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KubeVela: 多云交付的云原生应用交付系统

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KubeVela: The Modern App Delivery System for Multi-Cloud Workloads

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What is KubeVela?

- An **easy-to-use** yet **highly extensible** app deployment system targets on today's hybrid, multi-cloud environments.



Tell me more!

- The core component behind web-scale app delivery/management platforms in Alibaba.
- Brings *consistent app delivery workflow* to hybrid (clouds and on-prem) infrastructures in a scalable approach.
- The solution of how Alibaba is adopting **GitOps** and **IaC**.
- It's open source and a CNCF project:
 - <https://github.com/oam-dev/kubevela>



Design Principles

● Application Centric

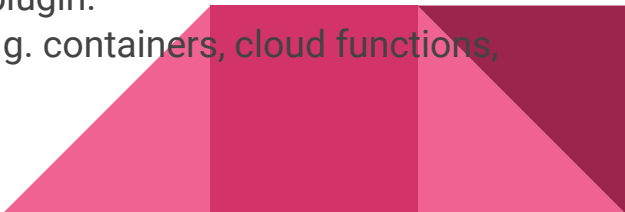
- Consistent yet higher level abstraction to capture the full deployment of microservices on top of hybrid environments.
- No infrastructure level concerns, simply deploy.

● Programmable Workflow

- Simple yet extensible application deployment workflow.
 - Define the deployment workflow as DAG, with all application's needs and steps glued together in programmable approach (via [CUE](#)).
 - No restrictions, natively extensible.

● Runtime Agnostic

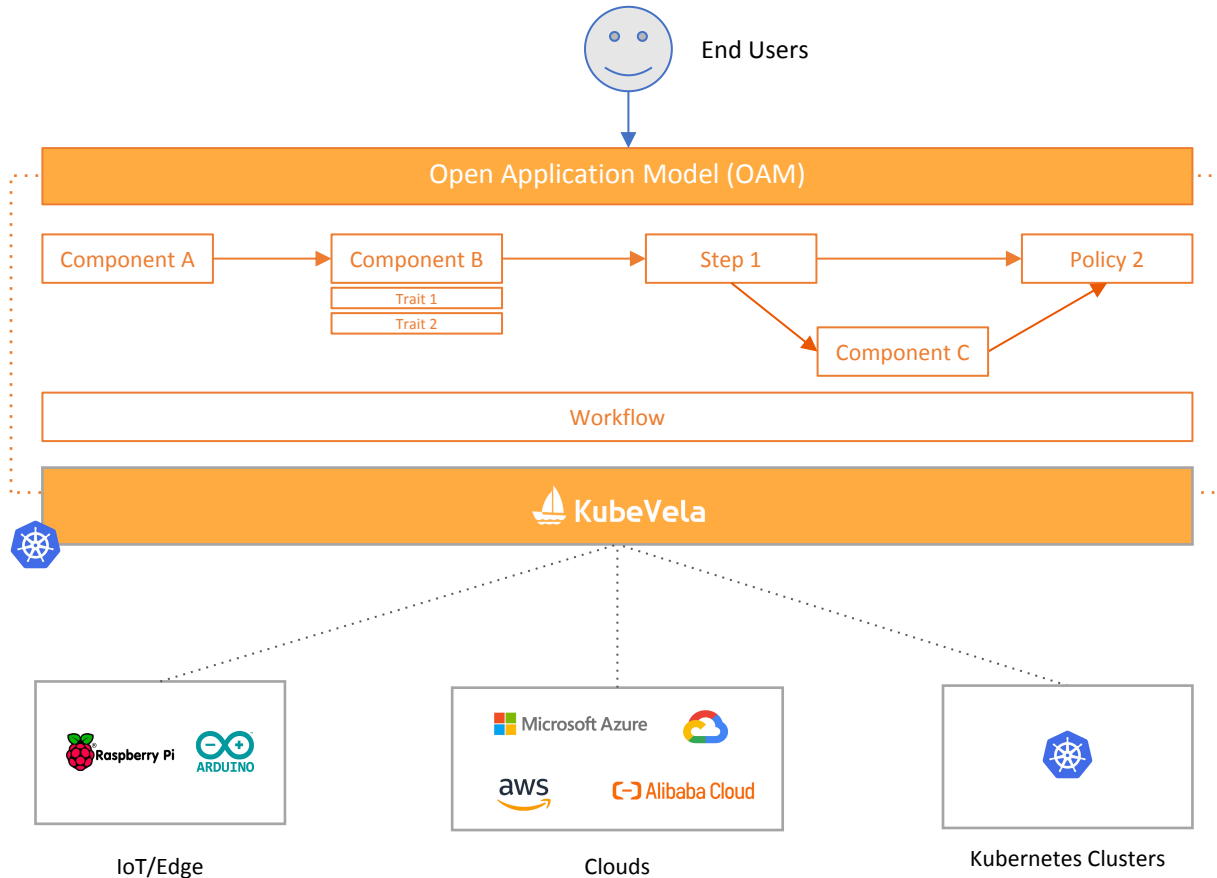
- Works as an application delivery control plane, not a runtime plugin.
 - Can deploy and operate any workload per your needs (e.g. containers, cloud functions, databases, or even EC2 instances).



Architecture

Design deployment topology, policy and workflow via OAM.

Distribute components to target cloud, IoT/Edge device, or Kubernetes cluster, following your policy and workflow.

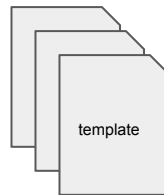


We endorse a team-centric workflow

- *Platform Team*



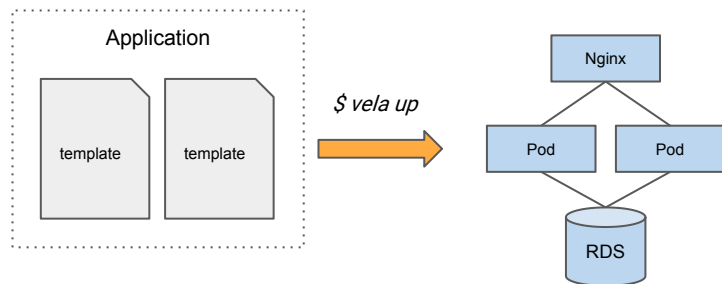
- maintaining components, traits, policy, workflow as CUE **templates**



- *App Team*



- **choosing** templates, **assembling** them into an ***Application*** deployment plan!



X-Definitions

- The “LEGO bricks” to build your deployment plan

- ComponentDefinition
 - Helm, Kustomize, Terraform, CloudFormation, ROS ...
- TraitDefinition
 - Canary, Autoscaler, Route ...
- PolicyDefinition
 - Security, Health, Multi-Env ...
- WorkflowDefinition
 - Blue-green, Traffic Shifting ...

- X-Definitions are fully programmable

- 100% **CUE** templates.
- Superglue of *EVERYTHING*.
 - K8s, Terraform, REST API, CUE Actions...
- Provided by specialists to abstract away low level infrastructure details and expose easy-to-use parameters

```
apiVersion: core.oam.dev/v1beta1
kind: TraitDefinition
metadata:
  annotations:
    definition.oam.dev/description: "expose the app"
    name: expose
spec:
  appliesToWorkloads:
    - deployments.apps
  podDisruptive: true
  schematic:
    cue:
      template: |
        patch: {spec: template: metadata: labels: app: context.name}
        outputs: service: {
          apiVersion: "v1"
          kind: "Service"
          metadata: name: context.name
          spec: {
            selector: app: context.name
            ports: [
              for k, v in parameter.http {
                port: v
                targetPort: v
              },
            ]
          }
        }
        parameter: {
          http: [string]: int
        }
```



CUE

Application

- The single source-of-truth to model a full application deployment.
- A *composition* object.

Policies to enforce

e.g. security scopes, healthy check policies, firewall rules ... any policies to enforce before deployment happen!

```
1 kind: Application
2 spec:
3   components:
4     - name: express-server
5       type: webservice
6       properties:
7         image: demo/hello-world
8         port: 8000
9   traits:
10    - type: ingress
11      properties:
12        domain: testsvc.example.com
13        http:
14          "/": 8000
15    policies:
16      - type: security
17        properties:
18          audit: enabled
19          secretBackend: vault
20      - type: deployment-insights
21        properties:
22          provider: arms | promethues
23          leadTime: enabled
24          frequency: enabled
25          mtr: enabled
26   workflow:
27     - type: blue-green-rollout
28       stage: post-render
29       properties:
30         partition: "50%"
31     - type: traffic-shift
32       properties:
33         partition: "50%"
34     - type: rollout-promotion
35       propertie:
36         manualApproval: true
37         rollbackIfNotApproved: true
```

Components to deploy

e.g. a Helm char, a Kustomize pkg, a Cloud Formation template, a Terraform module ... literally *anything*!

Traits for day 2 operations

e.g. ingress/route rules, auto-scaling rules ... operational behaviors attached to components!

Workflow of the deployment

e.g. blue-green deploy, progressive traffic shifting, manual approval ... any pipeline style delivery steps!

How to Use

App Team



1. Declare an **application** deployment plan in a single file.
2. *\$ kubectl apply -f app.yaml*
3. Done!

Deployment plan is the **ONLY** concept users need to learn in KubeVela, and as a K8s custom resource, it works seamlessly with any CI/CD or GitOps tools.

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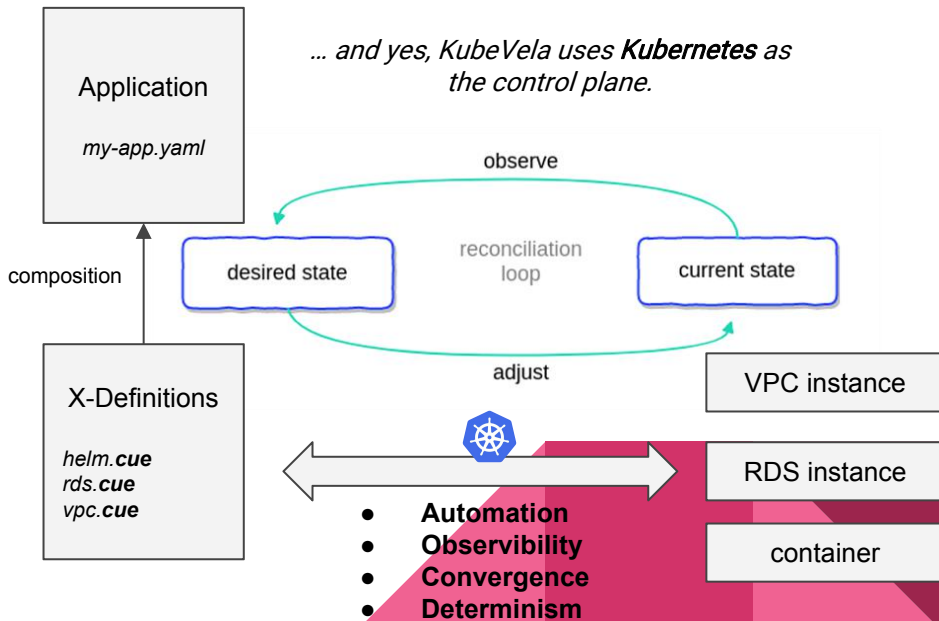
Wait, why KubeVela is not built as a pure IaC tool?

- IaC are perfect in agility, reusability and extensibility.
- But IaC also mean *configuration drift*, difficulty in *maintaining, tracing* and *auditing*
 - They can **not** be fixed by “GitOps”.
 - They are **nightmares** in web-scale deployment ...

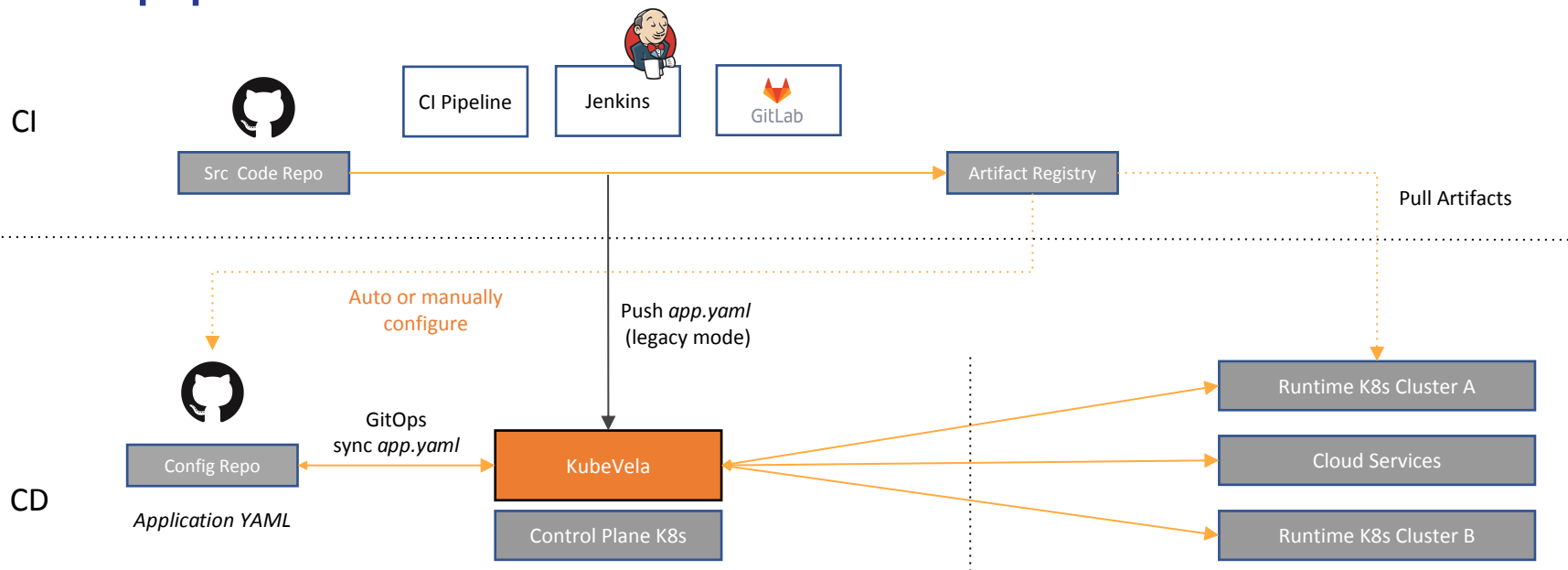


State of infrastructure drift 2021

Solution: with intention to keep all benefits of IaC (via CUE), we need a *control plane* to control the app delivery workflow.



Our pipeline

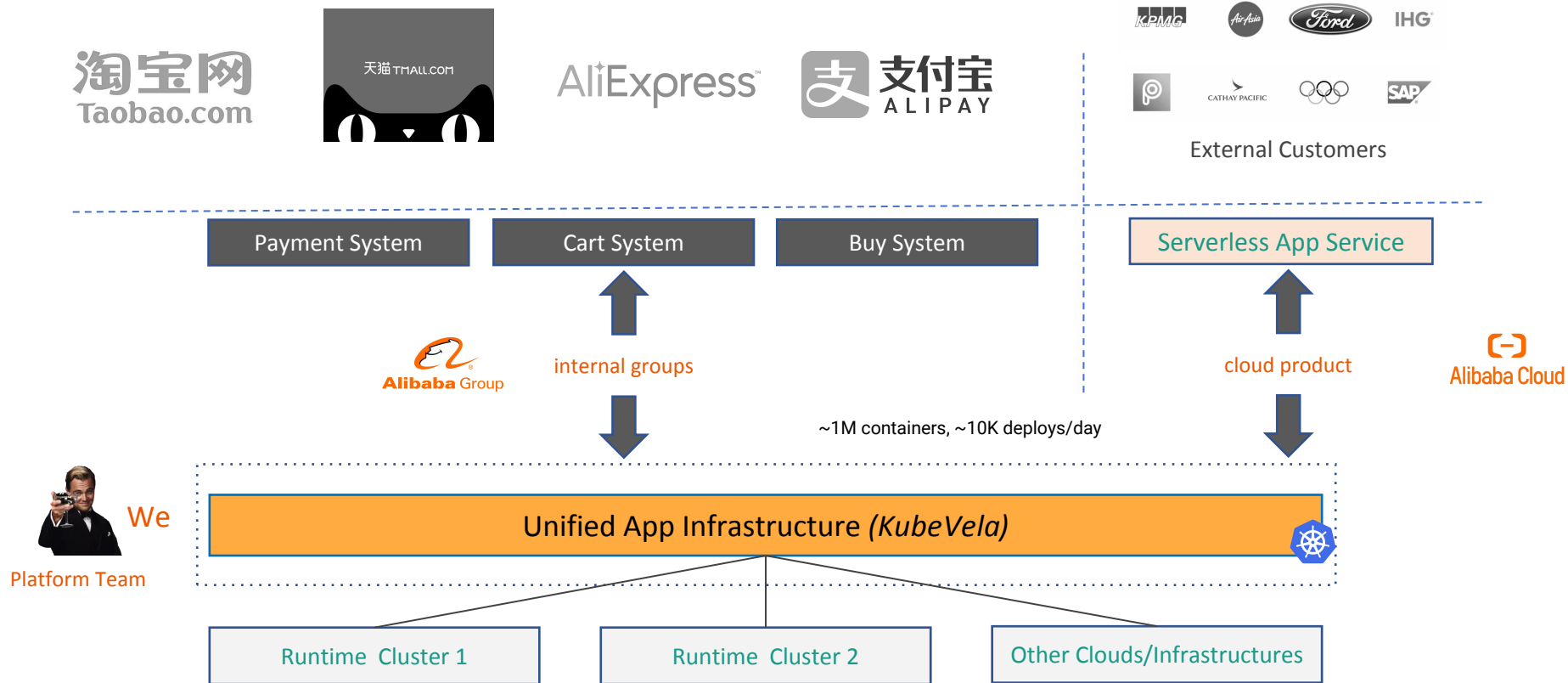


For given app, it now only needs 1 manifest to describe the application plan (across multiple environments), and KubeVela will take over the delivery workflow with full automation and determinism.

Subscription Channel

KubeVela will set up subscription channel for runtime environments to **pull** app metadata and sync.

Alibaba's Application Infrastructure



Business Scenarios

IoT

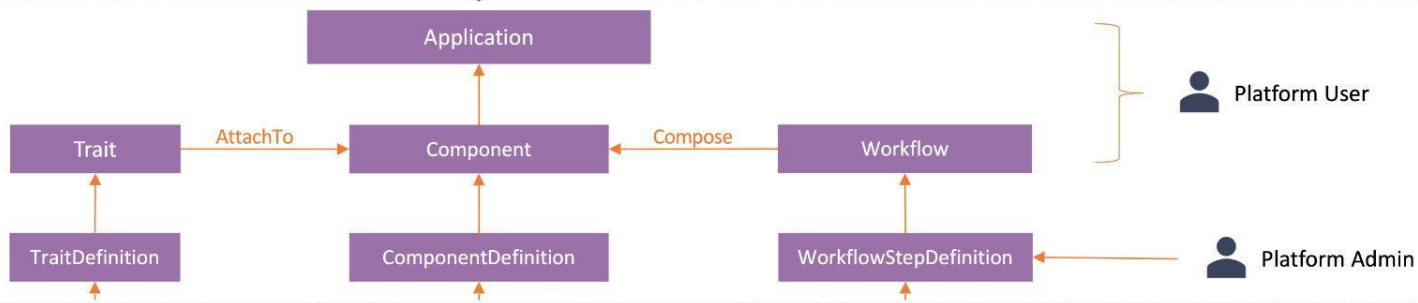
AI

Micro-service

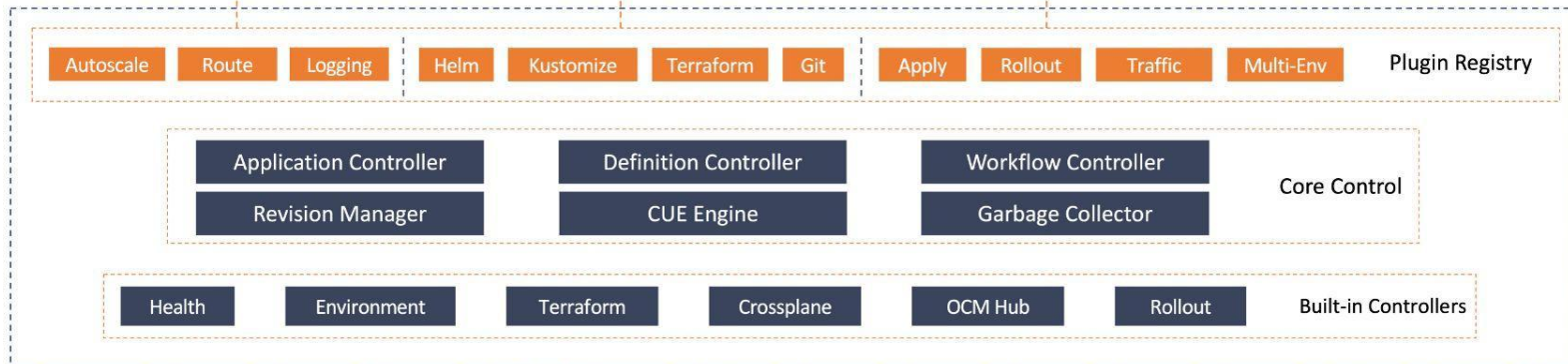
Serverless



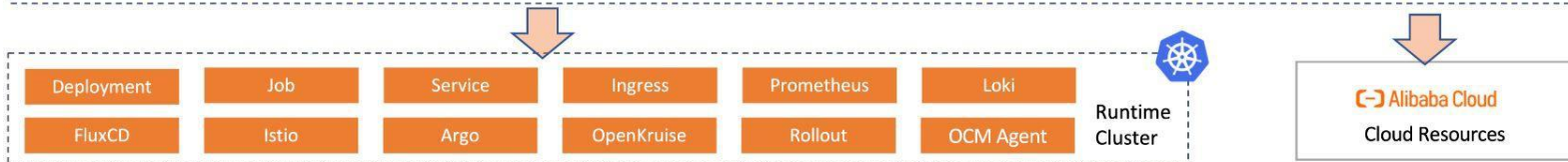
API (CRD)



Control Plane

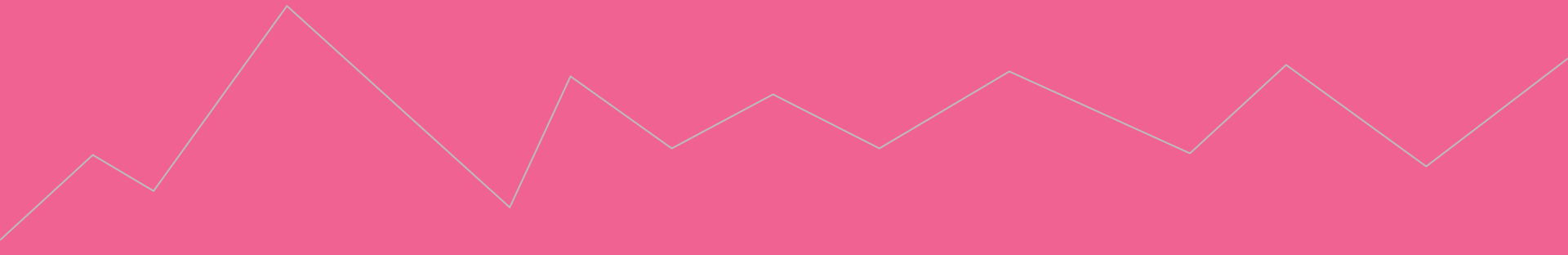


Execution



Case Study 1:

Multi-Cluster Application Deployment



Multi-Cluster App Deployment



Step 1: Register cluster

Join cluster swarm

```
vela cluster join stage-cluster.kubeconfig --name cluster-staging  
vela cluster join prod-cluster.kubeconfig --name cluster-prod
```

Step 2: Deploy Application

List clusters

```
$ vela cluster list  
CLUSTER      TYPE      ENDPOINT  
cluster-prod  tls       https://47.88.4.97:6443  
cluster-staging  tls       https://47.88.7.230:6443
```

Step 3: Check health and approve

Multi-Cluster App Deployment

Application yaml composition

Step 1: Register cluster



Step 2: Deploy Application

Step 3: Check health and approve

The service component

```
components:
- name: hello-world-server
  type: webservice
  properties:
    image: crccheck/hello-world
    port: 8000
```

The workflow specifies three steps:

1. deploy to staging; 2. pause and verify; 3. deploy to production

```
workflow:
  steps:
    # deploy to staging env
    - name: deploy-staging
      type: deploy2env
      properties:
        policy: example-multi-env-policy
        env: staging

    # manual check
    - name: manual-approval
      type: suspend

    # deploy to prod env
    - name: deploy-prod
      ...
```

- The **env-binding** policy defines how to select target cluster to deploy to, and the config patch for the target.
- The **health** policy defines how to check healthiness of all Application components

```
policies:
- name: example-multi-env-policy
  type: env-binding
  properties:
    envs:
      - name: prod
        placement:
          clusterSelector:
            name: cluster-prod
          patch: # overlay patch on above components
        components:
          - name: hello-world-server
            type: webservice
            traits:
              - type: scaler
                properties:
                  replicas: 3

      - name: staging
        ...

- name: health-policy-demo
  type: health
  properties:
    probeInterval: 5
    probeTimeout: 10
```

Full Application Yaml

```
apiVersion: core.oam.dev/v1beta1
kind: Application
metadata:
  name: example-app
  namespace: default
spec:
  components:
    - name: hello-world-server
      type: webservice
      properties:
        image: crccheck/hello-world
        port: 8000
      traits:
        - type: scaler
          properties:
            replicas: 1
    - name: data-worker
      type: worker
      properties:
        image: busybox
        cmd:
          - sleep
          - '1000000'
```

```
policies:
  - name: example-multi-env-policy
    type: env-binding
    properties:
      envs:
        - name: staging
          placement: # selecting the cluster to deploy to
            clusterSelector:
              name: cluster-staging
          selector: # selecting which component to use
            components:
              - hello-world-server
        - name: prod
          placement:
            clusterSelector:
              name: cluster-prod
          patch: # overlay patch on above components
            components:
              - name: hello-world-server
                type: webservice
                traits:
                  - type: scaler
                    properties:
                      replicas: 3

  - name: health-policy-demo
    type: health
    properties:
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```

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      type: deploy2env
      properties:
        policy: example-multi-env-policy
        env: staging

    # manual check
    - name: manual-approval
      type: suspend

    # deploy to prod env
    - name: deploy-prod
      type: deploy2env
      properties:
        policy: example-multi-env-policy
        env: prod
```

Multi-Cluster App Deployment

The second step in workflow will suspend to wait for manual verification

```
$ kubectl get application example-app -o yaml
```

NAME	COMPONENT	TYPE	PHASE	HEALTHY	STATUS
example-app	hello-world-server	webservice	workflowSuspending	true	Ready:1/1

Step 1: Register cluster

Check Application status to verify it is running successfully in target environment

```
status:
  services:
  - env: staging
    healthy: true
    message: 'Ready:1/1 '
    name: hello-world-server
    scopes:
    - apiVersion: core.oam.dev/v1alpha2
      kind: HealthScope
      name: health-policy-demo
      namespace: test
      uid: 6e6230a3-93f3-4dba-ba09-dd863b6c4a88
    traits:
    - healthy: true
      type: scaler
```

Step 2: Deploy Application



Step 3: Check health and approve

Resume workflow and continue deployment process (to production environment)

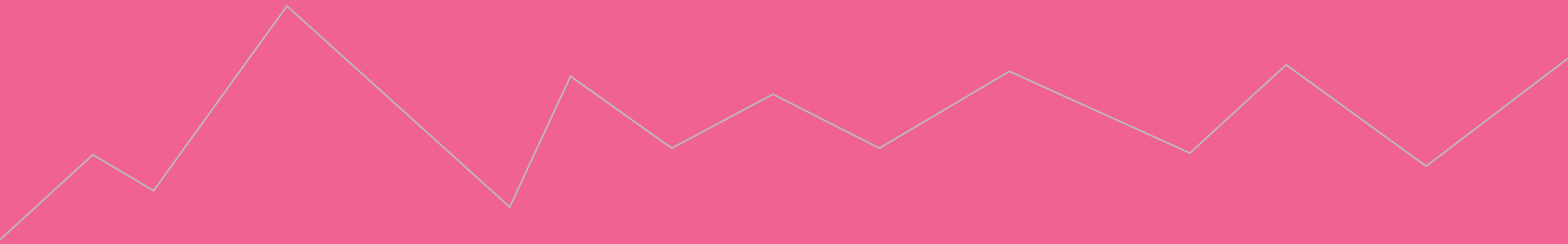
```
$ vela workflow resume example-app
Successfully resume workflow: example-app
```

```
$ kubectl get application example-app
```

NAME	COMPONENT	TYPE	PHASE	HEALTHY	STATUS
example-app	hello-world-server	webservice	running	true	Ready:1/1

Case Study 2:

Make Istio Simpler



Make Istio Simpler



Step 1: Enable Istio Addon

Install Istio plugins into the cluster via KubeVela Addon

```
vela addon enable istio
```

Step 2: Rollout new version
and split traffic

Label `default` namespace to enable Istio auto-injection

```
kubectl label namespace default istio-injection=enabled
```

Step 3: Rollback

Make Istio Simpler

Component section has the image updated

```
components:
- name: reviews
  type: webservice
  properties:
    image: docker.io/istio/examples-bookinfo-reviews-v3:1.16.2
```

Step 1: Enable Istio Addon



Step 2: Rollout new version
and split traffic

Step 3: Rollback

The workflow has three steps:

- 1.Rollout first batch and split
10% traffic to the new version
- 1.Pause and verify the new
version
- 1.Rollout the rest of batches

The workflow abstracts users
from low-level infra details

```
workflow:
  steps:
  - name: rollout-1st-batch
    type: canary-rollout
    properties:
      # just upgrade first batch of component
      batchPartition: 0
      traffic:
        weightedTargets:
        - revision: reviews-v1
          weight: 90 # 90% shift to new version
        - revision: reviews-v2
          weight: 10 # 10% shift to new version

      # give user time to verify part of traffic shifting to newRevision
  - name: manual-approval
    type: suspend

  - name: rollout-rest
    type: canary-rollout
    properties:
      # upgrade all batches of component
      batchPartition: 1
      traffic:
        weightedTargets:
        - revision: reviews-v2
          weight: 100 # 100% shift to new version
```

Make Istio Simpler

Step 1: Enable Istio Addon

Step 2: Rollout new version
and split traffic



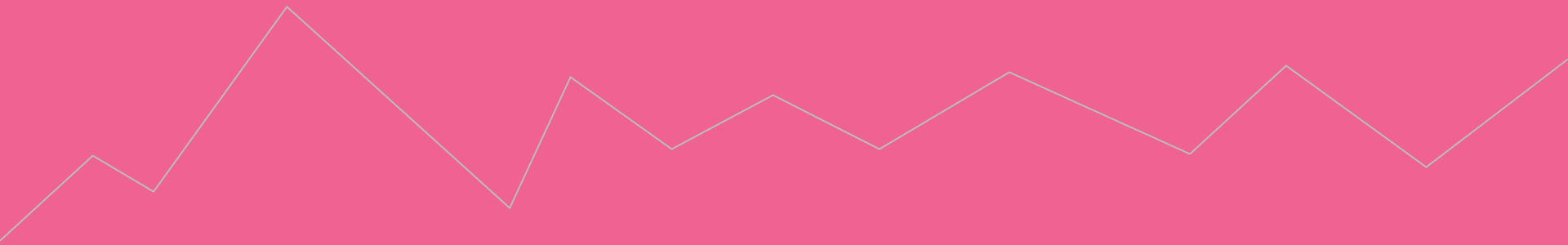
Step 3: Rollback

If we want to rollback to the old version, it is **as simple as** just putting a rollback step to the workflow

```
workflow:  
  steps:  
    - name: rollback  
      type: canary-rollback
```


It will rollback all replicas and traffic to the old version

Demo Time!



<https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1xq4y1P7A3/>

Roadmap

- Support standalone mode
 - Deploy in docker/binary without relying on K8s
 - Enhanced dashboard
 - App delivery workflow, addon center, environment, etc.
 - Enhanced CLI
 - vela config, vela doctor, vela wfstep
 - Observability: application monitoring
 - Stability & debuggability
 - ArgoCD integration
 - Machine learning case study
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Thank You!

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