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Cloud Native Serverless
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Your Questions during the session

Maybe in the session, we does not leave much time for questions.

Please post your questions to following Google doc

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15PvTVs3EBNVrUvA9TOfy37ImZ4-fQuCz/view?usp=sharing>

OR let's discuss in the team Slack channel **#sre-emea**

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Agenda

- About the Cloud native Serverless workshop series. (16th Juny Workshops)
 - Goals
 - Quick review about resources, repository
- Serverless
 - What is serverless in a nutshell?
 - Serverless In Cloud native environments (Landscape)
- Kubernetes as your foundation.
- Knative
 - Introduction
 - Workshop Serving example.



Hacking your Laptop

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Setting UP a Kubernetes Cluster

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Lens Kubernetes IDE

The screenshot displays the Lens Kubernetes IDE interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like Cluster, Nodes, Workloads, Configuration, Network, Storage, Namespaces, Events, Apps, Access Control, and Service Accounts. The main panel shows the 'Overview' tab for the 'docker-desktop' cluster. It features a top navigation bar with tabs for Overview, Pods, Deployments, DaemonSets, StatefulSets, ReplicaSets, Jobs, and CronJobs. The Overview section includes a summary of resources with donut charts and a table of recent events.

Overview Summary:

Resource Type	Count	Pending	Running
Pods	27	22	5
Deployments	22	19	3
Stateful Sets	0	0	0
Daemon Sets	1	0	1
Replica Sets	22	19	3
Jobs	0	0	0
Cron Jobs	0	0	0

Events (10 of 74):

Type	Message	Namespace	Involved Object	Source	Count	Last Seen
Normal	Started container coredns	kube-system	Pod: coredns-f9fd979d6-xbngb	kubelet docker-desktop	1	2s
Normal	Container image "k8s.gcr.io/coredns:1.7.0" already prese...	kube-system	Pod: coredns-f9fd979d6-xbngb	kubelet docker-desktop	1	5s
Normal	Created container coredns	kube-system	Pod: coredns-f9fd979d6-xbngb	kubelet docker-desktop	1	5s
Normal	Pod sandbox changed, it will be killed and re-created.	knative-eventing	Pod: mt-broker-filter-765b4566fc-26c4g	kubelet docker-desktop	1	23s
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Terminal: LAUNCHED MACOS BASH PROFILE

An aerial night photograph of San Francisco, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous illuminated buildings. A prominent church with a tall steeple is visible in the lower-left quadrant. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular overlay covers the bottom-left portion of the image, serving as a background for the text.

Serverless





What is Serverless ?

	Traditional IT	IaaS	PaaS	Serverless	SaaS
Applications	You manage	You manage	You manage	You manage	Provider manages
Data	You manage	You manage	You manage	Provider manages	Provider manages
Runtime	You manage	You manage	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages
Middleware	You manage	You manage	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages
OS	You manage	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages
Virtualization	You manage	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages
Servers	You manage	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages
Storage	You manage	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages
Networking	You manage	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages	Provider manages

You manage Provider manages



What is Serverless ?

A unit of work that consumes resources only when it's used (A kind of workload)

- **Function** is the unit of work
 - Stateless
 - Serves one goal. Single purposed
 - Arguments (inputs) and result (output)

Code centric paradigm. Hiding infrastructure

- Focus on **coding resolving business problems** and assuming that everything is working on some “computer resource”.
- User experience for **(Developers)**



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Orchestration of independent pieces of work (functions as a service)

- Carrying state of the entire flow (program)
- Error handling
- Transaction management
- Don't pay for idle time



<https://landscape.cncf.io/serverless>

Serverless computing refers to a new model of cloud native computing, enabled by architectures that do not require server management to build and run applications. This landscape illustrates a finer-grained deployment model where applications, bundled as one or more functions, are uploaded to a platform and then executed, scaled, and billed in response to the exact demand needed at the moment





Kubernetes as Platform



What is not Kubernetes ?

What Kubernetes is not

Kubernetes is not a traditional, all-inclusive PaaS (Platform as a Service) system. Since Kubernetes operates at the container level rather than at the hardware level, it provides some generally applicable features common to PaaS offerings, such as deployment, scaling, load balancing, and lets users integrate their logging, monitoring, and alerting solutions. However, Kubernetes is not monolithic, and these default solutions are optional and pluggable. Kubernetes provides the building blocks for building developer platforms, but preserves user choice and flexibility where it is important.

Kubernetes:

- Does not limit the types of applications supported. Kubernetes aims to support an extremely diverse variety of workloads, including stateless, stateful, and data-processing workloads. If an application can run in a container, it should run great on Kubernetes.
- Does not deploy source code and does not build your application. Continuous Integration, Delivery, and Deployment (CI/CD) workflows are determined by organization cultures and preferences as well as technical requirements.
- Does not provide application-level services, such as middleware (for example, message buses), data-processing frameworks (for example, Spark), databases (for example, MySQL), caches, nor cluster storage systems (for example, Ceph) as built-in services. Such components can run on Kubernetes, and/or can be accessed by applications running on Kubernetes through portable mechanisms, such as the [Open Service Broker](#).
- Does not dictate logging, monitoring, or alerting solutions. It provides some integrations as proof of concept, and mechanisms to collect and export metrics.
- Does not provide nor mandate a configuration language/system (for example, Jsonnet). It provides a declarative API that may be targeted by arbitrary forms of declarative specifications.
- Does not provide nor adopt any comprehensive machine configuration, maintenance, management, or self-healing systems.
- Additionally, Kubernetes is not a mere orchestration system. In fact, it eliminates the need for orchestration. The technical definition of orchestration is execution of a defined workflow: first do A, then B, then C. In contrast, Kubernetes comprises a set of independent, composable control processes that continuously drive the current state towards the provided desired state. It shouldn't matter how you get from A to C. Centralized control is also not required. This results in a system that is easier to use and more powerful, robust, resilient, and extensible.



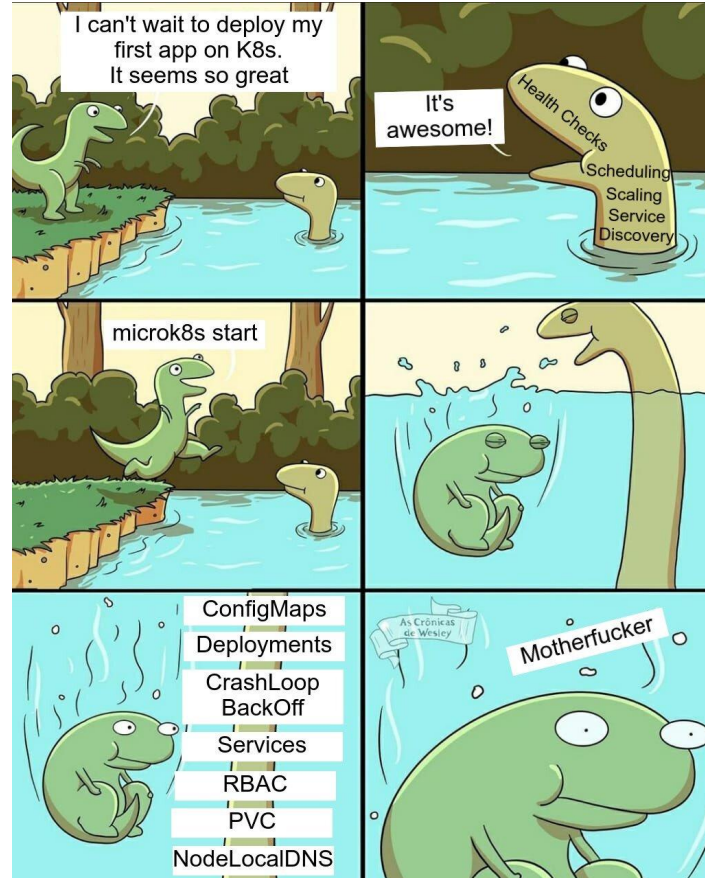
Is Kubernetes a Platform ?

Kubernetes is not your platform, is your Foundation

Ref → [Manuel Paris, Kubernetes Is Not Your Platform, It's Just the Foundation](#)



Is Kubernetes a Platform ?





What is Container as a Function ?

We can assume that is the same than serverless:

- Stateless
- Serves one goal. Single purposed
- Arguments (inputs) and result (output)

AND

Static self-running piece of work wrapped into a container with everything it needs for its works)

- Code + **Platform**



Knative





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Knative, created by **Google** with contributions from more than 50 different companies, delivers an essential set of components to build and run serverless applications on Kubernetes.

Knative components focus on solving mundane but difficult tasks such as deploying a container, routing and managing traffic with blue/green deployment, scaling automatically and sizing workloads based on demand, and binding running services to eventing ecosystems. **The Google Cloud Run service is built from Knative.**



What is Knative?

- A **Platform** installed on top of Kubernetes that brings the capabilities of serverless
 - Kubernetes workloads → Serverless Workloads
 - Building Blocks Components:
 - Build : Code → Container → Kubernetes
 - Serving: Route (Scaling Routing) + Configuration (Snapshots)
 - Eventing: Triggers + Pipelines



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Install Knative in Kubernetes



Knative

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Knative Serving

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Service: The **service.serving.knative.dev** resource automatically manages the whole lifecycle of your workload. It controls the creation of other objects to ensure that your app has a route, a configuration, and a new revision for each update of the service. Service can be defined to always route traffic to the latest revision or to a pinned revision.

Route: The **route.serving.knative.dev** resource maps a network endpoint to one or more revisions. You can manage the traffic in several ways, including fractional traffic and named routes.



Knative Serving

Configuration: The `configuration.serving.knative.dev` resource maintains the desired state for your deployment. It provides a clean separation between code and configuration and follows the [Twelve-Factor App](#) methodology. Modifying a configuration creates a new revision:

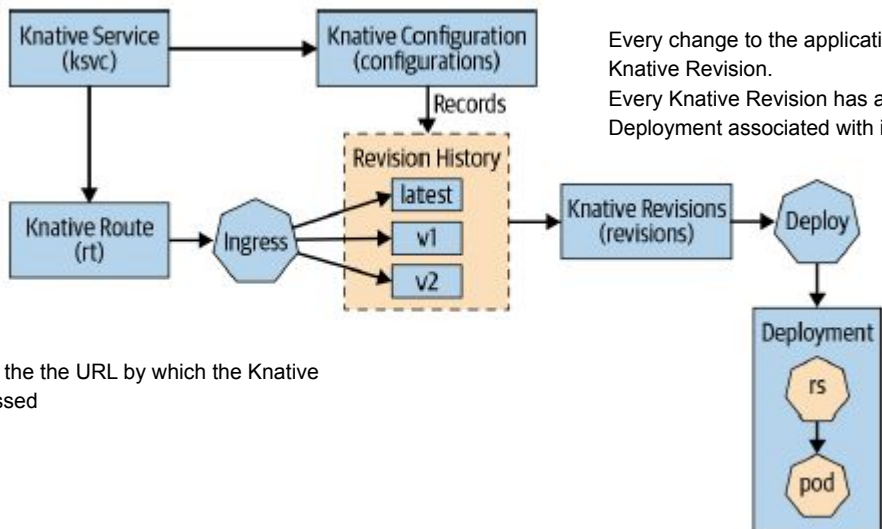
- **Revision:** The `revision.serving.knative.dev` resource is a point-in-time snapshot of the code and configuration for each modification made to the workload. Revisions are immutable objects and can be retained for as long as useful. Knative Serving Revisions can be automatically scaled up and down according to incoming traffic. See [Configuring the Autoscaler](#) for more information.



Understanding Knative Serving

Knative Service is the main Controller

Based on the desired state, the Knative Configuration controller creates a new Kubernetes Deployment for your application.



Every change to the application configuration creates a new Knative Revision.

Every Knative Revision has a corresponding Kubernetes Deployment associated with it

The Knative Route is the the URL by which the Knative Service can be accessed or invoked.

<https://knative.dev/docs/serving/>



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```
kubectl get route <route-name> --output yaml
```

```
kubectl get configuration <configuration-name> --output  
jsonpath="{.status.latestCreatedRevisionName}"
```

```
kubectl get revision <revision-name> --output yaml
```



Updating a Knative Service Configuration

```
apiVersion: serving.knative.dev/v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: greeter
spec:
  template:
    metadata:
      name: greeter-v2 ❶
    spec:
      containers:
      - image: quay.io/rhdevelopers/knative-tutorial-greeter:quarkus
        env: ❷
        - name: MESSAGE_PREFIX
          value: Namaste
      livenessProbe:
        httpGet:
          path: /healthz
      readinessProbe:
        httpGet:
          path: /healthz
```

- ❶ The name of the Knative Service. To differentiate between the two revisions, we have called this one greeter-v2.
- ❷ An environment variable named MESSAGE_PREFIX with a value of Namaste. This environment variable will be used by the application when responding with the greeting.



Knative Serving. Autoscaling

Scale-to-zero (Activator)

- After a time, your Kn service revision is considered to be inactive.
 - Knative will terminate all the pods
 - Routes for the inactive Revision will be mapped by Activator service
 - Arguments (inputs) and result (output)

Autoscaling (Autoscaler)

- The Knative service scale out, its based on inbound HTTP traffic. Focus on **coding resolving business problems** and assuming that everything is working on some “computer resource”.
 - Knative Horizontal Pod Autoscaler (KPA)
 - Horizontal Pod Autoscaler (HPA). This one is the default Kubernetes autoscaler method. (concurrency, request/sc, cpu)

<https://knative.dev/docs/serving/autoscaling/>



Knative Serving. Autoscaling Configuration

```
kubectl -n knative-serving get cm  
config-autoscaler -o yaml
```

```
apiVersion: v1  
data:  
  container-concurrency-target-default: "100" ❶  
  enable-scale-to-zero: "true" ❷  
  stable-window: "60s" ❸  
  scale-to-zero-grace-period: "30s" ❹
```

- ❶ The default container concurrency for each service pod; defaults to 100
- ❷ Flag to enable or disable scale down to zero; defaults to true
- ❸ The time period in which the requests are monitored for calls and metrics; defaults to 60 seconds
- ❹ The time period within which the inactive pods are terminated; defaults to 30 seconds



Knative Serving. Autoscaling minScale - maxScale

```
apiVersion: serving.knative.dev/v1alpha1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: prime-generator
spec:
  template:
    metadata:
      name: prime-generator-v2
      annotations:
        # the minimum number of pods to scale down to
        autoscaling.knative.dev/minScale: "2" ❶
        # the maximum number of pods to scale up to
        autoscaling.knative.dev/maxScale: "5" ❷
        # Target 10 in-flight-requests per pod.
        autoscaling.knative.dev/target: "10"
```

- ❶ The minimum number of pods is set to 2; these pods should always be available even after the Knative Service has exceeded the stable-window.
- ❷ The maximum number of pods is set to 5, the number of pods the service can scale up to when it receives more requests than its container concurrency limits.



Knative Autoscaling Sample

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<https://knative.dev/docs/serving/autoscaling/autoscale-go/>

