

Mini-loop update (v4.x)

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Agenda



- What is it / what is it for => recap
- ~~Demonstration~~ Try it !
- Status & Next Steps
- Summary



What is mini-loop and what is it for ?

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Automation of the Mojaloop “Deployment Guide”

<https://docs.mojaloop.io/getting-started/installation/installing-mojaloop.html>



Option #1 type install and configuration commands

Option #2 mini-loop scripted install

A screenshot of the Mojaloop documentation website. The header includes the "mojal" logo, a search bar, and navigation links for "Getting Started", "Community", "API", "Technical", "Training Program", and "GitHub". The left sidebar contains a table of contents with links to "Getting Started", "Your First Action", "Demos", "Why Mojaloop", "Working with Mojaloop", "Financial Inclusion 101", "What is RTP?", "What Makes Financial", "Inside the Loop", and "FAQs". The main content area is titled "Installing Mojaloop" and contains an introduction paragraph followed by two numbered steps. A blue arrow points from the text "Option #1 type install and configuration commands" to the "Getting Started" link in the sidebar. Another blue arrow points from the text "Option #2 mini-loop scripted install" to the "Mini-Loop" link in step 2 of the installation guide.

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Getting Started Community API Technical Training Program GitHub

Getting Started

Your First Action

Demos

Why Mojaloop

Working with Mojaloop

Financial Inclusion 101

What is RTP?

What Makes Financial

Inside the Loop

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

General FAQs

Technical FAQs

Installing Mojaloop

Mojaloop is packaged and released as a set of [Helm Charts](#) with various options for deployment and customization.

1. The Mojaloop [Deployment Guide](#) is intended for those familiar with [Kubernetes](#) and [Helm](#) or those interested in the deployment details of the Mojaloop Helm Charts [Deployment Guide](#).
2. If you are new to Mojaloop and unfamiliar with [Helm](#) / [Kubernetes](#) or if you just want to get the software up and running quickly and simply then the [Mini-Loop](#) install utilities for Mojaloop are an efficient way to get started. The [Mini-Loop](#) scripts enable you to deploy Mojaloop in the cloud or on your laptop / server with just a couple of commands. You can then easily run the [Mojaloop Testing Toolkit](#) to interact and test your deployment.

What is mini-loop and what is it for ?

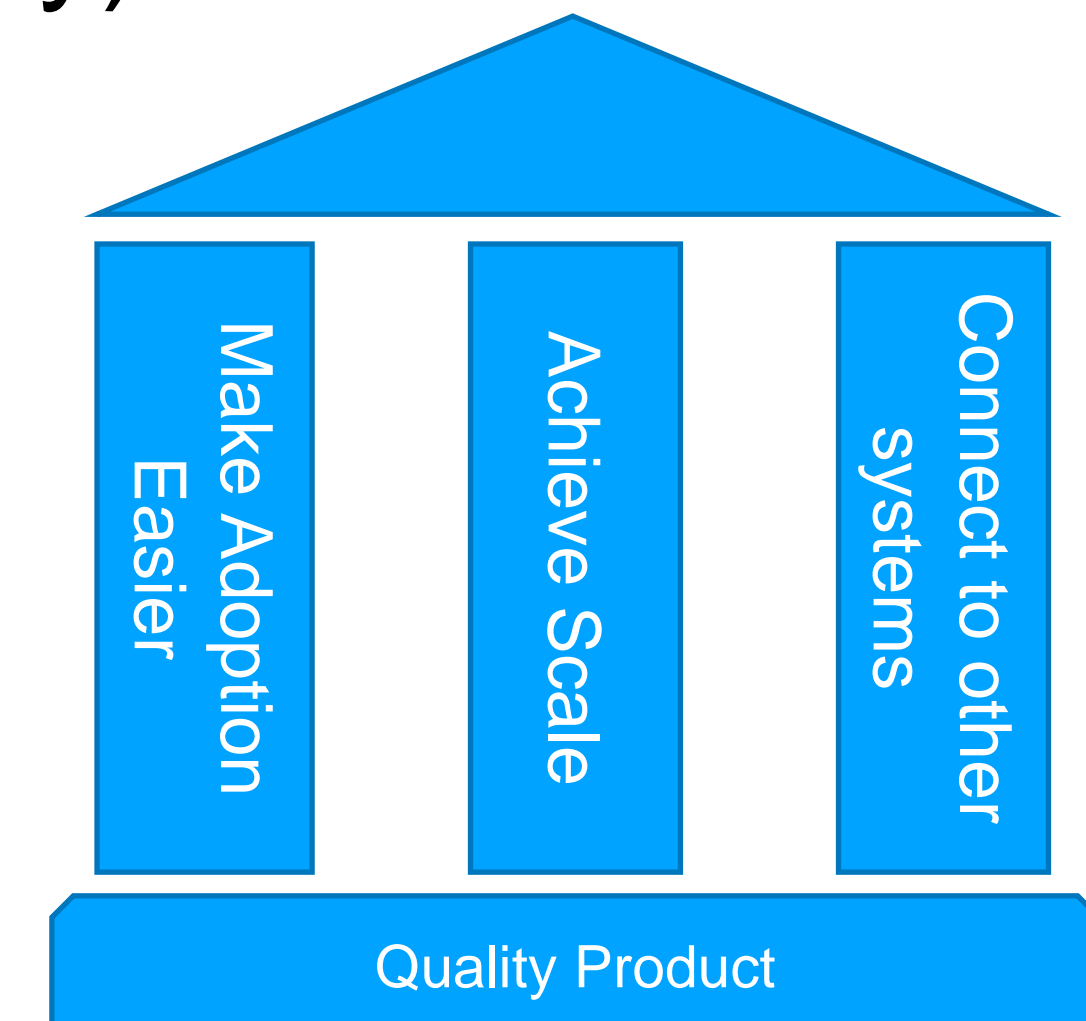


- OOTB (out of the box) Mojaloop installation
- Complete Mojaloop hub (almost) including 3PPI
- Repeatable and scriptable
- Opinionated / Simplified config
- Ubuntu OS , 6GB RAM and X86/AMD processor (pentium or better)
- Tooling to help manage significant volume of configuration information

What is mini-loop and what is it for ?



- Make it easier to access Mojaloop !
- Demonstrations
- Teaching / Learning and lab environments (spin up / down rapidly)
- Testing
 - Q/A
 - Run entire TTK Golden Path tests
 - Performance experiments (vNext)
- Increase familiarity with Mojaloop => increase our community
- **Quick** (15-20 mins for entire hub and services)
- **Cheap** !



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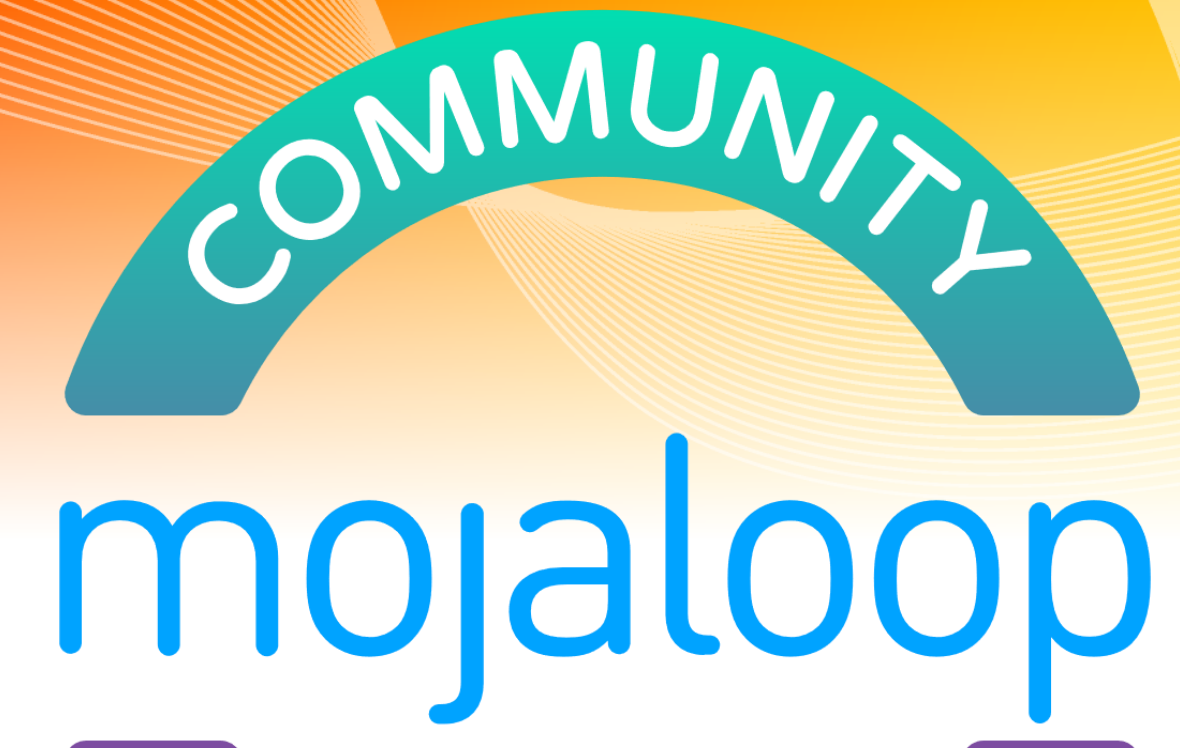


Mojaloop Kubernetes Release Testing

- Kubernetes platform releases every 3 months
=> we need to help everyone move with kubernetes !
- Each new Mojaloop release will be tested (by us)
On most current kubernetes release (DA #93 process decision)
 - ⇒ Mojaloop release 14.1 tested on latest kubernetes release
 - ⇒ Helping to keep up with Kubernetes and providers

mini-loop provides / quick convenient / isolated way for users to try latest Mojaloop to assist in determining their upgrade path.

What is mini-loop and what is it for ?



Also some build tooling
e.g. mod_local_minloop.py

Process all the value.yaml
files in all directories

Read and parse .yaml

Make config changes

```
print(" ==> mod_local_minloop : Modify helm values to implement single mysql database")
for vf in p.glob('*/*/values.yaml') :
    with open(vf) as f:
        if (args.verbose):
            print(f"==> Processing file < {vf.parent}/{vf.name} > ")
        skip = False
        for fn in yaml_files_check_list :
            if vf == Path(fn) :
                if (args.verbose):
                    print(f"This yaml file needs checking skipping load/processing for now => {Path(fn)} ")
                skip=True
        if not skip :
            data = yaml.load(f)

        for x, value in lookup("mysql", data):
            if (value.get("name") == "wait-for-mysql" ):
                value['repository'] = "mysql"
                value['tag'] = '8.0'
            if value.get("mysqlDatabase"):
                value['enabled'] = False

        # update the values files to use a mysql instance that has already been deployed
        # and that uses a newly generated database password
        for x, value in lookup("config", data):
            if isinstance(value, dict):
                if (value.get('db_type')):
                    value['db_host'] = 'mldb'
                    value['db_password'] = db_pass
```

=> Used this approach to move to latest
kubernetes networking API in Mojaloop version
14.1 RC

What is mini-loop and what is it for



Benefit of tooling (mod_local_miniloop.py) is we can make consistent changes

```
cd helm ; cat **/*.yaml | wc -l
```

We have more than 26,000 lines of values.yaml configuration in 55 distinct values.yaml files
=> need tooling to manage

*includes comments

What is NOT for



- mini-loop does **NOT** enable “production ready” deployments of Mojaloop



~~Demonstration~~ Try it

How many folks in the room have actually RUN Mojaloop

How many folks think they “WOULD BENEFIT” from running Mojaloop

You can try it out



- **Laptop Requirements**

- Intel/AMD (pentium or better)
- Min 6 - 8 GB free ram
- Able to run VirtualBox 6.1

- **Cloud Instance**

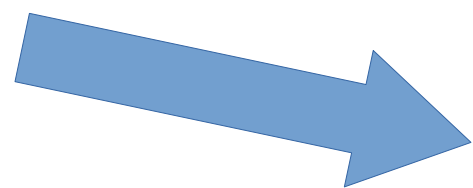
- Intel/AMD instance
- Min 8 Gb free ram(16Gb is better)
- Ubuntu 16.x – 20.04
- Internet access

Try it out !

- <https://github.com/tdaly61/mini-loop>

- **Laptop**

- Install VirtualBox 6.1 (from USB)
- Import Mojaloop appliance (from USB) and “start”
- `ssh -p 2222 vagrant@127.0.0.1`
(passwd: vagrant)
- `kubectl get pods`
- Add the list of ML hosts to VM **HOST** local hosts file
- Run the Mojaloop TTK Mobile Emulator by browsing to <http://testing-toolkit.local>
- Transfer some funds



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- **Cloud Instance** (use mini-loop)
- <https://docs.mojaloop.io/getting-started/installation/installing-mojaloop.html>
- <https://github.com/tdaly61/mini-loop>

Using mini-loop installer



Login (e.g. as mluser)

- 1) `git clone https://github.com/tdaly61/mini-loop.git`
- 2) `sudo ./mini-loop/install/mini-loop/scripts/k8s-install-current.sh -m install -u mluser -k microk8s -v 1.24`
- 3) `source $HOME/.bashrc`
- 4) `./mini-loop/install/mini-loop/scripts/miniloop-local-install.sh -m install_ml`

[Need 8GB Ram, 40GB disk and a running Ubuntu 16,18 or 20 instance]



Status & Next Steps

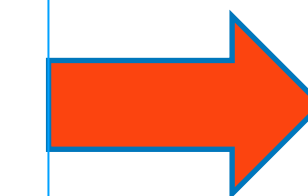
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Mini-loop v4.x

Deploys Mojaloop v14 to kubernetes v1.24



- 1 Download install and configure kubernetes (microk8s,k3s)
- 2 Download Mojaloop helm repo
- 3 Modify local helm charts
Values.yaml, requirements.yaml, template files
- 4 deploy MySQL
Dynamically generate new database password
- 5 deploy local configured and modified Mojaloop



Approx 20-30 minutes on
a well configured well
connected laptop or
cloud instance

Next steps

Mini-loop firstly



When Mojaloop v14.1 and 15 release “many” of the modifications will be removed
=> not needed

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Modify local helm charts
Values.yaml, requirements.yaml, template files

When Mojaloop v14.1 and 15 release will automate deployment of the DB,Kafka,Mongo etc

Next steps

Mini-loop then ...



- Use mini-loop to help finalise dev of Mojaloop v14.1 and v15.0
- Automate deployment of kafka, mongo , redis similar to mysql
- Finalise addition of thirdparty chart deployment (just needs doc)
- Automate deployment of Mojaloop v14 & v15 to kubernetes **v1.25, then 1.26**
- **Start mini-loop support for Mojaloop vNext deployment**
- Investigate / start using mini-loop for enhancing CI/CD testing
 - e.g. incorporating vNext
 - e.g. Incorporating performance sizing – **including pods to nodes association**

There is surprisingly not a massive amount of mini-loop work to do here !

Next steps mini-loop (connect to other systems)



Enable some demonstrations

For instance could mini-loop incorporate say
“Mifos” and create concrete demo's ?

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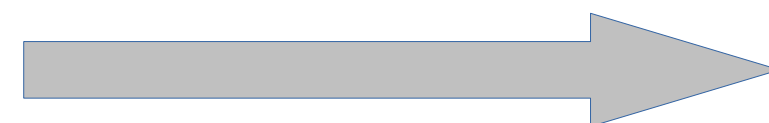
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Mifos Deployment and integration with data input

Other(s) ...

Seems like this should not be too hard
or expensive.

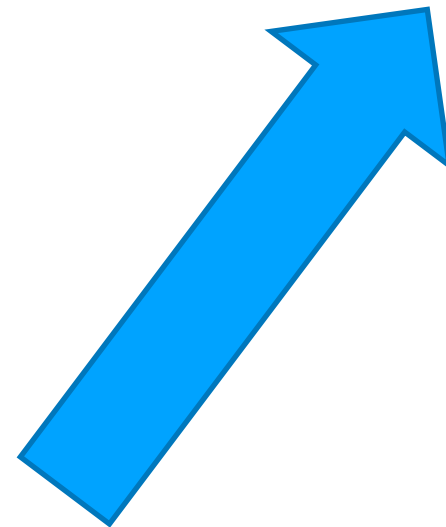


Mifos folks already updating
integration that they did 2 years ago

Next steps mini-loop (assist transition to vNext)



mini-loop tools



Current Hub Code

vNext

Next steps

Mini-loop

Something for free



I did have this “pet project” => port mojaloop, deploy to ARM

Why : Enable developers/testers (M1 MAC) **productivity**

Cost : e.g. AWS graviton instances, various (always) free cloud offerings

Raspberry PI (offline/remote/low cost clusters – test / dev)

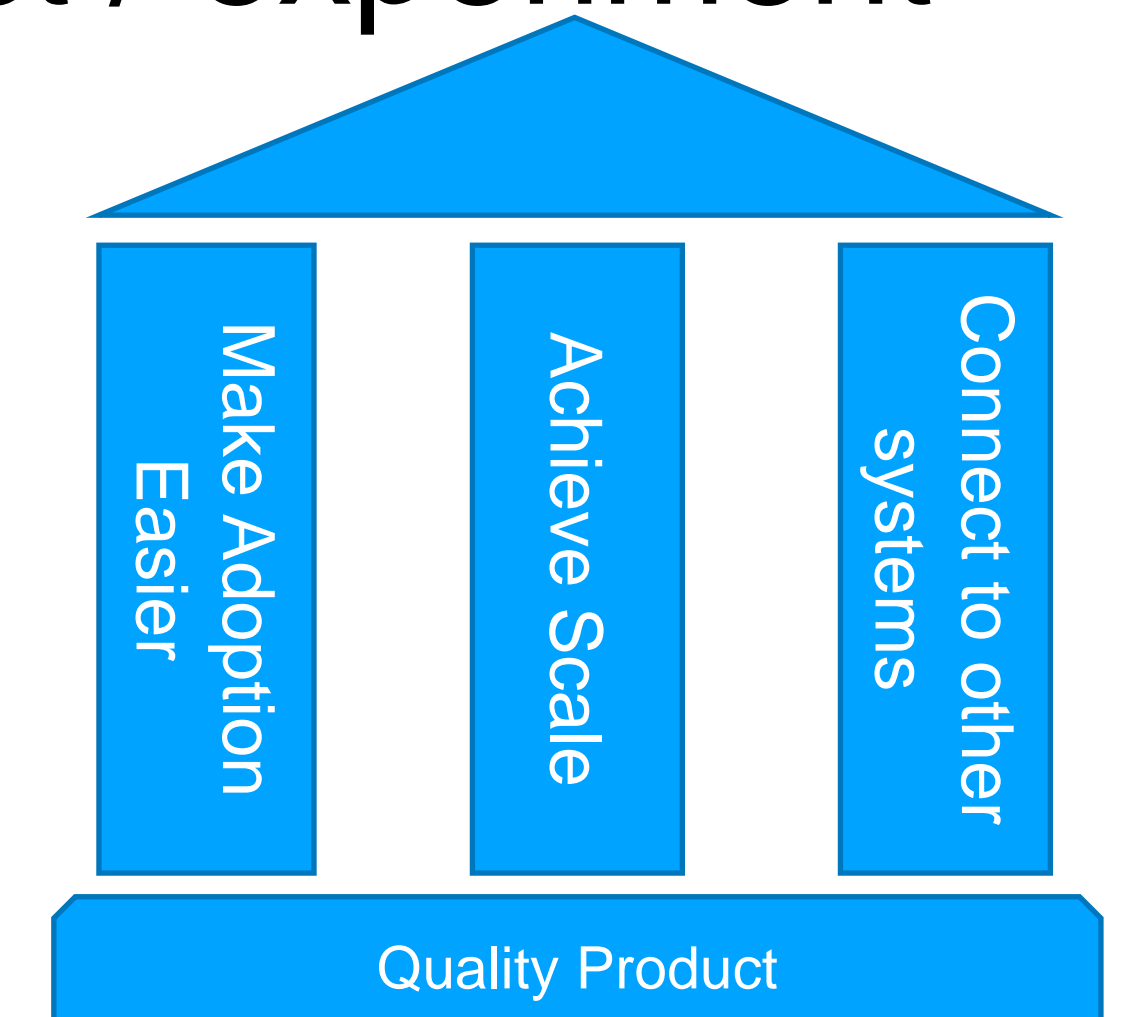
.... However :

vNext obviates the “porting” as we get as part of vNext activities outlined in previous slide

Summary



- Mini-loop is an installer for Mojaloop
- Simple tool and toolkit
- Make it easier and possible to access / learn / test / experiment with Mojaloop in various ways
- **Is facilitating Mojaloop development**
- Really want to help grow Mojaloop community



largest hope for right now

contribute to making abstract conversations ==> concrete !