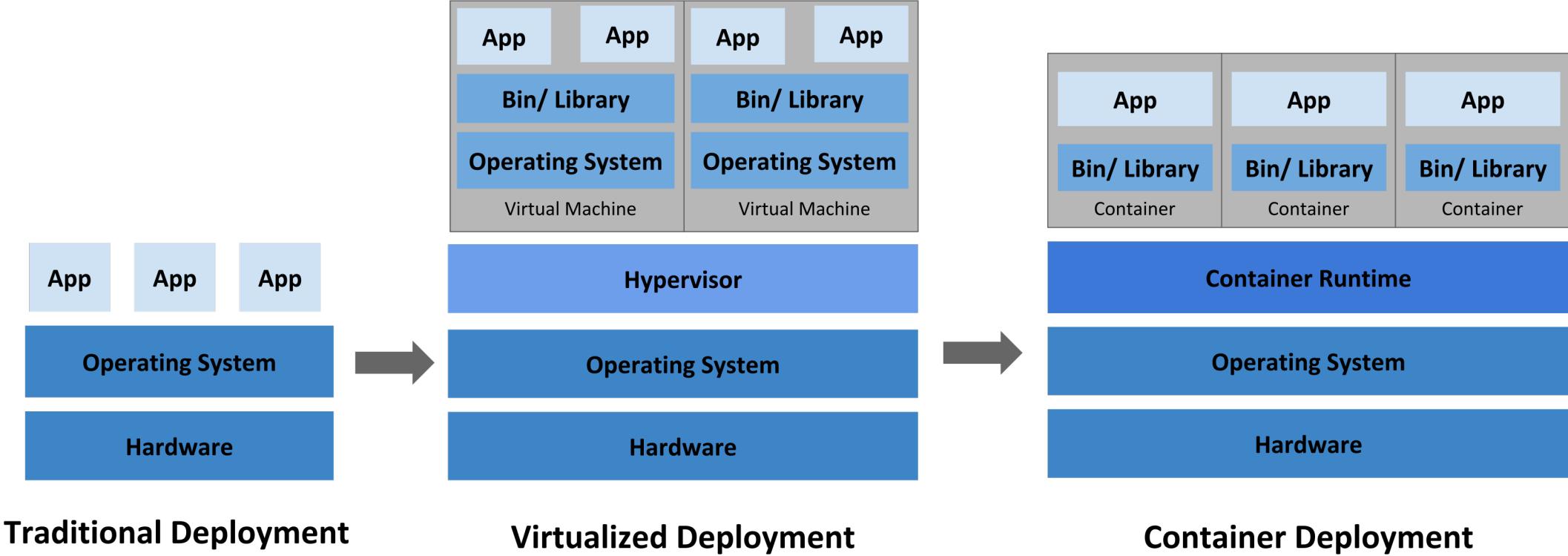
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- Kubernetes services in Azure
- How to use AKS
- Deploying a .NET app to Kubernetes
- Next steps in Kubernetes
  - Helm
  - Linkerd
  - Keda
- Resources

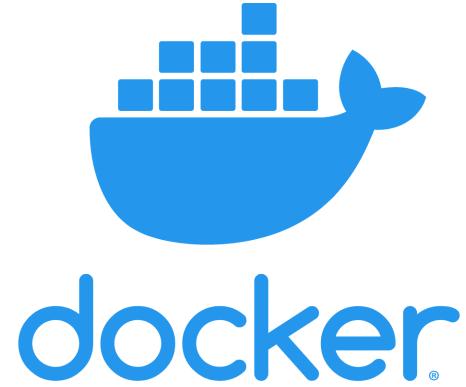


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# Containers & Kubernetes





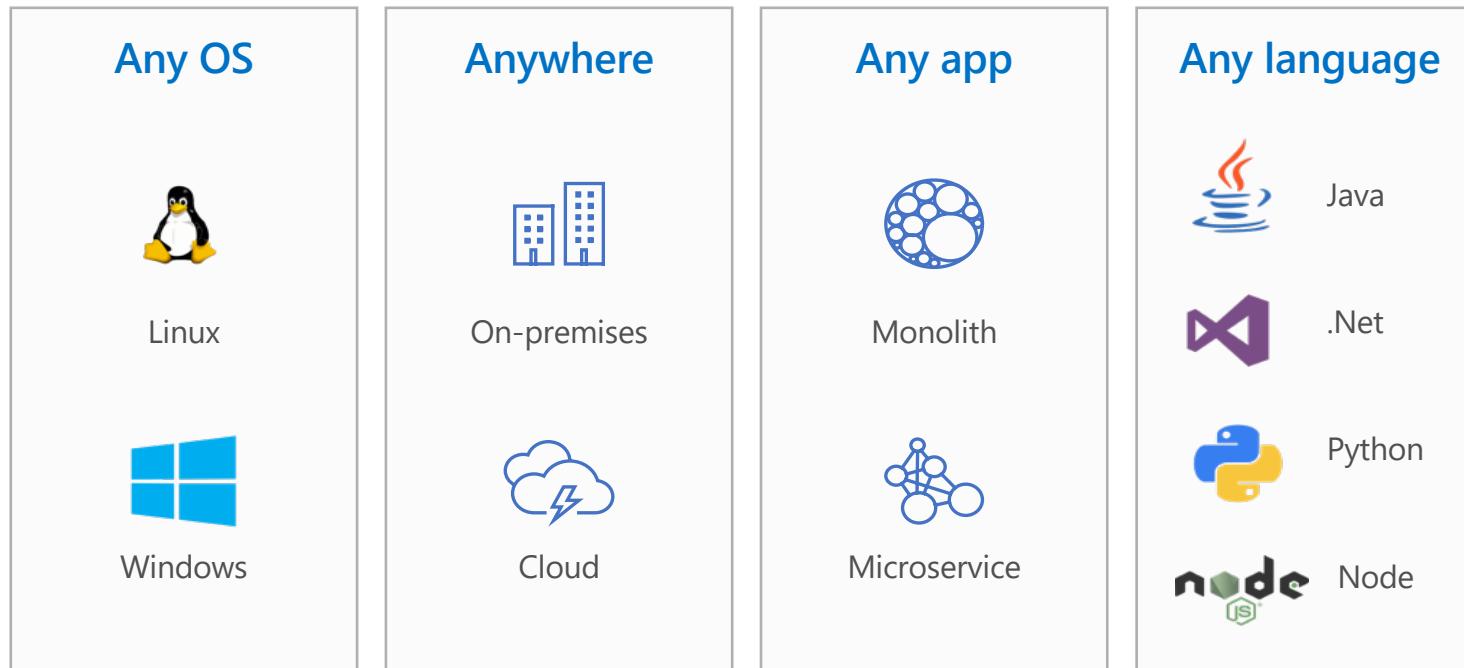


- Docker is an open platform for developing, shipping, and running applications. Docker enables you to separate your applications from your infrastructure so you can deliver software quickly.



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# The benefits of using containers





# kubernetes

- Kubernetes, also known as K8s, is an open-source system for automating deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications.



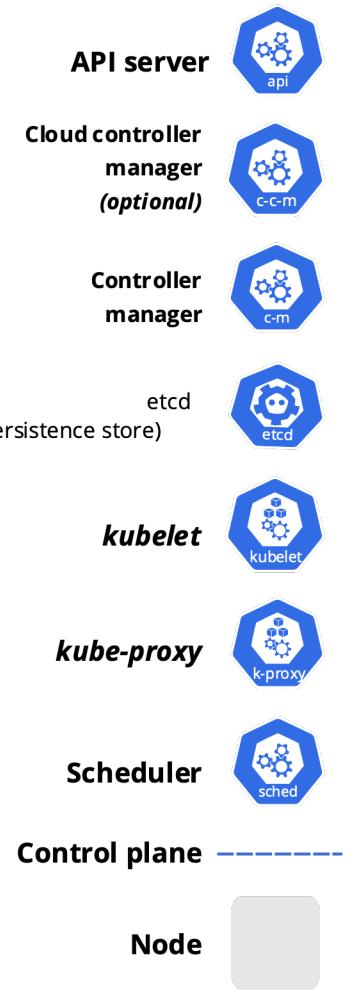
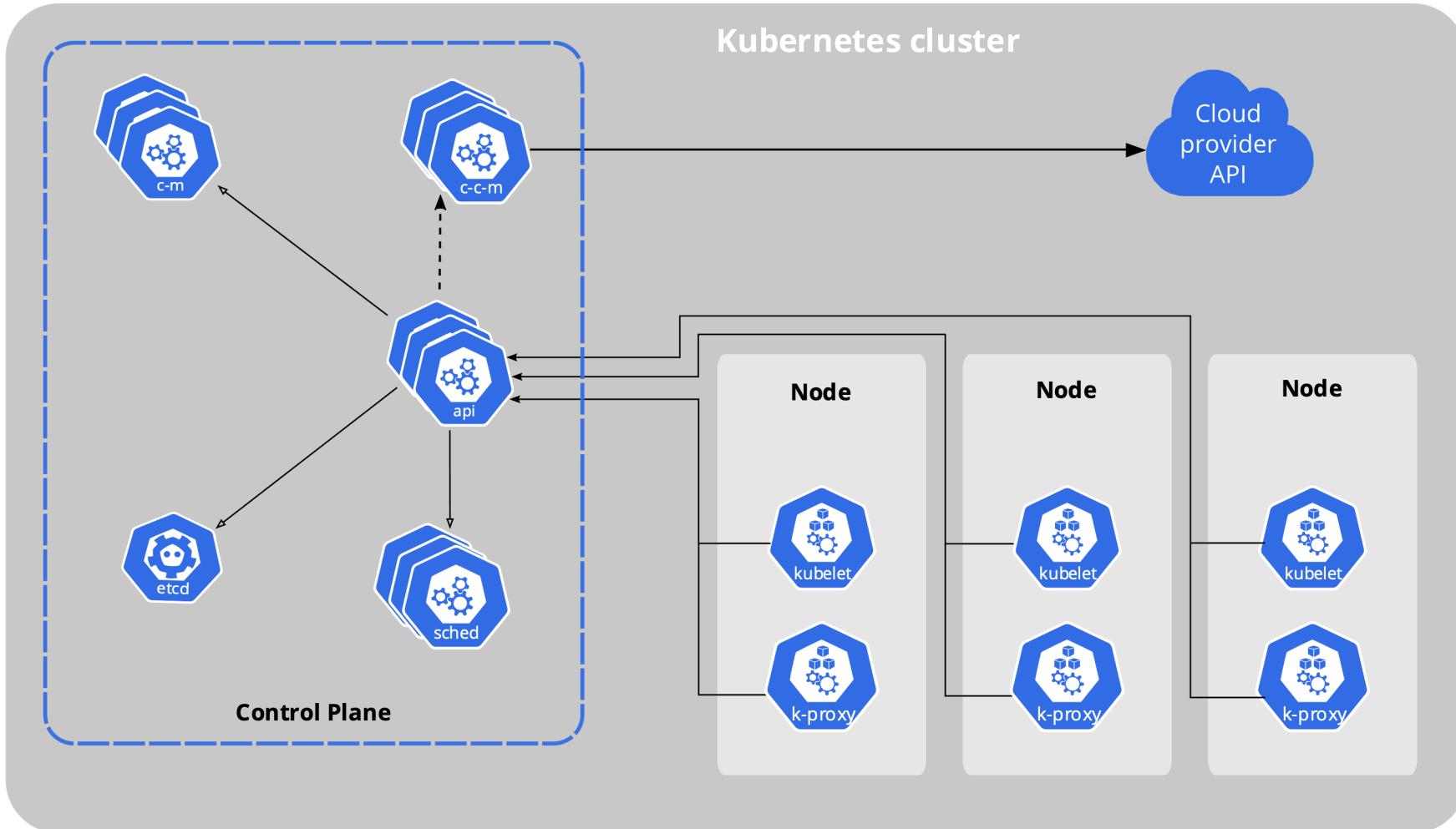
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# Kubernetes Services in Azure

# Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

Simplify the deployment, management, and operations of Kubernetes



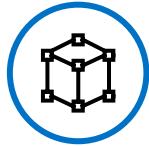
Deploy and  
manage Kubernetes  
with ease



Scale and run  
applications with  
confidence



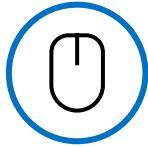
Secure your  
Kubernetes  
environment



Accelerate  
containerized application  
development



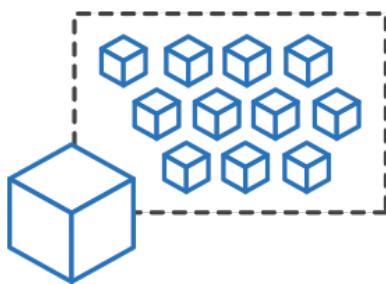
Work how you want  
with open-source  
tools & APIs



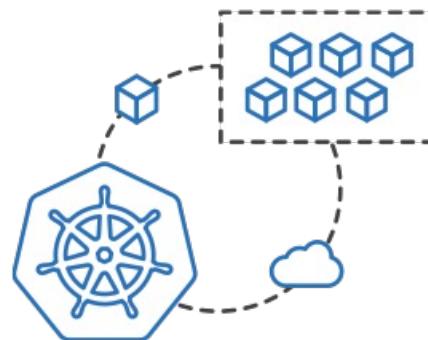
Set up  
CI/CD in a  
few clicks

# Azure Container Instances (ACI)

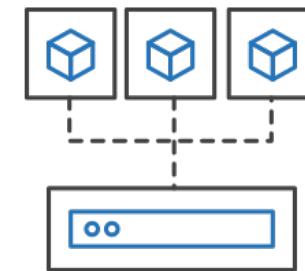
Easily run containers on Azure without managing servers



Run containers  
without managing  
servers



Increase agility  
with containers on  
demand



Secure applications  
with hypervisor  
isolation

# Azure Container Apps



Select any container image using any language or framework



Choose vCPU cores, memory, and scale settings based on events or HTTP requests



Enable service-to-service communication, configure ingress, and event sources



Create and deploy your application

# Using AKS

# Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

Deploy a Kubernetes cluster in Azure:

Create a resource group:

```
az group create
```

Create AKS cluster :

```
az aks create
```

Connect to cluster

```
az aks get-credentials
```

Run the application!



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# Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

How to scale a cluster?

To see the number and state of pods:

```
kubectl get pods
```

To manually change:

```
kubectl scale --replicas=5 deployment/azure-vote-front
```

Verify with:

```
kubectl get pods
```

Automation: use cluster autoscaler!



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# Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

How to upgrade a cluster? Part 1

Find out:

```
az aks get-upgrades
```

Example: az aks get-upgrades --resource-group myResourceGroup --name myAKSCluster --output table

When you can upgrade:

Name	ResourceGroup	MasterVersion	Upgrades
default	myResourceGroup	1.18.10	1.19.1, 1.19.3

If not:

ERROR: Table output unavailable. Use the --query option to specify an appropriate query. Use --debug for more info.



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# Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

How to upgrade a cluster? Part 2

To upgrade:

```
az aks upgrade \
--resource-group myResourceGroup \
--name myAKSCluster \
--kubernetes-version KUBERNETES_VERSION
```

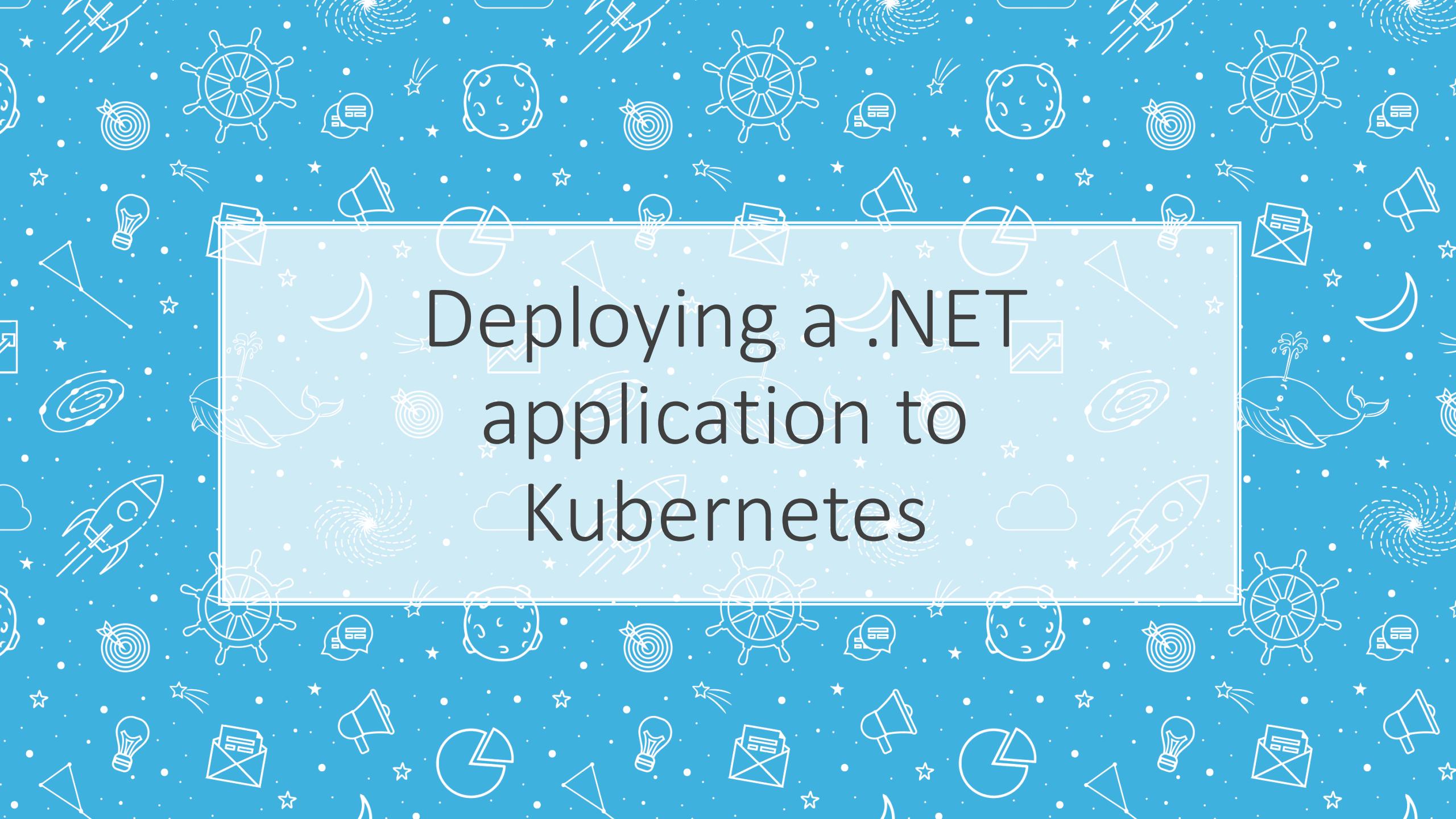
Check with az aks show command:

```
az aks show --resource-group myResourceGroup --name myAKSCluster --
output table
```



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# Deploying a .NET application to Kubernetes



# Takes a few steps

Andrew Lock blog series:

- Part 1 - An Introduction to Kubernetes
- Part 2 - Configuring resources with YAML manifests
- Part 3 - An introduction to deploying applications with Helm
- Part 4 - Creating a Helm chart for an ASP.NET Core app
- Part 5 - Setting environment variables for ASP.NET Core apps in a Helm chart
- Part 6 - Adding health checks with Liveness, Readiness, and Startup probes
- Part 7 - Running database migrations when deploying to Kubernetes
- Part 8 - Running database migrations using jobs and init containers
- Part 9 - Monitoring Helm releases that use jobs and init containers
- Part 10 - Creating an 'exec-host' deployment for running one-off commands
- Part 11 - Avoiding downtime in rolling deployments by blocking SIGTERM
- Part 12 - Tips, tricks, and edge cases



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## Introducing Project Tye



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### Project Tye

[Project Tye](#) is an experimental developer tool that makes developing, testing, and deploying microservices and distributed applications easier.

When building an app made up of multiple projects, you often want to run more than one at a time, such as a website that communicates with a backend API or several services all communicating with each other. Today, this can be difficult to setup and not as smooth as it could be, and it's only the very first step in trying to get started with something like building out a distributed application. Once you have an inner-loop experience there is then a, sometimes steep, learning curve to get your distributed app onto a platform such as Kubernetes.

The project has two main goals:

1. Making development of microservices easier by:
  - Running many services with one command
  - Using dependencies in containers
  - Discovering addresses of other services using simple conventions
2. Automating deployment of .NET applications to Kubernetes by:
  - Automatically containerizing .NET applications
  - Generating Kubernetes manifests with minimal knowledge or configuration
  - Using a single configuration file

If you have an app that talks to a database, or an app that is made up of a couple of different processes that communicate with each other, then we think Tye will help ease some of the common pain points you've experienced.

We have recently demonstrated Tye in a few Build sessions that we encourage you to watch, [Cloud Native Apps with .NET and AKS](#) and [Journey to one .NET](#)

### Tour of Tye

#### Installation

To get started with Tye, you will first need to have [.NET Core 3.1](#) installed on your machine.

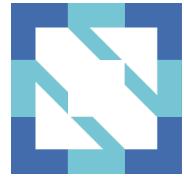
Tye can then be installed as a global tool using the following command:



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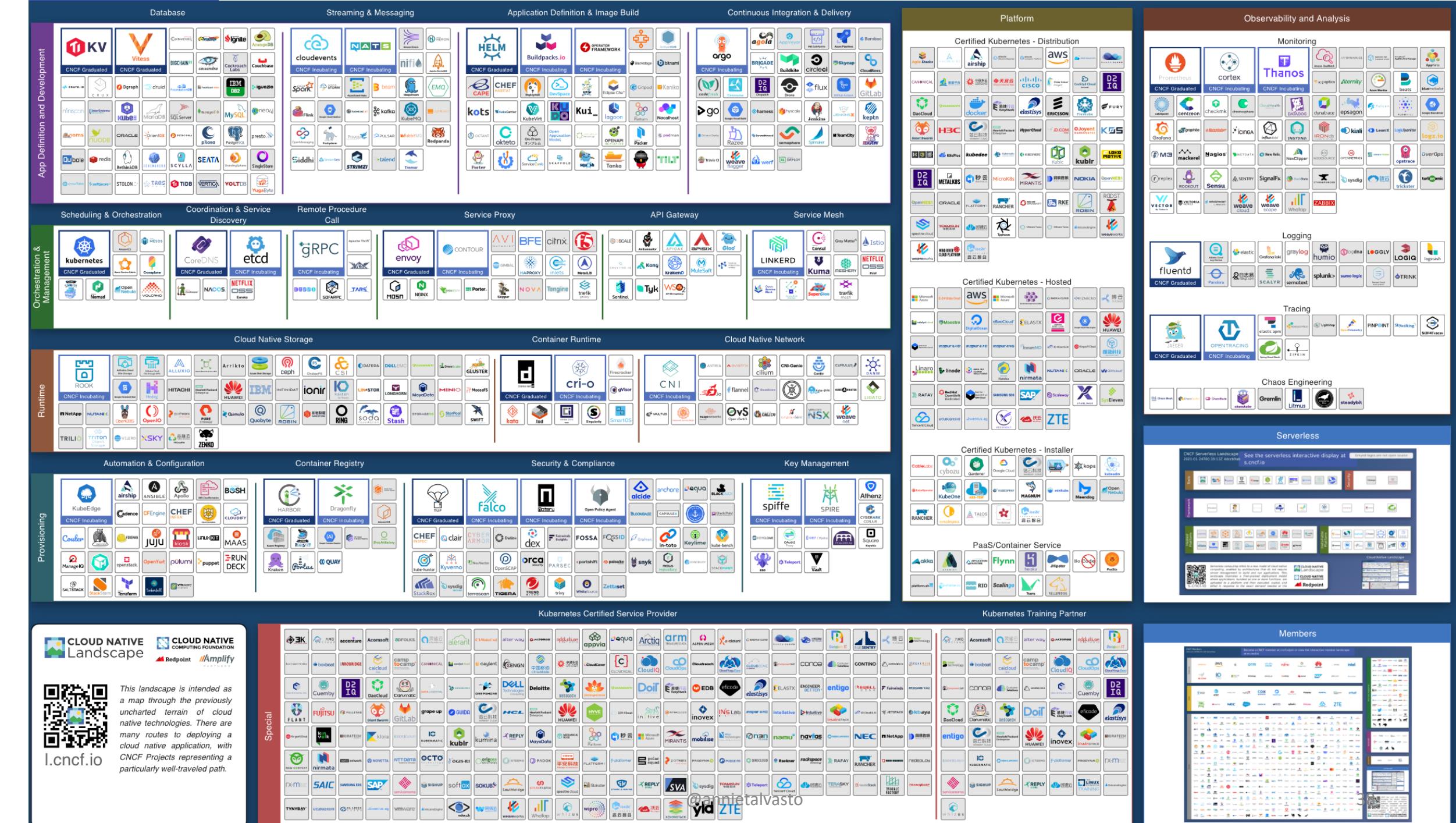
# Become the Hero



**CLOUD NATIVE  
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## **Building sustainable ecosystems for cloud native software**

The Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF) hosts critical components of the global technology infrastructure. CNCF brings together the world's top developers, end users, and vendors and runs the largest open source developer conferences. CNCF is part of the nonprofit Linux Foundation.





# The package manager for Kubernetes

Helm is the best way to find, share, and  
use software built for Kubernetes.



# What is Helm?

- Package manager for Kubernetes
- Homebrew, snap or chocolatey for kubernetes
- **Helm maintainer:**
- Package management: Tooling that enables someone who has knowledge of an application and a platform to package up an application so that **someone else who has neither** extensive knowledge of the application or the way it needs to be run on the platform **can use it.**



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# What are the benefits of Helm?

- Manage Complexity
- Easy Updates
- Simple Sharing
- Rollbacks



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# How is Helm used?

- Charts
- What are the prerequisites?
  - A Kubernetes cluster
  - Deciding what security configurations to apply to your installation, if any
  - Installing and configuring Helm.



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Helm Demo:  
Easily deploy complex  
application (WordPress) to  
Kubernetes using a helm chart



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2021-09-30 Announcing Linkerd 2.11 with authorization policy! [Read more »](#)



## A different kind of service mesh

Ultra light, ultra simple, ultra powerful. Linkerd adds security, observability, and reliability to Kubernetes, *without* the complexity. CNCF-hosted and 100% open source.

[Get Started](#)[Get Involved](#)

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### Instant platform health metrics

Instantly track success rates, latencies, and request volumes for every meshed workload, without changes or config.

### Zero-config mutual TLS

Transparently add mutual TLS to any on-cluster TCP communication with no configuration.

### Drop-in reliability features

### Simpler than any other mesh

Minimalist, Kubernetes-native design. No hidden magic, as little YAML, and as few CRDs as possible.

### Designed by engineers, for engineers

Self-contained control plane, incrementally deployable, and lots of diagnostics and debugging tools.

### Linkerd in production 101: what you need to know

Join our hands-on workshop  
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[Register today](#)

# Linkerd

- Service mesh
- Ultralight, ultrafast, security-first service mesh for Kubernetes.
- The overall goal is to reduce mental overhead of having service mesh
- What does it do?
  - Observability
  - Reliability
  - Security



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# What are the benefits of Linkerd?

- Thriving open source community
- Simple, minimalist design
- Deep Runtime Diagnostics
- Ultralight and ultra fast
- Installs in seconds with zero config
- Actionable service metrics



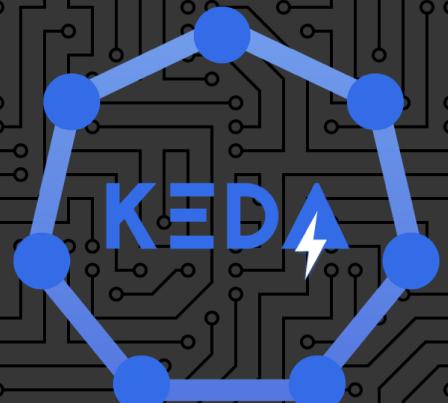
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# What is needed to use Linkerd:

```
cat deployment.yml | linkerd inject - | kubectl apply -f -
```



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# Kubernetes Event-driven Autoscaling

Application autoscaling made simple

[Concepts](#)[Deploying KEDA](#)[Architecture](#)[Scalers](#)[Blog](#)

## What is KEDA?

KEDA is a [Kubernetes](#)-based Event Driven Autoscaler. With KEDA, you can drive the scaling of any container in Kubernetes based on the number of events needing to be processed.

KEDA is a single-purpose and lightweight component that can be added into any Kubernetes cluster. KEDA works alongside standard Kubernetes components like the [Horizontal Pod Autoscaler](#) and can extend functionality without overwriting or duplication. With KEDA you can explicitly map the apps you

# What is Keda?

- Default Kubernetes Scaling is not well suited for event driven applications, kubernetes is more for resource based scaling (CPU and memory).
- Keda: Event driven scale controlling that can run inside any kubernetes cluster.
- You can install it into new or existing clusters.



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# What are the Keda principles?

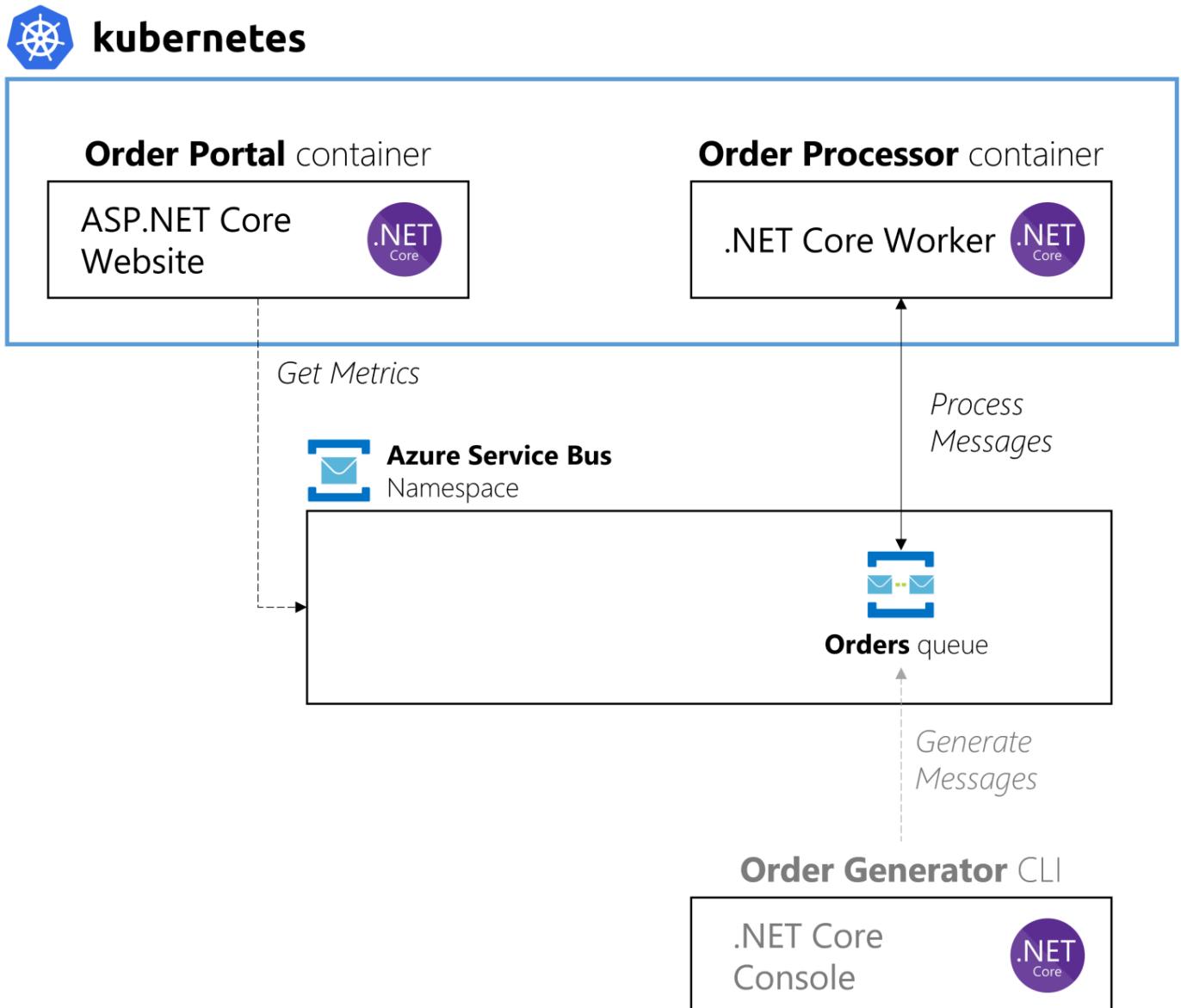
- Not rebuilding anything that Kubernetes offers out of the box.
- Single purpose, simple, non-intrusive.
- Works with any container and any workload



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# Demo

KEDA:  
Scaling .NET  
Core worker  
with Azure  
Service Bus



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 **Server-Side Apply has landed in Flux!**

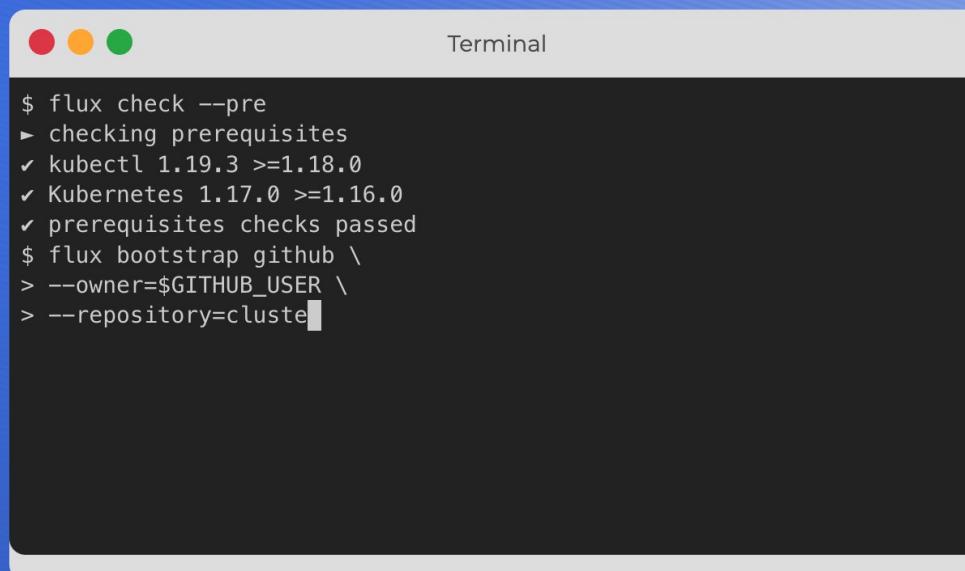
# Flux - the GitOps family of projects

Flux is a set of continuous and progressive delivery solutions for Kubernetes that are open and extensible.

The latest version of Flux brings many new features, making it more flexible and versatile.

Flux is a CNCF Incubating project.

[Get started →](#)



A terminal window titled "Terminal" showing a flux command being run. The command checks prerequisites and then boots up the flux controller in a GitHub repository.

```
$ flux check --pre
► checking prerequisites
✓ kubectl 1.19.3 >=1.18.0
✓ Kubernetes 1.17.0 >=1.16.0
✓ prerequisites checks passed
$ flux bootstrap github \
> --owner=$GITHUB_USER \
> --repository=cluster-api-provider-aws
```

Flux in short

# What is Flux?

- What is GitOps?

- Kubectl apply

- Kubectl set image

- Helm upgrade

- Kubectl upgrade

- > git push

GitOps provides one model for making infrastructure, apps and Kubernetes add-on changes, you have consistent end-to-end workflow across your entire organization

- Why is Flux great for GitOps?



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# Flux practices & benefits

Defined GitOps practices:

- 1) Describe your system declaratively
- 2) Keep configuration under source control
- 3) Use software agents to reconcile and ensure correctness and alert for drift

Benefits

- Collaboration on infra
- Access Control
- Auditable History
- Drift Correction
- Clear boundaries between dev-team and kubernetes



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# CNCF helps you along the way



## CLOUD NATIVE TRAIL MAP

The Cloud Native Landscape [cncf.io](https://cncf.io) has a large number of options. This Cloud Native Trail Map is a recommended process for leveraging open source, cloud native technologies. At each step, you can choose a vendor-supported offering or do it yourself, and everything after step #3 is optional based on your circumstances.

### HELP ALONG THE WAY

#### A. Training and Certification

Consider training offerings from CNCF and then take the exam to become a Certified Kubernetes Administrator or a Certified Kubernetes Application Developer [cncf.io/training](https://cncf.io/training)

#### B. Consulting Help

If you want assistance with Kubernetes and the surrounding ecosystem, consider leveraging a Kubernetes Certified Service Provider [cncf.io/kcsp](https://cncf.io/kcsp)

#### C. Join CNCF's End User Community

For companies that don't offer cloud native services externally [cncf.io/enduser](https://cncf.io/enduser)

### WHAT IS CLOUD NATIVE?

Cloud native technologies empower organizations to build and run scalable applications in modern, dynamic environments such as public, private, and hybrid clouds. Containers, service meshes, microservices, immutable infrastructure, and declarative APIs exemplify this approach.

These techniques enable loosely coupled systems that are resilient, manageable, and observable. Combined with robust automation, they allow engineers to make high-impact changes frequently and predictably with minimal toil.

The Cloud Native Computing Foundation seeks to drive adoption of this paradigm by fostering and sustaining an ecosystem of open source, vendor-neutral projects. We democratize state-of-the-art patterns to make these innovations accessible for everyone.

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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



### 3. ORCHESTRATION & APPLICATION DEFINITION

- Kubernetes is the market-leading orchestration solution
- You should select a Certified Kubernetes Distribution, Hosted Platform, or Installer: [cncf.io/cckd](https://cncf.io/cckd)
- Helm Charts help you define, install, and upgrade even the most complex Kubernetes application



### 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



### 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.



### 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.



### 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
- Set up automated rollouts, roll back 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



### 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



### 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.



### 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. CloudEvents is a specification for describing event data in common ways.



### 10. SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION

If you need to do secure software distribution, evaluate Notary, an implementation of The Update Framework.



# Learn more

- Azure Docs Resources
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/kubernetes-walkthrough>
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/tutorial-kubernetes-scale?tabs=azure-cli>
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/cluster-autoscaler>
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/upgrade-cluster>
- Kubernetes for .NET Developers - Hossam Barakat
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH4V2ljSrI>
- Deploying ASP.NET Core applications to Kubernetes - Part 1
  - <https://andrewlock.net/deploying-asp-net-core-applications-to-kubernetes-part-1-an-introduction-to-kubernetes/>
- Project Tye
  - <https://github.com/dotnet/tye>
- Workshop:
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/modules/aks-workshop/>
- Cncf yYoutube -
  - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvqbFHwN-nwaiWPjPUKpvTA>
- Techworld with Nana -
  - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdngmbVKX1Tgre699-XLIUA>
- Links and slides: [github.com/annietalvasto](https://github.com/annietalvasto)



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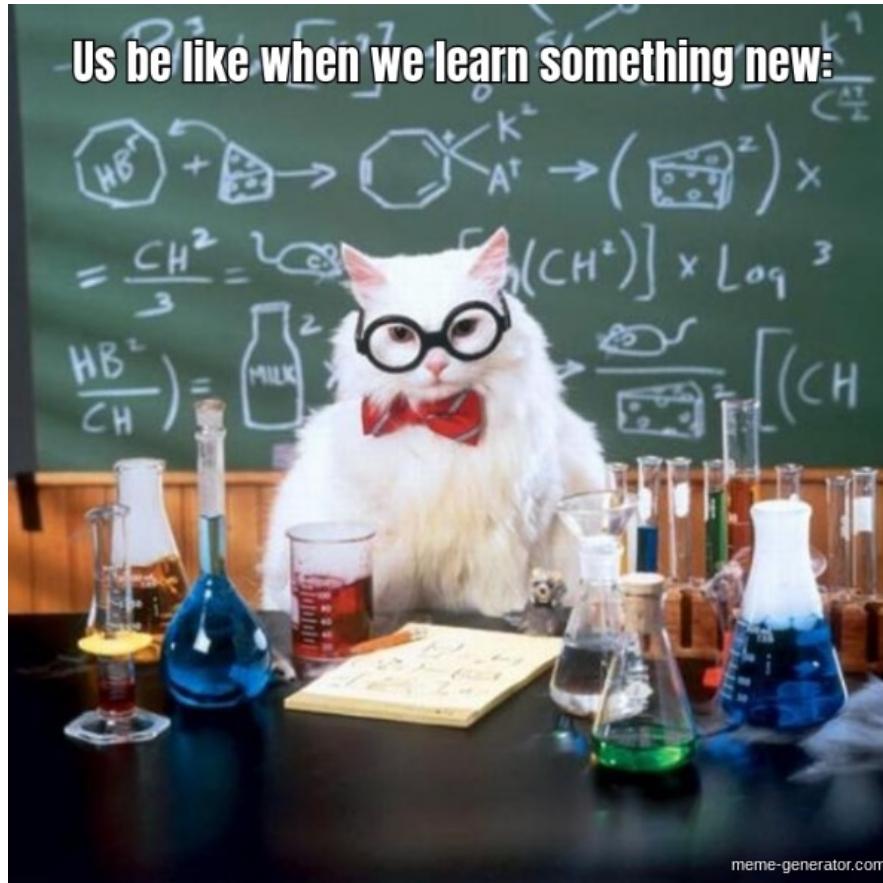
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