

释放 CEL 在高级多集群调度中的潜力 Unlocking the Power of CEL for Advanced Multi-Cluster Scheduling

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Open Cluster Management

Simplify fleet management across the open hybrid cloud at scale.

- Hub and spoke architecture
- Cluster Inventory

Registration of multiple clusters to a hub cluster to place them for management.

Work Distribution

The work API enables resources to be applied to managed clusters from hub.

Content Placement

Dynamic placement of content and behavior across multiple clusters.

Add-On Extensibility

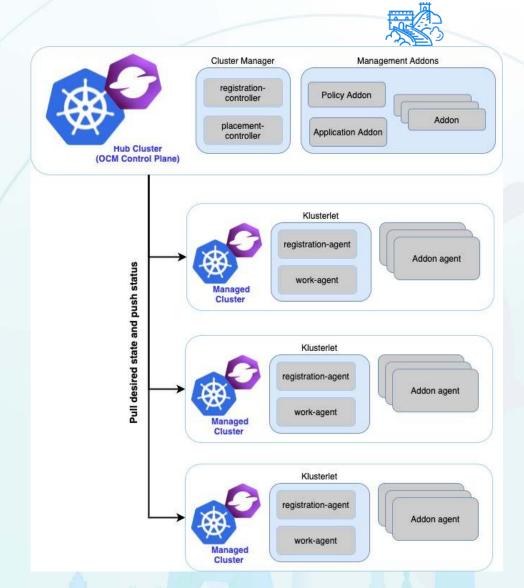
Integration point for making Kubernetes capabilities multicluster aware.

Vendor Neutral APIs

Avoid vendor lock-in by using APIs that are not tied to any cloud providers or proprietary platforms.







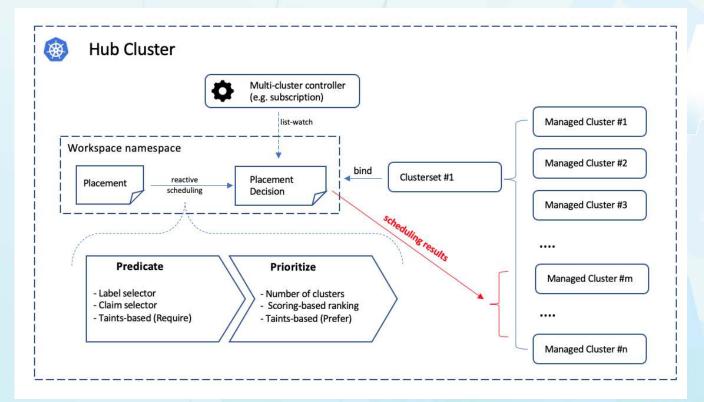
Placement



Placement concept is used to dynamically select a set of managed clusters in one or multiple ManagedClusterSet so that higher level users can either replicate Kubernetes resources to the member clusters or run their advanced workload i.e. multi-cluster scheduling.

The "input" and "output" of the scheduling process are decoupled into two separated Kubernetes API Placement

and PlacementDecision.



Placement - Predicates

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- ManagedClusterSets: The spec.clusterSets section represents the ManagedClusterSets from which the ManagedClusterSets are selected.
- Label/Claim selector: In the spec.predicates section, you can select clusters by labels or ClusterClaims.
- Taints/Tolerations:
 - Taints are properties of managed clusters, they allow a placement to repel a set of managed clusters.
 - Tolerations are applied to placements, and allow the managed clusters with matching taints to be scheduled onto

placements.

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Placement
metadata:
name: placement1
namespace: default
spec:
numberOfClusters: 3
 clusterSets:
  - prod
 predicates:
  - requiredClusterSelector:
    labelSelector:
     matchLabels:
      purpose: test
    claimSelector:
     matchExpressions:
      - key: platform.open-cluster-management.io
        operator: In
        values:
         - aws
```

Placement - Predicates

I can select with labels version=v1.31.0.

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-

management.io/v1beta1

kind: Placement

metadata:

name: placement1 namespace: default

spec:

predicates:

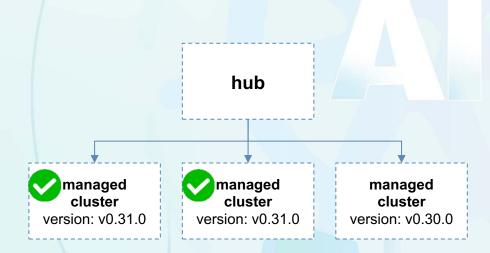
- requiredClusterSelector:

labelSelector:

matchLabels:

version: v1.31.0





Placement - Predicates challenges



I want to select clusters with version < v1.31.0.

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-

management.io/v1beta1

kind: Placement

metadata:

name: placement1 namespace: default

spec:

predicates:

- requiredClusterSelector:

labelSelector:

matchExpressions:

key: version operator: In

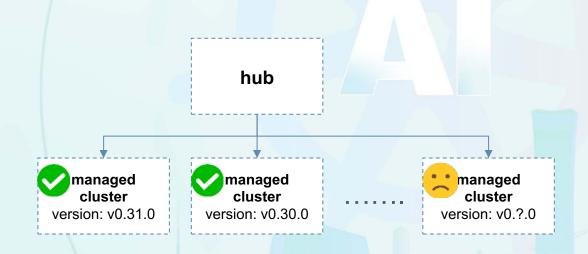
values:

- v1.31.0
- v1.30.0
- v1.29.0

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- List versions one by one is not smart.
- The version info is even stored in status rather than labels or claims.



Placement - Predicates challenges



I want to select clusters with version < v1.31.0.

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-

management.io/v1beta1

kind: Placement

metadata:

name: placement1 namespace: default

spec:

predicates:

- requiredClusterSelector:

labelSelector:

matchExpressions:

- key: version

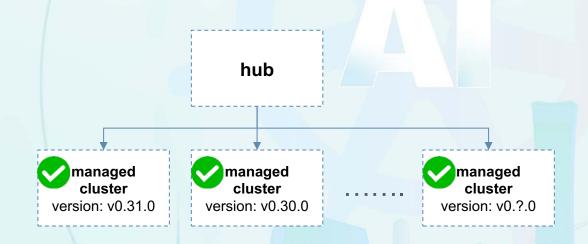
operator: lessThan

values:

- v1.31.0



 What if the properties for scheduling is not labels or claims?

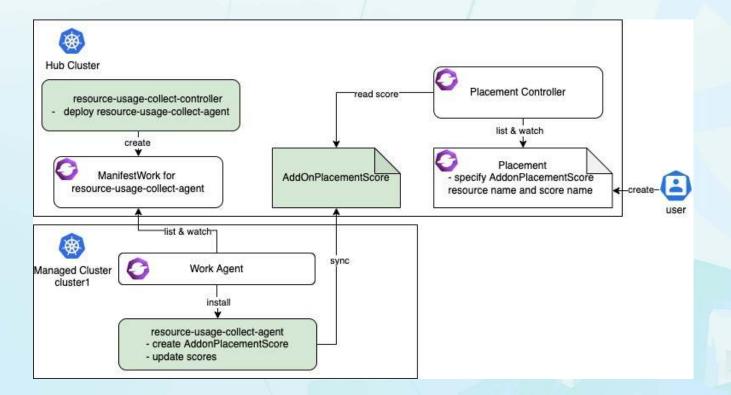


Placement - Prioritizers



Prioritizers is used to rank the clusters filtered from the hard requirements, and choose the clusters with higher score.

- Balance: Balance the number of decisions among the clusters. The cluster with more decision is given a lower score.
- **Steady**: Keeps the decision result steady. The clusters that existing decisions choose are given the higher score.
- ResourceAllocatableCPU & ResourceAllocatableMemory: Prefer to Select clusters with more allocatable resource.
- Customized score: This is also called extensible scheduling. The customized score can be defined in addOn section.



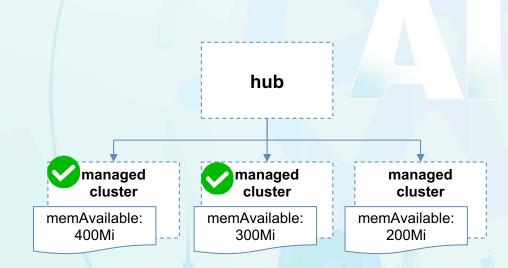
Placement - Prioritizers



I can sort the clusters by customized score memAvailable and select the top 2 clusters.

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Placement
metadata:
name: placement1
namespace: default
spec:
numberOfClusters: 2
prioritizerPolicy:
configurations:
- scoreCoordinate:
type: AddOn
addOn:
resourceName: default
scoreName: memAvailable
```

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1 kind: AddOnPlacementScore metadata:
    name: default
    namespace: {managed cluster namespace} status:
...
    scores:
    - name:: "memAvailable"
    value: 70
    quantity: 200Mi
    - name: "cpuAvailable"
    value: 80
    quantity: 1
```



Placement - Prioritizers challenges

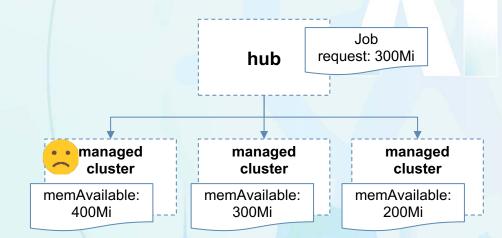


I want to maximize resource utilization (binpacking issue).

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Placement
metadata:
name: placement1
namespace: default
spec:
numberOfClusters: 1
prioritizerPolicy:
configurations:
- scoreCoordinate:
type: AddOn
addOn:
resourceName: default
scoreName: memAvailable

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1 kind: AddOnPlacementScore metadata:
 name: default
 namespace: {managed cluster namespace} status:
...
 scores:
 - name:: "memAvailable"
 value: 70
 quantity: 200Mi
 - name: "cpuAvailable"
 value: 80
 quantity: 1

- My workload requires 300Mi memory and I want to maximize resource utilization on the managed clusters.
- Select the top 1 cluster is not the best choice.





Placement - Prioritizers challenges



I want to maximize resource utilization (binpacking issue).

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Placement
metadata:
name: placement1
namespace: default
spec:
numberOfClusters: 1
prioritizerPolicy:
configurations:
- scoreCoordinate:
type: AddOn
addOn:

resourceName: default

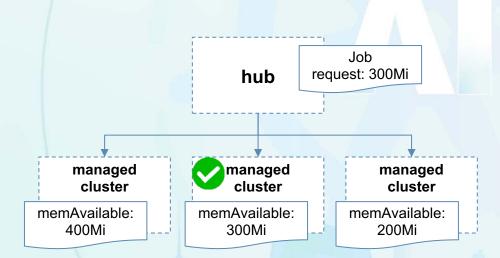
value: 80 quantity: 1

scoreName: memAvailable

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1 kind: AddOnPlacementScore metadata: name: default namespace: {managed cluster namespace} status: ... scores: - name:: "memAvailable" value: 70 quantity: 200Mi - name: "cpuAvailable"



Can I filter the clusters based on the external resource before prioritizing?



The advanced multi-cluster scheduling challenges



Need a more flexible way to meet the scheduling challenges.

- More flexible operand.
- Schedule based on more properties, not only labels or claims.
- Schedule based on external resource.
- DO NOT change code every time when there's a new requirement.





Common Expression Language (CEL) is an expression language that's fast, portable, and safe to execute in performance-critical applications. CEL is designed to be embedded in an application, with application-specific extensions, and is ideal for extending declarative configurations that your applications might already use.



Fast

Accelerated expression evaluation in performance-critical paths from nanoseconds to microseconds.



Portable

Developer friendly, light weight with common syntax across multiple Google and external systems.



Extensible

Supports subsetting and extension, easy to embed and tailor to configuration and policy requirements.



Safe

Non-Turing complete, and only accesses data provided by the host application.



CEL is used in

- Kubernetes: CRD validation rules, Validating Admission Policy, Mutating Admission Policy.
- Istio: MetricsOverrides, access log filter.
- Envoy Gateway: access log filter.
- Kyverno: CEL Preconditions and CEL Variables in Kyverno Policies.
- ...









CEL expressions examples

Rule	Purpose
<pre>self.minReplicas <= self.replicas && self.replicas <= self.maxReplicas</pre>	Validate that the three fields defining replicas are ordered appropriately
'Available' in self.stateCounts	Validate that an entry with the 'Available' key exists in a map
(self.list1.size() == 0) != (self.list2.size() == 0)	Validate that one of two lists is non-empty, but not both
<pre>self.envars.filter(e, e.name = 'MY_ENV').all(e, e.value.matches('^[a-zA-Z]*\$'))</pre>	Validate the 'value' field of a listMap entry where key field 'name' is 'MY_ENV'
has(self.expired) && self.created + self.ttl < self.expired	Validate that 'expired' date is after a 'create' date plus a 'ttl' duration
self.health.startsWith('ok')	Validate a 'health' string field has the prefix 'ok'
self.widgets.exists(w, w.key == 'x' && w.foo < 10)	Validate that the 'foo' property of a listMap item with a key 'x' is less than 10
type(self) == string ? self == '99%' : self == 42	Validate an int-or-string field for both the int and string cases
<pre>self.metadata.name == 'singleton'</pre>	Validate that an object's name matches a specific value (making it a singleton)
<pre>self.set1.all(e, !(e in self.set2))</pre>	Validate that two listSets are disjoint
<pre>self.names.size() == self.details.size() && self.names.all(n, n in self.details)</pre>	Validate the 'details' map is keyed by the items in the 'names' listSet



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CEL options, language features, and libraries.

https://github.com/google/cel-spec/blob/master/doc/langdef.md

CEL option, library or language feature	Included
Standard macros	has, all, exists, exists_one, map, filter
Standard functions	Equality: ==, != Numbers: int, uint, and double Lists and Maps: a == b Regular Expressions
Extended strings library	charAt, indexOf, lastIndexOf, lowerAscii, upperAscii, replace, split, join, substring, trim

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CEL options, language features, and libraries.

https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/using-api/cel/#kubernetes-cel-libraries

Kubernetes CEL libraries

Kubernetes list library

Kubernetes regex library

Kubernetes URL library

Kubernetes authorizer library

Kubernetes quantity library

CEL Expression	Purpose
"abc 123".find('[0-9]+')	Find the first number in a string
"1, 2, 3, 4".findAll('[0-9]+').map(x, int(x)).sum() < 100	Verify that the numbers in a string sum to less than 100

CEL Expression	Purpose
url('https://example.com:80/').getHost()	Gets the 'example.com:80' host part of the URL
<pre>url('https://example.com/path with spaces/').getEscapedPath()</pre>	Returns '/path%20with%20spaces/'
quantity("150Mi").isGreaterThan(quantity("100Mi"))	Test if a quantity is greater than the receiver
quantity("50M").isLessThan(quantity("100M"))	Test if a quantity is less than the receiver



Example: Kubernetes CRD validation rules

```
openAPIV3Schema:
  type: object
  properties:
   spec:
    type: object
    x-kubernetes-validations:
     - rule: "self.minReplicas <= self.replicas"
       message: "replicas should be greater than or equal to
minReplicas.'
      - rule: "self.replicas <= self.maxReplicas"
       message: "replicas should be smaller than or equal to
maxReplicas."
    properties:
      minReplicas:
       type: integer
      replicas:
       type: integer
      maxReplicas:
       type: integer
    required:
      - minReplicas
      - replicas
      - maxReplicas
```

Validation rules use the Common Expression Language (CEL) to validate custom resource values. Validation rules are included in CustomResourceDefinition schemas using the x-kubernetes-validations extension.

x-kubernetes-validations describes a list of validation rules written in the CEL expression language.





Example: Kubernetes Mutating Admission Policy (alpha)

```
apiVersion: admissionregistration.k8s.io/v1alpha1
kind: MutatingAdmissionPolicy
metadata:
 name: "sidecar-policy.example.com"
spec:
 paramKind:
  kind: Sidecar
  apiVersion: mutations.example.com/v1
 matchConstraints:
  resourceRules:
  - apiGroups: [""]
    apiVersions: ["v1"]
   operations: ["CREATE"]
    resources: ["pods"]
 matchConditions:
  - name: does-not-already-have-sidecar
   expression: "!object.spec.initContainers.exists(ic, ic.name == \"mesh-proxy\")"
 failurePolicy: Fail
 reinvocationPolicy: IfNeeded
 mutations:
  - patchType: "JSONPatch"
    isonPatch:
     expression: >
       JSONPatch{
        op: "add", path: "/spec/initContainers/-",
        value: Object.spec.initContainers{
         name: "mesh-proxy",
          image: "mesh-proxy/v1.0.0",
          restartPolicy: "Always"
```

Kubernetes v1.32: Penelope highlights of new features in Alpha.

The Kubernetes API server now supports Common Expression Language (CEL)-based Mutating Admission Policies, providing a lightweight, efficient alternative to mutating admission webhooks.

Match conditions are CEL expressions. All match conditions must evaluate to true for the resource to be evaluated.

jsonPatch defines a JSON patch to perform a mutation to the object. A CEL expression is used to create the JSON patch.





Use CEL in multi-cluster scheduling

```
// ManagedClusterLib defines the CEL library for ManagedCluster evaluation.
// It provides functions and variables for evaluating ManagedCluster properties
// and their associated resources.
// Variables:
// managedCluster
// Provides access to ManagedCluster properties.
// Functions:
// scores
// Returns a list of AddOnPlacementScoreItem for a given cluster and AddOnPlacementScore resource name.
// scores(<ManagedCluster>, <string>) <list>
// The returned list contains maps with the following structure:
     - name: string - The name of the score
     - value: int - The numeric score value
     - quantity: number|string - The quantity value, represented as:
     - number: for pure decimal values (e.g., 3)
     - string: for values with units or decimal places (e.g., "300Mi", "1.5Gi")
// Examples:
// managedCluster.scores("cpu-memory") // returns [{name: "cpu", value: 3, quantity: 3"}, {name: "memory", value: 4, quantity: "300Mi"}]
// Semver Library:
// Semver provides a CEL function library extension for [semver.Version].
// Examples:
    semver("1.2.3").isLessThan(semver("1.2.4")) // returns true
    semver("1.2.3").isGreaterThan(semver("1.2.4")) // returns false
// Quantity Library:
// Quantity provides a CEL function library extension of Kubernetes resource.
// Examples:
     quantity("100Mi").isLessThan(quantity("200Mi")) // returns true
     quantity("100Mi").isGreaterThan(quantity("200Mi")) // returns false
```



Variable managedCluster

Function scores()

Kubernetes semver library

Kubernetes quantity library



Select clusters with version < v1.31.0.

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1

kind: Placement

spec:

predicates:

- requiredClusterSelector:

celSelector:

celExpressions:

Upstream enhancement: semver support v is a prefix https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernetes/pull/130648

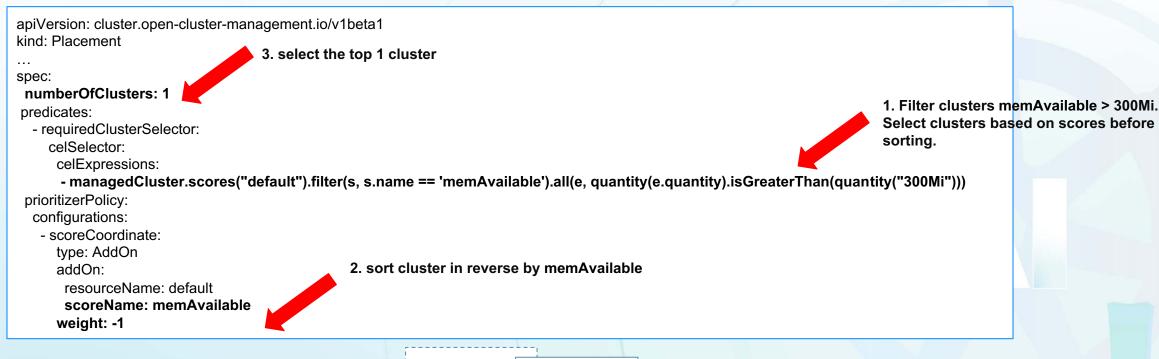


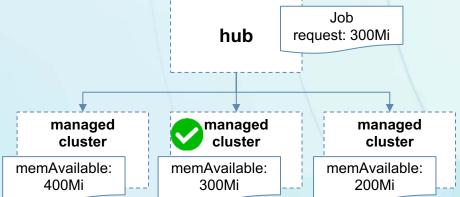
- semver(managedCluster.metadata.labels["version"], true).isLessThan(semver("v1.31.0", true))





Maximize resource utilization (resolve binpacking issue).







Select clusters with other properties.

ClusterProfile API is a new API over at k8s-sigs, it is more useful with properties that can help workload orchestration decisions.

- Core properties are the properties that each implementation MUST provide.
 - cluster-endpoints.k8s.io
- Standard properties are the properties that each implementation MUST compliant to if it wish to implement.
 - location.topology.k8s.io
 - count.node.k8s.io
 - sku.node.k8s.io
 - metrics-endpoints.k8s.io
 - custom.resources.k8s.io
- Extension properties are defined by any implementation and not required to a corresponding about api.

apiVersion: multicluster.x-k8s.io/v1alpha1

kind: ClusterProfile

metadata:

name: bravelion namespace: ...

. .

properties:

- name: cluster-endpoints.k8s.io

value: 100.3.3.4:5683,qs-oar7gr9p.azmk8s.io:443

...



Select clusters with other properties.

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Placement
...
spec:
predicates:
- requiredClusterSelector:
celSelector:
celExpressions:
- managedCluster.status.properties.exists(c, c.name == "sku.node.k8s.io" && c.value.split(",").exists(e, e == "g6.xlarge"))
```

apiVersion: multicluster.x-k8s.io/v1alpha1
kind: ClusterProfile
metadata:
name: bravelion
namespace: ...
...
properties:
- name: sku.node.k8s.io
value: g6.xlarge,Standard_NC48ads_H100,m3-ultramem-32
...

Standard properties "sku.node.k8s.io", value is a comma separated string.

Select clusters with other properties.

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Placement
...
spec:
  predicates:
  - requiredClusterSelector:
     celSelector:
     celExpressions:
     - managedCluster.status.properties.
     exists(c, c.name == "sku.gpu.kubernetes-fleet.io"
     && c.value.parseJSON().H100.exists(e,
e.Standard_NC96ads_H100_v4 == 2)
```



```
apiVersion: multicluster.x-k8s.io/v1alpha1
kind: ClusterProfile
metadata:
name: bravelion
namespace: ...
                                          Properties "sku.gpu.kubernetes-fleet.io"
                                          contains a list of gpuSku:count in a json
properties:
                                          format
 - name: sku.gpu.kubernetes-fleet.io
   value: |
         "H100": [
              "Standard NC48ads H100 v4": 10
              "Standard NC96ads H100 v4": 2
       "A100": [
              "Standard NC48ads A100 v4": 50
              "Standard_NC96ads_A100_v4": 20
```

NEXT



- Join the discussion
 - https://github.com/open-cluster-management-io/enhancements/pull/137
- Future work:
 - Runtime visibility: add metrics for time spent evaluating CEL at runtime.
 - A budget of how much time we'll spend on CEL at runtime.
 - Adopt the new k8s-sigs about-api project's ClusterProperty API. https://github.com/open-cluster-management-io/ocm/issues/838

Get Involved



- GitHub: https://github.com/open-cluster-management-io/OCM
- Website: https://open-cluster-management.io/
- Slack: https://kubernetes.slack.com/channels/open-cluster-mgmt
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/c/OpenClusterManagement
- Mailing Group: https://groups.google.com/g/open-cluster-management
- Community Meetings:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=openclustermanagement@gmail.com



