WHY K8S CAN'T GET AROUND FINOPS

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intro speakers







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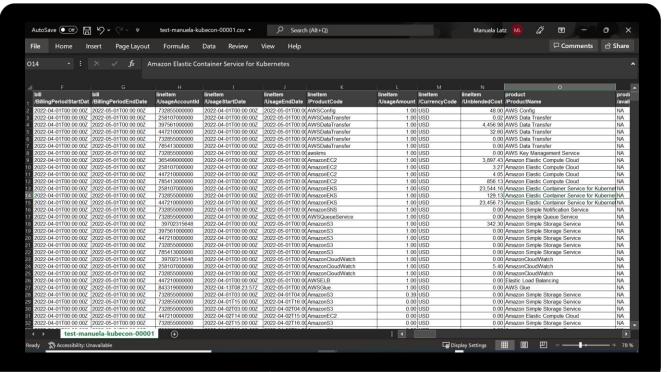
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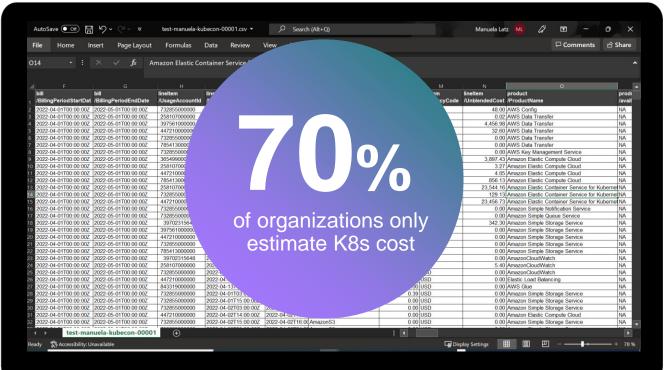
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intro goals

FinOps purpose – why K8s can't get around FinOps?

K8s FinOps goals – how to gain cost transparency and control?

K8s FinOps practice – how to implement FinOps in your daily doing?

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why K8s can't get around FinOps

back then



cost producer = cost manager

new normal



business and finance manage costs and approve budgets





FinOps is an evolving cloud financial management discipline and cultural practice that



helps

breaking silos



increase

business value



Source: FinOps Foundation

FinOps questions

How efficient is a project/unit/application/...?

What are the top spending drivers per environment/cluster/namespace/pod/...?

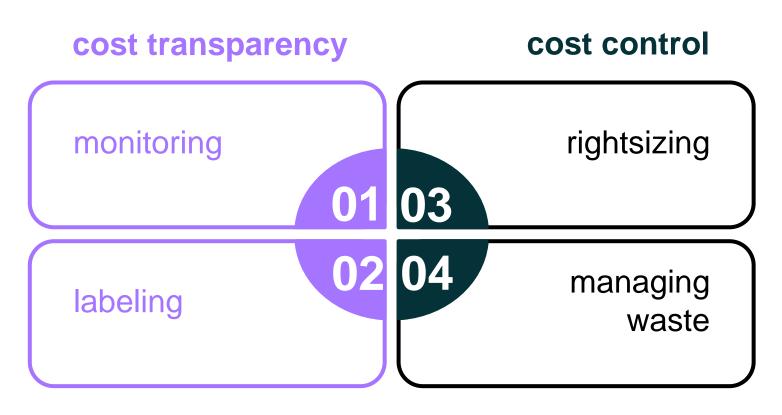
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What is used when and by what and is it needed?

What and where and with whom can we start optimizing?

how to gain cost transparency and control

FinOps how to's



monitoring



how to monitoring

technical metrics

- CPU
- RAM
- running hours
- data transfer
- logs, APIs
- error messages

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cost metrics

... must be

linkable to ...

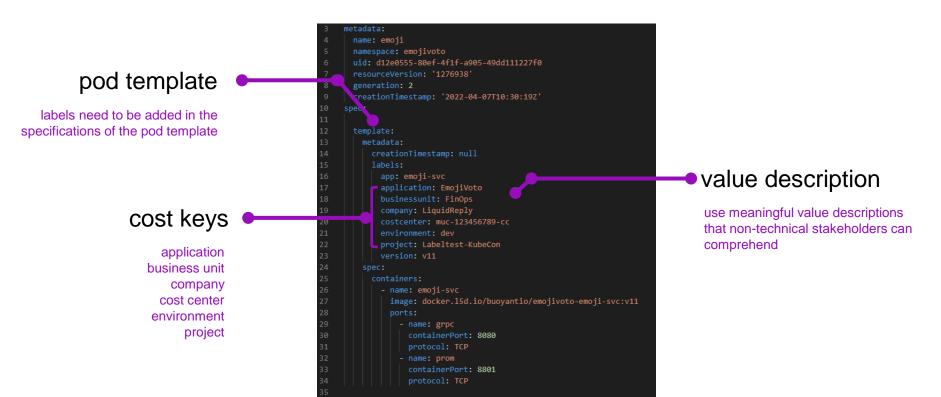
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- spend
- total costs
- reserved coverage
- unused reservations
- potential costs
- pricing models (purchase options)
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labeling

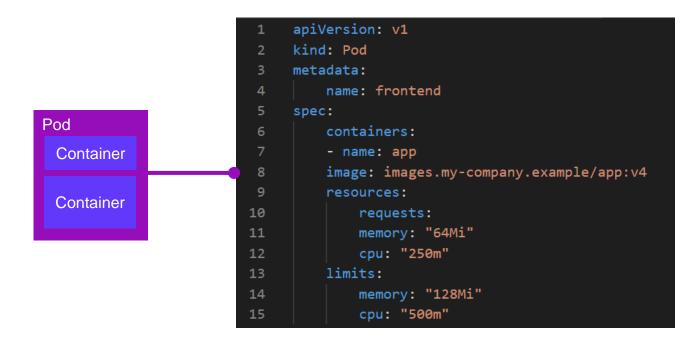


how to labeling



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rightsizing

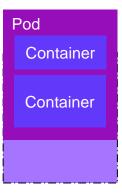


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vertical pod autoscaler (vpa)





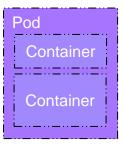


scale up: pods

- automatically update requested pod resources for future deployments
- monitors actual usage and suggests target values for new pod size

horizontal pod autoscaler (hpa)

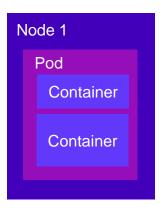


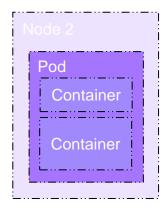


scale out: pods

- add or remove pod replicas based on target metrics
- monitors actual usage against specified target value and creates new pods to hit the target

cluster autoscaler (ca)





scale out: nodes

- add or remove nodes based on node utilization and scheduling status of pods
- monitors resource requests, not actual usage

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eliminating waste

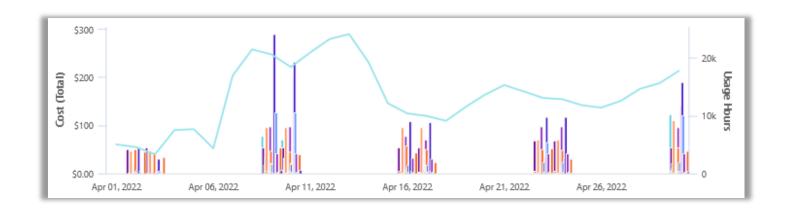
how to waste management

automate cleanups

use policies and autoscalers to execute directly where possible

shutdown during offhours

use timetable scheduling to turn off in offhours e.g. weekend shutdowns



how to implement FinOps practice in your daily work

FinOps practice daily

- to ensure common understanding across roles
 - have the list of labels approved by Business/Finance (documentation)
 - naming of clusters and labels (standardized conventions across all projects)

CLUSTERS	COLUMN_METAI	COLUMN_METADATA.COST	
Name	‡ Total	Utilized	
k8s-SPR-QA	\$1,375.78	\$636.72	
k8s-SPR-QA	\$1,960.66	\$438.94	

FinOps practice daily

to ensure functional monitoring & labeling

- always include new clusters in monitoring (yaml/agents)
- always include labels (policies)
 - L add labels in your pod template specifics
 - Ladd manually for existing workloads

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L for future workloads, include integration in configuration process

FinOps practice daily

- to ensure rightsizing & waste management
 - use load tests & monitoring to define realistic resource requests
 - combine vertical and horizontal autoscalers only if they are NOT using the same metrics
 - use vertical pod autoscaler for stateful, horizontal pod autoscaler for stateless workloads
 - make sure your auto scalers match your shutdown policies and are configured accordingly and do not trigger any alarms

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goals summary



FinOps purpose – enable data driven decision making & free up resources to invest elsewhere

K8s FinOps goals - monitoring, labeling, rightsizing and scheduling

K8s FinOps practice – acknowledge it necessity and ensure technical set up to provide info

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questions

feel free to reach out to us at our booth SU32

