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# Emissary-ingress: Self-Service APIs and the Kubernetes Gateway API



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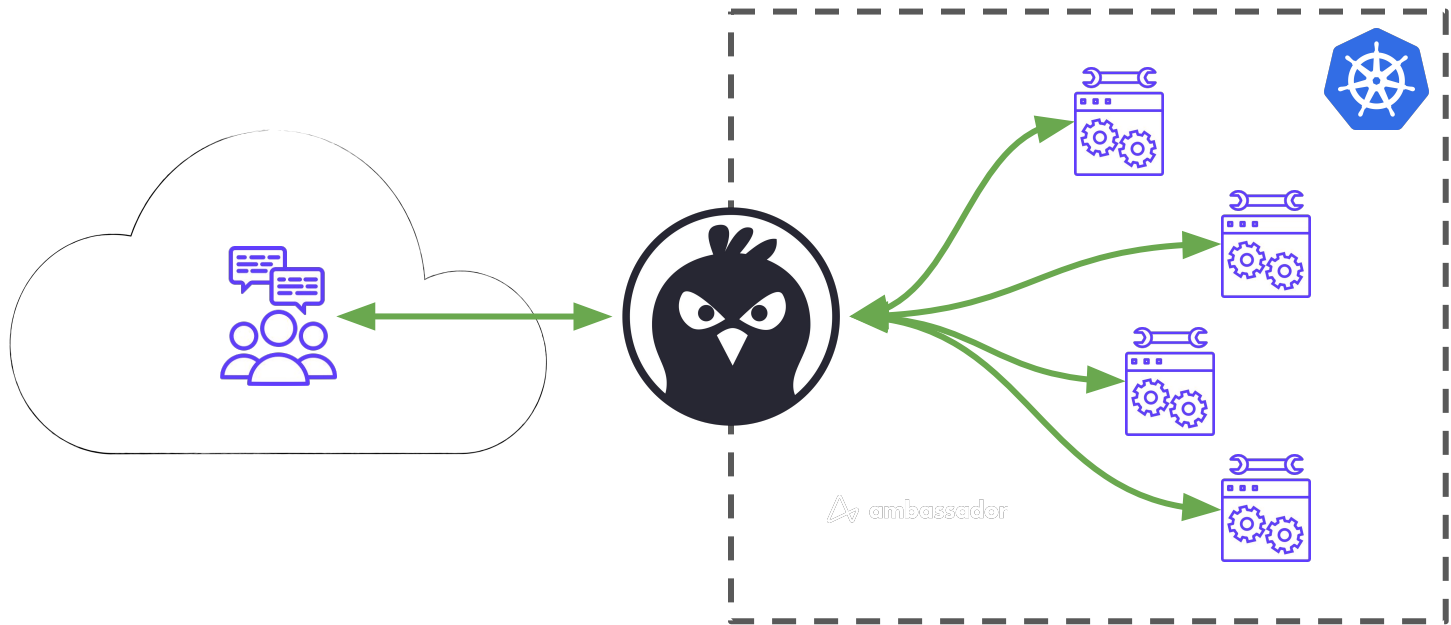
- **Intro & Recap**
- **Self-Service Configuration**
- **Gateway API**

# **(Quick) Intro**



# Emissary-ingress is an API Gateway

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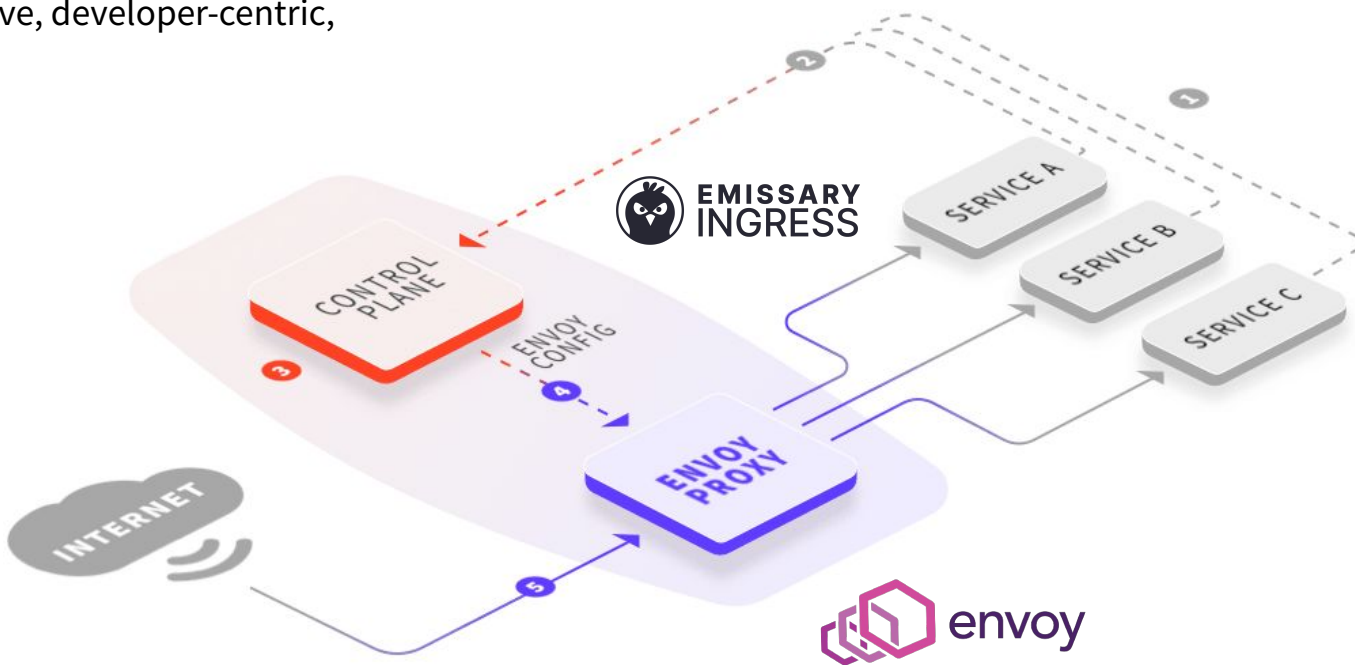


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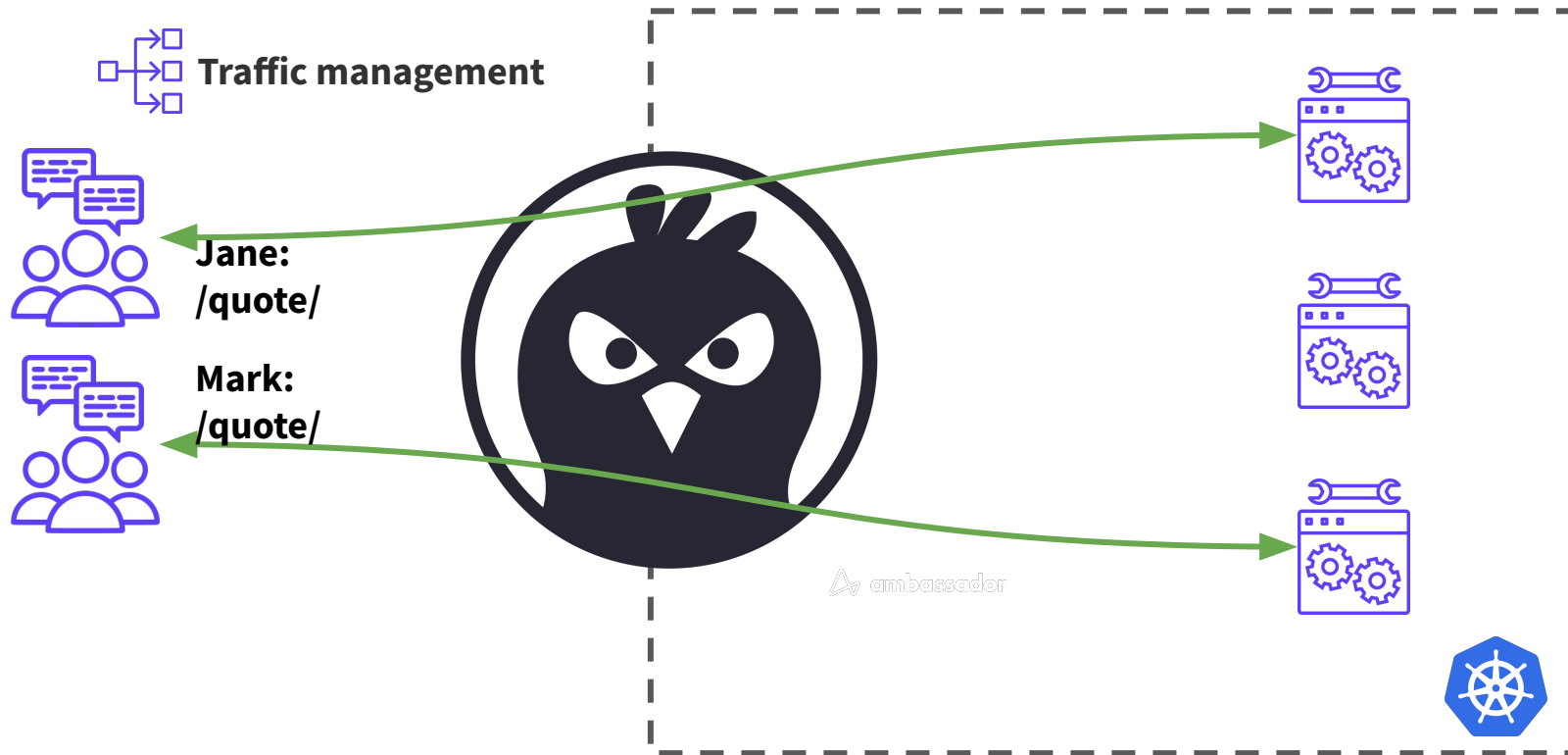
## Open-source, cloud-native, developer-centric, self-service API Gateway

## CNCF Incubating project

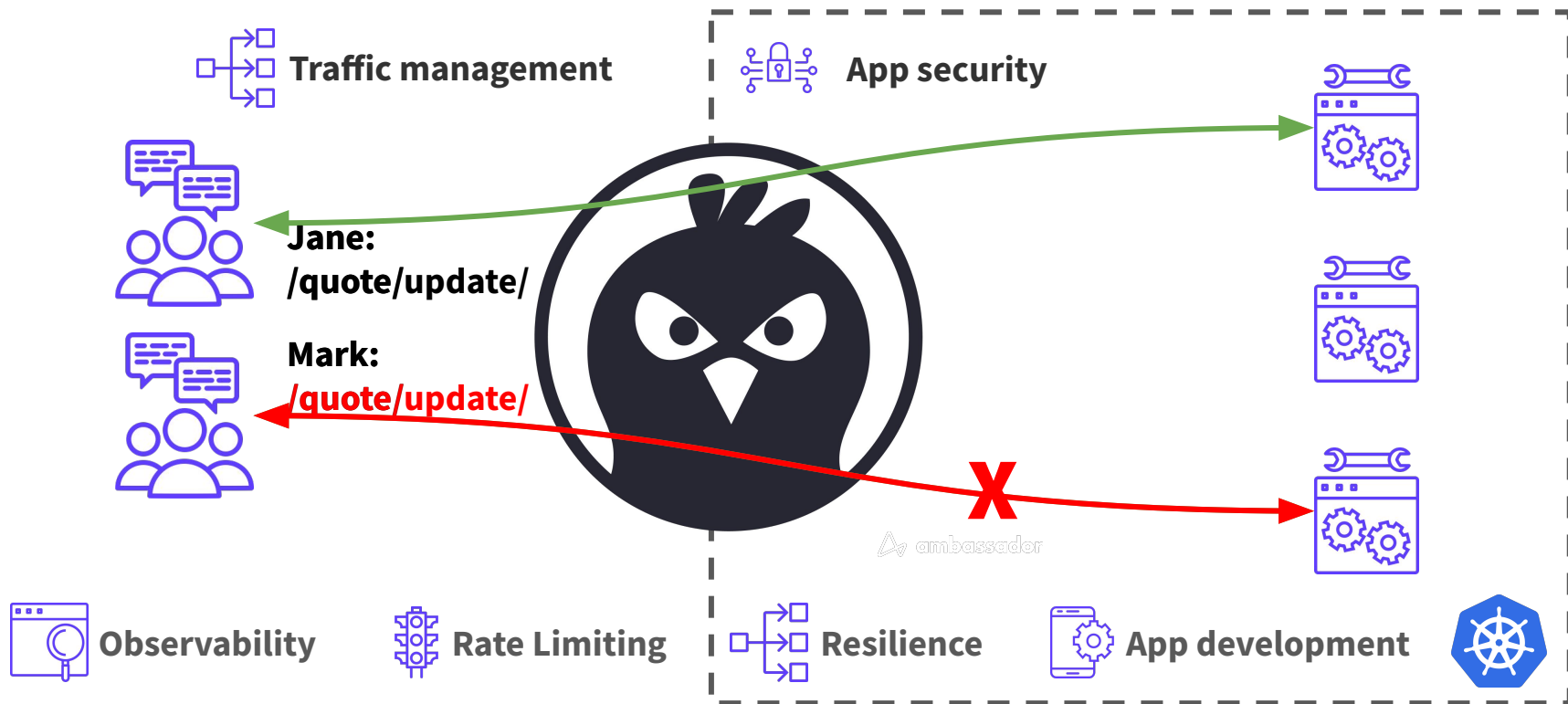
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# Emissary-ingress is an API Gateway



# Emissary-ingress is not just a proxy







# Emissary Core Features



## Resilience

- Advanced load balancing
- Circuit breakers
- Automatic retries
- Timeouts
- Auth (via ext\_authz)
- Rate limiting (via rls.proto)



## Observability

- Distributed tracing
- Real-time metrics
- Logs (+Envoy output)



## Cloud-native

- Service discovery with Kubernetes and Consul
- Zero downtime configuration
- Stateless high availability architecture



## L7 support

- HTTP/1.0, HTTP/1.1, HTTP/2, HTTP/3
- gRPC, gRPC-Web
- TCP, WebSockets
- Server Name Indication (SNI)
- Gzip compression





**Self-Service Opinionated  
Developer-Centric API Gateway**

# Recap





## Recap: Since Kubecon Detroit

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- New releases!
  - 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6: new features, better security, easier migrations
  - 2.5: critical fixes
- Major dependency updates:
  - Envoy 1.25.4
  - Golang 1.20.3



## Recap: Since Kubecon Detroit

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- Key new Emissary 3 features:
  - OpenTelemetry Tracing (thanks, @psalaberria002!)
  - Resolve named ports in Ingress (thanks, @antonu17!)
  - Direct TLS support for Ingress (thanks, @olemarkus!)
  - Non-blocking ready listener (thanks, @fabrice & @tomas!)
  - Active upstream health checks
  - `getambassador.io/v1` => reduced migration friction

# Thanks to our Community!

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**175** Commits

**10**  
First-Time  
Contributors

**~9000**  
Members on  
Slack

**4K**  
Github Stars

## Shout out!

-  [Pier](#)
- [Paul Salaberria](#)
- [Anton Ustyuzhanin](#)
- [Dmitry Golushko](#)
- [Tomas](#)
- [Fabrice](#)

# Self-Service Configuration



# Self-Service Developer- Centric Configuration







# Why do we talk about this every time?

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- Kubernetes is a **means**, not an **end**:
  - Developers have goals beyond just “run Kubernetes”.
- “Self-service” is about achieving those goals **faster**.
- “Developer-centric” is about achieving those goals **more easily**.
- “Opinionated” is about achieving those goals **in a straightforward way**.

# Configuring the Control Plane



```
apiVersion: getambassador.io/v3alpha1
kind: Listener
metadata:
  name: listener-8443
spec:
  port: 8443
  securityModel: XFP
  hostBinding:
    selector:
      matchLabels:
        my-listener: example
```

```
apiVersion: getambassador.io/v3alpha1
kind: Host
metadata:
  name: example-host
  labels:
    my-listener: example
spec:
  hostname: foo.example.com
  tlsSecret:
    name: ssl-example-c
```

```
apiVersion: getambassador.io/v3alpha1
kind: Mapping
metadata:
  name: quote-mapping
spec:
  hostname: foo.example.com
  prefix: /quote/
  service: quote
```

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  service: quote
```

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  annotations:
    kubernetes.io/ingress.class: ambassador
  name: example-ingress
spec:
  tls:
  - hosts:
    - foo.example.com
    secretName: sslexample-cert
  rules:
  - host: foo.example.com
    http:
      paths:
      - path: /quote/
        backend:
          serviceName: quote
          servicePort: 80
```



# Self-Service Configuration

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```

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  apiVersion: getambassador.io/v3alpha1
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  metadata:
```

```
    name: restricted-mapping
  spec:
    kind: Mapping
    metadata:
      name: restricted-mapping
    spec:
      host: restricted.example.com
      prefix: /restricted/
      rewrite: /a/very/safe/path/
      rewrite_host: safe.example.com
      service: dangerous-service
```



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```

```
    apiVersion: getambassador.io/v3alpha1
    kind: AuthService
    metadata:
      name: extauth-service
    spec:
      auth_service: example-auth
      path_prefix: "/extauth"
      allowed_request_headers:
        - "x-example-session"
      allowed_authorization_headers:
        - "x-example-session"
        - "x-example-userid"
```



# Separation of Concerns

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    name: extauth-service
  spec:
    auth_service: example-auth
    path_prefix: "/extauth"
    allowed_request_headers:
      - "x-example-session"
    allowed_authorization_headers:
      - "x-example-session"
      - "x-example-userid"
```



# Best Practices



# Self-Service Configuration Best Practices

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## Self-service requires trust.

- Maximum benefit with independent teams doing independent releases (microservices 101)
- Maximum benefit when developers don't need to be stuck behind ops

## Trust goes both ways.

- Developers benefit from trusting ops to handle infrastructure.
  - TLS, authentication, rate limiting, circuit breaking, etc.
- Ops benefits from trusting developers to handle applications.
  - Routes, URLs, etc. ambassador
- Both benefit from trusting the other to act in good faith.



# Self-Service Configuration Best Practices

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## Trust doesn't have to be blind.

- Kubernetes RBAC can give developers guardrails.
  - <https://github.com/postfinance/kubectl-sudo>
- It's easy to let everyone audit configurations.
  - `kubectl get -o yaml`
- GitOps / infrastructure-as-code can add control points to configuration
  - Submit a pull request which requires review and approval
- CD tools can help here too.
  - Automatically validate configurations before rollout





# Gateway API





# What is the Gateway API?

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- Standardized set of resources for service networking
- Successor to `Ingress` resource
- Community driven
- Role-oriented resources
- Taking learnings from projects like Emissary-ingress, Contour and the wider Kubernetes ecosystem



<https://gateway-api.sigs.k8s.io/>

# How does it compare?



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```

```
apiVersion: gateway.networking.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: GatewayClass
```

```
apiVersion: gateway.networking.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Gateway
```

```
apiVersion: gateway.networking.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: HTTPRoute
metadata:
  name: qotm-route
spec:
  parentRefs:
    - name: prod-gateway
  hostnames:
    - "foo.example.com"
  rules:
    - backendRefs:
        - name: quote
          port: 80
```



# What does it look like?

```
apiVersion: gateway.networking.k8s.io/v1beta1
```

```
kind: GatewayClass
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name:
```

```
spec:
```

```
  controllerName:
```

```
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```

```
kind: Gateway
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name:
```

```
spec:
```

```
  gatewayClassName:
```

```
  listeners:
```

```
    - name:
```

```
      protocol:
```

```
      port:
```

```
      hostnames:
```

```
        - "foo.example.com"
```

```
      rules:
```

```
        - backendRefs:
```

```
          - name:
```

```
            port:
```

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  hostnames:
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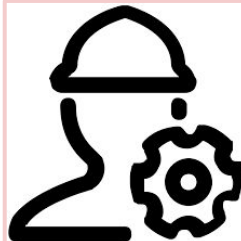
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metadata:
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apiVersion: gateway.networking.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Gateway
metadata:
  name: prod-gateway
spec:
  gatewayClassName: cluster-gateway
  listeners:
  - name: prod-gw-8443
    protocol: HTTPS
    port: 8443
    hostname: "*.example.com"
```



```
Terminate
ificateRefs:
nd: Secret
oup: ""
ne: wildcard-example-com-cert
```



# Emissary Configuration

Does Emissary support Gateway API?

Yes but not really...

What about Emissary **v3** CRDs?

We want to hear from you!



ContribFest: Emissary-Ingress - Bugs, Deprecations, and Features, Oh My!

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**Wednesday, April 19 • 16:30 - 18:00**

[K101-102 | First Floor | Congress Centre](#)

# Summary



# Summary

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- **Emissary-ingress** focuses on self-service ingress because it's a great way to let everyone get things done faster.
  - It takes trust, but it works really well.
- It makes sense to start looking at the Gateway API at this point.
  - We'll keep supporting the Emissary-ingress input language.
  - We need your feedback on where the Gateway API will work - or not - for you.





# Emissary-ingress and the Community



- Emissary-ingress would never have made it this far without the amazing community that's grown up around it.
- First-ever Emissary ContribFest is happening later today, and we'd love to see you there: 4:30 PM in room K101 (first floor).
- To get involved with development or ask questions, join us on Slack at [a8r.io/slack](https://a8r.io/slack) (@Alice Wasko, @flynn, @Lance Austin).



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**COMPUTING FOUNDATION**



# TAG

## Contributor Strategy

Creating a **cross-project community of maintainers** to connect, exchange ideas, and support each other!

- Maintainer's Circle
- Templates, how-to guides, and other resources
- Guidance on engaging with contributors
- And more!



Learn about the TAG and how to participate  
([cncf.io/contributor-strategy](https://cncf.io/contributor-strategy))



# Thanks!



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