



// GITOPS ADVENTURE: REPO STRUCTURES

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Agenda

- Basic repo structure
- Bootstrapping
- Multi-Tenancy
- Managing dedicated tenant instances
- Developers
- More examples





Software Engineer / Developer

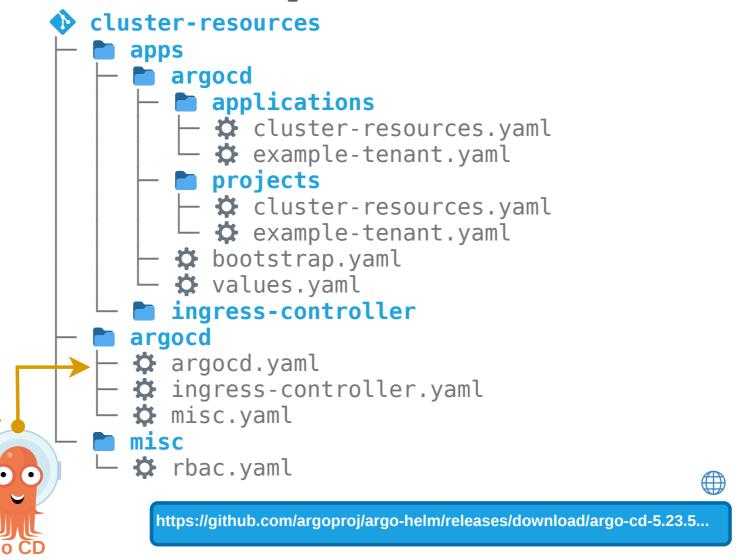


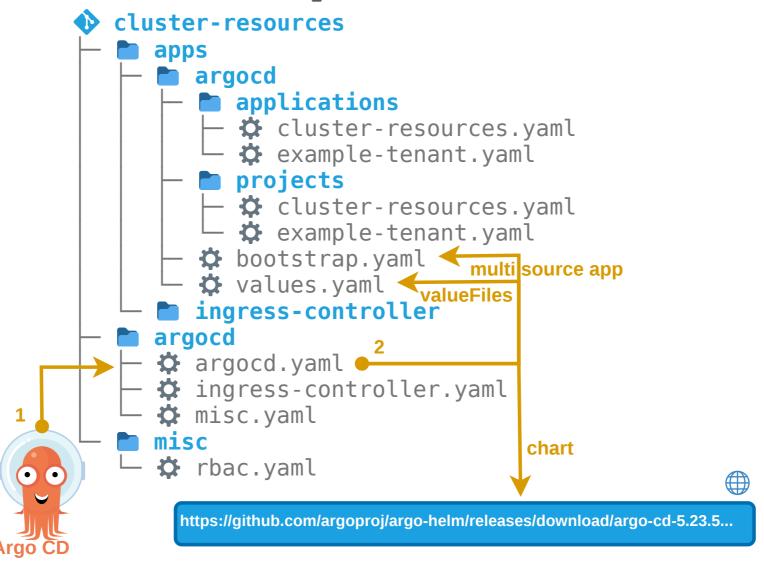
Platform Engineer / Ops person

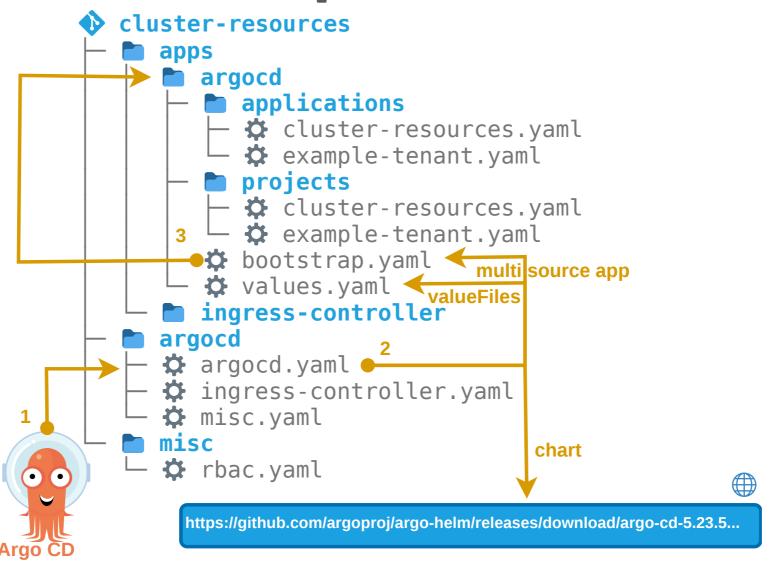


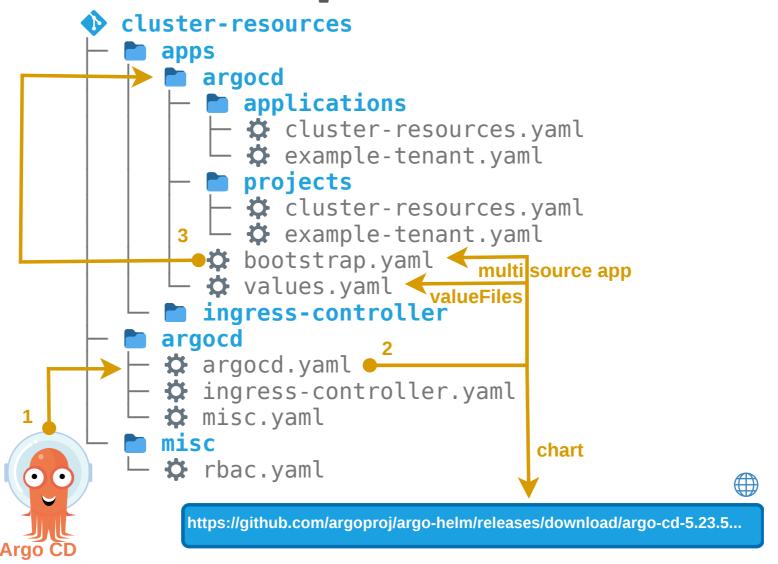


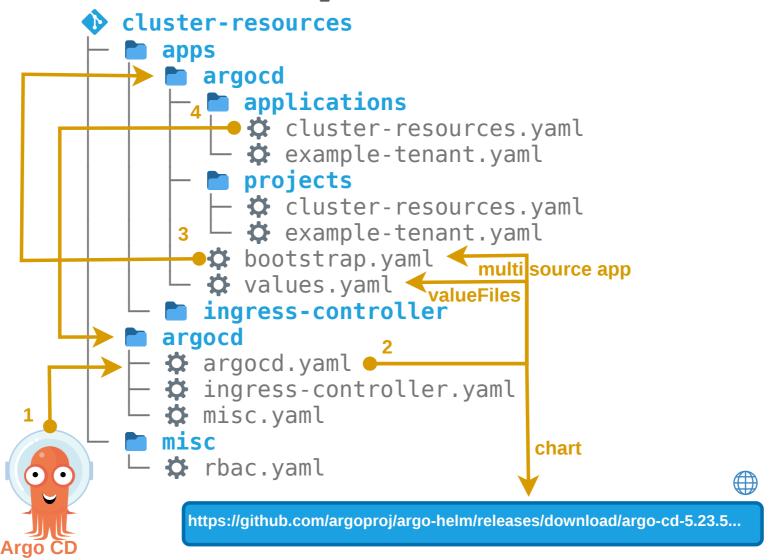
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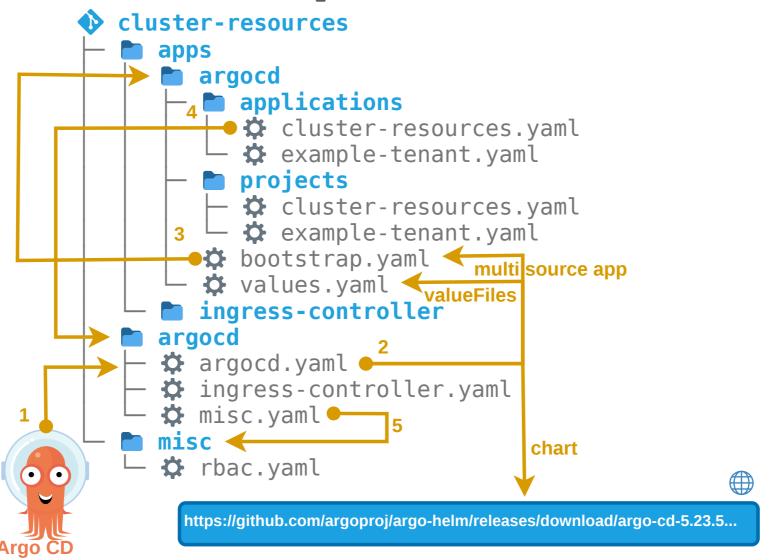


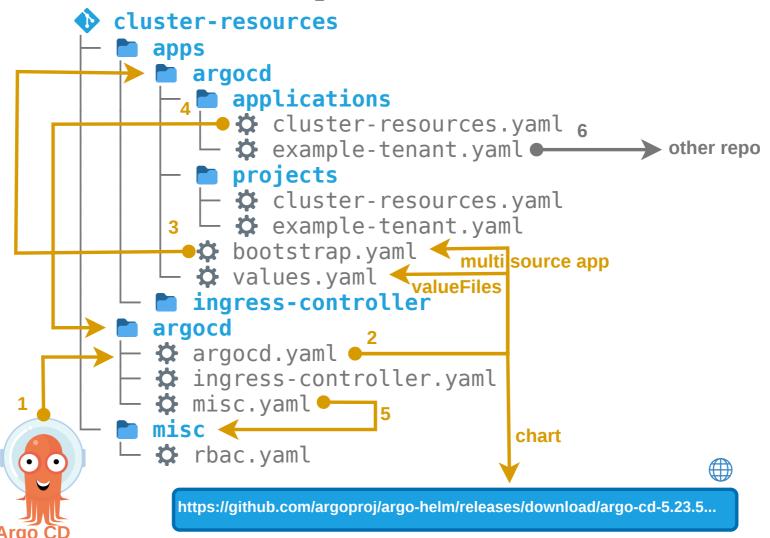












Bootstrapping in vanilla cluster

- Deploy Argo CD + repo secret
- Apply projects + app argocd



IDP Bootstrapping made simple: GOP

Creates a complete GitOps-based operational stack / IDP on your Kubernetes clusters

Cloudogu/gitops-playground

Also runs locally







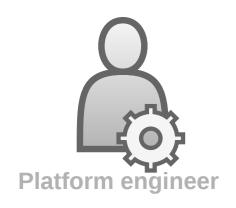


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VERSION='cec82a7' # Preview for 0.12.0
bash <(curl -s \
  "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/cloudogu/gitops-playground/$VERSION/scripts/init-cluster.sh") \
  && docker run --rm -t -u $(id -u) \
    -v ~/.config/k3d/kubeconfig-gitops-playground.yaml:/home/.kube/config \
    --net=host \
    ghcr.io/cloudogu/gitops-playground:$VERSION --yes --argocd --ingress-nginx --base-url=http://localhost
# More IDP-features: --monitoring --vault=dev --cert-manager --mailhog
 More features for developers: --jenkins --registry --content-examples
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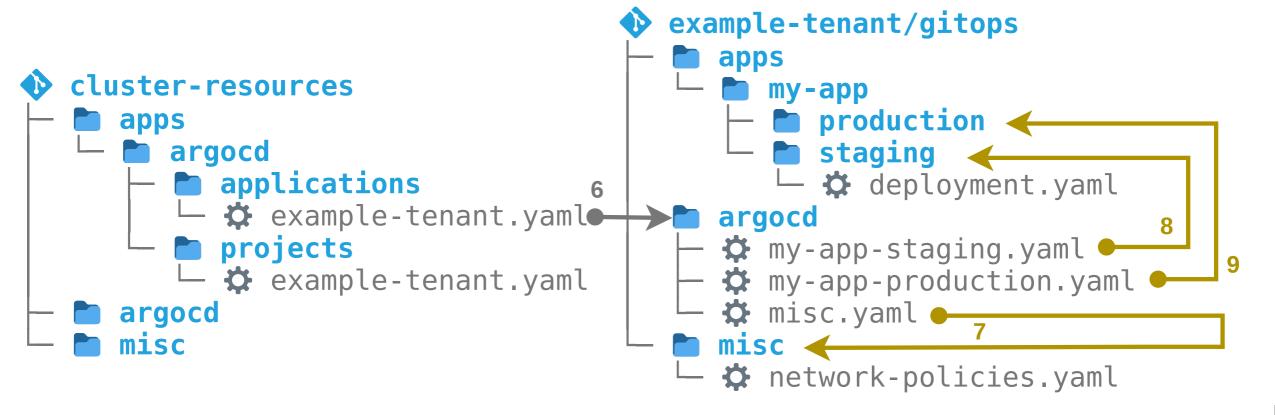
Try new repo structure with GOP:

github.com/cloudogu/gitops-talks/tree/772d0c79/src/repo-examples/basic-repo-structure

Multi-Tenancy

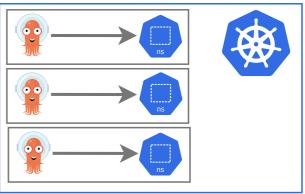




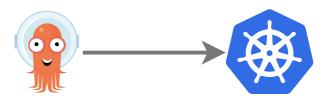


Options for multi-tenancy

- Shared
- Dedicated
 - Instance per Namespace
 - Instance per Cluster



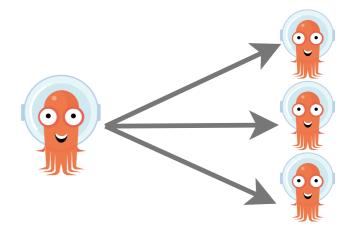
Instance per Namespace



Instance per Cluster

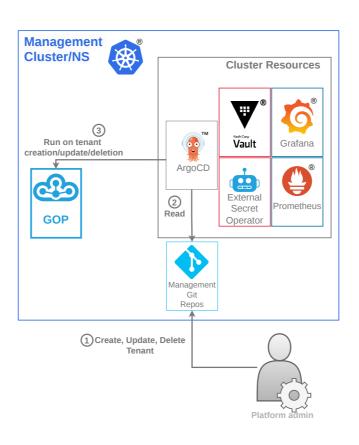
Managing dedicated tenant instances

- Standalone
- Hub and Spoke
 - Argo CD AppSets

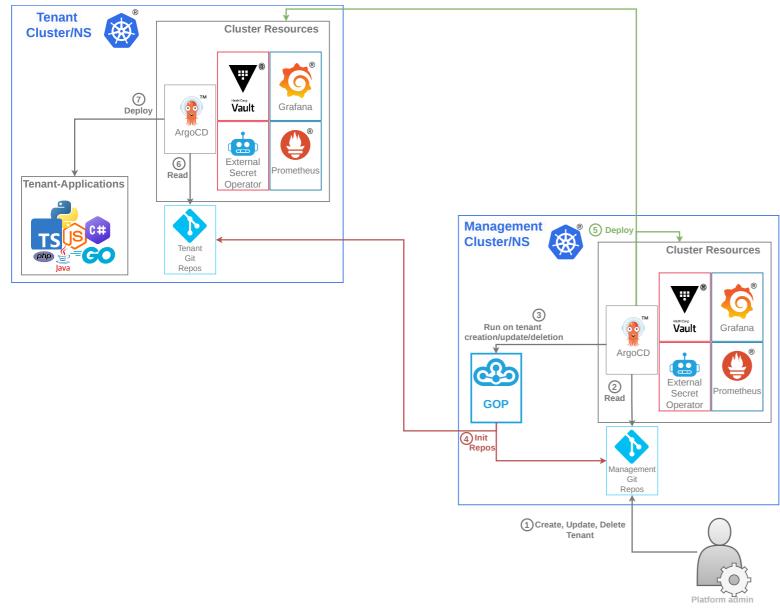


Hub and Spoke

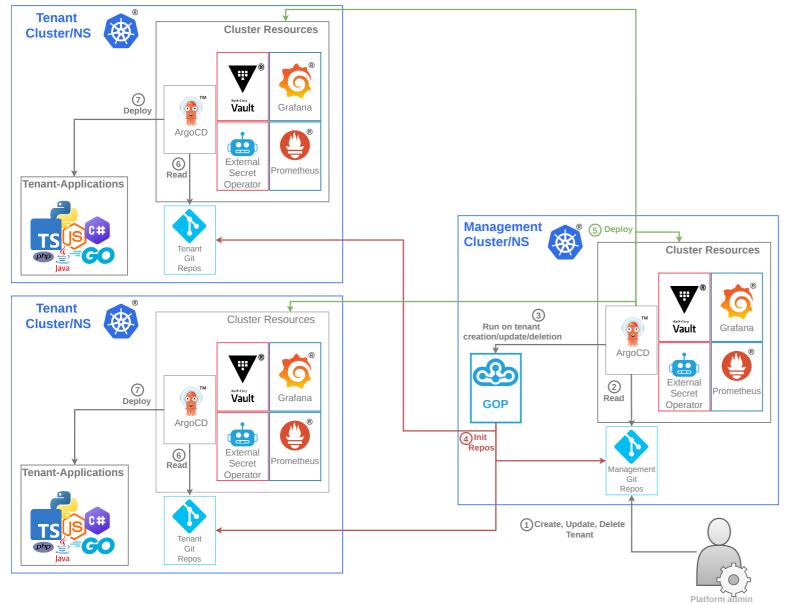
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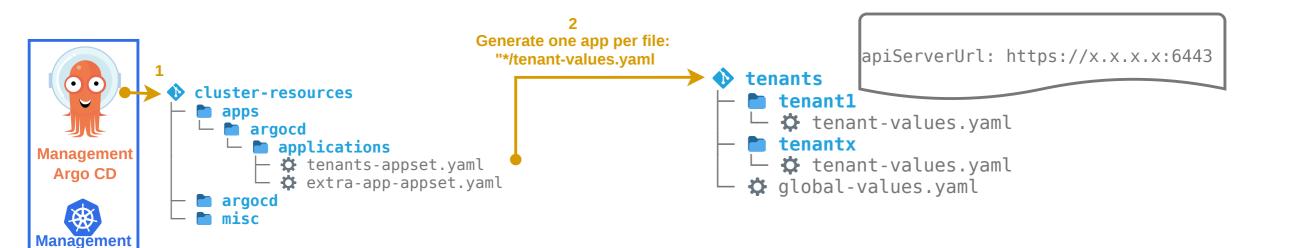


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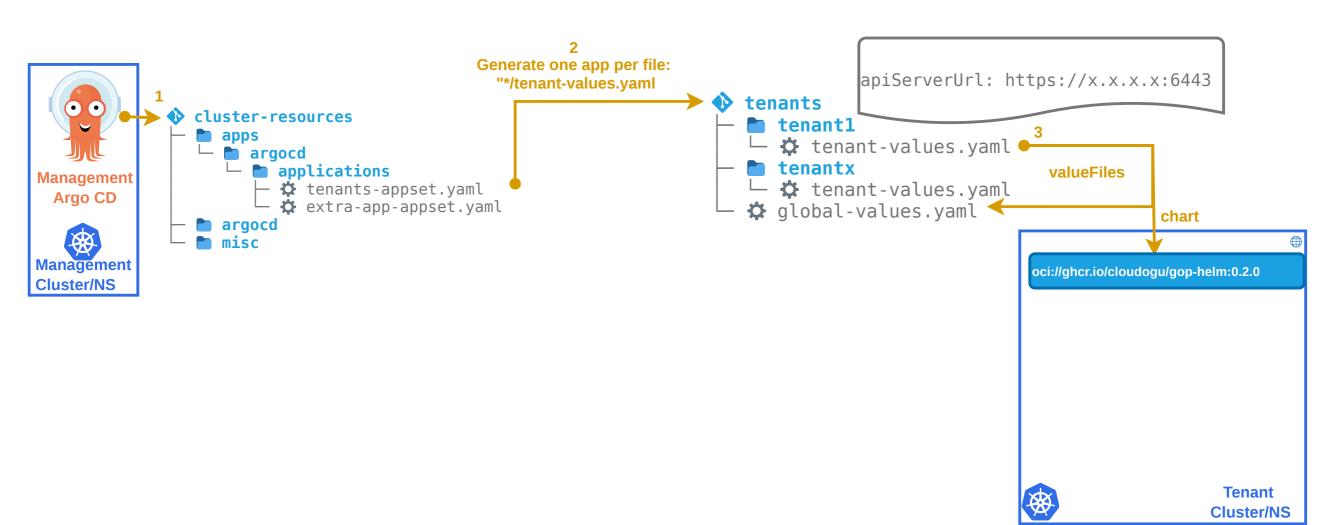


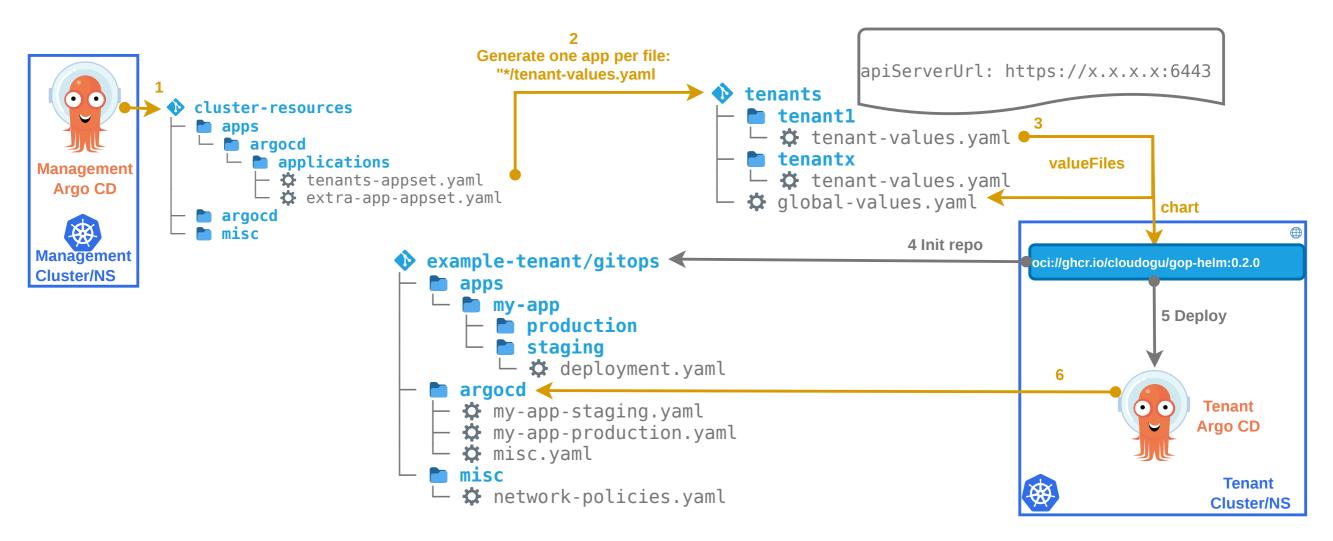
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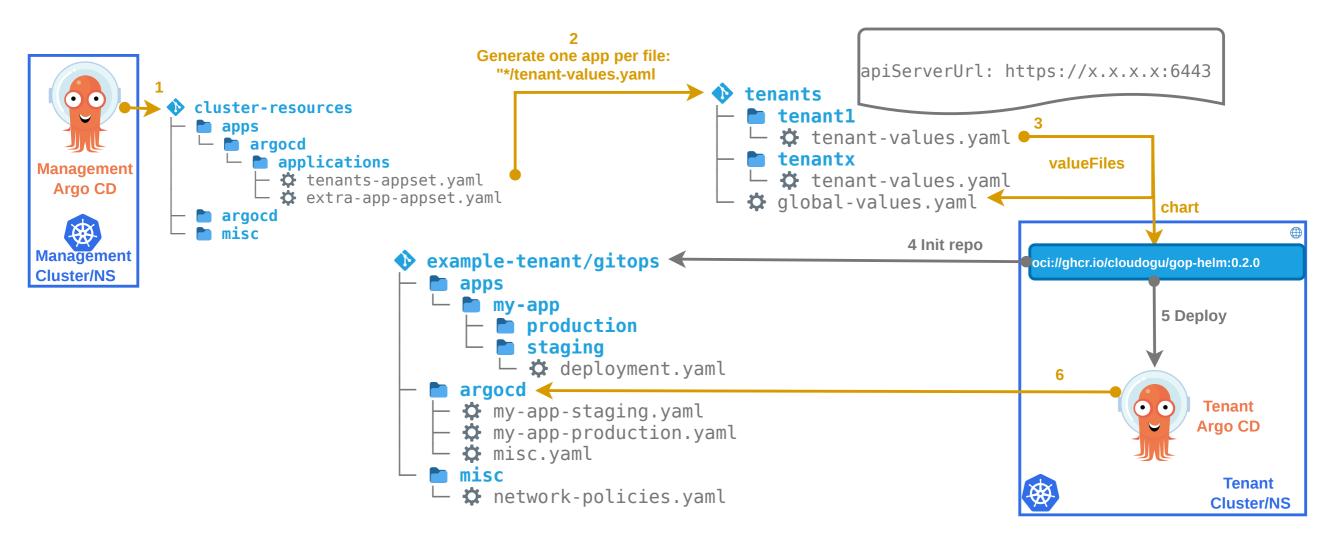




Cluster/NS







Try with GOP:

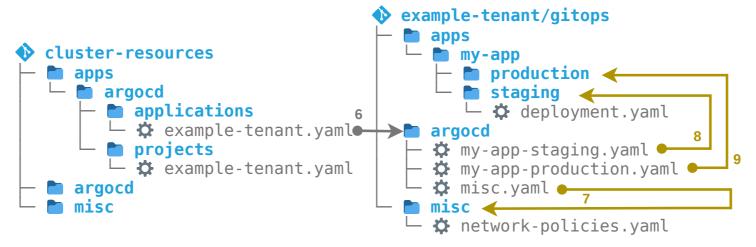
Cloudogu/gop-multi-tenant-multi-cluster-example

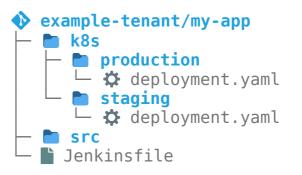
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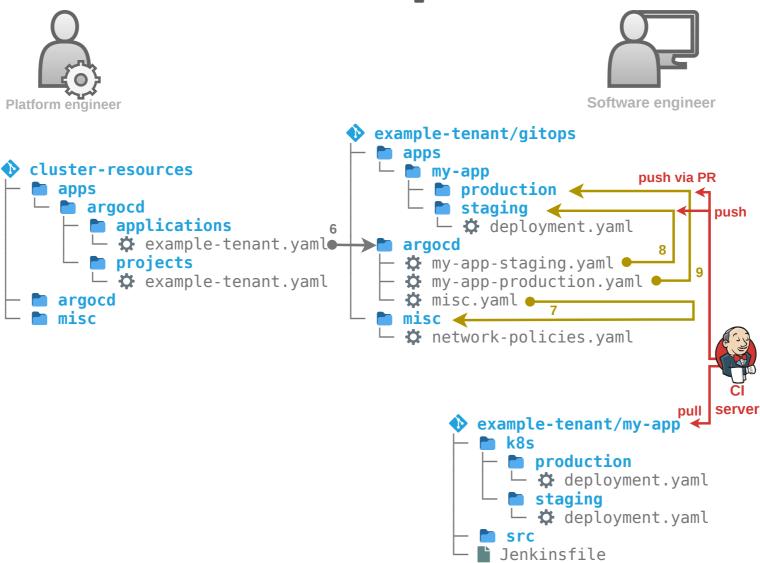


Software engineer

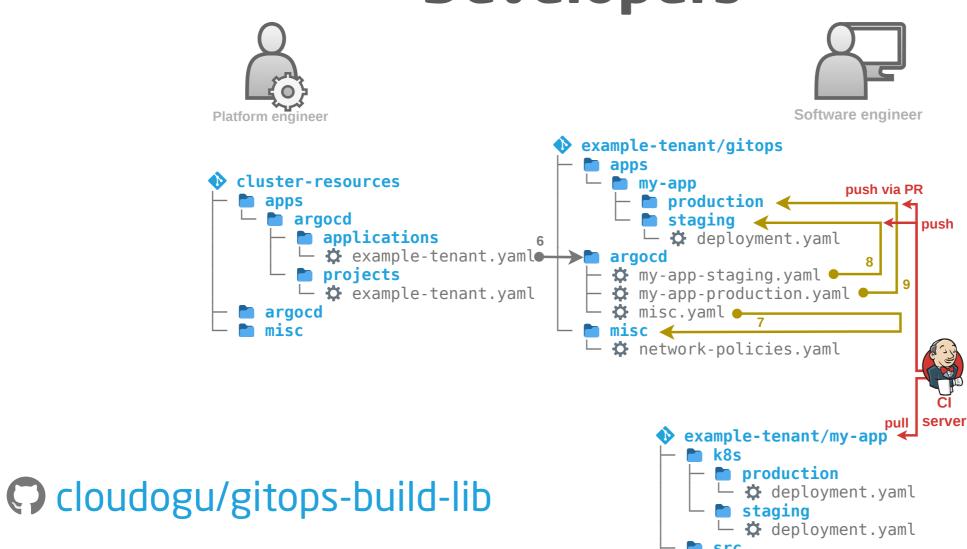




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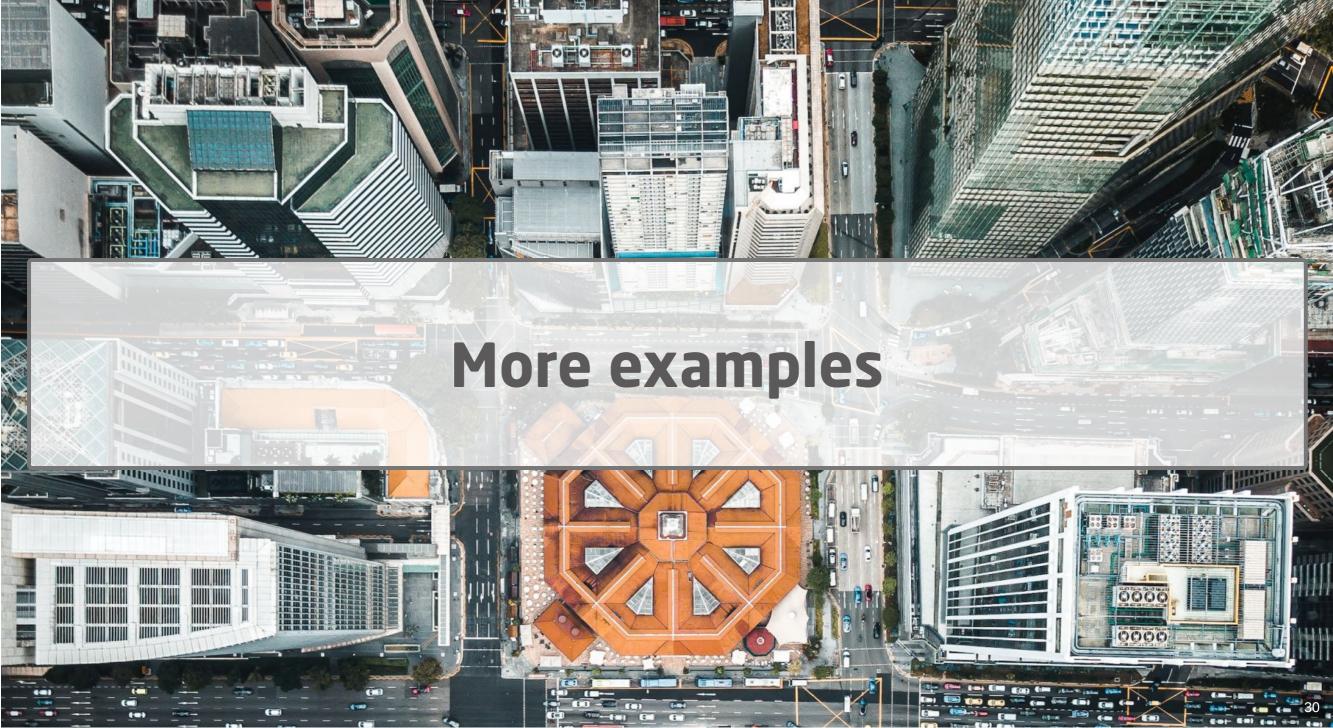


Jenkinsfile

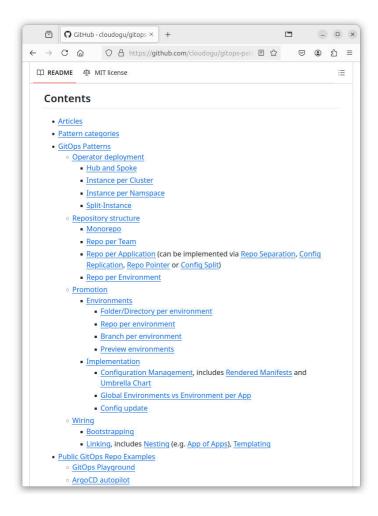
Alternatives for promotion

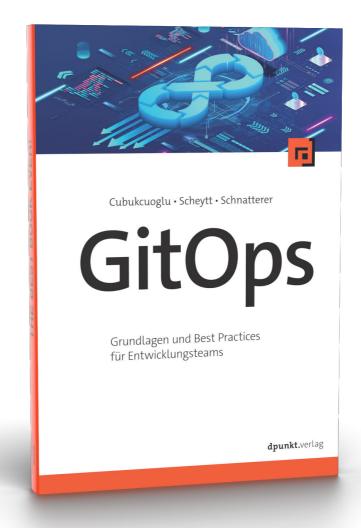
- CI 🚱 🤹
 - + Can provide lots of features (PRs, hydration, validation, etc.)
 - Depends on CI and SCM
- Renovate 🍄 🤹
 - + Generic solution
 - Less specific K8s or GitOps-related options
- Image Updaters 😭 🤹

 - No PRs (so far)
- argoproj-labs/gitops-promoter 📀
 - + First Party Argo CD solution (also does hydration)
 - Not stable, not for flux
- akuity/kargo 📀
 - + Declarative promotions, UI
 - Yet another tool, not for flux



Further reading







Example 1: GOP (old repo structure)

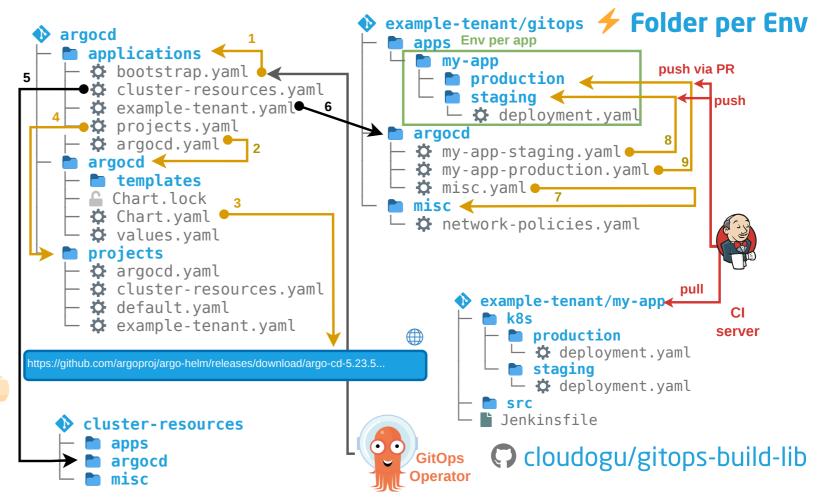
• Repo pattern: Per team 🖫 per app • Operator pattern: Instance per Cluster (Hub and Spoke, Instance per Namespace) Operator: Bootstrapping: GOP (Helm, kubectl) • Linking: ② Application Features: Operate ArgoCD with GitOps Solution for cluster resources Env per app CI: Config update + replication, rendered Manifest 🏟 Multi-tenancy: N tenants on 1 cluster (namespace envs) • Source: Cocloudogu/gitops-playground



App of Apps

Umbrella Chart





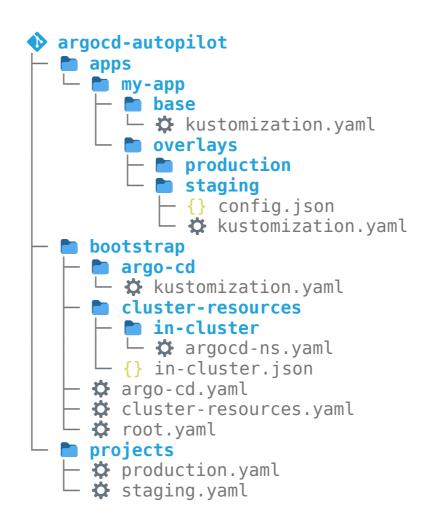
Example 2: ArgoCD autopilot

- Repo pattern: Monorepo
- Operator pattern:

Instance per Cluster / Hub and Spoke

- Operator:
- Bootstrapping: argocd-autopilot
- Linking:

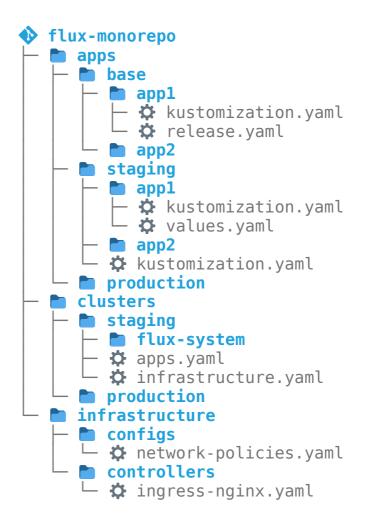
 Application,
 - ApplicationSet, K
- Features:
 - Operate ArgoCD with GitOps
 - Solution for cluster resources
 - Env per app Pattern
 - Create structure and YAML via CLI
- Source:
 - name argoproj-labs/argocd-autopilot
 - **₩** gitops-book/argocd-autopilot-example



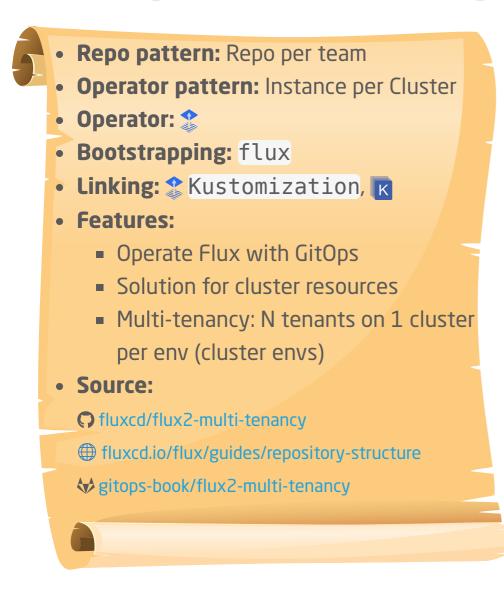
Example 3: Flux Monorepo

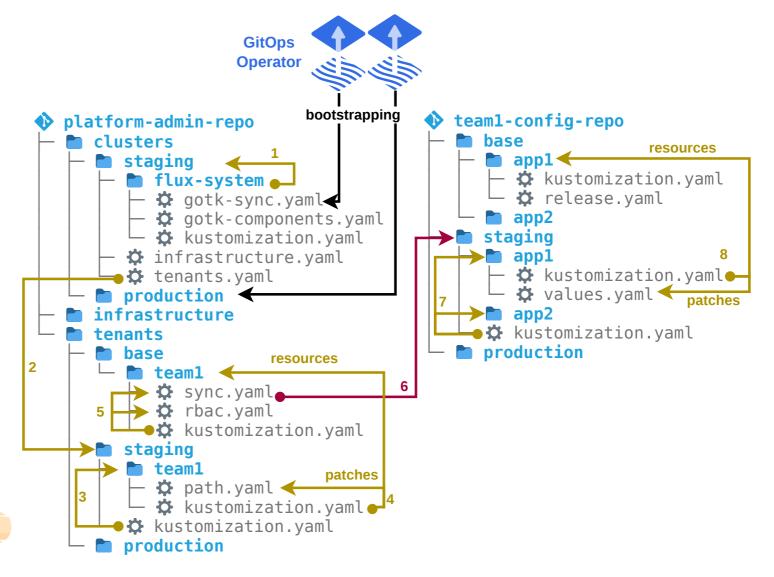


- Repo pattern: Monorepo
- Operator pattern: Instance per Cluster
- Operator: 🏖
- Bootstrapping: flux
- Linking: * Kustomization,
- Features:
 - Operate Flux with GitOps
 - Solution for cluster resources
- Source:
 - ¶ fluxcd/flux2-kustomize-helm-example#16
 - fluxcd.io/flux/guides/repository-structure
 - **♦** gitops-book/flux2-kustomize-helm-example



Example 4: Flux repo per team





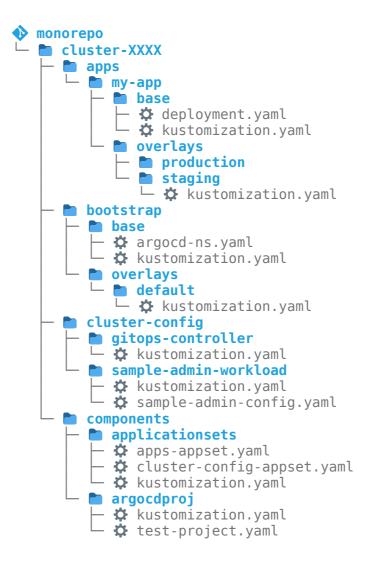
Example 4b: Flux D1 Reference Architecture

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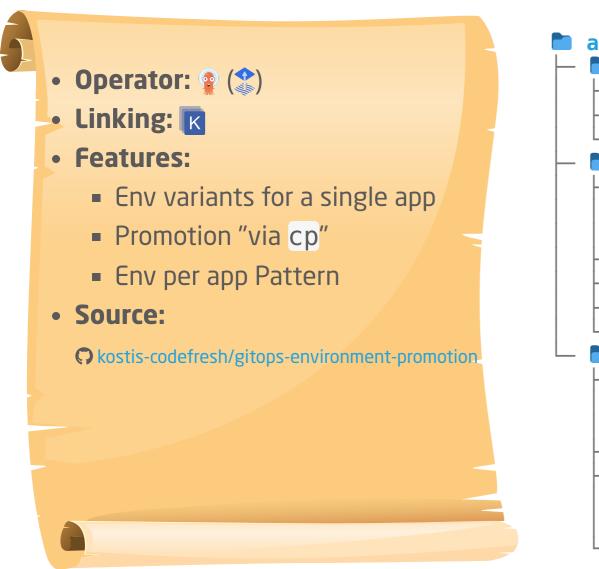
Example 5: ArgoCD and Flux alternative

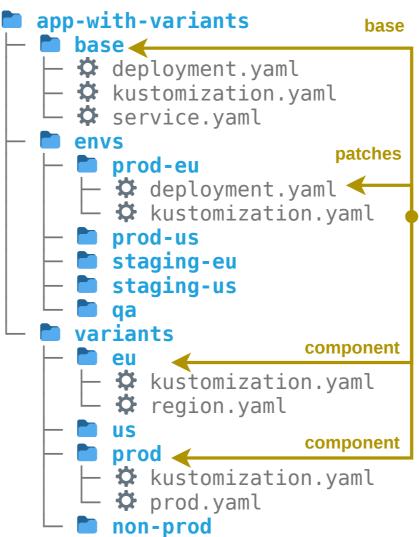


- Repo pattern: Monorepo
- Operator pattern: Instance per Cluster
- Operator: 🛊 💲
- Bootstrapping: kubectl
- Linking: Application,
 ApplicationSet /
 - Kustomization, k
- Features:
 - Solution for cluster resources
 - ArgoCD and Flux examples
- Source:
 - Christianh814/example-kubernetes-go-repo
 - C. Hernandez The Path to GitOps

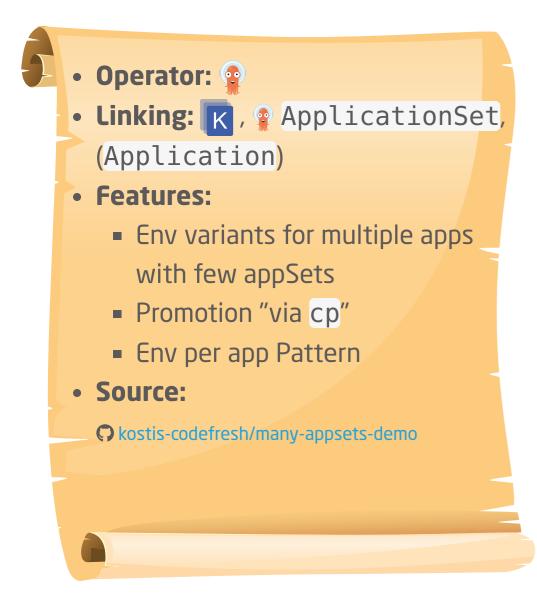


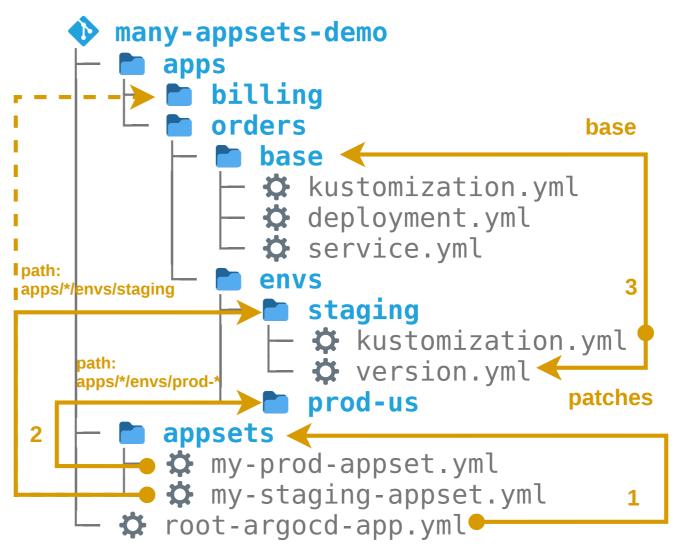
Example 6: Env variations single app





Example 7: Env variations multiple apps





Key Takeaways

- Bootstrapping: The only imperative step before GitOps
- Linking: K
 - Kustomization
 - Application, ApplicationSet
- Multi-Tenancy:
 - Shared: Less effort but weaker isolation
 - Dedicated: Keep calm and build your own IDPaaS using AppSets B
- Use examples as inspiration to solving your use case





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Cloudogu/gitops-playground

Image sources

- Live Example:
 - https://unsplash.com/photos/assorted-color-hot-air-balloons-during-daytime-
 - DuBNA1QMpPA
- More examples:
 - https://unsplash.com/photos/XZc4f2XZc84
- coloured-parchment-paper background by brgfx on Freepik:
 - https://www.freepik.com/free-vector/coloured-parchment-paper-designs_1078492.htm