

NIX AND KUBERNETES

DEPLOYMENTS DONE RIGHT

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DEPLOYING TO KUBERNETES

WHAT'S WRONG?

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LET'S BUILD TOOLING!

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- What's Jsonnet?
- Is Kustomize enough for our use case?
- How do we use community code?
- How does that Helm chart work?

HELM

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2  apiVersion: {{ ternary "policy/v1" "policy/v1beta1" (semverCompare ">=1.21.0-0" .Capa
3  kind: PodDisruptionBudget
4  metadata:
5    labels:
6    {{- include "ingress-nginx.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
7      app.kubernetes.io/component: controller
8    {{- with .Values.controller.labels }}
9    {{- toYaml . | nindent 4 }}
10  {{- end }}
11    name: {{ include "ingress-nginx.controller.fullname" . }}
12    namespace: {{ .Release.Namespace }}
13  {{- if .Values.controller.annotations }}
14  annotations: {{ toYaml .Values.controller.annotations | nindent 4 }}
15  {{- end }}
16  spec:
17    selector:
18      matchLabels:
19      {{- include "ingress-nginx.selectorLabels" . | nindent 6 }}
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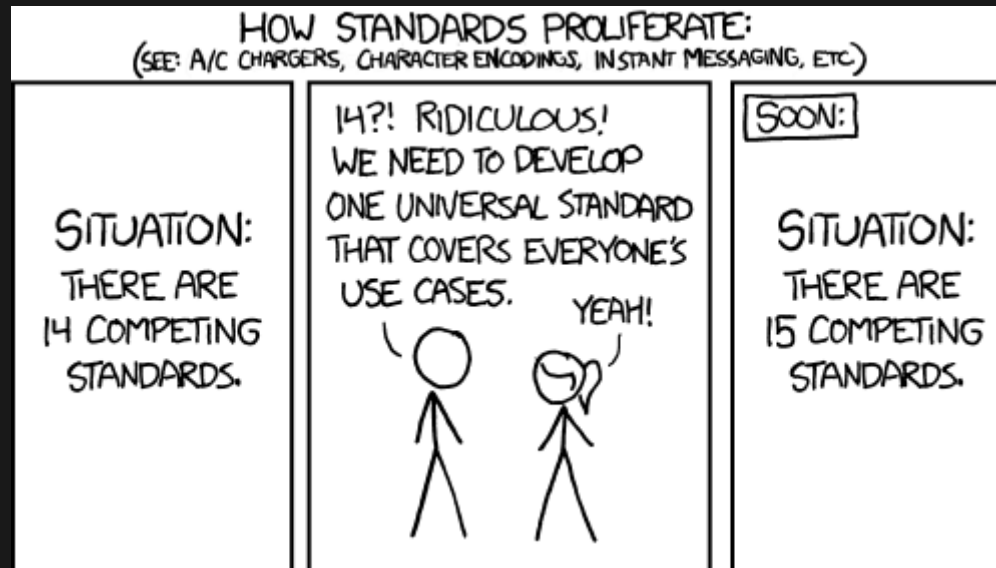
a string templating language used for structured data

— Xe

NIX

AN OBVIOUS SOLUTION!

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DERIVATION THAT OUTPUTS YAML

```
1 let
2   name = "mailpusher";
3   labels = { "app.kubernetes.io/name" = name; };
4 in
5 {
6   apiVersion = "apps/v1";
7   kind = "Deployment";
8   metadata = {
9     inherit name labels;
10  };
11  spec = {
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ONE TOOL

```
gatewayResources = pkgs.fetchurl {  
  url = "https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs/gateway-api/" +  
        "releases/download/v0.7.1/standard-install.yaml";  
  hash = "sha256-SOhUhEYTngjUec66SrhWGSQmSkZENw/7Lo+9tUsIgWQ=";  
};
```

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configconnector-operator = pkgs.fetchurl {  
  url = "https://storage.googleapis.com/configconnector-operator/" +  
    "latest/release-bundle.tar.gz";  
  downloadToTemp = true;  
  recursiveHash = true;  
  hash = "sha256-2WI4vNmbD/cbNn8MEU6fAgxE6FckcgsWihACead0MIE=";  
  postFetch = ''  
    mkdir $out  
    tar xzvf $downloadedFile -C $out  
  '';  
};
```

**RUN KUSTOMIZE
THROUGH NIX?**



**RUN JSONNET
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**RUN HELM
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nix **helm**

NIXPKGS FOR HELM CHARTS

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6   namespace = "farcaller-net";
7   values = {
8     ingress.enabled = false;
9     storage.persistentVolumeClaimName = "farcaller-ghost-content";
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patchDeployment = obj:
  if obj.kind == "Deployment" then
    (lib.recursiveUpdate object {
      spec.replicas = 2;
    })
  else obj;
```

SOME ACTUALLY AMAZING THINGS


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1 let
2   isGlobalService = obj: obj.kind == "Service"
3   && obj.metadata.annotations."io.cilium/global-service" or "" == "true";
4 in pipe app [
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6   toString
7   getFlake
8   (f: f.outputs.packages.${system}.kubernetesConfiguration)
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THE GRAND DESIGN

ARTEFACTS

```
nix build -o result
```

```
kubectl apply -f result
```

UPDATES

```
nix flake update
```



**HOW DOES IT GET INTO THE
CLUSTER?**

ARGOCD

NIXOS/NIX:LATEST


```
1 if [ "$PARAM_VALUES" != "" ]; then
2     echo -ne "With values\n" >/dev/stderr
3     echo "$PARAM_VALUES" > values.json
4     nix-shell -p git --run 'git add values.json'
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IN THE END, YOU GET A DIFF

apps/StatefulSet/mysql/mysql

```
9      app.kubernetes.io/name: mysql
10     argocd.argoproj.io/instance: web-mysql
11     helm.sh/chart: mysql-9.11.0
12     managedFields:
13       - apiVersion: apps/v1
220     metadata:
221       annotations:
222       checksum/configuration: cf6a9f3129ed4245a6988020d32be9576d17cc21cc3f11d5f47d99c11e9387
223       kubect1.kubernetes.io/restartedAt: '2023-07-31T11:01:58Z'
224     creationTimestamp: null
228     app.kubernetes.io/managed-by: Helm
229     app.kubernetes.io/name: mysql
230     helm.sh/chart: mysql-9.11.0
231     spec:
232       affinity:
249         key: mysql-root-password
250         name: mysql-passwords
251     image: 'docker.io/bitnami/mysql:8.0.34-debian-11-r8'
252     imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
253     livenessProbe:
334       key: mysql-root-password
335       name: mysql-passwords
336     image: 'docker.io/bitnami/mysqld-exporter:0.15.0-debian-11-r0'
337     imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
338     livenessProbe:
380       ".snapshot" -not -name "lost+found" | xargs -r chown -R
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383     imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
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CAKE

<https://github.com/farcaller/cake>

SIMPLE DEPLOYMENTS

```
{ nixhelm, lib, ... }: {  
  apps.istio-base = {  
    kind = "helm";  
    release = nixhelm.chartsMetadata.istio.base;  
    namespace = "istio-system";  
    createNamespace = true;  
  };  
};
```

PASSING VALUES

```
1 { nixhelm, ... }: {  
2   apps.victoria-metrics-operator = {  
3     kind = "helm";  
4     release = nixhelm.chartsMetadata.victoriametrics.victoria-metrics-operator;  
5     createNamespace = true;  
6     values = {  
7       operator.prometheus_converter_add_argocd_ignore_annotations = true;  
8       operator.enable_converter_ownership = true;  
9     };  
10  };  
11 };
```

FULL VALUES SCHEMA SUPPORT

```
1 { ... }: {  
2   apps.private-ghcr = {  
3     kind = "nix";  
4     namespace = "external-secrets";  
5     valuesSchema = with lib; {  
6       cluster = mkOption { type = types.str; };  
7     };  
8   };  
9 }
```

CLUSTER-SPECIFIC GENERATION

```
1 { nixhelm, lib, ... }: {
2   apps.promtail = {
3     kind = "helm";
4     release = nixhelm.chartsMetadata.grafana.promtail;
5     namespace = "monitoring-system";
6     namespaces = [ "monitoring-system" "kube-system" ];
7
8     valuesGenerator = { clusterName, cluster, values, config, ... }: {
9       extraArgs = [ "-client.external-labels=cluster=${clusterName}" ];
10      serviceMonitor.enabled = true;
11    };
12  };
13 }
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2   clusters.nixbox = {
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4     apiServer = "10.224.1.41";
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8     apps = {
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THANKS!

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