Building a Custom K8S Controller

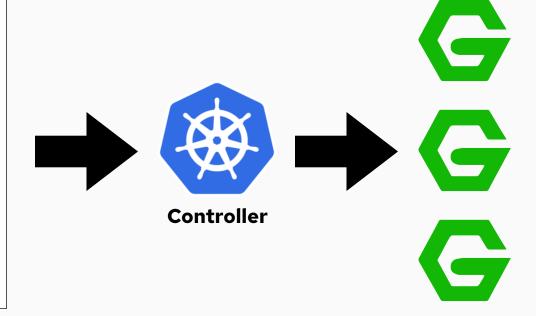


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Controller(s)

Maintains the **desired** state

```
spec:
replicas: 3
selector:
matchLabels:
app: nginx
template:
spec:
containers:
name: nginx
image: nginx:1.7.9
```



...Of Resource(s)

Pod Deployment Node

```
1 apiVersion: apps/v1
2 kind: Deployment
3 metadata:
4 name: nginx-deployment
5 labels:
6 app: nginx
7 spec:
8 replicas: 3
9
```

Custom Resource(s)

~= Database table or document

```
apiVersion: apiextensions.k8s.
kind: CustomResourceDefinition
metadata:
   name: podsets.demo.k8s.io
spec:
   group: demo.k8s.io
   version: vlalpha1
   names:
    kind: PodSet
```

Programming Entity

```
type PodSet struct {
    metav1.TypeMeta
    metav1.ObjectMeta

    Spec PodSetSpec
    Status PodSetStatus
}
```

```
1 apiVersion: demo/v1
2 kind: PodSet
3 metadata:
4 name: two-podset
5 spec:
6 replicas: 3
```

Custom Controller(s)

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Controller to manage the CR's state

CR

Use of Custom Controllers?



Extends kubernetes plaform

Use of Custom Controllers?

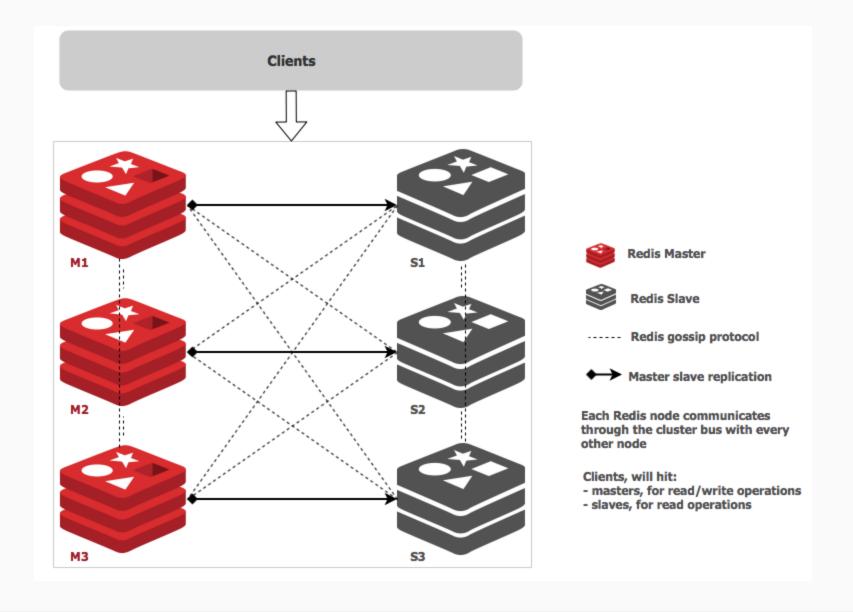


Operators

Its an autopilot for an application where it extends Kubernetes API to install, configure, scaling or recovery of application instances.

It bakes application operational knowledge into application specific controller

Run HA Redis



DIY way

Deployments

PVC

Images

Services

Expert devops knowledge of Redis HA

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Operator Way

```
apiVersion: databases.spotahome.com/v1
2 kind: RedisFailover
3 metadata:
   name: redisfailover-persistent-keep
5 spec:
  sentinel:
   replicas: 3
  image: redis:4.0-alpine
   redis:
10 replicas: 3
  image: redis:4.0-alpine
```

PodSet Example

1 #cr.yaml

2

3 apiVersion: demo/v1

4 kind: PodSet

5 metadata:

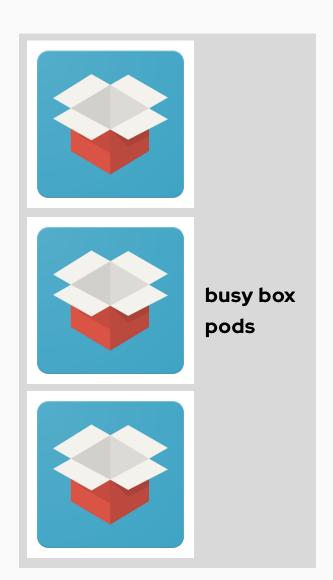
6 name: two-podset

7 spec:

8 replicas: 3



1 \$ kubectl apply cr.yaml



Go Lang Dependencies

client-go: k8s.io/client-go

apimachinery: k8s.io/apimachinery

api: k8s.io/api

code-generator: k8s.io/code-generator

Setup

git clone git@github.com:hrishin/podset-operator.git \
\$GOPATH /src/github.com/hrishin/podset-operator

Define API Resource

Golang API's ...

..to get, create, delete, watch **PodSet** resource

```
watcher, err := client.DemoV1alpha1().
   PodSets("pods").
   Watch(metav1.ListOptions{})
```

- 1 ~/go/src/k8s.io/code-generator/generate-groups.sh \
- 2 "client" \
- 3 github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/client \
- 4 github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis \
- 5 demo:v1alpha1

Hit the wall

```
kg/apis demo:vlalphal
Generating deepcopy funcs
F0524 19:44:54.564606 1761 main.go:82] Error: Failed making a parser: unable to add directory "github. unable to import "github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis/demo/vlalphal": go/build: importGo github.c it status 1
go: finding github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis/demo/vlalphal latest
go: finding github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis/demo latest
go: finding github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis latest
go: finding github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg latest
can't load package: package github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis/demo/vlalphal: unknown import pat lalphal": cannot find module providing package github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis/demo/vlalphal
```

19:44 \$ ~/go/src/k8s.io/code-generator/generate-groups.sh "deepcopy,client" github.com/hrishin/podset-ope

x-255 ~/go/src/github.com/hrishin/podset-operator [master L|+ 5...4]

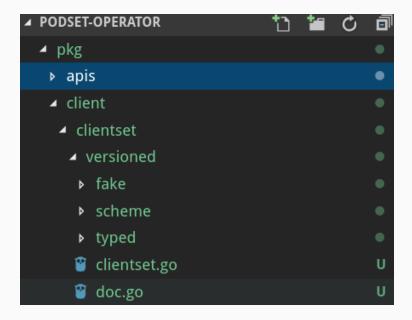
Boilerplate code

Define custom types(CRD)

```
    PODSET-OPERATOR
    pkg
        apis
        demo
        v1alpha1
        doc.go
        register.go
        types.go
        register.go
        register.go
        register.go
        register.go
```

CRD and Clients

```
✓ ~/go/src/github.com/hrishin/podset-operator [master L|+ 2...15]
20:30 $ ~/go/src/k8s.io/code-generator/generate-groups.sh "deepcopy,client" \
> github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/client \
> github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis \
> demo:vlalpha1
Generating deepcopy funcs
Generating clientset for demo:vlalpha1 at github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/client/clientset
```



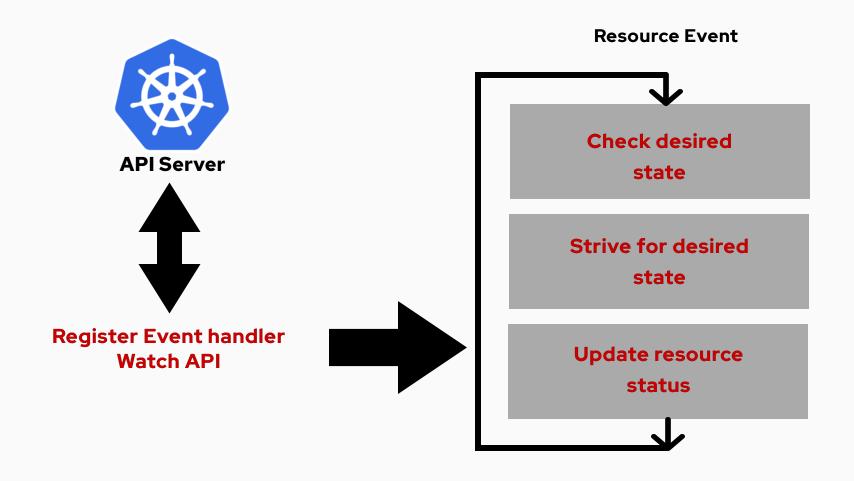
in place now, yay!

Hello "Watch" Demo

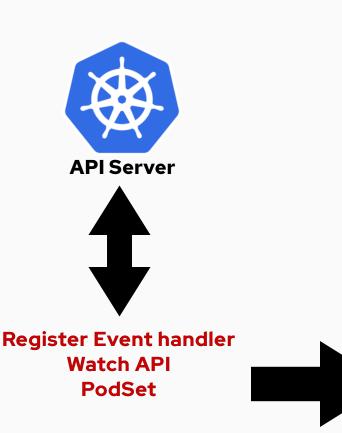


git checkout step-2

Controller Flow



PodSet Controller Flow



Resource Event

pod = number of pods running

> if pods < replicas spin up new pod

if pods > replicas delete existing pod

Update resource
AvaliableReplicas status

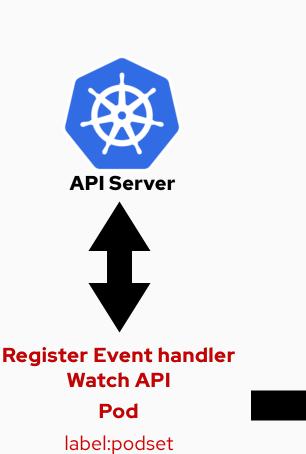
Anything Missing?

API Server Register Event handler **Watch API PodSet**

Resource Event

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Lets Watch Pods



get PodSet associated with Pod pod = number of pods running if pods < replicas spin up new pod if pods > replicas delete existing pod **Update resource**

AvaliableReplicas status

Functional "PodSet Controller" Demo



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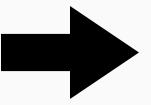
Not enough?

Resource Event





Register Event handler
Watch API
Pod
PodSet



pod = number of pods running

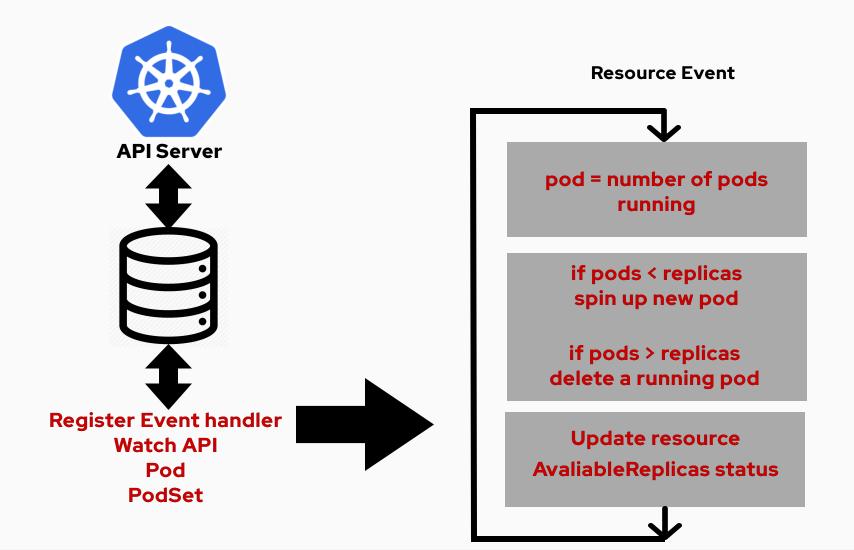
if pods < replicas spin up new pod

if pods > replicas delete a running pod

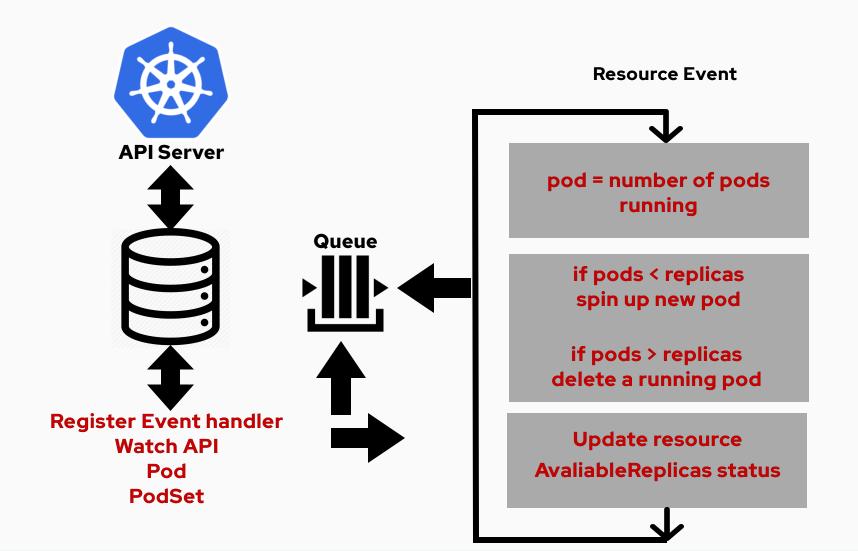
Update resource AvaliableReplicas status

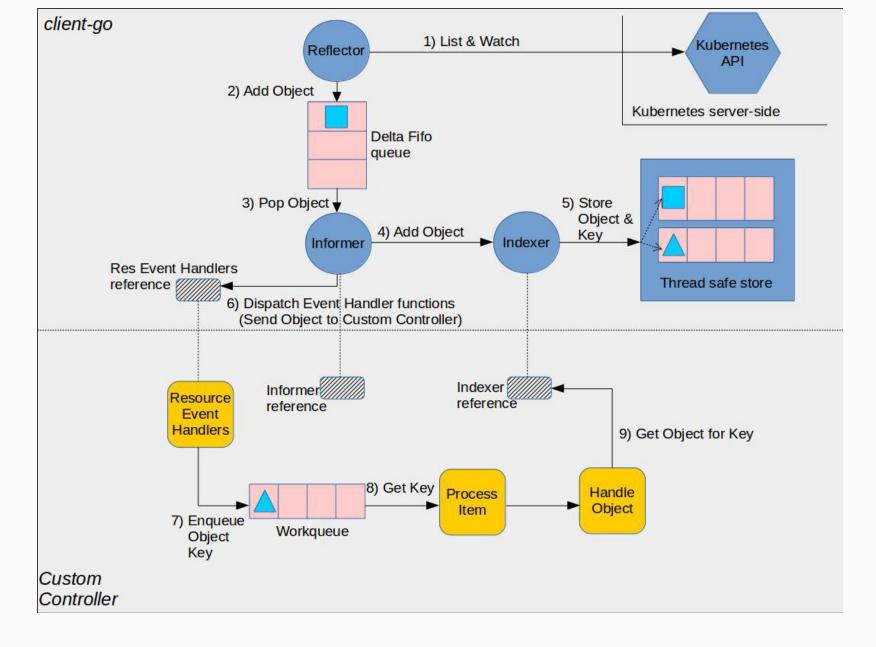


Informers



Workqueue





Credit: Devdutta Kulkarni

Generate informers and listers

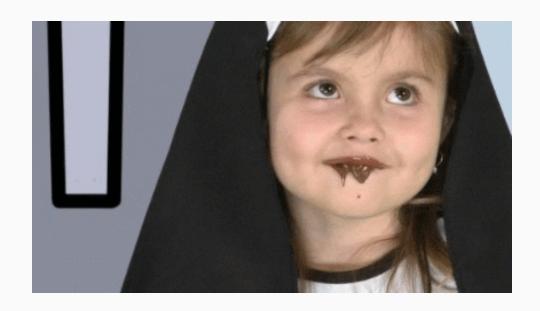
- 1 \$ ~/go/src/k8s.io/code-generator/generate-groups.sh \
- 2 "deepcopy,client,informer,lister" \
- 3 github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/client \
- 4 github.com/hrishin/podset-operator/pkg/apis \
- 5 demo:v1alpha1

Final Controller!



git checkout step-4

Still issues?



Controller: the Unicorn way!

Write the same controller using

kubebuilder

or

operator-sdk

Thank you!!