



# Put your Kubernetes into Jail

Deployment and Operations on AWS China

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# Baseline

- K8S for microservice container orchestration (Docker)
- kops for K8S management
- Several existing products/clusters in eu-central-1 (AWS)
- Customer plans to launch **new** product(s) in China

# kops

“The easiest way to get a production grade Kubernetes cluster up and running.”

All you need is:

- AWS account
- S3 bucket
- kubectl

**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**



# Creating a Cluster

```
$ kops create cluster \  
  --name=kubernetes.example.com \  
  --state=s3://kops-state-1234 \  
  --zones=eu-central-1a,eu-central-1b,eu-central-1c \  
  --node-count=2 \  
  --yes
```

## Creating a Cluster (2)

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-xenial:~/advanced-kubernetes-course/logging$ AWS_PROFILE=ward kops update cluster kubernetes.newtech.academy --yes --state=s3://kops-state-b429b
I0920 13:54:56.620226 16271 executor.go:91] Tasks: 0 done / 63 total; 34 can run
I0920 13:54:56.738120 16271 logging_retryer.go:59] Retryable error (RequestError: send request failed
caused by: Post https://ec2.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/: EOF) from ec2/DescribeVpcs - will retry after delay of 33ms
I0920 13:55:00.176006 16271 vfs_castore.go:422] Issuing new certificate: "kubelet"
I0920 13:55:00.198325 16271 vfs_castore.go:422] Issuing new certificate: "kubecfg"
I0920 13:55:00.202337 16271 vfs_castore.go:422] Issuing new certificate: "kube-proxy"
I0920 13:55:00.505182 16271 vfs_castore.go:422] Issuing new certificate: "master"
I0920 13:55:00.652841 16271 vfs_castore.go:422] Issuing new certificate: "kube-scheduler"
I0920 13:55:00.711248 16271 vfs_castore.go:422] Issuing new certificate: "kops"
I0920 13:55:00.713381 16271 vfs_castore.go:422] Issuing new certificate: "kube-controller-manager"
I0920 13:55:08.017307 16271 executor.go:91] Tasks: 34 done / 63 total; 12 can run
I0920 13:55:12.657784 16271 executor.go:91] Tasks: 46 done / 63 total; 15 can run
I0920 13:55:18.048776 16271 launchconfiguration.go:327] waiting for IAM instance profile "nodes.kubernetes.newtech.academy" to be ready
I0920 13:55:18.152871 16271 launchconfiguration.go:327] waiting for IAM instance profile "masters.kubernetes.newtech.academy" to be ready
I0920 13:55:31.324089 16271 executor.go:91] Tasks: 61 done / 63 total; 2 can run
I0920 13:55:32.860606 16271 executor.go:91] Tasks: 63 done / 63 total; 0 can run
I0920 13:55:32.860695 16271 dns.go:152] Pre-creating DNS records
I0920 13:55:38.500652 16271 update_cluster.go:247] Exporting kubecfg for cluster
Kops has set your kubectl context to kubernetes.newtech.academy
```

Cluster is starting. It should be ready in a few minutes.

# Creating a Cluster (3)

Hooray, IT WORKS!



# And China?

Easy!

```
sed s/eu-central-1/cn-north-1/g kops.yaml
```

Right?

# Issue #1

AWS CN is operated by **third parties**.

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Some *specialists* don't even speak English.



## Issue #2

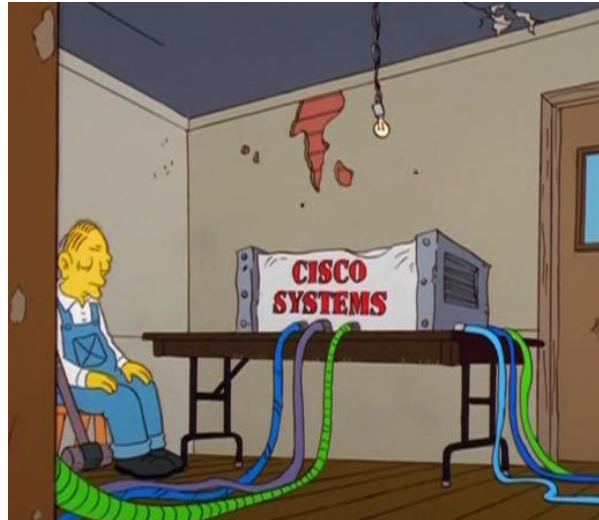
Resource names are different:

arn:aws-cn:s3:::mybucket

## Issue #3

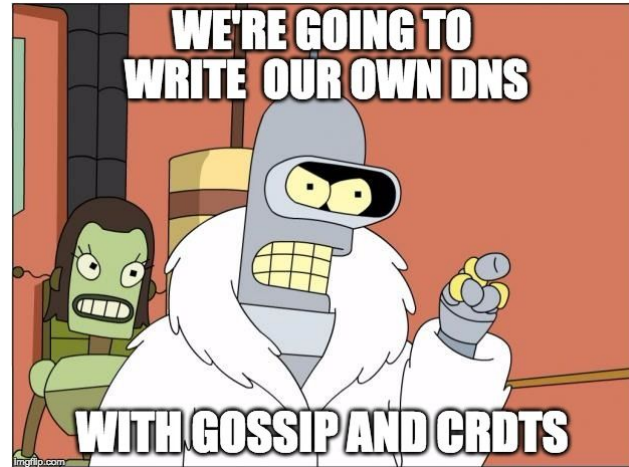
### The damn great (fire)wall.™

Low bandwidth - Unstable connections - Excessive Censorship



## Issue #4

Route53 not available!  
Global DNS potentially blocked.



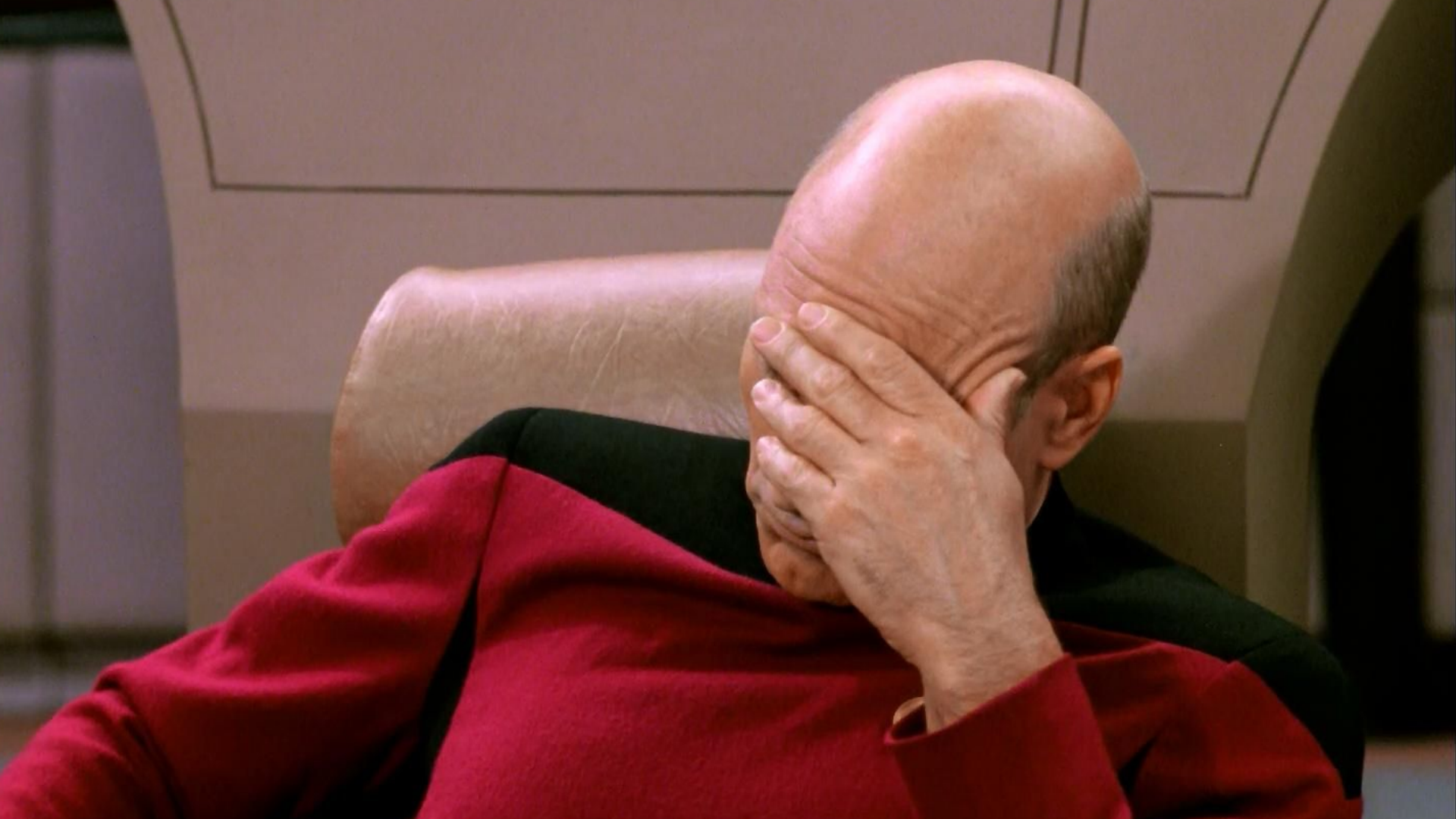
But Wait, There's More...

# Issue #5: ICP License

"Internet Content Provider" License

- › Ports 80 and 443 are closed by default
- › No web service without ICP license
- › Bound to a domain
- › Explicit IP address whitelist





# Solving “Mission Impossible”

1. Third Parties: Local employees for translation & contracting
2. Different ARN: Enable kops' terraform output and customize code
3. Bad internet connection: Local asset cloning/mirroring
4. No route53: Local DNS services providers, kops' Gossip DNS for discovery
5. ICP: Local employees for translation & contracting, Ingress via NodePort (TF-managed)

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## Conclusion

kops will hurt in *complex* environments!

## Long Term Solution

Custom Kubernetes Deployment Tooling!\*



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# kops.yaml

```
apiVersion: kops/v1alpha2
kind: Cluster
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: 2017-05-04T23:21:47Z
  name: k8s.example.com
spec:
  api:
    loadBalancer:
      type: Public
    authorization:
      alwaysAllow: {}
    channel: stable
    cloudProvider: aws
    configBase: s3://example-state-store/k8s.example.com
    etcdClusters:
      - etcdMembers:
          - instanceGroup: master-us-east-2d
            name: a
          - instanceGroup: master-us-east-2b
            name: b
          - instanceGroup: master-us-east-2c
            name: c
        name: main
      - etcdMembers:
          - instanceGroup: master-us-east-2d
            name: a
          - instanceGroup: master-us-east-2b
            name: b
          - instanceGroup: master-us-east-2c
            name: c
        name: events
    kubernetesApiAccess:
      - 0.0.0.0/0
    kubernetesVersion: 1.6.6
    masterPublicName: api.k8s.example.com
    networkCIDR: 172.20.0.0/16
    networkID: vpc-6335dd1a
```

```
networking:
  weave: {}
  nonMasqueradeCIDR: 100.64.0.0/10
  sshAccess:
    - 0.0.0.0/0
  subnets:
    - cidr: 172.20.32.0/19
      name: us-east-2d
      type: Private
      zone: us-east-2d
    - cidr: 172.20.64.0/19
      name: us-east-2b
      type: Private
      zone: us-east-2b
    - cidr: 172.20.96.0/19
      name: us-east-2c
      type: Private
      zone: us-east-2c
    - cidr: 172.20.0.0/22
      name: utility-us-east-2d
      type: Utility
      zone: us-east-2d
    - cidr: 172.20.4.0/22
      name: utility-us-east-2b
      type: Utility
      zone: us-east-2b
    - cidr: 172.20.8.0/22
      name: utility-us-east-2c
      type: Utility
      zone: us-east-2c
  topology:
    bastion:
      bastionPublicName: bastion.k8s.example.com
    dns:
      type: Public
    masters: private
    nodes: private
```