

Serverless

- Serverless architecture generally describes fully managed cloud services
- The classification of a cloud service being serverless is not a boolean answer (yes or no)
- Answer is on a scale where a cloud service has a degree of serverless

Characteristics

- Highly scalable
- Highly available
- Highly Durable
- Secure by default
- Billed based on business tasks
- Can scale to zero
- Pay for value (You don't pay for an ideal server)

Function as a Service (FaaS):

- Allows developers to focus on just writing pieces of code (functions)
- Generally multiple functions are orchestrated together to create a serverless app.
- Functions only run when needed

1. OpenFaaS:

- Runs serverless function anywhere Docker runs

2. Faasd:

- It is light weight version of OpenFaaS that doesn't need Kubernetes to run.
- It can run on single under-powered machine

3. Apache OpenWisk:

- Deploy to Kubernetes, Mesos, Docker Swarm

KNative:

- Kubernetes-based platform to deploy and manage modern serverless workloads
- KNative is a project to create a standard set of building blocks for kubernetes to enable serverless deployment patter
- KNative generally is composed of two parts
 - **KNative serving:**
 - Take containerized code and eploy it with relative ease
 - Scale to zero cost
 - **KNative Eventing:**
 - Trigger serverless function based on K8s API events.
- **Considerations:**
 - Not a complete serverless function

- It does not offer FaaS offerings
- **KNative defines its own set of Kubernetes objects as Kubernetes custom resource definitions (CRDs)**
- **KNative Components:**
 - Service
 - Route
 - Configuration
 - Revision
- KNative uses its own CLI called `kn` used alongside `kubectl`
- 💡 You should definitely read about `KNative v/s OpenFaaS` once



