

# My experience as a CNCF Ambassador

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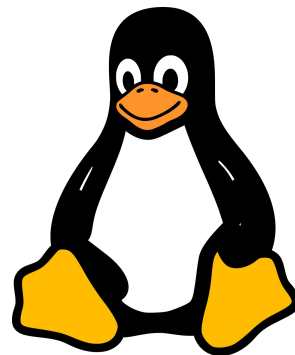
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  - Web development and programming
  - Perl
  - Linux: Mandrake, Debian, Gentoo...
  - Website to share my experience



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  - Implementing IT infrastructure for students: web services, file sharing, mail, ...
  - Based on Linux and other Open Source



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  - Offer Linux and Open Source for businesses
  - Narrowing the scope to web services
  - Focusing on containers and Kubernetes



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  - Working fully remote



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  - DevOps as a Service, SRE as a Service
  - Kubernetes Certified Service Provider



# Me and Open Source today

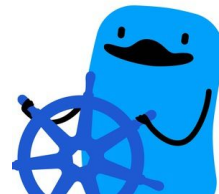
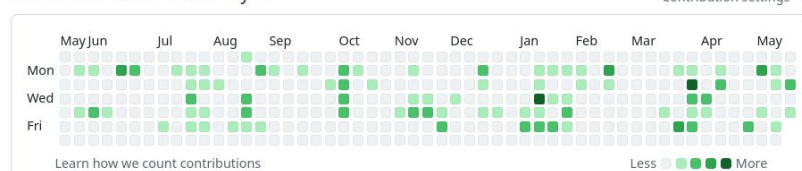
- Open Source **contributions**:

- Kubernetes SIG Docs
- CNCF Glossary
- werf (<https://github.com/werf/werf/>)
- Palark projects (<https://github.com/palark/>)

- Sharing **knowledge**:

- Kubernative Telegram channel (<https://t.me/kubernative>)
- LinkedIn ([@shurupov](#))
- Blog for DevOps and SREs (<https://blog.palark.com/>)

213 contributions in the last year





# werf and Nelm



- A **CNCF Sandbox project** that has been developed over 9+ years
- **All-in-one CLI** to build, deploy, and distribute apps in Kubernetes
- **“Glue”**: profound integration with underlying tools (Git, Docker, Buildah, and Helm)
  - **Nelm** is a Helm 3 fork (<https://github.com/werf/nelm/>)
- **Advanced features** on top of existing technologies
- **15,000+** active projects and **2** actively contributing companies
- **4,400+** GitHub Stars and numerous agencies relying on werf



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  - Just because it seemed like a natural thing to do!



# About CNCF



- Cloud Native Computing Foundation
- A part of The Linux Foundation
- A *vendor-neutral* home for **200+ Open Source projects**
  - Kubernetes, Prometheus, Argo, Cilium, Istio, containerd, etcd, ...
  - Categories: Graduated / Incubating / Sandbox / Archived
- 280k+ contributors to these projects
- 700+ organisations are CNCF members
- **Ambassadors** (271) are volunteers, “an extension of CNCF, furthering the mission of making cloud native ubiquitous through community leadership and mentorship.”



# CNCF Ambassador requirements

- Responsibilities
  - Promote Cloud Native tech and engage community
  - Ambassador Standards of Excellence
  - Quarterly check-ins
- Requirements (meet 2+ criteria)
  - Active **contribution** to CNCF projects
  - **Event** organization
  - Public **speaking**
  - **Mentorship** for CNCF projects
  - **Content** creation



# My CNCF Ambassador experience

- Better recognition
  - This is why I'm here! 😊
- Networking and getting insights
- Better feeling of community
  - People are enthusiastic and engaged
- Joining KubeCon Program Committees
  - China 2025 and India 2025
- More benefits I haven't used yet
  - Certifications, discounts for events, swag...



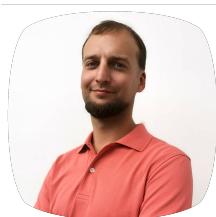
# CNCF Ambassador application

- Once a year
  - When approved, you get the status for 1 year
  - After 1 year, you can renew it for the next 2 years
- **Open now!** Deadline: June 30, 2025
  - <https://www.cncf.io/people/ambassadors/application-process/>
- Notifications and announcements will be out in September



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## Thank you!



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 [@dshnow](https://twitter.com/dshnow)

### TECH CONTENT FOR ENGINEERS

SRE blog:

 [blog.palark.com](https://blog.palark.com)

K8s & Cloud Native news:

 [@kubernative](https://t.me/kubernative)