

Building an Enterprise Control Plane on Kubernetes



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Explain why the controller pattern is the best way of managing infrastructure.

Demonstrate how to write an infrastructure controller using Crossplane and Kubebuilder.

Agenda



Introduction (~5 minutes)

Tutorial: Developing a Controller to Manage Github Orgs (65 minutes)

- Defining your Custom Resource Definitions (CRDs)
- Creating a client for the remote API
- Writing a controller for CRUD operations
- Packaging and shipping your controller
- Higher level abstractions: composing apps and infrastructure

Q&A

Infrastructure Automation



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What

Virtual Machines

Storage

DNS Records

Load Balancers

Software

User Accounts

Firewall Rules

How



Typical Infrastructure Deployment



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Spec

```
{  
  "type": "vm",  
  "count": 2,  
  "image": "debian",  
  "network": "DMZ"  
}
```

CI Pipeline

```
if branch =  
"master" {  
  LOGIN=$secret  
  run(curl vm.sh)  
  run(vm.sh)  
}
```

Logic

```
if exists(VM) {  
  compareToDesired(VM,  
    Desired) }  
else {  
  createVM(VM)  
}  
}
```



Problems

Spec

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  "count": 2,  
  "image": "debian",  
  "network": "DMZ"  
}
```

Validation

API Support

Tooling

CI Pipeline

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  "master" {  
    LOGIN=$secret  
    run(curl vm.sh)  
    run(vm.sh)  
  }
```

Logic in Pipelines

Fire and Forget

Based on Git commits

Logic

```
if exists(VM) {  
  compareToDesired(VM  
  , Desired) }  
else {  
  createVM(VM)  
}  
}
```

Reconciliation

State Management

Operations/Logging/Monitoring

The Controller Approach

```
kind: SQLDatabase
metadata:
  name: web-backend
spec:
  region: eu-west
  version: 9
  memorySize: 10Gb
```

```
kind: StorageBucket
metadata:
  name: static-assets
spec:
  region: eu-west
  versioning: enabled
```

```
kind: GitHubTeam
metadata:
  name: webdev
spec:
  members: Harriet, Ida
  organization: Project
  Role: admin
```

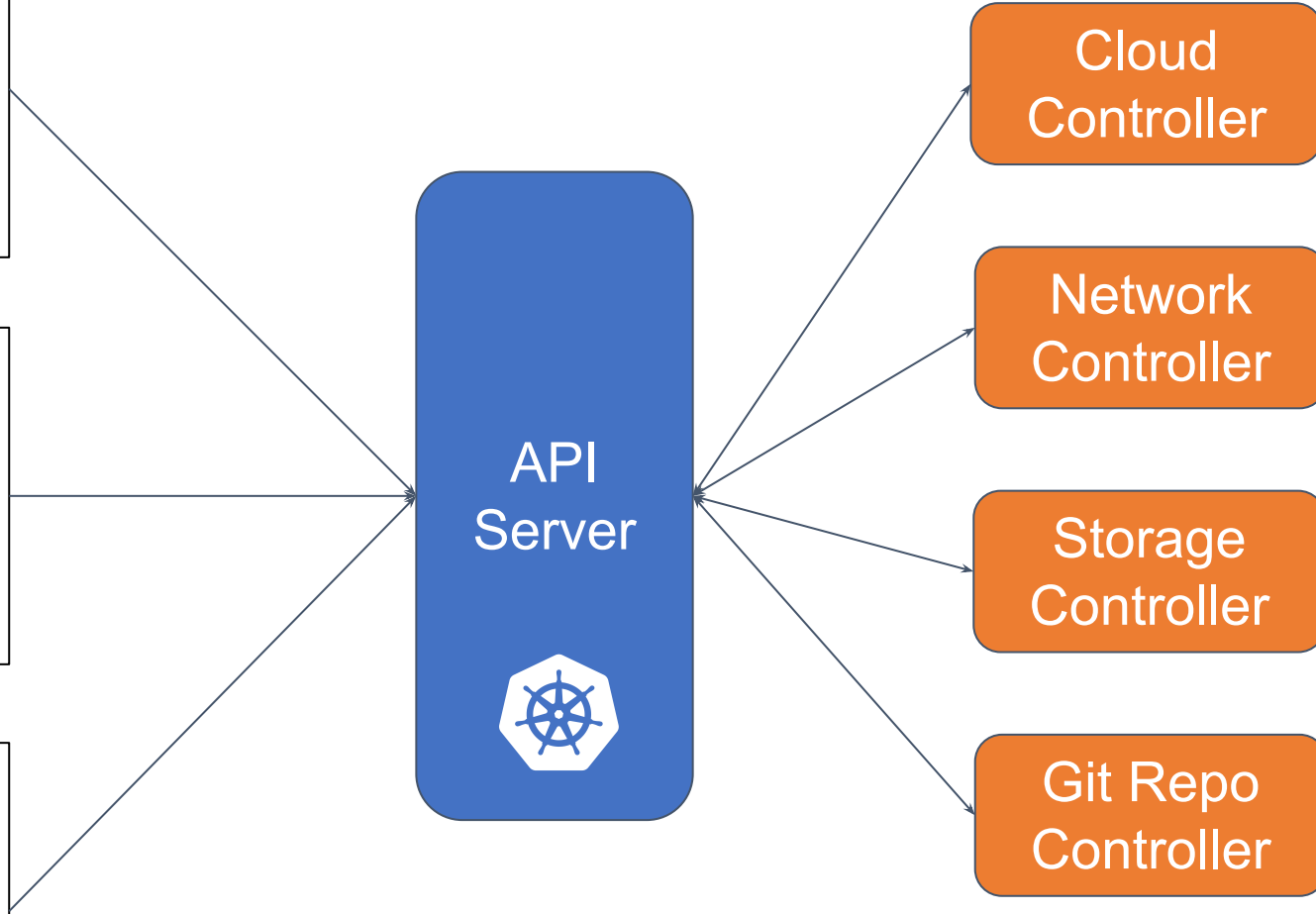
API
Server

Cloud
Controller

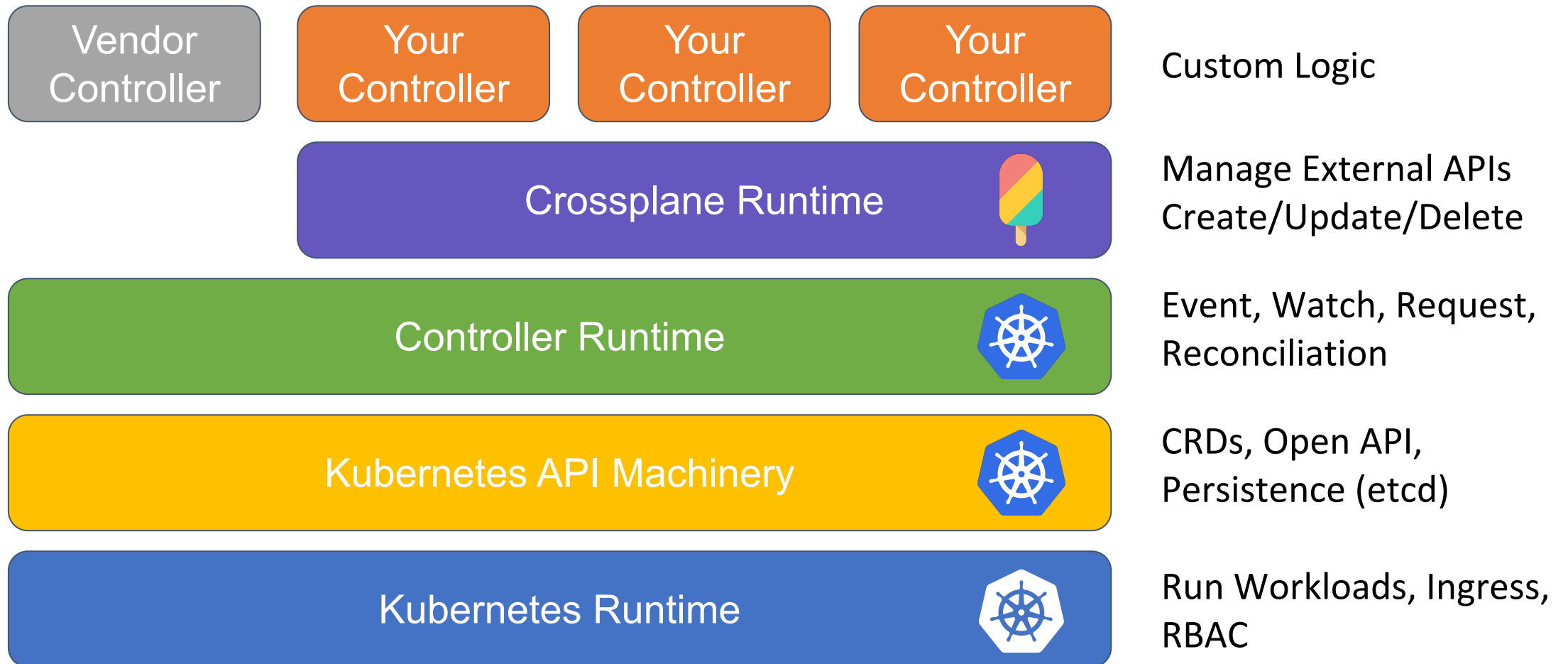
Network
Controller

Storage
Controller

Git Repo
Controller



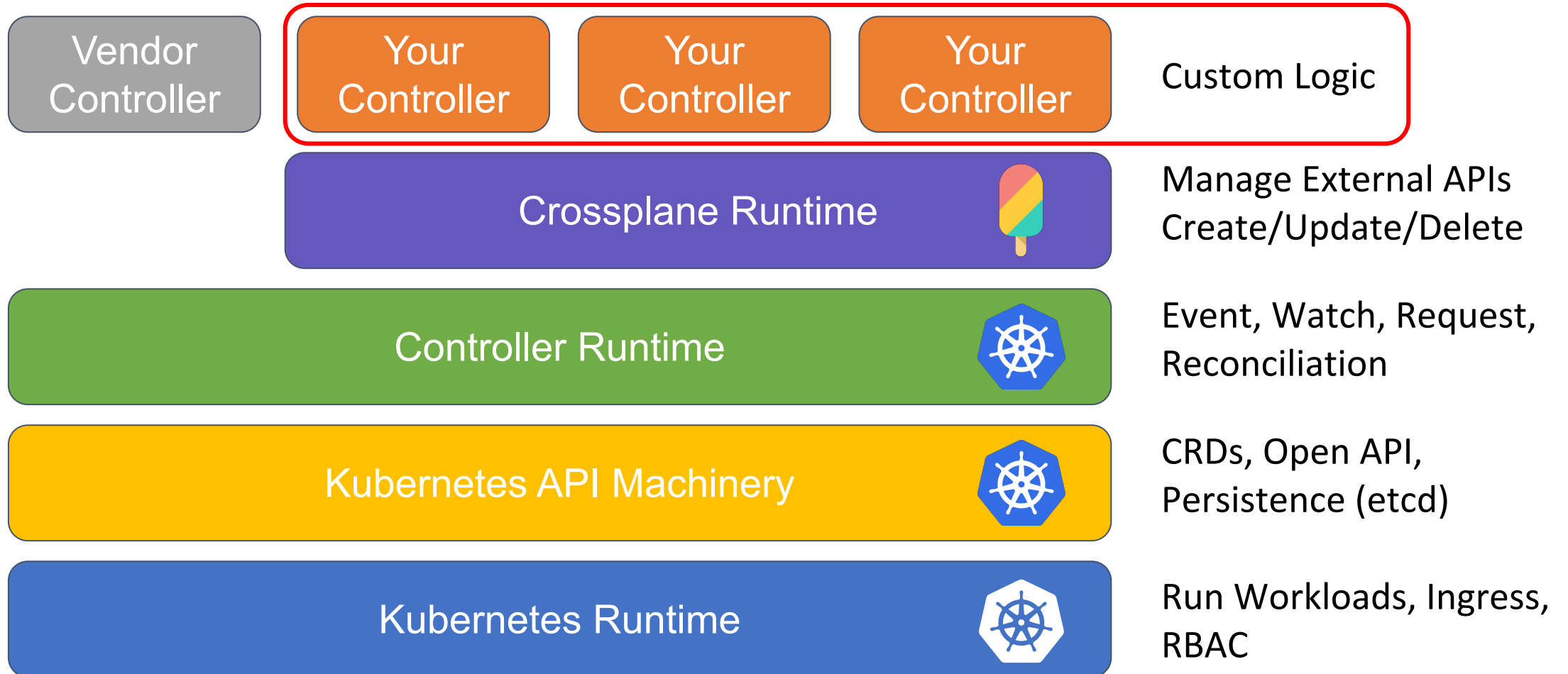
Foundations



Focus on the Solution



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Ecosystem



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Using Kubernetes as a platform means you can build upon a huge ecosystem



Summary



- Massive Ecosystem Support
- CRDs let you expose infrastructure as Kubernetes objects
- Libraries let you build full-featured control planes

Controllers are the ideal platform for managing almost any infrastructure

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Crossplane Docs:

<https://crossplane.io/docs/v0.14/>

Tutorial Code:

<https://github.com/hasheddan/kc-provider-github>

Kind:

<https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs/kind>

Tutorial Prerequisites



Install kind & kubectl according to the [crossplane installation documentation](#)

For example, on macOS:

```
$ brew upgrade
```

```
$ brew install kind
```







```
$ brew install kubectl
```

```
$ brew install helm
```

Create a cluster

```
$ kind create cluster
```

Creating cluster "kind" ...

- ✓ Ensuring node image (kindest/node:v1.19.1) 
- ✓ Preparing nodes 
- ✓ Writing configuration 
- ✓ Starting control-plane 
- ✓ Installing CNI 
- ✓ Installing StorageClass 

Set kubectl context to "kind-kind"

You can now use your cluster with:

```
kubectl cluster-info --context kind-kind
```

Have a nice day! 

Create the namespace



Set your context and create the `crossplane-system` namespace:

```
$ kubectl cluster-info --context kind-kind
```

Kubernetes master is running at `https://127.0.0.1:60307`

KubeDNS is running at

<https://127.0.0.1:60307/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/kube-dns:dns/proxy>

```
$ kubectl create namespace crossplane-system
```

```
namespace "crossplane-system" created
```


Install Crossplane with Helm



```
$ helm repo add crossplane-alpha
```

```
https://charts.crossplane.io/alpha
```

```
"crossplane-alpha" has been added to your repositories
```

```
$ helm install crossplane --namespace crossplane-system  
crossplane-alpha/crossplane --set alpha.oam.enabled=true
```

```
NAME: crossplane
```

```
LAST DEPLOYED: Wed Nov 18 13:46:50 2020
```

```
NAMESPACE: crossplane-system
```

```
STATUS: deployed
```

```
REVISION: 1
```

```
TEST SUITE: None
```

```
NOTES:
```

```
Release: crossplane
```

Demo: AWS DB



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This is not required for the tutorial (as it requires AWS credentials), but provides a walkthrough on how to manage resources via Crossplane.

First, set up a provider and create a Postgresql database in AWS. We will be following the instructions at:

<https://crossplane.github.io/docs/v0.14/getting-started/install-configure.html#get-aws-account-keyfile>

Demo: AWS DB



Install the crossplane CLI and install the AWS provider

```
$ curl -sL  
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/crossplane/crossplane/  
release-0.14/install.sh | sh
```

```
$ kubectl-crossplane install provider  
crossplane/provider-aws:alpha  
provider.pkg.crossplane.io/provider-aws created
```

Demo: AWS DB

The `ProviderConfig` holds connection information (endpoints, secrets) for a remote API. The credentials are stored in a kubernetes secret, and accessed via a `secretRef`

```
apiVersion: aws.crossplane.io/v1beta1
kind: ProviderConfig
metadata:
  name: default
spec:
  credentials:
    source: Secret
  secretRef:
    namespace: crossplane-system
    name: aws-creds
    key: key
```

The provider could have other Spec Parameters: define the API endpoints, or manage TLS certificate validation.

API's can be authenticated in many ways: username & passwords, tokens, x509 certificates, or IAM.

When writing a provider you will have the ability to fetch the secret data from k8s to use with an API client.

Demo: AWS DB



Crossplane resources are k8s objects. The resource configuration is set in the `forProvider` section.

```
apiVersion: database.aws.crossplane.io/v1beta1
kind: RDSInstance
metadata:
  name: rdspostgresql
spec:
  forProvider:
    dbInstanceClass: db.t2.small
    masterUsername: masteruser
    allocatedStorage: 20
    engine: postgres
    engineVersion: "9.6"
    skipFinalSnapshotBeforeDeletion: true
  writeConnectionSecretToRef:
    namespace: crossplane-system
    name: aws-rdspostgresql-conn
```

Infrastructure CRDs are full K8s objects and support Versions, Labels and Metadata.

One of the first tasks when writing a Provider is defining a Spec. We will cover this in the Tutorial.

If the new resource creates credentials, we can write these back to a k8s secret.

Today we will be building a controller to manage Github Teams.

Clone and build the controller



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Clone the source for our Github controller and build it (make sure you have Go installed). The first build may take a while as all the dependencies are downloaded:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/hasheddan/kc-provider-github
```

```
$ cd kc-provider-github
```

```
$ make
```

To build the controller, install the CRDs, and run the controller, type:

```
$ make run
```

Source Code Overview



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<code>apis/ v1alpha1/ v1beta1/</code>	Go types: CRD definitions, Crossplane managed resource definitions, Kubebuilder annotations
<code>cluster/</code>	Dockerfiles to package controllers
<code>cmd/ provider/</code>	Controller main.go
<code>hack/</code>	License text to apply to generated code
<code>package/ crds/</code>	Generated CRD .yaml files to deploy to a cluster
<code>pkg/ client/ controller/</code>	<code>client/</code> Communicate with remote API, calculate diffs <code>controller/</code> Reconciliation, Observe/Create/Update/Delete

Create a Github Token



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We'll need a token to talk to the Github API. Use the instructions at:

<https://docs.github.com/en/free-pro-team@latest/github/authenticating-to-github/creating-a-personal-access-token>

Ensure that **admin:org** scopes are set on the token.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> admin:org | Full control of orgs and teams, read and write org projects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> write:org | Read and write org and team membership, read and write org projects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> read:org | Read org and team membership, read org projects |

When the scopes are selected, click:

Generate token

Create a Kubernetes Secret



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We need to store our Github token as a Kubernetes secret for our Provider to use. Our secret will have a key of `credentials`.

Save the token into a file like `token.txt` and create the secret:

```
$ kubectl create secret generic example-provider-secret \
  -n crossplane-system --from-file=credentials=token.txt
```

```
secret "example-provider-secret" created
```

Define The ProviderConfig



The [ProviderConfig](#) will refer to the secret we just created (make sure that namespace, name, and key match). The tutorial code includes a sample in `examples/provider/config.yaml`:

```
apiVersion: template.crossplane.io/v1alpha1
kind: ProviderConfig
metadata:
  name: default
spec:
  credentials:
    source: Secret
    secretRef:
      namespace: crossplane-system
      name: example-provider-secret
      key: credentials
```

```
$ kubectl apply -f examples/provider/config.yaml
```

Create a Github Team



Our Team resource allows us to create a Github team with a name, description and privacy settings. The `examples/org` directory of the tutorial has an example::

```
apiVersion: org.github.hasheddan.io/v1alpha1
kind: Team
metadata:
  name: was-crossplane
spec:
  forProvider:
    org: kubecon-na
    description: "our description"
    privacy: secret
```

```
$ kubectl apply -f examples/org/team.yaml
team.org.github.hasheddan.io/was-crossplane
```

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Custom Resource Definitions



A [Custom Resource Definition](#) (CRD) is a way to extend the Kubernetes API.

We can create any object that is managed like a Kubernetes Pod or Deployment. For example, when we create a `Team` object for Github teams, we could manage it using `kubectl`:

```
$ kubectl get team
```

NAME	SYNCED	AGE
dbadmin	True	7d
webdev	True	30d

Because CRDs are Kubernetes objects, they support OpenAPI V3 validation and can be managed by any tool that supports Kubernetes.

Custom Resource Definitions



CRDs are defined using .yaml files, and are applied to the cluster using kubectl.

In this tutorial, we automatically generate our CRD files, but the CRD definition and controller implementation are independent of one another.

To list the CRDs applied to a cluster using the following command:

```
$ kubectl get crds
```

NAME	CREATED AT
memberships.github.hasheddan.io	2020-11-19T23:48:26Z
teams.github.hasheddan.io	2020-11-19T23:48:26Z
providerconfigs.github.hasheddan.io	2020-11-18T23:42:54Z
providerconfigusages.github.hasheddan.io	2020-11-18T23:43:54Z

Parameters and Observations



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Types are defined in apis/pkg/v1alpha1/types.go. Parameters and Observations are features of the [crossplane-runtime](#) library.

```
// Parameters are the desired settings for the resources (i.e. Team name)
```

```
type MyTypeParameters struct {  
    ConfigurableField string `json:"configurableField"`  
}
```

```
// Observations are the observed state of the resource (i.e., Team UUID)
```

```
type Observation struct {  
    ObservableField string `json:"observableField,omitempty"`  
}
```


Defining Team Parameters



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For our Github team, we want to define the name, description and privacy settings:

```
// TeamParameters are settings we can configure on a Github Team
type TeamParameters struct {
    // Org is the Github organization
    Org string `json:"org"`
    // Description of the team
    Description *string `json:"description,omitempty"`
    // Privacy settings for the team, can be secret or closed
    // Kubebuilder annotations can enforce this in the CRD
    //+kubebuilder:validation:Enum=secret;closed
    Privacy *string `json:"privacy,omitempty"`
}
```

Defining Team Observation



We need to set up what fields we want to observe from the remote API.

We'll use the values that are returned to compare against our desired state.

```
// TeamObservation are observed settings of the team
// There are many fields returned from the Github API,
// see https://developer.github.com/v3/teams/
type TeamObservation struct {
    //NodeID the Github team NodeID
    NodeID string `json:"node_id,omitempty"`
}
```

Spec and Status



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The Spec and Status structs are found in `apis/org/v1alpha1/types.go`.

// TeamSpec defines the desired state of a Team.

// Includes Metadata and TeamParameters for the provider

```
type TeamSpec struct {  
    runtimev1alpha1.ResourceSpec `json:",inline"`  
    ForProvider                   TeamParameters `json:"forProvider"`  
}
```

// TeamStatus represents the observed state of a Team.

// Includes metadata and the TeamObservation Struct

```
type TeamStatus struct {  
    runtimev1alpha1.ResourceStatus `json:",inline"`  
    AtProvider                    TeamObservation `json:"atProvider,omitempty"`  
}
```

Groups, Versions & Kinds



When you start working with the Kubernetes API, you will come across Groups, Versions and Kinds (often abbreviated GVK in source code).

The **Group** is a set of related resources. It resembles a DNS name. In this case the group will be Github Organization objects.

Versions: alpha, beta, stable (v1). See [API Versioning](#).

```
apiVersion: org.github.hasheddan.io/v1alpha1
kind: Team
metadata:
  name: was-crossplane
spec:
  forProvider: ...
```

Kind is the name of a resource that has specific attributes and properties. Once created, the system will work to ensure the resource exists.

Generating CRDs



The file [apis/generate.go](#) contains code to automatically generate CRD yaml files, DeepCopy methods and Crossplane go files (zz_generated*) for managing resources (like the ability to write secrets from a resource). This is done by using [controller-gen](#) and [angry-jet](#).

The `generate` target in the `Makefile` will perform the generation of the CRD manifests and `zz_` files.

```
// Generate deepcopy methodsets and CRD manifests
//go:generate go run -tags generate sigs.k8s.io/controller-tools/cmd/controller-gen
object:headerFile=../hack/boilerplate.go.txt paths=../... crd:trivialVersions=true
output:artifacts:config=../package/crds

// Generate crossplane-runtime methodsets (resource.Claim, etc)
//go:generate go run -tags generate github.com/crossplane/crossplane-tools/cmd/angryjet
generate-methodsets --header-file=../hack/boilerplate.go.txt ../...
```

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Github API Client



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Client code is defined in [pkg/client/client.go](#). We are using the [Go-Github](#) library to communicate with the API.

The token is supplied from the `secretRef` in the Provider.

```
// NewClient creates a new client
func NewClient(token string) (*github.Client, error) {
    if token == "" {
        return nil, errors.New(errEmptyToken)
    }
    ctx := context.Background()
    ts := oauth2.StaticTokenSource(
        &oauth2.Token{AccessToken: token},
    )
    tc := oauth2.NewClient(ctx, ts)

    return github.NewClient(tc), nil
}
```

Mapping the API to K8s



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In more complex controllers the `pkg/client` directory often includes code like `IsUpToDate()` to compare desired vs. existing state.

This example is for the [GCP CloudMemorystore](#):

```
func IsUpToDate(id InstanceID, in *v1beta1.CloudMemorystoreInstanceParameters, observed *redisv1pb.Instance) (bool, error)
{
    generated, err := copystructure.Copy(observed)
    if err != nil { return true, errors.Wrap(err, errCheckUpToDate)}

    desired, ok := generated.(*redisv1pb.Instance)
    if !ok {return true, errors.New(errCheckUpToDate) }

    GenerateRedisInstance(id, *in, desired)

    if desired.MemorySizeGb != observed.MemorySizeGb { return false, nil }
    if !cmp.Equal(desired.RedisConfigs, observed.RedisConfigs) { return false, nil }
    return true, nil
}
```


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main()



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The entrypoint for the controller is [cmd/provider/main.go](#), and is built upon [controller-runtime](#) libraries.

One Manager can manage multiple controllers and provide them with a shared runtime.

Our `main.go` is fairly short, but performs many functions:

`ctrl.NewManager()` Create a shared controller manager (cache, leader election, etc)

`apis.AddToScheme()` Register the API Types we defined in `apis/`

`controller.Setup()` Set up the controllers defined in `pkg/controller/`

`mgr.Start()` Start the controllers

Our [Github Team controller](#) runs continually, performing the following:

- `Setup()` a `NewReconciler()` to watch the Kubernetes API for any changes to `Team` objects
- `Connect()` to the Github API using the the `Provider` secret
- For every `Team` object:
 - `Observe()` the state of the requested object on the remote API
 - `Create()` resources if they don't exist
 - `Update()` resources if desired state doesn't match observed state
 - `Delete()` resources if the Kubernetes object has been deleted

In the following slides, we will describe each method.

Controller Setup()



Each Controller has a `Setup()` that creates a controller that is added to the shared Manager.

Setting up a controller involves the following:

<code>NewReconciler()</code>	Reconcile the API Group/Version/Kind we want to manage
<code>WithExternalConnector()</code>	The Remote API client to use
<code>WithLogger() / WithRecorder()</code>	Set up logging and events
<code>NewControllerManagedBy()</code>	Add the controller to the manager

Controller Setup()



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```
func Setup(mgr ctrl.Manager, l logging.Logger) error {
    name := managed.ControllerName(v1alpha1.TeamGroupKind)

    r := managed.NewReconciler(mgr,
        resource.ManagedKind(v1alpha1.TeamGroupVersionKind),
        managed.WithExternalConnector(&connector{
            kube: mgr.GetClient(),
            usage: resource.NewProviderConfigUsageTracker(mgr.GetClient(),
&apisv1alpha1.ProviderConfigUsage{})),
        managed.WithLogger(l.WithValues("controller", name)),
        managed.WithRecorder(event.NewAPIRecorder(mgr.GetEventRecorderFor(name))))

    return ctrl.NewControllerManagedBy(mgr).
        Named(name).
        For(&v1alpha1.Team{}).
        Complete(r)
}
```

Reconcile our Team Kind, with an ExternalConnector

Add our Controller to the Manager

Controller Connect()



The `Connect()` method takes the Provider configuration and returns an API client by performing the following:

- Connect to the Kubernetes API to get the `Provider` using `kube.Get()`
 - Read the Provider configuration (API endpoint, TLS settings, `secretRef`)
 - Fetch the credential data from the provided `secretRef` using `kube.Get()`
 - Use the provider information and credentials to create an API client

Controller Connect()



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```
func (c *connector) Connect(ctx context.Context, mg resource.Managed) (managed.ExternalClient, error) {  
  
    pc := &apisv1alpha1.ProviderConfig{}  
    if err := c.kube.Get(ctx, types.NamespacedName{Name: cr.GetProviderConfigReference().Name}, pc); err !=  
nil {  
        return nil, errors.Wrap(err, errGetPC)  
    }  
  
    ref := pc.Spec.Credentials.SecretRef  
  
    s := &v1.Secret{}  
    if err := c.kube.Get(ctx, types.NamespacedName{Namespace: ref.Namespace, Name: ref.Name}, s); err !=  
nil {  
        return nil, errors.Wrap(err, errGetSecret)  
    }  
  
    svc, err := gitclient.NewClient(string(s.Data[ref.Key]))  
    if err != nil {  
        return nil, errors.Wrap(err, errNewClient)  
    }  
  
    return &external{service: svc}, nil  
}
```

Get Provider configuration that you defined in apis/

Get secret from the secretRef

Create a client using token stored in secret

Controller Observe()



The `Observe()` method uses the Remote API client to observe the state of the resource.

Most importantly it returns an [`ExternalObservation{}`](#), which the Crossplane runtime uses to decide what actions to perform next, such as calling `Create()` or `Update()`.

```
managed.ExternalObservation{  
    // Return false when the external resource does not exist. This lets  
    // the managed resource reconciler know that it needs to call Create to  
    // (re)create the resource, or that it has successfully been deleted.  
    ResourceExists: true,  
  
    // Return false when the external resource exists, but it not up to date  
    // with the desired managed resource state. This lets the managed  
    // resource reconciler know that it needs to call Update.  
    ResourceUpToDate: upToDate,  
}
```


Controller Observe()



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```
func (c *external) Observe(ctx context.Context, mg resource.Managed) (managed.ExternalObservation, error) {
    team, _, err := c.service.Teams.GetTeamBySlug(ctx, cr.Spec.ForProvider.Org, meta.GetExternalName(cr))
    if err != nil {
        return managed.ExternalObservation{
            ResourceExists: false,
        }, nil
    }

    upToDate := true
    if team != nil {
        if cr.Spec.ForProvider.Description != nil {
            if team.Description == nil || *team.Description != *cr.Spec.ForProvider.Description {
                upToDate = false
            }
        }
    }

    return managed.ExternalObservation{
        ResourceExists: true,
        ResourceUpToDate: upToDate,
    }, nil
}
```

If resource doesn't exist, return
ResourceExists: false

If desired state != observed state, set
ResourceUpToDate: false

Observe returns
ExternalObservation{}

Controller Create()



The `Create()` method is called if `ExternalObservation{ResourceExists: false}`

It returns an [ExternalCreation{}](#), which could contain newly generated credentials or other connection details that can be propagated to the users who requested the new resource.

If `Create()` returns an error, the controller will reschedule the resource creation to be attempted again in the future. Developers can use the [built-in wait durations](#) or define their own wait times to reattempt creation.

```
type ExternalCreation struct {  
    // ConnectionDetails required to connect to this resource.  
    // Crossplane may publish these credentials to a store (e.g. a Secret).  
    ConnectionDetails ConnectionDetails  
}
```

Controller Create()

```
func (c *external) Create(ctx context.Context, mg resource.Managed) (managed.ExternalCreation,
error) {
    cr, ok := mg.(*v1alpha1.Team)
    if !ok {
        return managed.ExternalCreation{}, errors.New()
    }

    fmt.Printf("Creating: %+v", cr)

    , , err := c.service.Teams.CreateTeam(ctx, cr.Spec.ForProvider.Org, github.NewTeam{
        Name:          meta.GetExternalName(cr),
        Description:    cr.Spec.ForProvider.Description,
        Privacy:        cr.Spec.ForProvider.Privacy,
    })

    return managed.ExternalCreation{}, err
}
```

**Use the Github API client's
CreateTeam() to create the team**

**Get the desired settings from the
ForProvider section of the Team yaml**

**Return ExternalCreation{}. This could
contain Database credentials from the
remote API}**

Controller Update()



The `Update()` method is called if `ExternalObservation{ResourceIsUpToDate: false}`

`Update()` is similar to the `Create()` method and returns an [ExternalUpdate{}](#), which contains [ConnectionDetails](#).

If `Update()` returns an error, the controller will reschedule the resource creation to be attempted again in the future.

```
type ExternalUpdate struct {  
    // ConnectionDetails required to connect to this resource.  
    ConnectionDetails ConnectionDetails  
}
```

Controller Update()



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```
func (c *external) Update(ctx context.Context, mg resource.Managed) (managed.ExternalUpdate, error) {
    cr, ok := mg.(*v1alpha1.Team)
    if !ok {
        return managed.ExternalUpdate{}, errors.New(errNotMyType)
    }

    fmt.Printf("Updating: %+v", cr)

    _, _, err := c.service.Teams.EditTeamBySlug(ctx, cr.Spec.ForProvider.Org, meta.GetExternalName(cr),
github.NewTeam{
    Name:          meta.GetExternalName(cr),
    Description: cr.Spec.ForProvider.Description,
    Privacy:       cr.Spec.ForProvider.Privacy,
}, false)

    return managed.ExternalUpdate{}, err
}
```

Use `EditTeamBySlug()` to update the team

Get the desired settings from the `ForProvider` section of the Team yaml

Return `ExternalUpdate{}`, which is similar to the `ExternalCreation{}` struct.

Controller Delete()



The `Delete()` method is called if there is a request to delete the Kubernetes object.

An important concept when writing Kubernetes controllers is managing [finalizers](#).

When a delete request comes in for an object with a finalizer, the `metadata.deletionTimestamp` field is set. It is the responsibility of each controller to delete their finalizer once they have finished deleting their resource.

Crossplane-runtime automatically manages finalizers during [Reconciliation](#), so you won't need to do anything to your code.

Controller Delete()



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```
func (c *external) Delete(ctx context.Context, mg resource.Managed) error {
    cr, ok := mg.(*v1alpha1.Team)
    if !ok {
        return errors.New(errNotMyType)
    }

    fmt.Printf("Deleting: %+v", cr)

    , err := c.service.Teams.DeleteTeamBySlug(ctx, cr.Spec.ForProvider.Org,
meta.GetExternalName(cr))

    return err
}
```

Use DeleteTeamBySlug() to delete the team

Unlike the other methods, we only return errors

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Packaging the Controller



[Crossplane packages](#) are OCI-compliant images that can be stored in a registry that supports the Docker Registry v2 API.

The package definition is located in `package/crossplane.yaml`, and can be built using the crossplane kubectl plugin :

```
cd package
kubectl crossplane build provider
```

This will generate an `.xpkg` package that can be pushed to a registry along with the controller docker image built using `make image`.

Once the image and package are pushed, you can install the controller onto any cluster using `kubectl crossplane install provider`.

Update the Controller



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To publish a new controller, update the Docker image tags in the Makefile, then run:

```
make image
```

```
make image-push
```

We then rebuild our package definition in `package/crossplane.yaml`

```
kubectl crossplane build provider
```

```
kubectl crossplane push provider <provider>
```

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Composition



[Composition](#) is a Crossplane feature that allows you to build new custom resources upon other CRDs.

A Composite Resource Definition (XRD) can be used to combine any number of Kubernetes CRDs to build a service catalog.

We are going to demonstrate how to compose Github Teams and Memberships.

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In our composition.yaml, we define a `CompositeUserTeam` that has a list of resources, including our `Team` and `Membership` CRDs:

```
apiVersion: apiextensions.crossplane.io/v1alpha1
kind: Composition
metadata:
  name: compositeuserteams.github.hasheddan.io
spec:
  compositeTypeRef:
    apiVersion: hasheddan.io/v1alpha1
    kind: CompositeUserTeam
  resources:
    - base:
        apiVersion: org.github.hasheddan.io/v1alpha1
        kind: Team
        spec:
          forProvider:
            org: kubecon-na
            description: "A composed team."
            privacy: secret
```

...

Composition



In a composition, XRD fields can be mapped to the underlying CRD specification using patches.

For example, mapping the `CompositeUserTeam` organization to the `Team forProvider` organization.

patches:

- `fromFieldPath: "metadata.annotations[crossplane.io/external-name]"`
`toFieldPath: "spec.forProvider.team"`
- `fromFieldPath: "spec.org"`
`toFieldPath: "spec.forProvider.org"`
- `fromFieldPath: "spec.user"`
`toFieldPath: "spec.forProvider.user"`

Composition



Compositions are built like Crossplane packages

```
kubectl crossplane build configuration
```

```
kubectl crossplane push configuration <configuration>
```

When installed to a cluster, compositions can be retrieved:

```
kubectl get xrd
```



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