



Tools for Working with Kubernetes

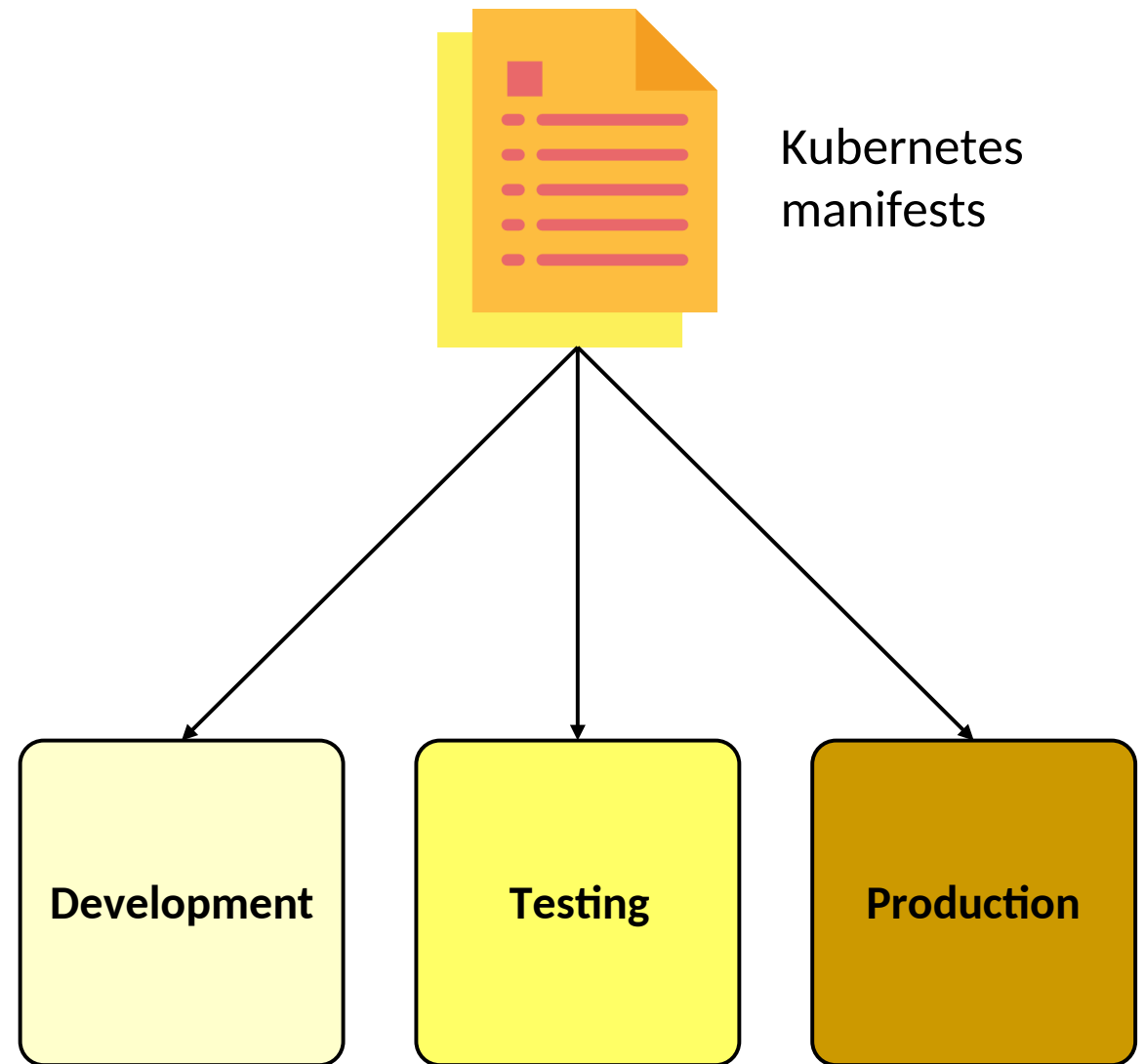


Kustomize



Multiple Environments

- Different environments will require different tweaks to the manifests
 - Different configurations
 - Some can be configured with `ConfigMaps` or `Secrets`
 - Some configurations cannot eg. replicas, image name
 - Different attributes
 - Require resource limits in production
 - Additional resources like cache in production





Using Kubernetes In Multiple Environments



- DRY – Don't Repeat Yourself
- Develop a Helm chart
- Nontrivial
 - Need to develop templates that cover all possible scenarios
 - Learn Go templates, template functions, conventions, etc
 - Debugging!
- Significant time investment
- Helm provides
 - Structured way of customizing deployments
 - Deployment management - install, delete , upgrades



- WET – Write Everything Twice
- Duplicate and modify the original Kubernetes manifest
- Need to actively update downstream manifest when upstream changes
 - Eg. bug fixes, improvement, etc.
- Copy and paste nature is
 - Easy to use
 - No new concepts to learn
 - Fast



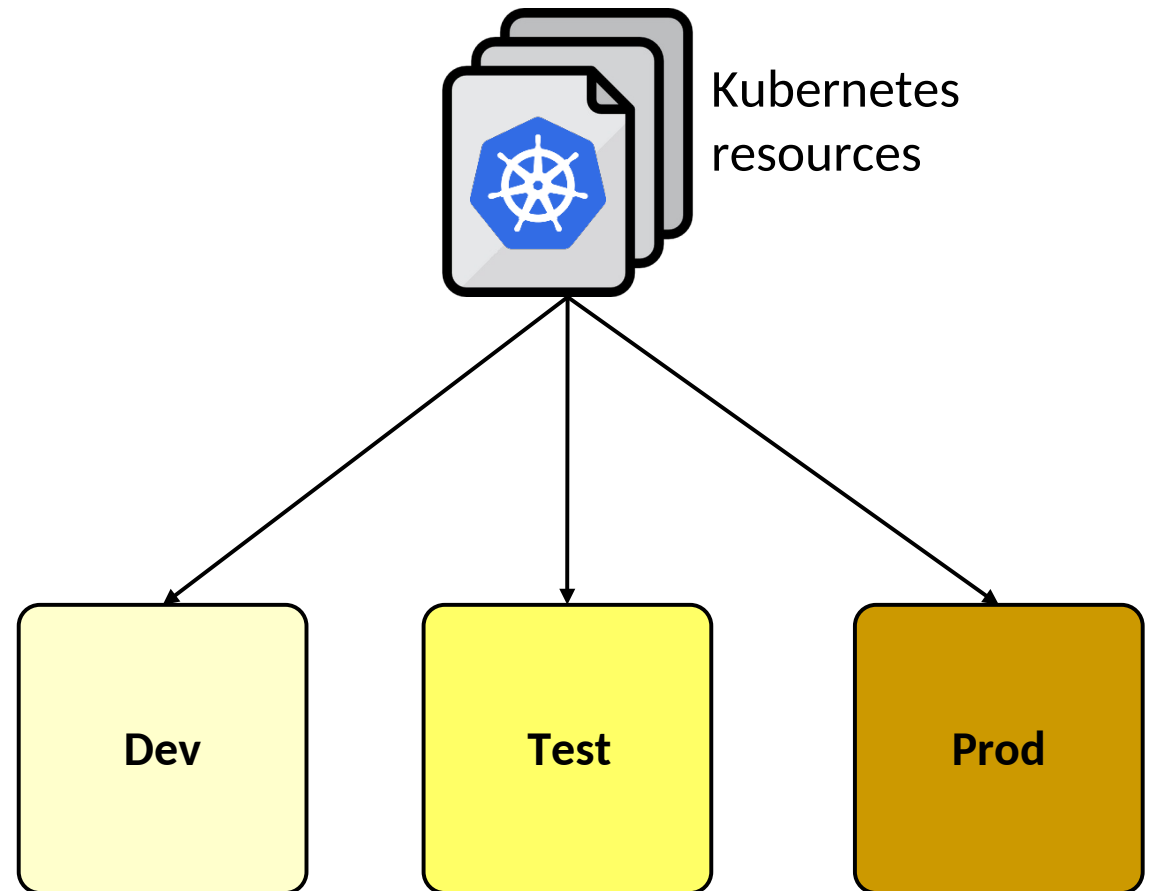
Kustomize

- Kustomize is a tool for customizing Kubernetes deployments
 - Apply a set of changes to a base Kubernetes manifest
 - Produces a new set of manifest
 - Original manifest (base) is untouched/unchanged
 - Template free viz. logic less
- Kustomize allow you to consume and customize upstream Kubernetes manifest without forking them
- Open source
 - Available as standalone - <https://kubectldocs.kubernetes.io/installation/kustomize/>
 - Integrated with kubectl (post 1.14) with 'apply -k'



Directory Layout

- Create a structure to support customizing a set of Kubernetes manifest
 - Support multiple environments (eg dev, test, prod) without interfering with another environment
 - Any changes will be picked up by all upstreams viz. dev, test, prod, etc
- Base manifest
 - Generic Kubernetes manifest applicable to all environments
- Overlays
 - Customize configurations to be applied to the base manifest
 - One per environment





Directory Structure

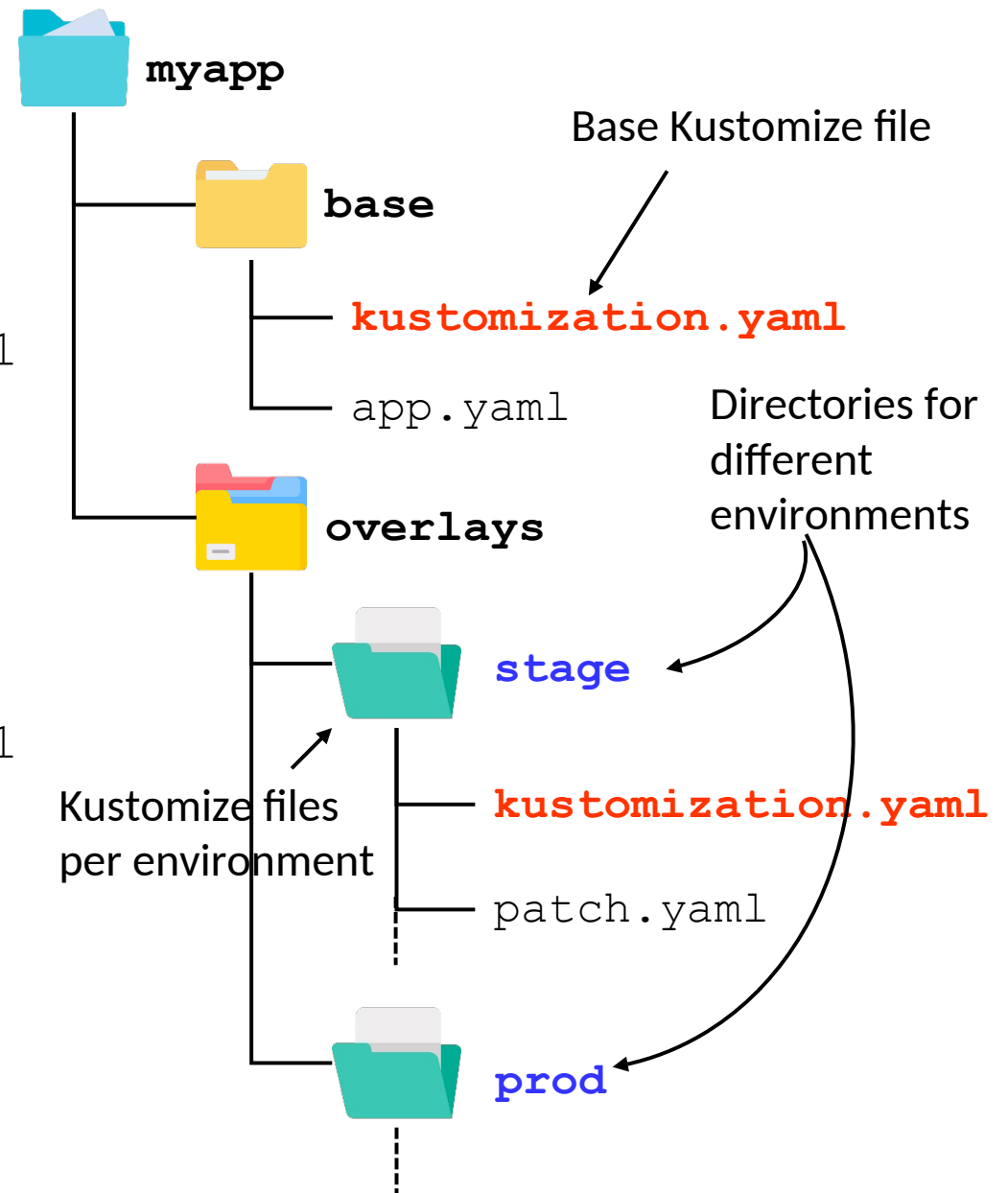
base/kustomization.yaml

```
apiVersion: kustomize.config.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Kustomization
resources:
- app.yaml
```

overlays/stage/kustomization.yaml

```
apiVersion: kustomize.config.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Kustomization
resources:
- ../../base
```

```
# site specific customization
namePrefix: ...
```





Customizing Kubernetes Deployments

- Kustomize transform a set of related Kubernetes manifest by adding or replacing fields and objects
 - Can delete fields but not common
- Modifications are updates can be applied to
 - All resources - eg adding a common label
 - Specific resource by providing patterns that match the resource
- Input Kubernetes manifest are specified with the `resources` field



Example - Common Fields

kustomization.yaml

```
apiVersion: kustomize.config.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Kustomization
resources:
- pod.yaml
commonLabels:
  env: stage
namePrefix: eng-
namespace: stage-ns
```

pod.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: app-pod
  labels:
    name: app
spec:
  containers:
  - name: app-container
    image: nwapp:v1
```

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: eng-app-pod
  labels:
    name: app
    env: eng
  namespace: stage-ns
spec:
  containers:
  - name: app-container
    image: nwapp:v1
```

With kustomize

```
kustomize build | kubectl apply -f -
```

With kubectl

```
kubectl apply -k .
```

Directory with
kustomization.yaml



Example - Deployments

```
kustomization.yaml
apiVersion: ...
kind: Kustomization
```

replicas:

```
- name: web-deploy
  count: 1
```

images:

```
- name: resilio/sync
  newName: eeacms/rsync
  newTag: 2.3
- name: nginx
  newTag: 1.21.1-perl
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
```

```
  name: web-deploy 1
```

```
spec:
```

```
  replicas: 2
```

```
  selector:
```

```
    ...
```

```
  template:
```

```
    ...
```

```
    spec:
```

```
      containers:
```

```
        - name: file-sync
```

```
          image: resilio/sync:2.7.2
```

```
        ...
```

```
        - name: nginx
```

```
          image: nginx:1.20.1
```

```
        ...
```

nginx:1.21.1-perl

eeacms/rsync:2.3



ConfigMap and Secrets

- Can customize an existing configuration or secret specific to an environment
 - Modify an existing configuration by merging with new keys or replacing existing keys
 - Generate new configurations and secrets
- **ConfigMap and Secrets** behaviour
 - Pods that references values in these 2 resources are not recreated if the content changes eg. value of a secret key is replaced
 - Referenced with either `envFrom` or `valueFrom`
 - Pods that mount these 2 resources will be recreated



Example - Override Existing Configurations

```
apiVersion: kustomize.config.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Kustomization
```

```
configMapGenerator:
```

- name: **app-cm**
behavior: merge
literals:
 - DB_USER=barney
 - TRACE_ENABLE="1"

Add or update the
values in the base

```
secretGenerator:
```

- name: **app-secret**
behavior: merge
type: Opaque
literals:
 - DB_PASSWORD=mypassword

Replaced and
added to the base

Replace the base

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: app-cm
data:
  DB_HOST: localhost
  DB_PORT: 3306
  DB_USER: fred
  DB_NAME: inventory
```

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: app-secret
type: Opaque
data:
  DB_PASSWORD: bXlzMWNyZ
  XQ=
```



Example - Generating ConfigMap and Secret

```
apiVersion: kustomize.config.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Config
```

```
resources:
- app.yaml
```

generatorOptions:

```
  labels:
    env: stage
```

configMapGenerator:

```
- name: app-cm
  behavior: create
  literals:
  - DB_HOST=dbserver
    DB_USER=barney
```

Add labels to all the
ConfigMap and Secret

Create a ConfigMap
call app-cm

One or more
configurations

app.yaml

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
```

```
  ...
spec:
```

```
  ...
  containers:
  - name: app-container
    image: nwapp:v1
    envFrom:
      configMapRef
        name: app-cm
```

Reference a non
existence ConfigMap

Similar for secretGenerator



Example - Generating ConfigMap and Secret

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: app-cm-bfA9Ekh0c5
  labels:
    env: stage
data:
  DB_HOST: dbserver
  DB_USER: barney
```

Generated ConfigMap with a unique suffix.

A new suffix is generated everytime kustomize runs

Uses this ConfigMap when it is referenced from containers

Suffix hash forces Kubernetes to recreate the pods when configurations and secrets are updated

```
app.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  ...
spec:
  ...
  containers:
    - name: app-container
      image: nwapp:v1
      envFrom:
        - app-cm-bfA9Ekh0c5
```



Patching

- Overrides or add fields to the target resource
- A list of patch files are provided
 - Order of patches applied is the order in which they are listed
- Patch file is similar to the resource to be patched
 - Should have `apiVersion`, `kind` and `name`; used by Kustomize to select the resource to be patched
 - The remainder of the patch file used to overlay on the resource viz. metadata and spec sections
 - Attributes with the same name are replaced
 - Additional attributes are added
- Patches are described with JSON patch



JSON Patch Example

```
{  
  "baz": "qux",  
  "foo": "bar"  
}
```

Original JSON document

JSON patch
operations

```
[  
  { "op": "replace", "path": "/baz", "value": "boo" },  
  { "op": "add", "path": "/hello", "value": [ "world" ] },  
  { "op": "remove", "path": "/foo" }  
]
```

```
{  
  "baz": "boo",  
  "hello": [ "world" ]  
}
```

Patched JSON document



JSON Patch Example

```
{
  "biscuits": [
    { "name": "Digestive" },
    { "name": "Jacbos" }
  ]
}
```

Original JSON document

JSON patch
operations

```
[
  { "op": "add", "path": "/biscuits/-",
    "value": { "name": "Khong Guan" } },
  { "op": "remove", "path": "/biscuits/1" }
]
```

```
{
  "biscuits": [
    { "name": "Digestive" },
    { "name": "Khong Guan" }
  ]
}
```

Patched JSON document



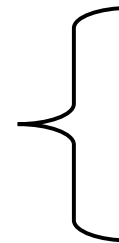
Example - Patching

```
app.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: myapp
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    ...
  template:
    ...
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: nwapp
        image: nwapp:v2
        ports:
        - containerPort: 3000
```

```
app.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: myapp
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    ...
  template:
    ...
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: nwapp
        image: nwapp:v2
        ports:
        - containerPort: 3000
        resources:
          requests:
            cpu: 100m
            memory: 128Mi
```

Customized resource

Add these





Example - Patching

kustomization.yaml

```
apiVersion:
kustomize.config.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Kustomization
```

```
resources:
- app.yaml
```

patches:

```
- target:
    group: apps
    version: v1
    kind: Deployment
    name: myapp
  path: patch.yaml
```

patch.yaml

```
- op: "add"
  path: /spec/template/spec/containers/0
  value: |
    { "resources": {
      "requests": {
        "cpu": "100m",
        "memory": "128Mi"
      }
    }
  }
```



Replacements

- Need to know certain info from resources generated by Kustomize
 - Eg. generated a service for a database with a prefix. Need to pass this service name to a deployment that uses the database
- Used to copy fields from one source to one or more targets
 - Eg copying the service name to environment variables
- Source is the resource that will provide the value; must be a single resource
- Target(s) are the resources that the fields will be replaced
 - Include and reject sets
- Use `fieldPath` to select specific fields as source and targets
 - See <https://kubectldocs.kubernetes.io/references/kustomize/kustomization/replacements/#delimiter>



Example - Replacement

```
apiVersion: kustomize.config.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Kustomization
```

replacements:

```
- source:
  kind: Service
  name: app-svc
  fieldPath: metadata.name
```

targets:

```
- select:
  kind: Deployment
  name: app
  fieldPaths:
  - spec.template.spec.containers.[name=myapp].env.[name=DB_HOST].value
```

Selects this resource

Path to the value to be replaced

Update the value of this field

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: app
spec:
  template:
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: myapp
        env:
        - name: DB_HOST
          value: old_value
```