Deploy N Applications to N Clusters using Argo CD ApplicationSet

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Hey!! I'm Dewan

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Agenda

- GitOps Likely more than you think it is
- Quick background on Argo CD a GitOps CD tool for K8s
- The 'What' & 'Why' of ApplicationSets
- The 'How' of ApplicationSets
- W Demo

Q&A | Resources





GitOps in 1 slide

• GIT as the **SINGLE** source of truth of a system

• GIT as the **SINGLE** place where we operate (create, update, destroy envs)

ALL changes are <u>observable/verifiable</u>

GitOps on K8s - B.O.M.

- Git repo(s)
- K8s cluster(s)
- Manifest generation tool (optional)
- A CI tool (CI servers should NOT do CD)
- A way to group K8s resources

What is Argo CD?



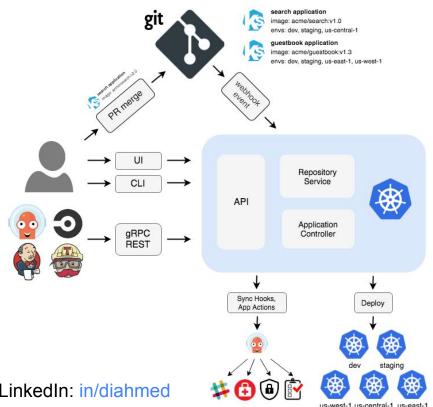




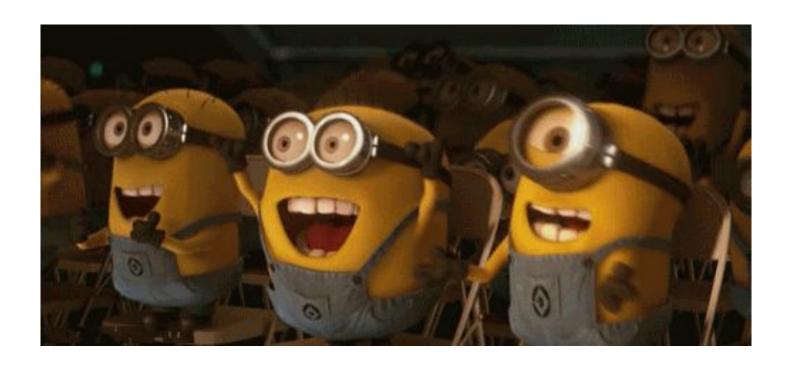
Why Argo CD?

- Git as the single source of truth
- Developer centric
- Declarative
- Security, compliance, and auditing
- Trivialises rollback
- Observable detect configuration drift
- Velocity

How Argo CD works



Argo CD Demo



But what if you want to...

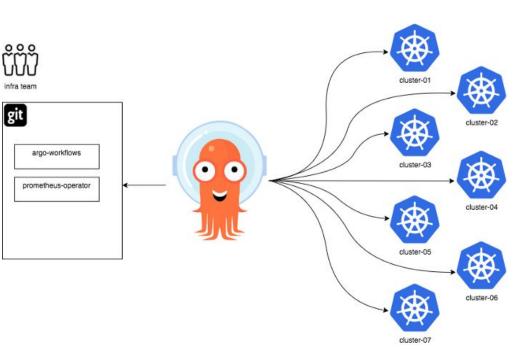
Deploy Argo CD Applications to multiple Kubernetes clusters at once

Deploy multiple Argo CD Applications from a single monorepo

Allows unprivileged cluster users to deploy Argo CD Applications

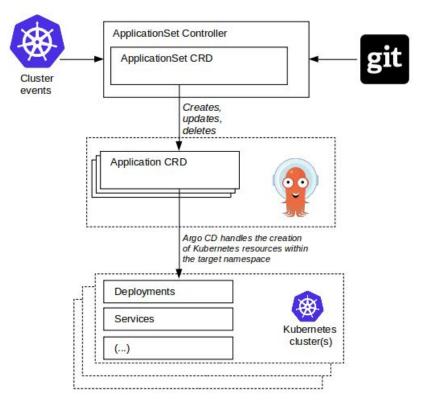
Do all of the above by only a single instance of Kubernetes CRD

Introducing ApplicationSet Controller for Argo CD



```
apiVersion: argoproj.io/v1alpha1
     kind: ApplicationSet
    metadata:
      name: guestbook
      generators:
      - list:
          # Parameters are generated based on this cluster list, to be substituted
          # into the template below.
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          elements:
          - cluster: engineering-dev
            url: https://1.2.3.4
          - cluster: engineering-prod
            url: https://2.4.6.8
          - cluster: finance-preprod
            url: https://9.8.7.6
      template:
        # An Argo CD Application template, with support for parameter substitution
        # with values from parameters generated above.
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        metadata:
          name: '{{cluster}}-questbook'
        spec:
          project: default
          source:
            repoURL: https://github.com/argoproj-labs/applicationset.git
            targetRevision: HEAD
            path: examples/list-generator/guestbook/{{cluster}}
          destination:
            server: '{{url}}'
            namespace: questbook
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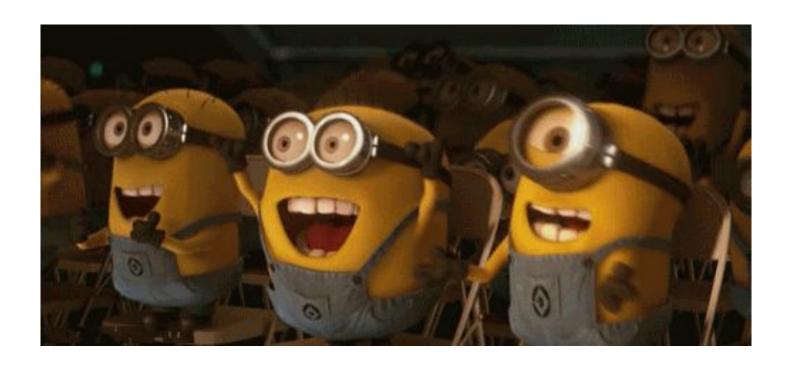
How does ApplicationSet Controller work?



ApplicationSet Generators

- List Generator
- Cluster Generator
- Git Generator (Directory & File)
- Matrix Generator
- SCM Provider Generator
- Cluster Decision Resource Generator

Argo CD ApplicationSet Controller Demo



Thank you!

Questions?

