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# Cluster API Provider AWS (CAPA) Update

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# Who are we?



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Cluster API Provider AWS Maintainer



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Cluster API Provider AWS Maintainer

# What we'll cover



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- Cluster API (CAPI) overview
- Cluster API Provider AWS (CAPA) overview
- New features in CAPA
- Demo
- Roadmap
- How you can get involved!

# What is Cluster API (CAPI)?



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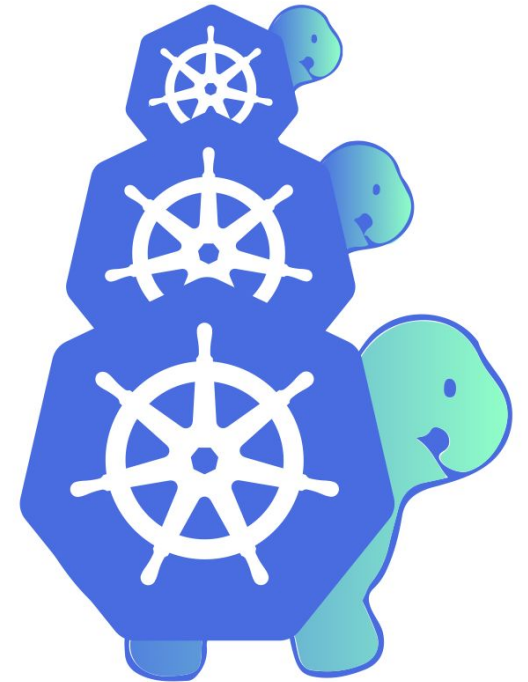


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- Easy abstraction for cluster lifecycle management (day 0/1/2 operations)
  - Creation
  - Scaling
  - Remediation
  - Upgrades
  - Deletion





# Cluster API - Cloud providers



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<https://cluster-api.sigs.k8s.io/reference/providers.html>

# What is Cluster API (CAPI)?



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- Declarative specification of clusters
- Distribution of nodes automatically across failure domains
- Machine health checks to automatically replace unhealthy nodes
- **clusterctl** handles the lifecycle of a CAPI management cluster

Want to know more about CAPI? The see this session:

- Cluster API Deep Dive @ Friday May 7th 11:50-12:25

# What is Cluster API (CAPI)?



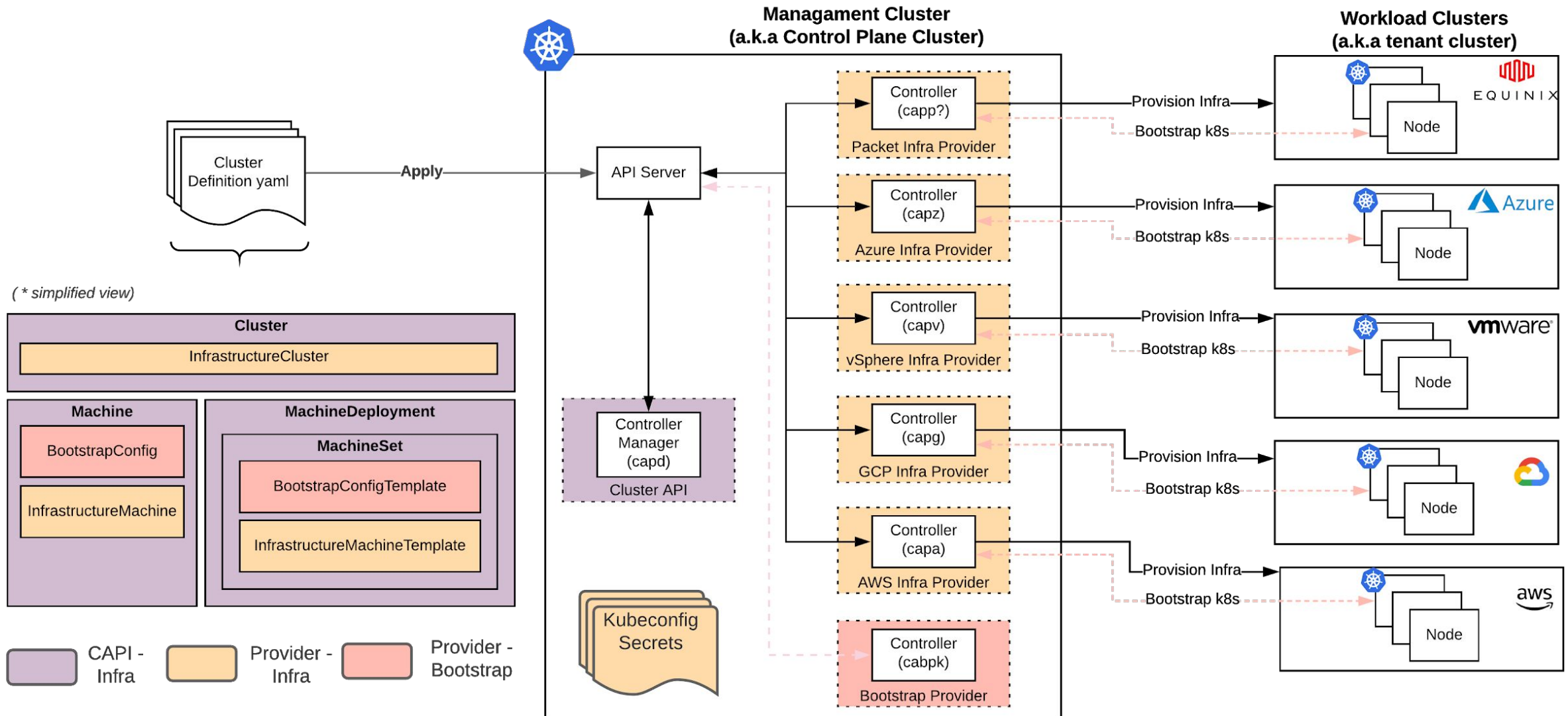
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# What is CAPA?



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- Cluster API Infrastructure Provider
- Specifically for running clusters in AWS
  - Creates all the AWS infrastructure required to provision a k8s cluster
  - Can bring your own infrastructure
- Supports creating 2 different types of cluster
  - **Unmanaged** - EC2 Instances & Kubeadm Bootstrapped
  - **Managed** - EKS

# CAPA Resources



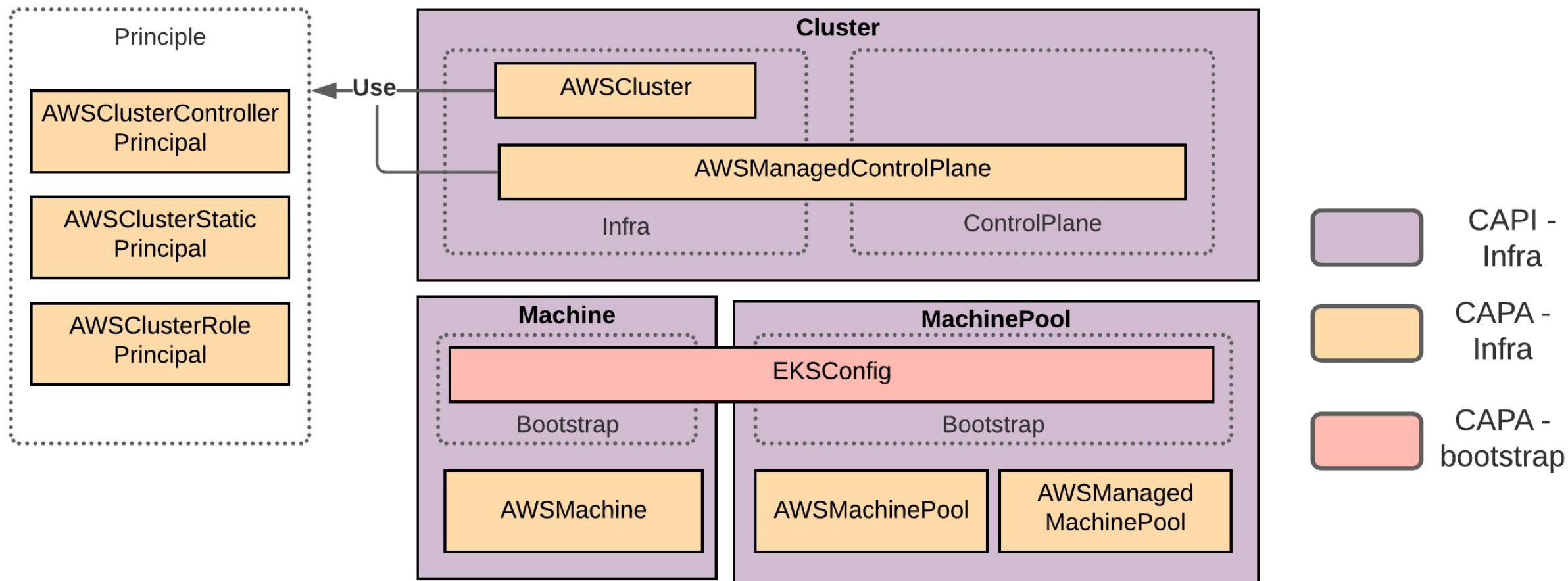
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(\* simplified view)

# clusterawsadm



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- Command line utility for CAPA
  - `$ clusterawsadm bootstrap`
  - `$ clusterawsadm ami`
  - `$ clusterawsadm eks`

# New features v0.6



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- Multitenancy
  - New CRDs:
    - AWSClusterControllerPrincipal
    - AWSClusterRolePrincipal
    - AWSClusterStaticPrincipal
  - A new controller for backward compatibility
    - Feature-gate: AutoControllerPrincipalCreator
- AWSMachinePools support for EC2 autoscaling groups
  - New CRD: AWSMachinePool
  - Feature-gate: MachinePool



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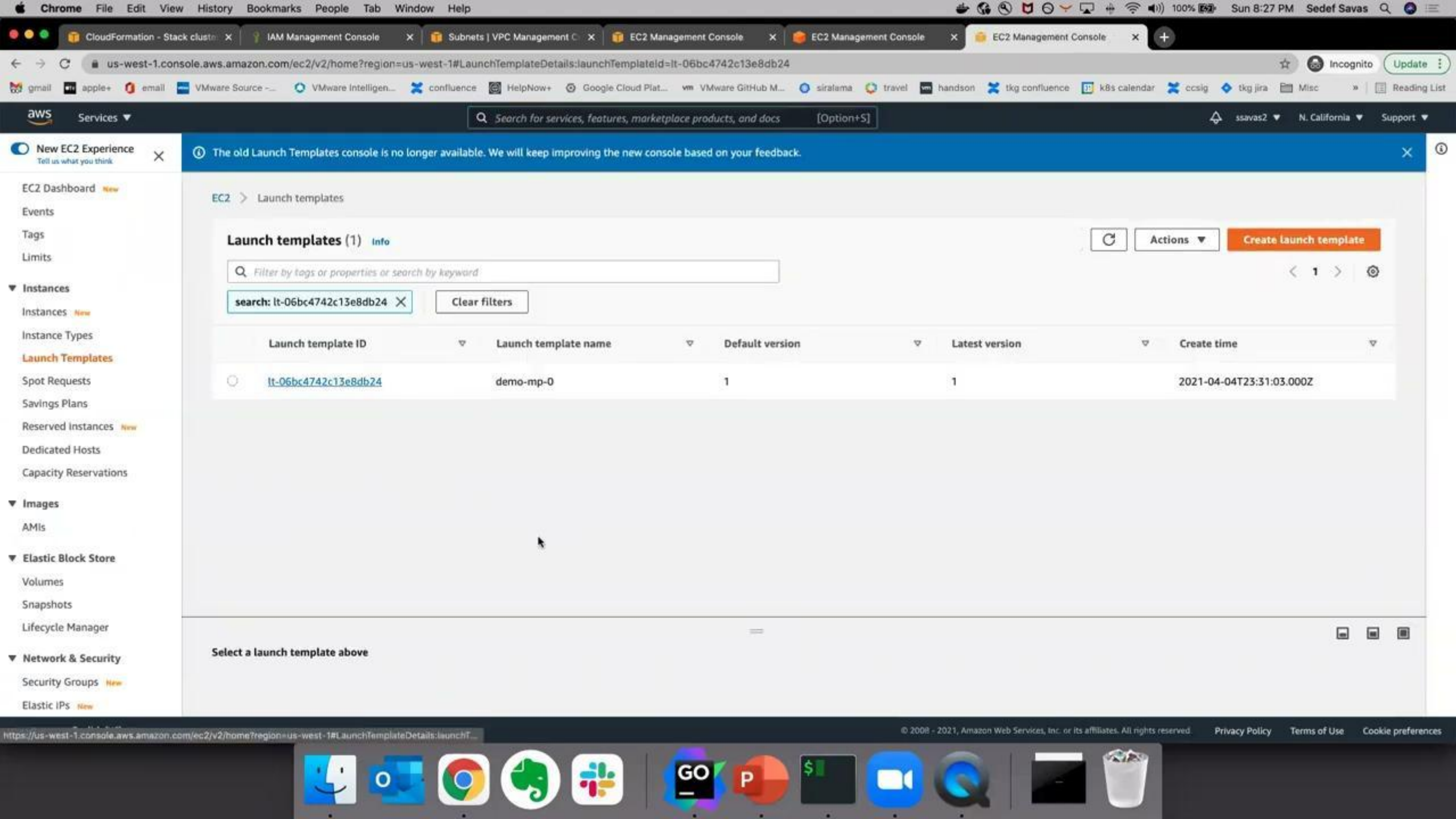
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# DEMO

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# New features v0.6 (cont.)



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- EC2 Spot instance support
- EC2 state change detection with EventBridge and SQS (experimental)
- Dedicated instance support
- AWS request throttler logic

# New features: managed



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EKS support in CAPA is new in v0.6

- Experimental and enabled via **EKS** feature flag
- *AWSManagedControlPlane* & *EKSConfig* CRDs

Worker nodes:

- Machines - EC2 Based
  - use Machine & **AWSMachine**
- Machine Pools - EC2 Auto Scaling Groups
  - use MachinePool & **AWSMachinePool\***
- Managed Machine Pools - EKS node groups
  - use MachinePool & **AWSManagedMachinePool\***

*\*Machine pools requires enabling the MachinePool feature flag*

# New features: managed (cont)



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- Per cluster IAM Role creation (control plane and worker nodes)
- IAM Authenticator configuration
- EKS Addons
- Fargate Profiles (in 0.6.5)

```
export EXP_EKS=true ..... # Enable EKS support
export EXP_EKS_IAM=false ..... # Enable roles per cluster
export EXP_EKS_ADD_ROLES=false # Allow roles to be added
export EXP_MACHINE_POOL=true .. # Enable machine pools

clusterctl init --infrastructure=aws --control-plane aws-eks --bootstrap aws-eks
```

# New features: managed



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```
19  kind: AWSManagedControlPlane
20  apiVersion: controlplane.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1alpha3
21  metadata:
22    name: "wkp-mgmt01-control-plane"
23  spec:
24    region: "eu-west-2"
25    principalRef:
26      kind: AWSClusterControllerPrincipal
27      name: default
28    sshKeyName: "capi-management"
29    version: "v1.18.0"
30    addons:
31      - name: "vpc-cni"
32        version: "v1.6.3-eksbuild.1"
33        conflictResolution: "overwrite"
34    iamAuthenticatorConfig:
35      mapRoles:
36        - username: "kubernetes-admin"
37          rolearn: "arn:aws:iam::1234567890:role/AdministratorAccess"
38      groups:
39        - "system:masters"
```

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```
58  apiVersion: infrastructure.cluster.x-k8s.io/v1alpha3
59  kind: AWSManagedMachinePool
60  metadata:
61    name: "wkp-mgmt01-pool-0"
62  spec:
63    scaling:
64      minSize: 2
65      maxSize: 3
```

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# Roadmap



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- Alpha stage
  - v0.6.x (compatible with CAPI v1alpha3) --- a stable api option
  - v0.7.x (compatible with CAPI v1alpha4) → focus is more on stability and UX to lead beta release
- Backport only bug fixes to v0.6 release

# v0.7 (v1alpha4) ~ Q2 2021



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- **Unmanaged**
  - Extend Spot Instance support to Amazon EC2 Fleet & Spot Fleet
  - GPU instance support with NVIDIA GPU operator
  - Ignition support (might be earlier)
- **Managed**
  - OIDC Provider Association
  - Improved Launch template functionality/support
  - *AWSManagedControlPlane* refactor (and *AWSManagedCluster* deprecation)

# How to get started?



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- Try CAPI/CAPA using the quick start guide:
  - <https://cluster-api.sigs.k8s.io/user/quick-start.html>
- Checkout CAPA book for more details:
  - <https://cluster-api-aws.sigs.k8s.io>
- Look at the project repo to see the code, issues etc:
  - <https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs/cluster-api-provider-aws>
- Discuss the provider in the Kubernetes slack:
  - #cluster-api-aws
- Attend the office hours calls:
  - Bi-weekly meeting on Monday @ 10:00AM PT (6:00PM UTC)

# How to contribute?



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## Writing skills?

- Document our [book](#): quick start, architecture diagrams, contracts, and so on!



## Product skills?

- Gather use cases, compile user pulse surveys, draw roadmaps.
- Work with project's maintainers and the community to shape our product.
- Help with backlog grooming, maintain milestones.



## Coding skills?

- Review pull requests, become an approver.
- Search for help wanted, or good first issues across our repositories.



## Other skills? Have feedback, use cases, demos, or questions?



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# Thank you

Q & A

