



Splunk User Group: Deploying Splunk on OpenShift

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#whoami

Eric Gardner ericg@splunk.com

- 20+ years in IT (ITOPS focus)
- Worked with DoD/INTEL since leaving the Army in 1999.
- Spend my time traveling and usually planning travel when not actually doing it. Lately spending lots of time fighting bamboo.
- Based out of Bridgton, ME (that's about 1 hour north-west of Portland and Stephen King's stomping grounds)



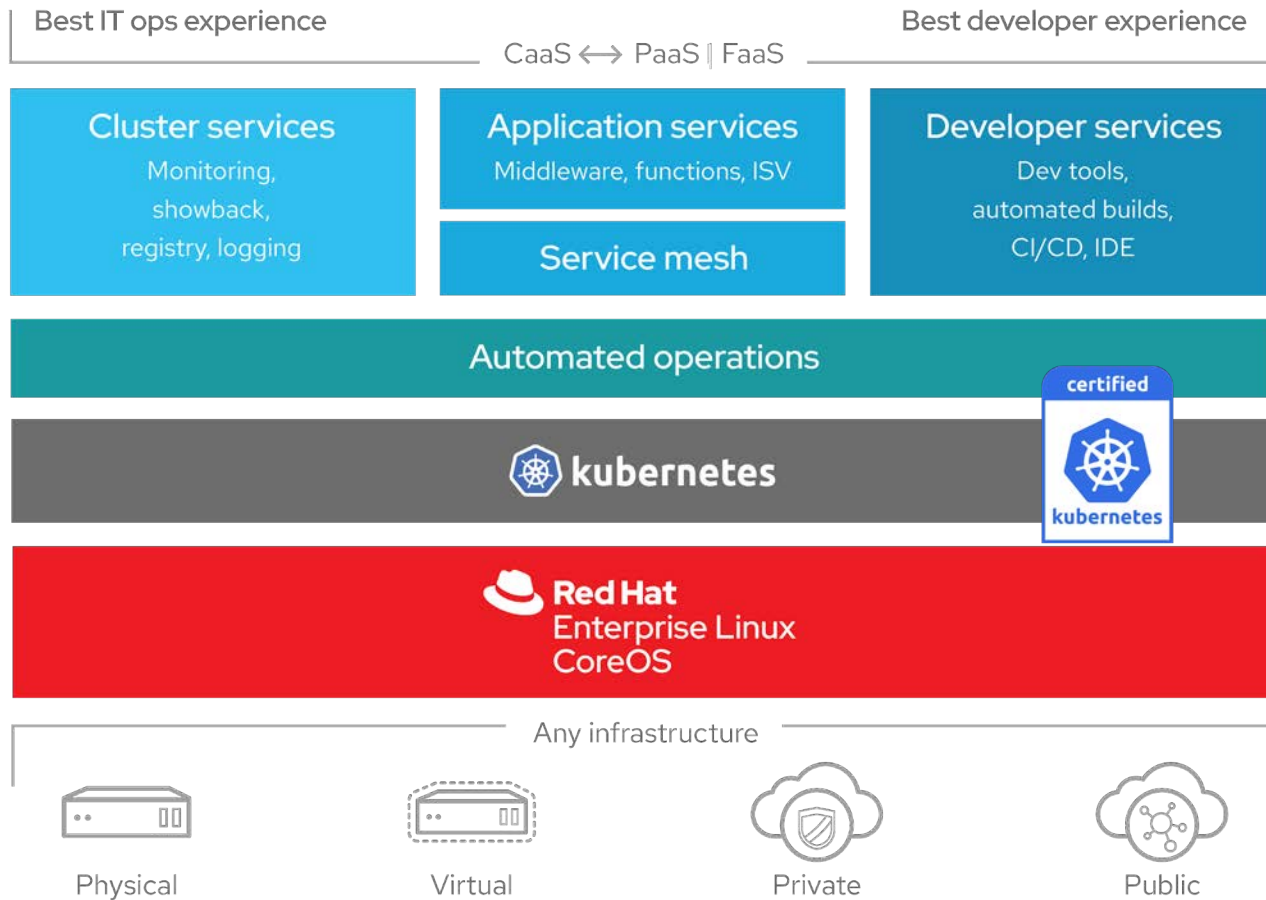
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Matthew Bach: mbach@redhat.com

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- Information Systems Technician in the US Navy from 2004 - 2017
- Have been a Red Hatter ever since ~4.5 years
- RH OpenShift & Ansible Specialist
- Cover DoD customers (SOF, Missile Defense, 4th Estate)
- Based in VA Beach, VA
- Spend my time raising kids, tinkering with tech, video games, and mountain biking

OpenShift 4 - A smarter Kubernetes platform



Automated, full-stack installation
from the container host to
application services

Seamless Kubernetes deployment to
any cloud or on-premises
environment

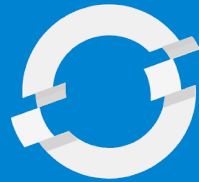
Autoscaling of cloud resources

One-click updates for platform,
services, and applications

Full-stack automated install

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OPENSIFT PLATFORM



OPERATING SYSTEM



INFRASTRUCTURE

OPENSIFT 4 (only)

OPENSIFT PLATFORM



OPERATING SYSTEM
Red Hat
Enterprise Linux
CoreOS



Domain or Application Specific Knowledge

real-world experience with managing your application(s)



Install

Backup

Self Heal

Clean Up

Scale

Observability

Update

Resiliency

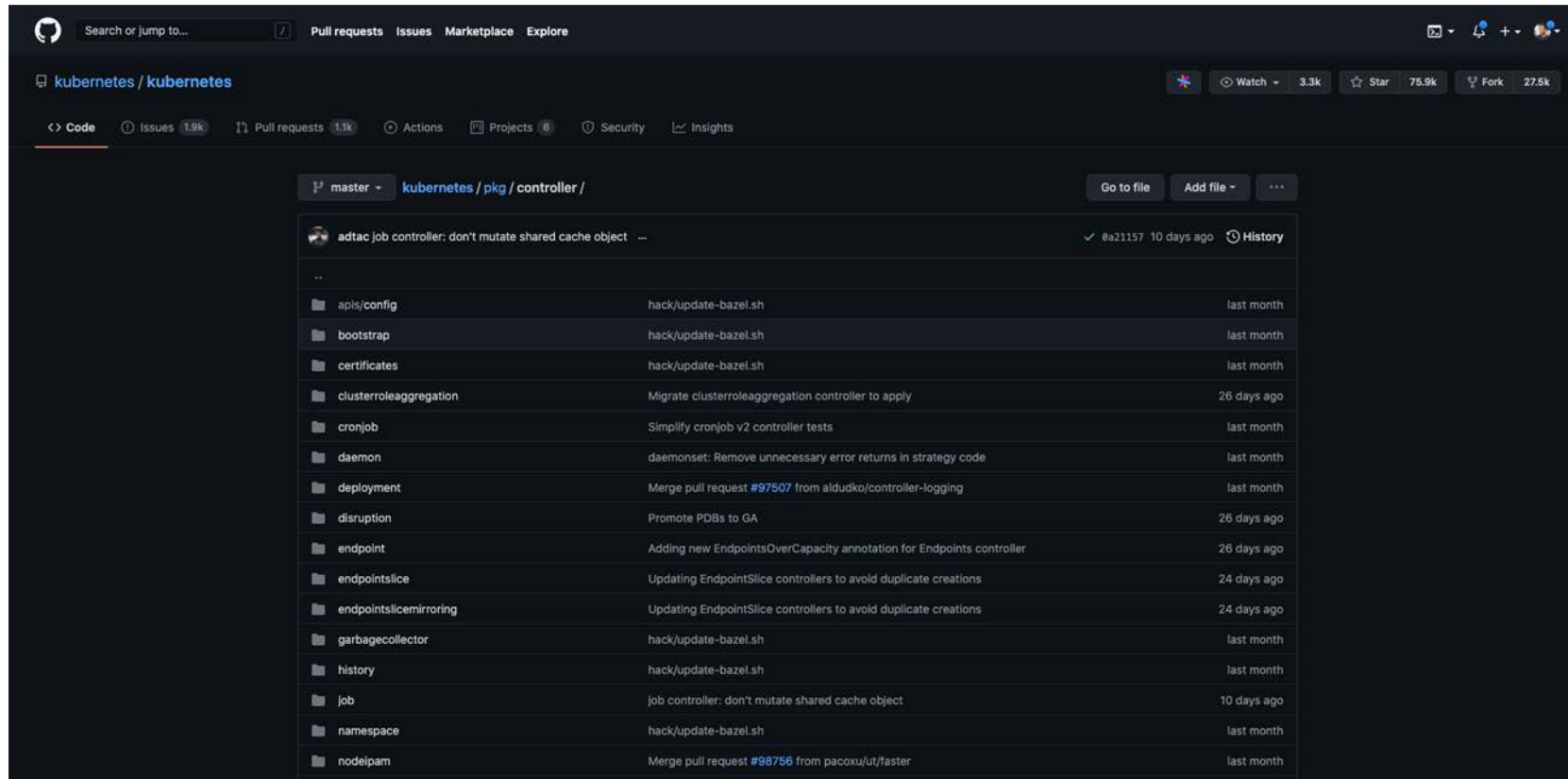
What's an Operator

An operator represents human operational knowledge in software, to reliably manage an application.

How you run and manage a particular or *specific* piece of complex software.

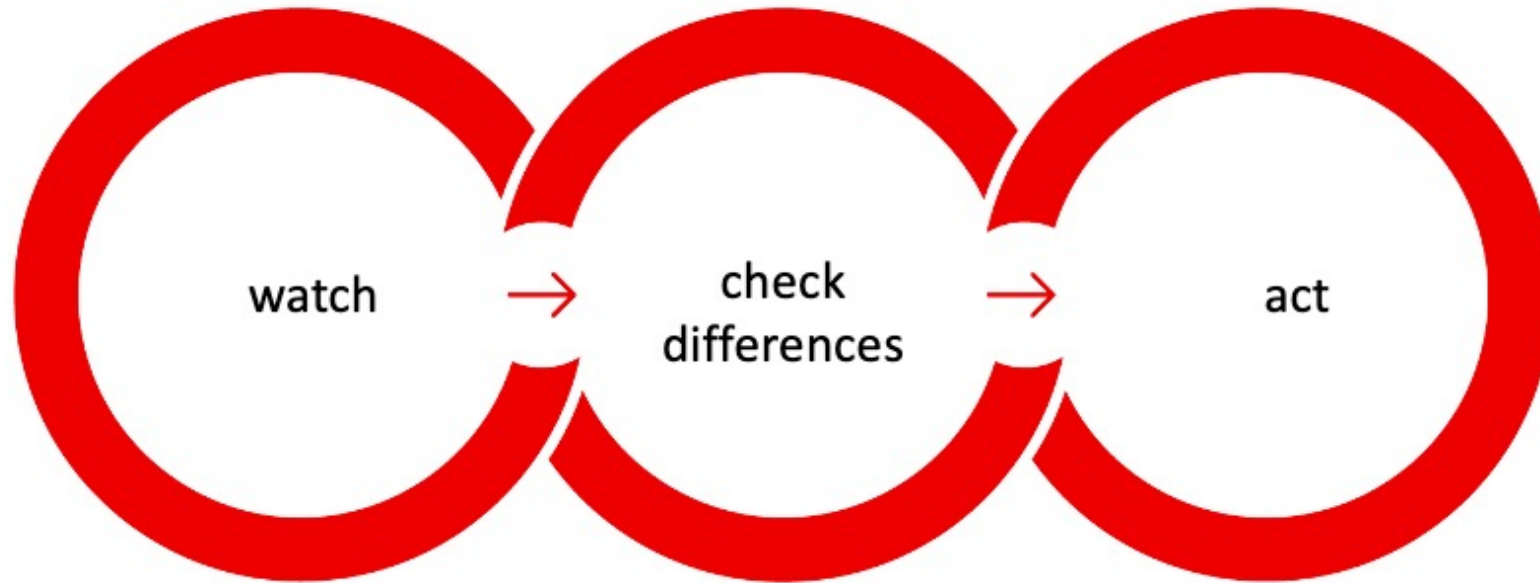
Controllers in Kubernetes

<https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernetes/tree/master/pkg/controller>



Kubernetes Controller

control loop



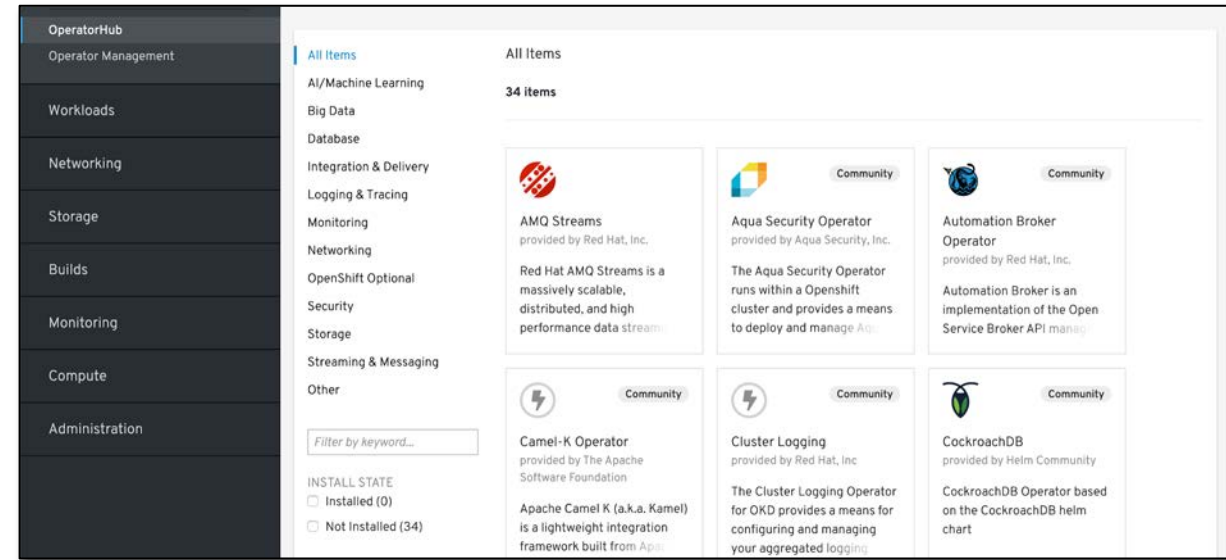


**All operators ARE controllers but
NOT ALL controllers are operators**

**Controller \neq Operator
Operator = Controller**

Goals

- ▶ Build an ecosystem of software on OpenShift that can be as easy, safe, and reliable to use and operate as a Cloud Service.
- ▶ Low-touch, remotely managed, one-click-updates.

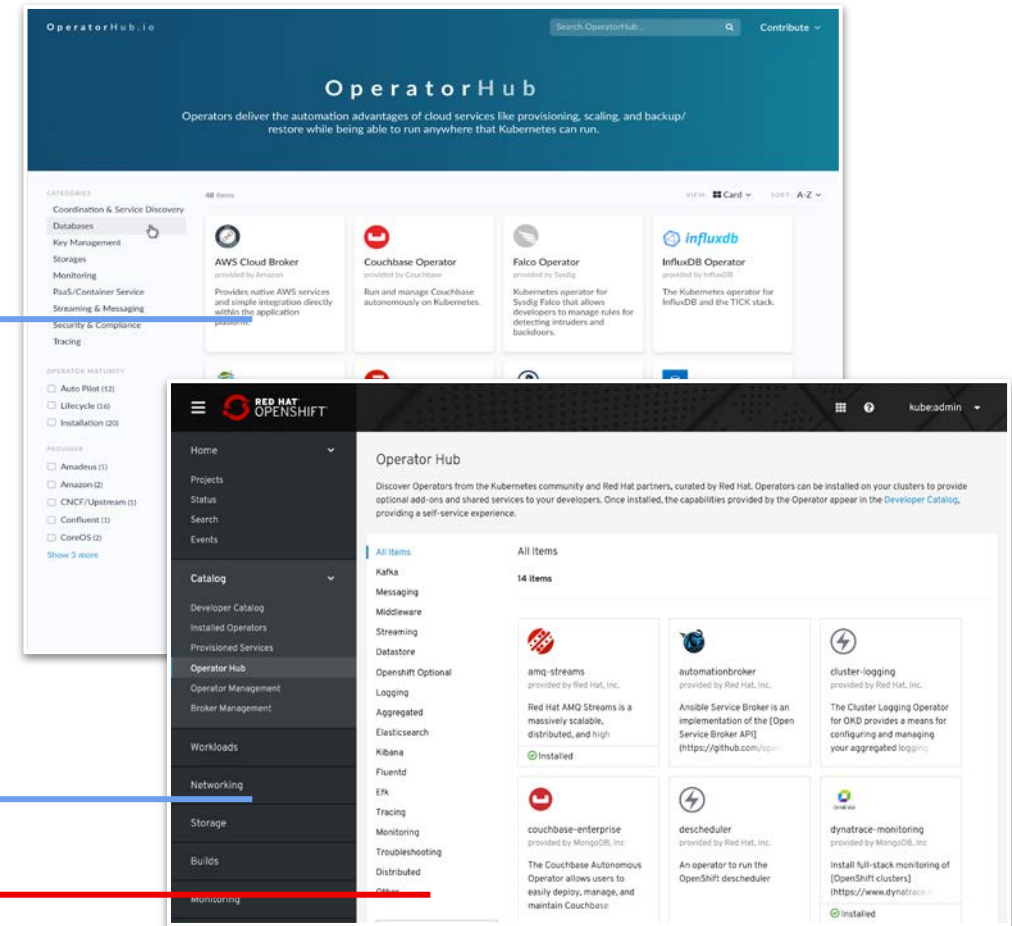


OperatorHub and certified Operators

- OperatorHub.io launched by Red Hat, AWS, Microsoft and Google
- OpenShift Operator Certification
- OperatorHub integrated into OpenShift 4

COMMUNITY OPERATORS

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Splunk Operator For Kubernetes Goals

- Eases Splunk Enterprise deployment on private or public cloud
- Simplifies scaling and management of Splunk Enterprise
- Aligns to Kubernetes best practices

Splunk Operator For Kubernetes Resources

- Splunk Operator for Kubernetes is hosted on Github here:
<https://github.com/splunk/splunk-operator>
- Minimum Reference Hardware (minimum specs)
 - StandAlone: Minimum - *Each Standalone Pod: 12 Physical CPU Cores or 24 vCPU at 2Ghz or greater per core, 12GB RAM*
 - Search Head/Search Head Cluster: *Each Search Head Pod: 16 Physical CPU Cores or 32 vCPU at 2Ghz or greater per core, 12GB RAM.*
 - Indexer Cluster: *Each Indexer Pod: 12 Physical CPU cores, or 24 vCPU at 2GHz or greater per core, 12GB RAM.*
- Important points
 - *Splunk Operator does not support vCPU licensing (ingest only)*
 - *Splunk Enterprise is supported by Splunk, Inc when deployed using the Operator (as of v8.2)*
 - *SmartStore (S2) storage architecture is required for support in an operational environment*

Read the Docs

- Getting started docs are found here:
<https://splunk.github.io/splunk-operator/>
- In this demo the latest Splunk Operator for Kubernetes has already been installed in the “splunk” project using the OpenShift Client (oc):
 - `oc new-project splunk` (if it doesn't already exist)
 - `oc project splunk` (to switch into the “splunk” project)
 - `oc adm policy add-scc-to-user nonroot -z default` (allows nonroot user to run the Splunk service)
 - `oc apply -f https://github.com/splunk/splunk-operator/releases/download/1.0.1/splunk-operator-install.yaml` (installs the operator in the “splunk” project)

Note: the demo is a basic walkthrough of deploying a distributed Splunk Enterprise architecture in OpenShift. A lot of defaults will be accepted due to limited time. Please read the docs and use advanced features like core count, memory allocation, SmartStore, App Framework, etc. to get the best experience and supported configuration.

Demo

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