Bottlerocket Update Operator (Brupop)

What is Brupop?

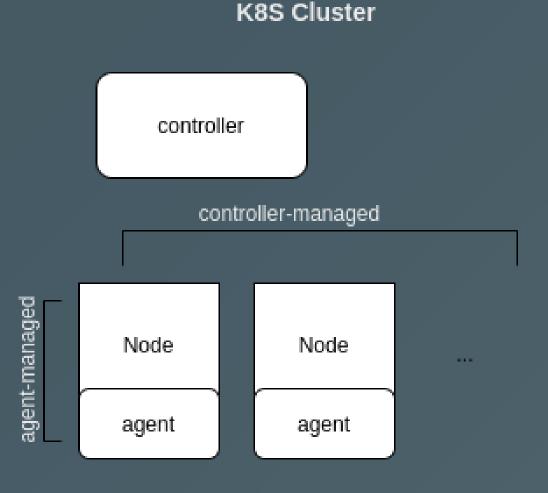
- A Kubernetes *Operator* (or *Controller*)
- Orchestrates Bottlerocket updates across your fleet

k8s Controllers, in a Nutshell

- Non-terminating loop that regulates state
- Objects have:
 - Spec: Desired state
 - Status: Current state
- Controllers drive state to an outcome

Birds-Eye View of Brupop Architecture

- Nested control loops
- Control loop to drive updates for individual node (agent)
- Control loop to orchestrate updates across fleet (controller)



BottlerocketNode Custom Resource

- k8s uses a declarative API
 - Create objects describing state and add them to the cluster
- Custom Resources -- Manage your own objects with k8s APIs!
- Update status of each k8s Node running Bottlerocket is tracked in a "shadow" custom resource
- BottlerocketNode or brn for short

BottlerocketNode Custom Resource



controller Component

- All state derived from k8s API during each loop
- Uses the status of all brn s to determine state
- Sets spec of brn s to drive updates
- One update at a time (for now)

controller Component

- k8s watch functionality
 - Long-polling to get all updates to an object or list of objects
 - Controller runtimes (like kube-rs) provide abstractions to squash watch events into a cache
- The controller uses a watch + Store<BottlerocketNode>
 - Efficiently keep a up-to-date reference to all brn in memory

controller Component

- Control Loop:
 - Use in-memory cache to determine active brn set
 - Check to see if active brn have reached desired state
 - Any that have get the next state in spec
 - If no active brn, check inactive for any which are ready to update and activate one by pushing it forward

agent Component

- All state derived from k8s & Bottlerocket APIs
- Gathers OS info & updates brn.status
- Uses brn.spec to decide when to update
- Drain k8s Pods & cordon Node prior to reboot

Brupop Control Loop



Forward state transitions only occur if the node is deemed healthy.

agent Component

- Control Loop
 - Create shadow brn object if needed
 - Check current spec and status
 - If they differ, perform needed action to move forward
 - Gather update information from Bottlerocket API
 - Update brn object with current status

apiserver Component

- k8s uses role-based authN/authZ
- All brupop agent s have the same role
 - This means they can modify brn objects for other nodes!
- Solution: channel brn writes through a priveleged web API
- guarantees requests are coming from the associated k8s Node using k8s token
- Only the agent s consume the apiserver