Closing the documentation gap with Backstage.io

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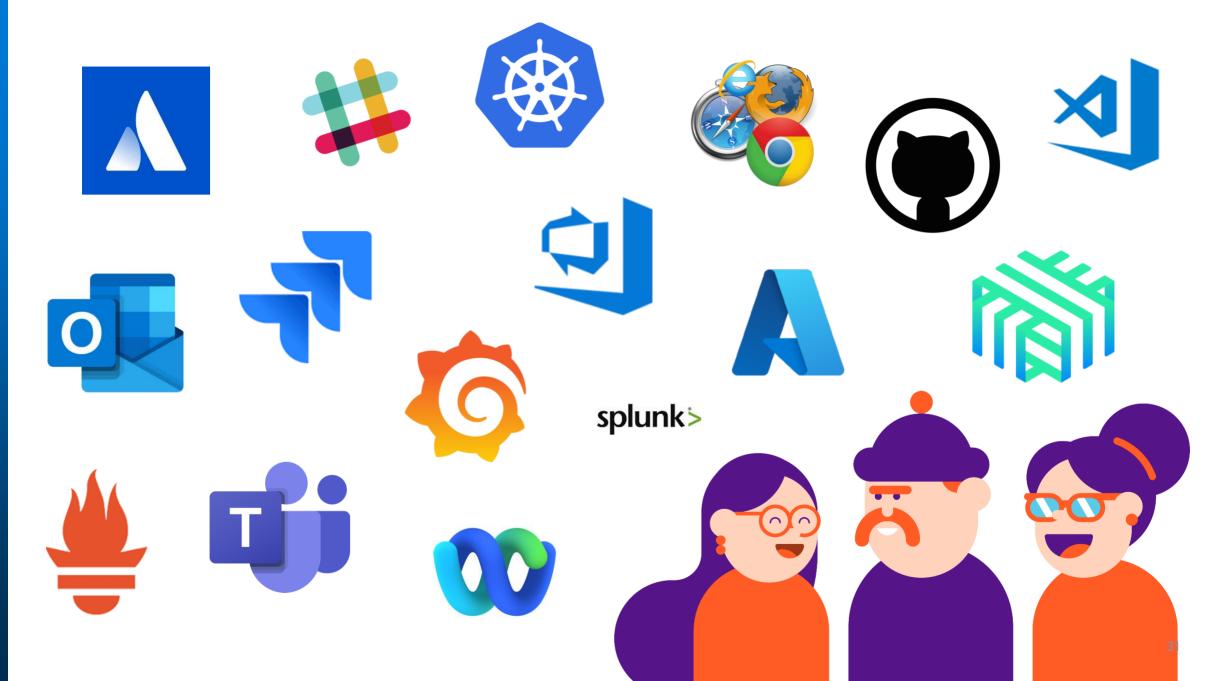
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Domain Architect Platform



Our organization













Application Run Parameters

This page helps you create values.yaml.

This file is required to deploy an application to kubernetes. In file describes how your application runs in the environments. In values you will have to define how much resources your application needs, managed identity (we will get back to managed identity on the next pages), and what ports your application runs on.

Once you are done you will get a new file values.yaml that you must put in a directory deploy on your git root.

application name	my-application
entrypoint	/bin/app
owner	team-netthandel
docker container port	8080 🗘
internet port	80 🗘
path (used by nginx ingress)	/my-application
Running docker with user ID (UID)	1000 🕏

Scaling

replicas

scale horizontal based on cpu

scale horizontal based on memory

Nusse – our self-service tool

➤ Health probes

Requests

The resources your application use during startup.





Backstage

Backstage.io – what we are using (currently)

- Core functionality (service catalog / API Docs)
- TechDocs (documentation as code)
- Plugins (wh00t!)

Demo

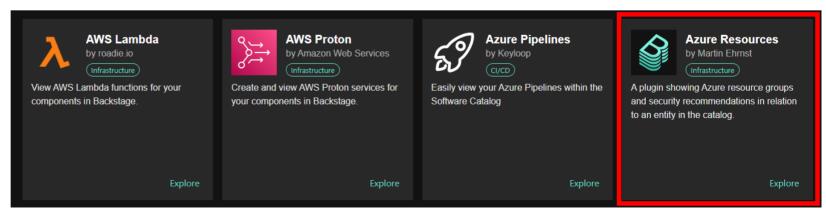
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So how are we closing the documentation gap?

- Making it easy for developers
- Make information from other systems available (almost) automatically.
- Easy to use organisation wide
- Good base for more automation in the future

Azure plugin by Martin

- Vipps is 100% Azure (and k8s)
 - Azure visibility is mandatory for a catalog
- Developed in-house @ Vipps
- Open sourced





More info on Backstage

- Backstage.io
- Suzanne Daniels' session from PlatformCon2022
- Discord





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