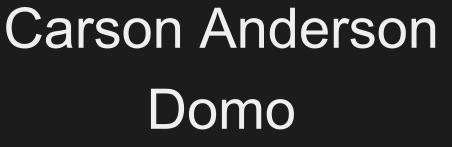
Knative Vs. OpenFaaS

Functions on Kubernetes





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Kubernetes & Serverless @



- Kubernetes is Serverless
- A layer to reduce developer complexity
- Functions As A Service narrows the scope of
 - Work
 - Risk
 - Scale

monolith

service

service

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service

function

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Let's Come Clean



- Knative is not AWS Lambda
- OpenFaaS is not AWS Lambda
- If you are in AWS and want top quality integration: Use Lambda!

But!



- AWS Lamba != perfect
 - Limits
 - Execution time
 - Persistent disk limits
 - Vendor lock-in
 - VM runtime environment

Lambda Vs (Knative Vs OpenFaaS) Functions on Things!

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Plan



- Introductions
- CommonComponents
- Demo

- Platform Comparisons
 - Architecture
 - Installation
- Function Operations
 - Building
 - Deploying
 - Invoking



Introductions



AWS Managed





- AWS managed
- AWS scale
- AWS integrated
- No overhead



OpenFaaS





- Independent
- Open source
- Portable
- Lightweight



Knative Introduction





- Google backed
- Serverless platform
 - Building
 - Serving
 - Eventing



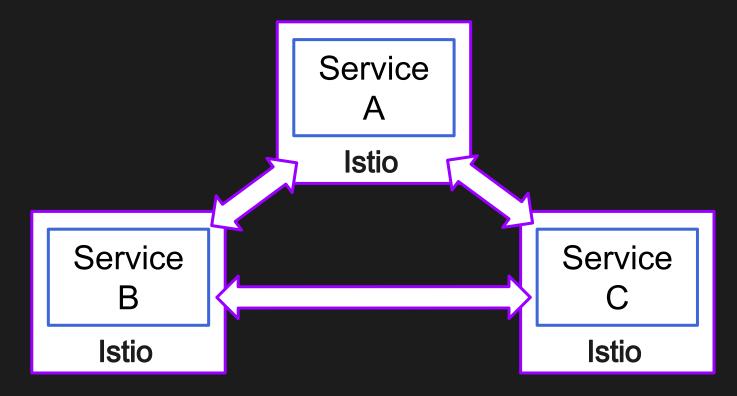
Knative Caveat



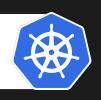




What is a service mesh?



Common Components ()



- 1. Function 4. Ringleader
- 2. Invoker 5. Usher

3. Queue

1. Function



Function

- Imperative
 - Returns something
 - Called by user
 - Called by other function
 - Called by other system
- Reactive
 - Triggered by outside event



Functions

Template: get_tax()



```
# EXPECTS = {"subtotal":INT}
def main():
   subtotal = [IN]

tax = subtotal * 0.047

[OUT] { "tax": tax }
```

Implementation Specifics In Red



Lambda: get_tax()



```
# EXPECTS {"subtotal":INT}
def main(event, context):
  subtotal = event["subtotal"]
  tax = subtotal * 0.047
  return {
    'statusCode': 200,
    'body': { "tax": tax }
```

Implementation Specifics In Red



OpenFaaS: get_tax()



```
import sys, json
                                            Implementation
                                           Specifics In Red
# EXPECTS {"subtotal":INT}
def handle (req):
  subtotal = json.loads(req)["subtotal"]
  tax = subtotal * 0.047
 print({ "tax": tax })
```



Knative: get_tax()



```
import os, json
from flask import Flask, request
app = Flask( name )
@app.route('/', methods=['POST'])
# EXPECTS {"subtotal":INT}
def main():
  subtotal = request.get json()["subtotal"]
 tax = subtotal * 0.047
 return str(tax)
if
    name == ' main ':
 app.run(debug=True,host='0.0.0.0',port=8080)
```

Implementation
Specifics In Red



Reactive Functions

Template: post_message()

```
import requests
# EXPECTS {"title":STR, "txt":STR}
def main([...]):
  url = "https://webhook.site/..."
 title = [IN]
  txt = [IN]
 message = title + "\n" + txt
  requests.post(url, data = message)
```

```
Implementation
Specifics In Red
```



Lambda: post_message()



Implementation

import requests

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Specifics In Red
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OpenFaaS: post_message()

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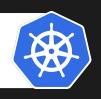
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 title = data["title"]
 txt = data["txt"]
 message = title + "\n" + txt
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Implementation
Specifics In Red

Common Components ()

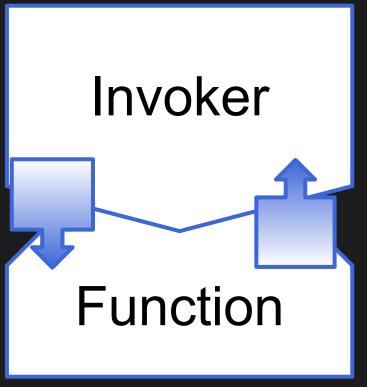


- 1. Function 4. Ringleader
- 2. Invoker 5. Usher

3. Queue

2. Invoker





- Forks or calls the function
- Handles
 - Inputs
 - Outputs
- Usually
 - HTTP server or client
 - Customizable or replaceable

Invokers Matter!



- Synchronous or asynchronous
- Serial or parallel
- For serial
 - Is the execution environment recreated or sanitized for each invocation?
 - o Is the execution called via forking or threads?
 - Global variables
 - Connection pools
- For parallel
 - Concurrency?

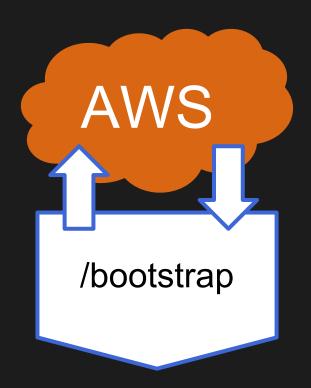


Invokers



/bootstrap script



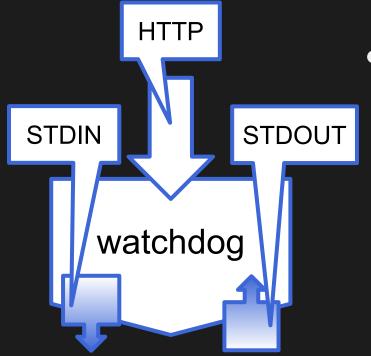


- Method
 - Read events from a "magic" API
 - Call function with event data
 - Return results to API
- Serialized executions
- Invocations run as threads
- Runtimes come with one by default
- Replaceable



watchdog, of-watchdog





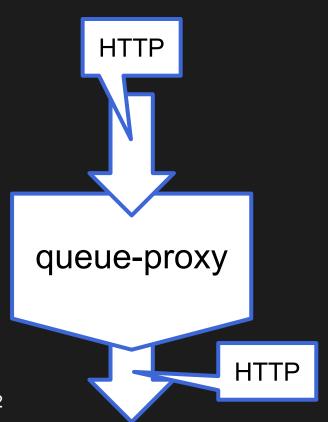
Method

- Synchronous, parallel
 - Listen for HTTP invocations
 - Fork function code
 - Send STDIN, read STDOUT
- Asynchronous, serial
 - Read events from queue
 - Fork function code
 - Send STDIN, read STDOUT
- Replaceable, configurable



queue-proxy sidecar





Method

- Intercept web traffic destined for function web server container
- Queue, limit, reroute, trace, etc.
- Call function web server container
- Serial or parallel based on configuration
- Not easily replaceable

Common Components ()

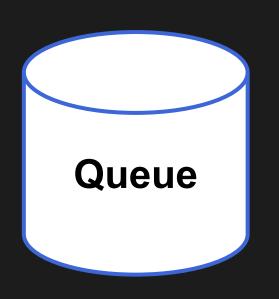


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3. Queue





- Stores
 - Async invocations
 - Pending invocations
- Tracks state
- Reports load



Queues



AWS Managed





• SQS?



NATS



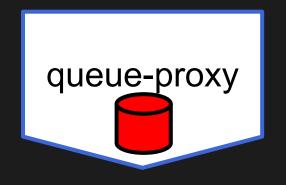


- CNCF project
- Distributed
- Lightweight
- Scalable



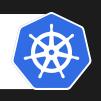
queue-proxy





- In memory queue inside queue-proxy
- Distributed between all active function containers
- Not fault tolerant
- Not inspectable

Common Components ()

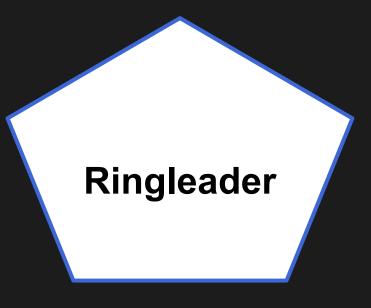


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4. Ringleader





- Creates
 - Functions
 - Infrastructure
- Scales functions
- Reports status



Ringleaders



AWS Managed





API Gateway?



OpenFaaS Gateway





- Golang
- Open source
- Lightweight
- Full Featured



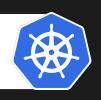
Ky Knative Serving Controller 🛞



Knative Serving Controller

- Golang
- Open Source
- Follows the K8s "Operator" pattern

Common Components ()



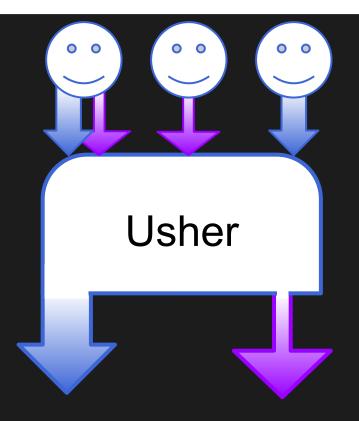
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3. Queue

6. Usher





- Takes in traffic for functions
- Routes requests
- May handle
 - Auth
 - Encryption



Usher



AWS Managed





- ELB?
- ALB?
- API Gateway?



OpenFaaS Gateway





- Hosts
 - Admin GUI
 - Management API
- Proxies
 - Sync calls to function pods
 - Async calls to NATS queue

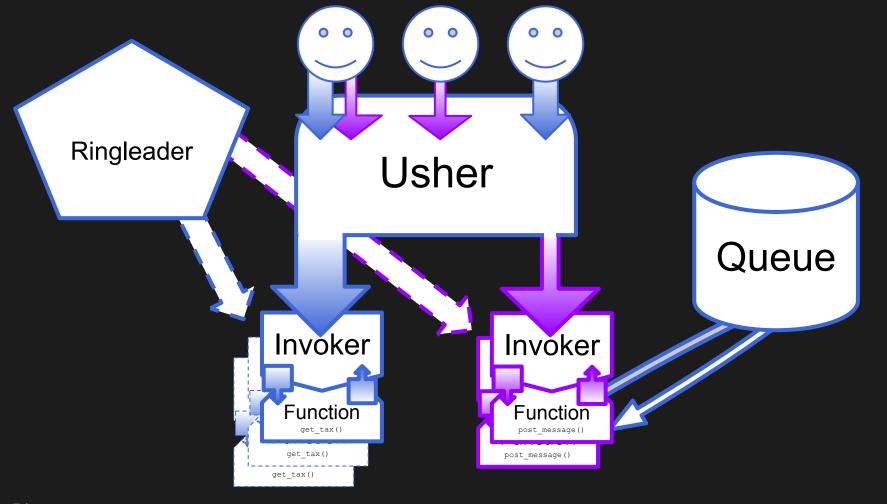


Istio Ingress Provider



istio-ingress/ Gloo

- Choices
 - o istio-ingress
 - o gloo
- Service mesh!





Demo

Why Only One Demo?



- OpenFaas
 - Lightweight
 - Quick to start
- Lambda
 - Account Required
- Knative
 - Does not work in k3s (no sidecar injection)



OpenFaaS Demo





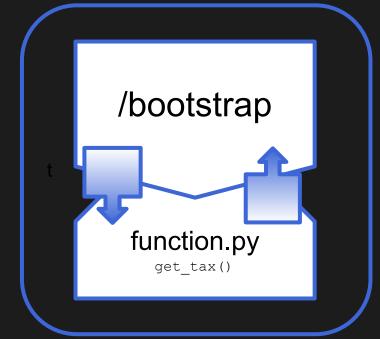
Platform Architecture



AWS Lambda Architecture



Function & Invoker

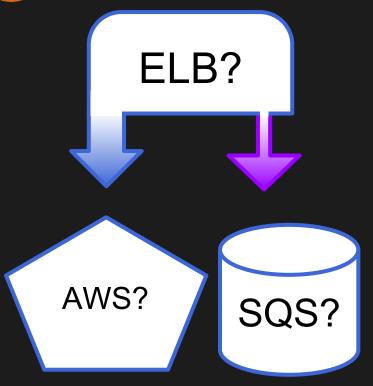


KVM (Firecracker)

- NOT Containerized
- May need dedicated build vms
- Functions distributed as zip files built specifically for Amazon Linux
- Invocations are always serial
- A single VM may process many function invocations

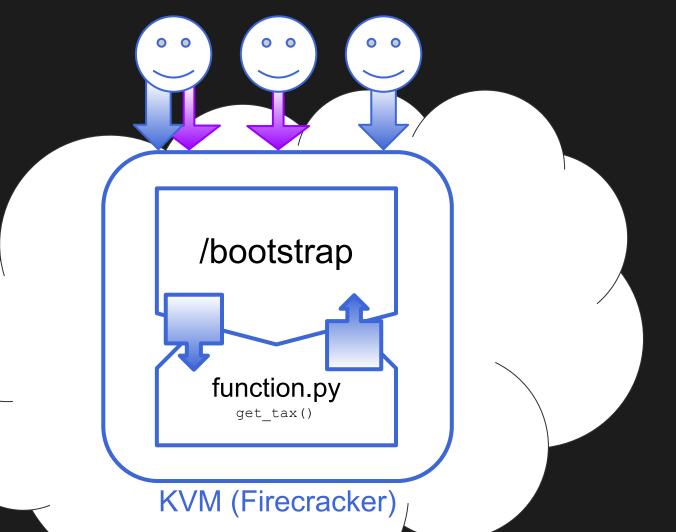


Queue, Ringleader, & Usher



- ELB?
- SQS?
- AWS?
- MAGIC?







More Lambda Info



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOBq__h4OJ4

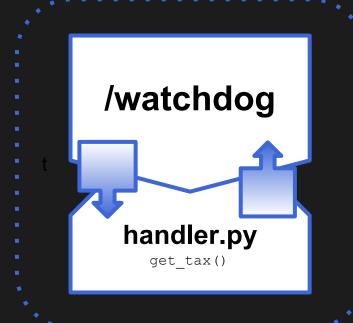
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OpenFaaS Architecture



Function & Invoker

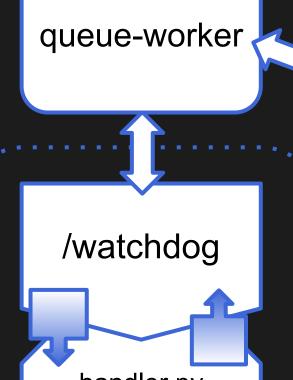


Container

- Functions are run in containers
- Watchdog invoker
 - Proxies all requests
 - Forks handler.py
 - Sends HTTP data to STIN
 - Returns STDOUT
 - Invocations are parallel by default



Queue



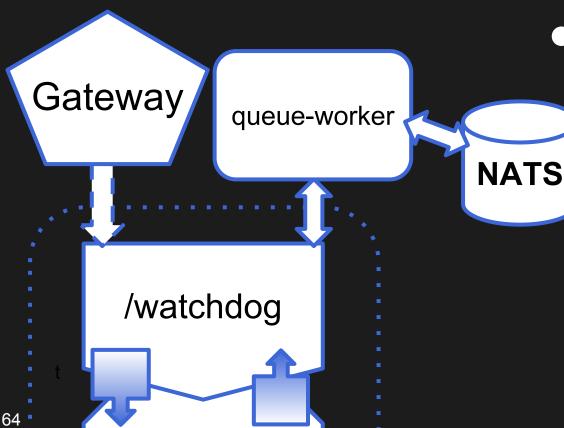
- Uses NATS to handle
 Async function calls
- queue-worker

NATS

- Watches NATS topic and invokes function calls one at a time for each event
- Returns results to
 NATS for later client
 retrieval

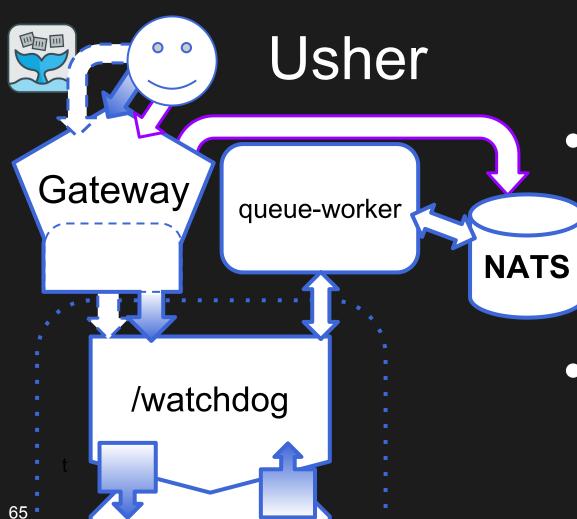


Ringleader



Gateway hosts

- Admin API
- Admin GUI
- prometheus metrics

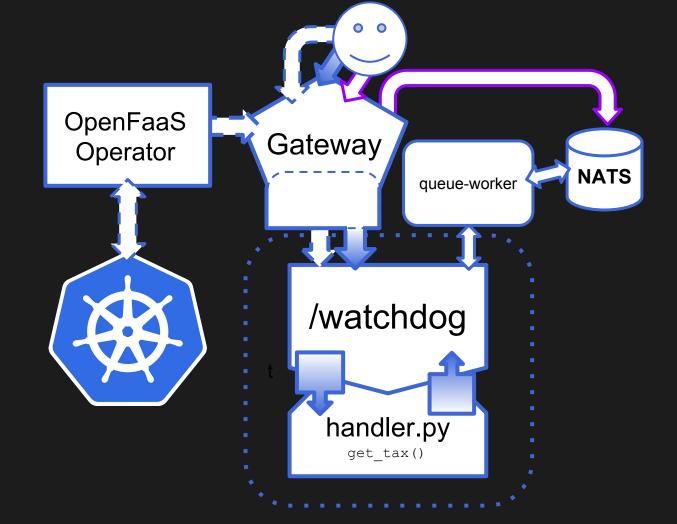


Gateway is also the Usher

Proxies calls to

- Functions (Sync)
- NATS (Async)
- Scales from zero







More OpenFaaS Info



https://blog.alexellis.io/introducing-functions-as-a-service/

https://docs.openfaas.com/#presentations

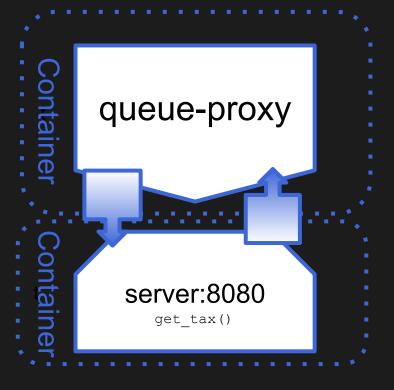
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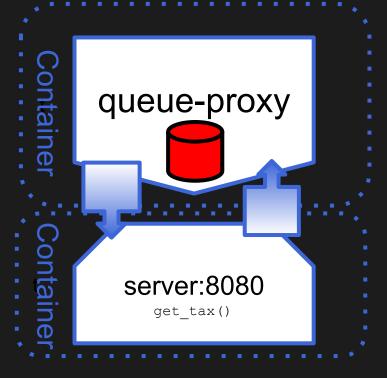


Function & Invoker



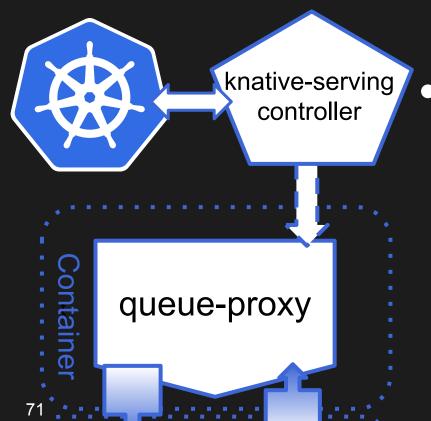
- Functions are web servers
 - Must process event data from web calls manually
- Queue-proxy intercepts traffic and proxies to server container
- Concurrency
 - Automatic
 - Serial
 - Parallel, 2-N





- queue-proxy has an internal queue for pending invocations
- No central queue system
- Lost containers lose all queued invocations

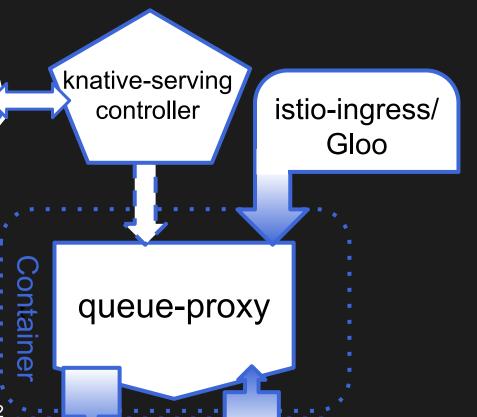




Serving operator watches Kubernetes custom resources

- Creates immutable revisions
- Switches load to new revision





- Service Mesh power!
 - Canary deployments
 - Full roll-back



More Knative Info



https://youtu.be/LtELzpw1I1M

https://www.knative.dev/docs/

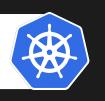
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Platform Installation



AWS Lambda Installation





- Get AWSAccount
- Give AWSMoney



OpenFaaS Installation



- Install with HELM
- Install with raw YAML



OpenFaaS Footprint



Namespaces

- openfaas
- openfaas-fn

Roles

- openfaas-operator-rw
- openfaas-prometheus

RoleBindings

- openfaas-operator-rw
- openfaas-prometheus

ConfigMaps

- alertmanager-config
- prometheus-config

CustomResourceDefinitions

functions.openfaas.com

Ingresses

openfaas-ingress



OpenFaaS Footprint Cont.

Services

- alertmanager
- gateway
- gateway-external
- nats
- prometheus

Deployments

- alertmanager
- faas-idler
- gateway
- nats
- prometheus
- queue-worker



Knative Installation Prereq



- Install Istio (Full support)
 - Install with raw YAML
 - Comprehensive Install
 - Limited Install
 - Custom Install



Knative (Istio) Footprint



Namespaces

• istio-system

ClusterRoles

- cluster-local-gateway-istio-system
- istio-citadel-istio-system
- istio-cleanup-secrets-istio-system
- istio-egressgateway-istio-system
- istio-galley-istio-system
- istio-ingressgateway-istio-system
- istio-mixer-istio-system
- istio-pilot-istio-system
- istio-sidecar-injector-istio-system

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- istio-galley-admin-role-binding-istio-system
- istio-ingressgateway-istio-system
- istio-mixer-admin-role-binding-istio-system
- istio-pilot-istio-system
- istio-sidecar-injector-admin-role-binding-istio-syste

ConfigMaps

- istio
- istio-galley-configuration
- istio-security-custom-resources
- istio-sidecar-injector
- istio-statsd-prom-bridge

Jobs

• istio-cleanup-secrets

Kubernetes.config.istio.io

attributes

AttributeManifests

- istioproxy
- kubernetes

Destinationrule.networking.istio.io

- istio-policy
- istio-telemetry

Gateway.networking.istio.io

istio-autogenerated-k8s-ingress



Knative (Istio) Footprint Cont.



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handler

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- accesslog
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metric.config.istio.io

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mutatingwebhookconfiguration

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stdio.config.istio.io

handler



Knative Installation



- Install Knative
 - Install with raw YAML



Knative Footprint



Namespaces

- default
- istio-system
- knative-serving

Services

- activator-service
- autoscaler
- controller
- webhook

Deployments

- activator
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- controller
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ClusterRoles

- knative-serving-admin
- knative-serving-core

ClusterRoleBindings

knative-serving-controller-admin

ConfigMaps

- config-autoscaler
- config-controller
- config-domain
- config-gc
- config-istio
- config-logging
- config-network
- config-observability

CustomResourceDefinitions

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Knative Footprint Cont.



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queue-proxy

Services

- activator-service
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- webhook

ServiceAccount

controller



Alternative: Knative/Gloo Installation



- Install Gloo (Partial support)
 - "glooctl install knative"



Function: Building



Build Process



- Create the Function
 - mkdir myfunc
 - o cd myfunc
 - o vi function.py
- Install Dependencies
- Submit to AWS
 - o zip -r function.zip .
 - aws lambda update-function-code



Function Runtimes



- AWS Provided:
 - Node 6.10, 8.10
 - Python 2.6, 3.6, 3.7
 - Ruby 2.5
 - Java 8
 - Go 1.X
 - Net Core 1.0, 2.0, 2.1
- Runtimes are Customizable



Language Dependencies



- KVM (Amazon Linux)
 - Native libraries (ex: cython) may require a dedicated build machine
- Must package all dependencies in a zip file
 - Python
 - pip install --target .
 - virtualenv
 - Node
 - node_modules
 - Ruby
 - bundle install --path vendor/bundle



Build Process



- Generate a Docker image
 - faas-cli new --lang python myfunc
 - Edit requirements.txt
 - Edit handler.py
 - faas-cli build -f ./myfunc.yml



Faas-cli Tool



- Function
 - Generate
 - Build
 - Deploy
 - Invoke
- Secrets management
- Config management
- Template store



faas-cli template store Is



NAME	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
csharp	openfaas	Official C# template
dockerfile	openfaas	Official Dockerfile template
go	openfaas	Official Golang template
java8	openfaas	Official Java 8 template
node	openfaas	Official NodeJS 8 template
php7	openfaas	Official PHP 7 template
python	openfaas	Official Python 2.7 template
python3	openfaas	Official Python 3.6 template
ruby	openfaas	Official Ruby 2.5 template
node10-express	openfaas-incubator	NodeJS 10 Express template
ruby-http	openfaas-incubator	Ruby 2.4 HTTP template
python27-flask	openfaas-incubator	Python 2.7 Flask template
python3-flask	openfaas-incubator	Python 3.6 Flask template
node8-express	openfaas-incubator	NodeJS 8 Express template
golang-http	openfaas-incubator	Golang HTTP template
golang-middleware	openfaas-incubator	Golang Middleware template
python3-debian	openfaas-incubator	Python 3.6 Debian template
powershell-template	openfaas-incubator	Powershell Core Ubuntu:16.04 template
powershell-http-template	openfaas-incubator	Powershell Core HTTP Ubuntu:16.04 template



Containerized Builds



- Knative build system
 - Triggered by source changes
 - Build
 - Push
 - Rollout
- Build your own Docker image from scratch
 - Must be a full web server



Function: Deployment



AWS Lambda



- AWS Console
- AWS API
- AWS CLI
 - o aws lambda update-code



OpenFaaS



- Gateway GUI
- Gateway API
- FaaS CLI
 - faas-cli deploy -f myfunc.yaml
- Kubernetes CR (Operator Required)
 - kubectl create -f myfunc-fn.yaml



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- Kubernetes CR
 - kubectl create -f myfunc-fn.yaml



Function: Invoking



AWS Lambda



- AWS Console
- AWS API
- AWS CLI
 - aws lambda invoke



OpenFaaS



- Gateway GUI
- FaaS CLI
 - faas-cli invoke ...
- curl <ingress>/functions/get-tax



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```
curl \
  -H 'Host: get-tax.example.com' \
  <ingress>
```



Summary



AWS Lambda



- No overhead
- No management
- VM runtimes
- Limits
- Lock-in



OpenFaaS



- Lightweight
- Cloud Native Components
- Faas-cli
 - Function templates
 - Full platform interaction
- Parallel invocations by default
- No canary or automated roll-back



Knative



- Full serverless platform
- Uses istio
- Istio required
- No persistent queue
- Few faas platform helpers
- No GUI

More Serverless Platforms

- OpenWhisk
 - Kafka required
 - Container per invocation
- Kubeless
 - Code Injection no image builds
 - NATS/Kafka Optional
- Fission
 - Code injection no image builds
 - Pooled, "warm" containers

More Serverless Platforms

- IronFunctions
 - Can import lambda functions
- Fn
 - Persistent DB required
 - Container per invocation and/or re-used "hot" containers

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