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# Kubernetes SIG CLI: Intro and Updates

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# Who We Are



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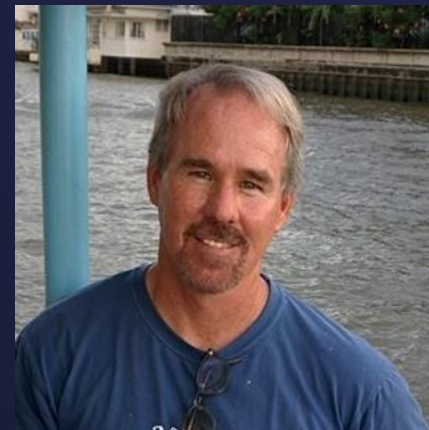


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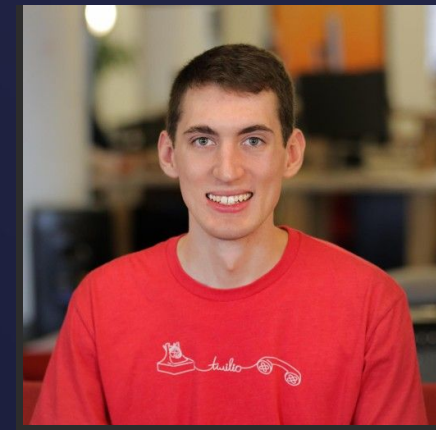
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# What

We focus on:

- development and standardization of the **CLI framework**
- improving **user experience and usability**

<https://github.com/kubernetes/community/tree/master/sig-cli#cli-special-interest-group>

## Subprojects:

- [kubectl](#)
- [kustomize](#)
- [krew](#) + [krew index](#)
- [kui](#)
- [cli-runtime](#) + [cli-experimental](#)
- [krm-functions](#)

<https://github.com/kubernetes/community/tree/master/sig-cli#subprojects>

# Where

Slack:

[#sig-cli](#)

Mailing list:

<https://groups.google.com/g/kubernetes-sig-cli>

<https://github.com/kubernetes/community/tree/master/sig-cli#contact>

## Biweekly meeting:

Wednesday at 06:00 PM CEST / 12:00 PM EDT / 09:00 AM PDT

## Biweekly Kustomize/Kubectl bug scrubs:

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<https://github.com/kubernetes/community/tree/master/sig-cli#meetings>

# SIG CLI Updates



# Major changes in 1.24

- [--subresource alpha flag added to get, patch, edit and replace kubectl commands](#) (thx Nikhita Raghunath)
- Major improvements to kubectl completions (thx Marc Khouzam)
- [Expose kustomize version in kubectl version](#) (thx Katrina Verrey)
- [Beautify kubectl help commands](#) (thx Chok Yip Lau)
- [Increase default value of cache TTL to 6 hours](#) (thx Manish Kumar)
- [kubectl create token](#) (thx Jordan Liggitt)
- [kubectl logs will now default to the first container in a pod](#) (thx Jian Li)
- [kubectl -f works with globs](#) (thx Daniel Rodriguez)
- [Added prune flag into kubectl diff to simulate `apply --prune`](#) (thx Arda Güçlü)
- [Added label selector flag to all "kubectl rollout" commands](#) (thx Aram Peres)
- [make 'kubectl logs' default to the first container](#) (thx Jian Li)

# Major changes in 1.25

- Even more improvements to kubectl completions (thx Marc Khouzam)
- [Added new --output, --types and --no-headers flags into kubectl alpha events](#) (thx Arda Güçlü)
- [kubectl diff excludes managedFields by default](#) (thx Brian Pursley)
- [new KUBECACHEDIR environment variable to override default discovery cache directory](#) (thx Arda Güçlü)
- [Added --sum flag to kubectl top pod](#) (thx Chok Yip Lau)
- [support multiple resources for kubectl rollout status](#) (thx Philip Ottesen)
- [kubectl.kubernetes.io/default-logs-container support removed](#) (thx Paco Xu)

# Enhancements

Progressing in 1.26:

- **[STABLE]** [default container annotation that to be used by kubectl #2227](#)
- **[BETA]** [kubectl events #1440](#)
- **[NEW]** [OpenAPI v3 for kubectl explain #3515](#)
- **[NEW]** [Aggregated Discovery #3352](#)

No changes in 1.26:

- **[ALPHA since 1.24]** [Add subresource support to kubectl #2590](#)
- **[BETA since 1.20]** [kubectl debug #1441](#)

Unimplemented proposals not progressing in 1.26:

- [Split stdout and stderr log stream of container #3288](#)
- [Separate kubectl user preferences from cluster configs #3104](#)
- [Kustomize Plugin Graduation #2953](#)
- [Kustomize KRM Plugin Catalog #2906](#)
- [Kustomize Plugin Composition API #2299](#)
- [kubectl return code normalization #2551](#)

- [Ongoing SIG CLI group contributor ladder cohort for reviewers](#)
- Project reliability ([Reliability Bar KEP](#), [Open letter](#))
- [Kustomize documentation revamp](#)
- New contributors!

# PSA: Declarative vs. Imperative workflows

## Management techniques

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Declarative object configuration	Directories of files	Production projects	1+	Highest

## Declarative commands

- `kubectl apply`

## Imperative commands

- `kubectl create`
- `kubectl run`
- `kubectl expose`
- `kubectl autoscale`
- `kubectl replace`
- `kubectl rollout undo`
- `kubectl edit`
- `kubectl set`
- `kubectl patch`
- `kubectl scale`
- ...

# Object management techniques

**Warning:** Mixing `kubectl apply` with the imperative object configuration commands `create` and `replace` is not supported. This is because `create` and `replace` do not retain the `kubectl.kubernetes.io/last-applied-configuration` that `kubectl apply` uses to compute updates.

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## Please use apply

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/manage-kubernetes-objects/declarative-config/>

# Intro to kuberc: kubectl user preferences

## Goals:

- Maintain kubectl's strong guarantees on backwards compatibility
- Opt in to new behaviors that may be considered breaking changes
- Use these per-client (device) preferences across contexts

## Use cases:

- delete confirmation on by default
- colored output on by default
- define kubectl command aliases
- define kubectl default flags for commands
- ... and many more - **your input is appreciated**

<https://github.com/kubernetes/enhancements/issues/3104>



```
apiVersion: v1alpha1
kind: Preferences
command:
  aliases:
  - alias: getdbprod
    command: get pods -l what=database --namespace us-2-production
overrides:
- command: apply
  flags:
  - name: server-side
    default: "true"
- command: delete
  flags:
  - name: confirm
    default: "true"
- command: "*"
  flags:
  - name: exec-auth-allowlist
    default: /var/kubect1/exec/...
```



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