



# Kubernetes Extension Points

## With Deep Dive into Custom Resource Definitions

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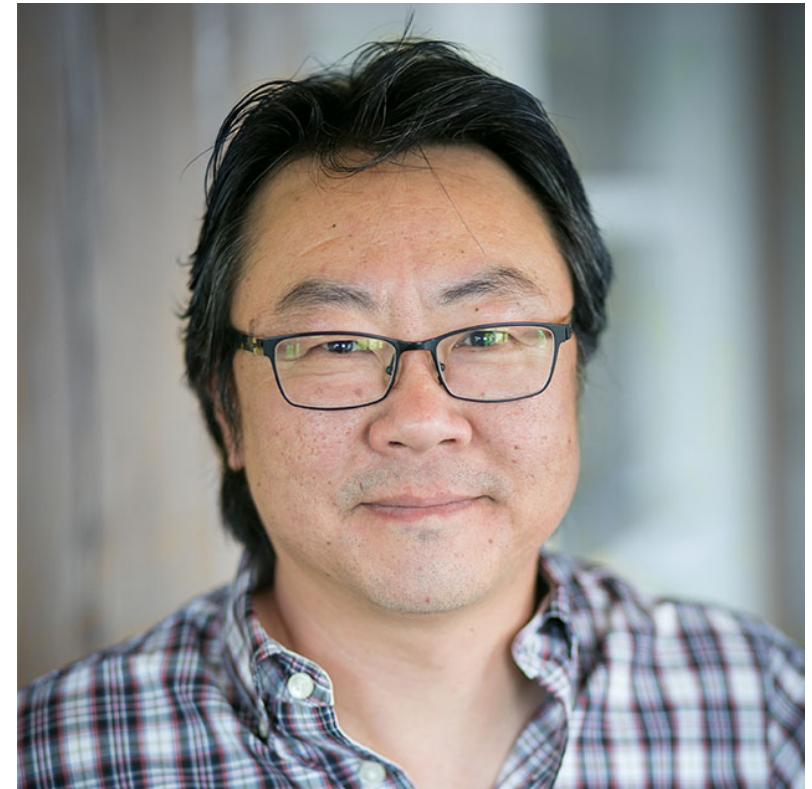
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# In 90 minutes...

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- Quick overview of Kubernetes extensions points then focus on Custom Resource Definitions (CRDs) and Custom Controllers
- Deep dive into CRDs, the basis for “Operators”
  - Use-cases from the community
    - Prometheus Operator
  - Roll your own example to get the concept
  - Using Kubebuilder
  - Using Operator SDK



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<https://github.com/jungho/k8s-crds>

# Desired Outcome

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- Learn how extensible K8S can be
- Understand better the inner workings of Kubernetes
- Spark your imagination to leverage Kubernetes in more powerful ways
- Start your journey to becoming Kubernetes ninjas!



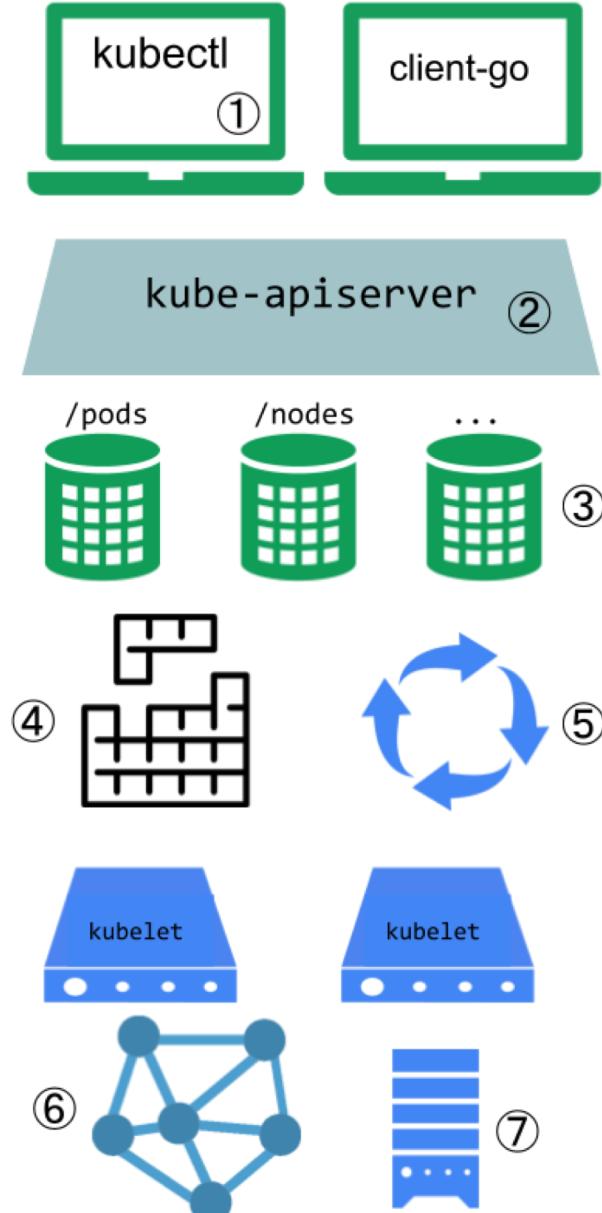
# Extend



# all the things!

# Kubernetes Extension Points

- K8S is incredibly extensible
- Designed with well-defined extension points to extend/customize the platform
  1. Plugins for kubectl to add additional kubectl commands (you can't overwrite existing commands)
  2. Authn/Authr, Webhooks, Admission Controllers, Dynamic Admission Control, API Aggregation
  3. **Custom Resource Definitions**
  4. Scheduler extensions. You can replace the default scheduler, use multiple schedulers, extend scheduler behaviours via webhooks
  5. **Controllers that reconciles current-state to desired state.**
  6. Network Plugins e.g. Container Network Interface (CNI) plugins such as Cilium, Calico, Azure CNI
  7. Storage Plugins e.g. Flex Volumes



<https://bit.ly/2r6qKTP>

# Custom Resource Definitions

- Means to define new API resources to model your domain
- Can leverage kubectl, helm to work with your CRDs

```
apiVersion: apiextensions.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: CustomResourceDefinition
metadata:
  #the name must be the plural form + api group
  name: websites.extensions.example.com
spec:
  # Can be namespaced or cluster scope
  scope: Namespaced
  #All resources have a version and are part of an api group
  group: extensions.example.com
  version: v1
  # The names of the resource when using kubectl
  names:
    kind: Website
    singular: website
    plural: websites
    shortNames: ['ws']
```

```
apiVersion: extensions.example.com/v1
kind: Website
metadata:
  name: kubia
spec:
  gitRepo: https://github.com/luksa/kubia-website-example.git
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The CRD



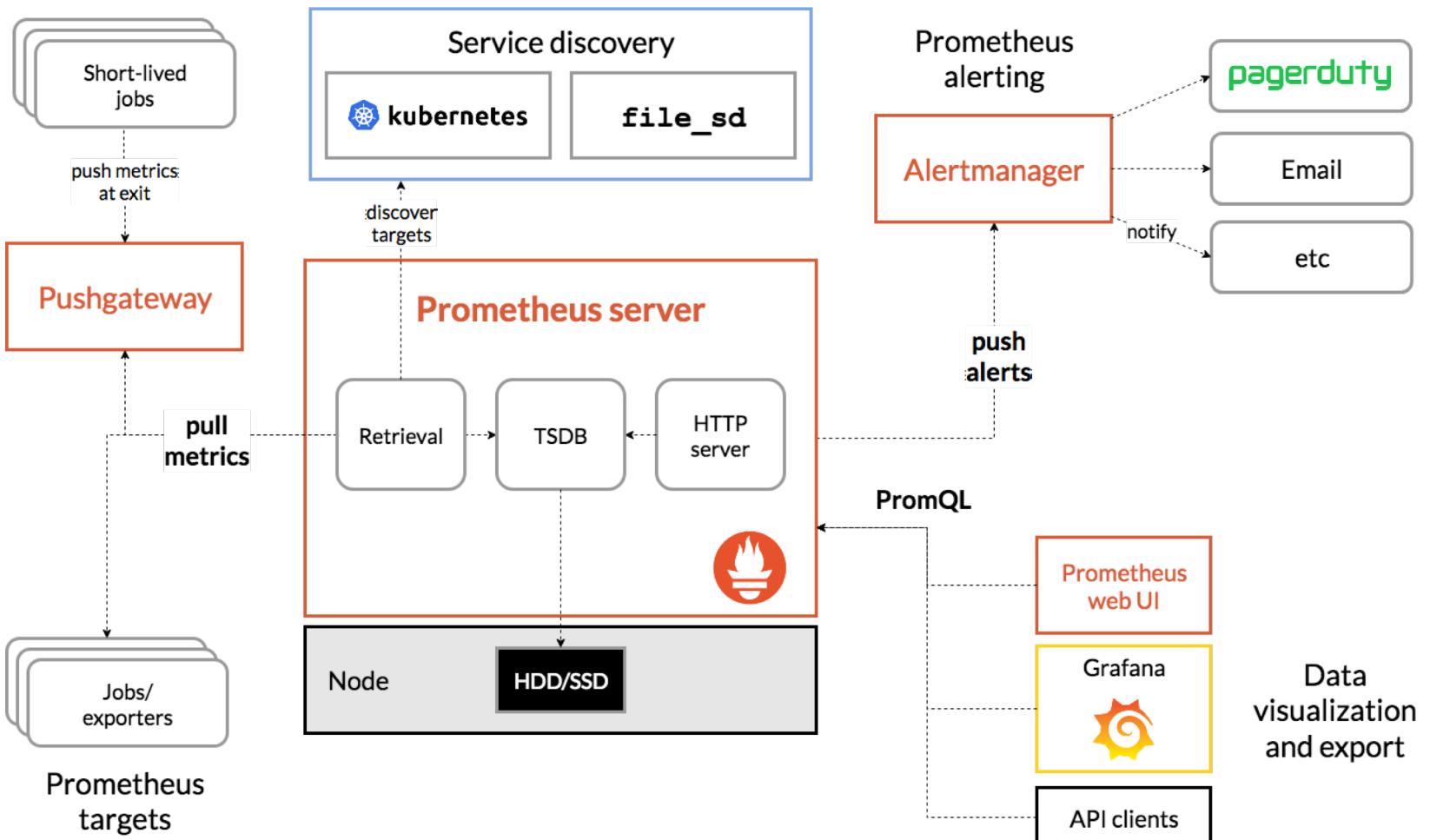
Instance of CRD

# Custom Controllers

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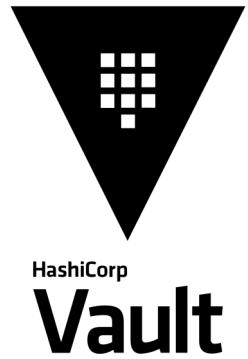
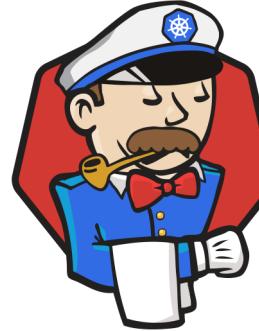
- CRDs alone don't do anything
- Something needs to consume instances of a CRD and take action, that is the **Controller**
- In simple terms, a controller is responsible for:
  - Watching for specific resource types e.g. Website
  - Reconciling the desired state, and doing so continuously (this is what makes K8S so resilient!!)

# Prometheus



# Operators

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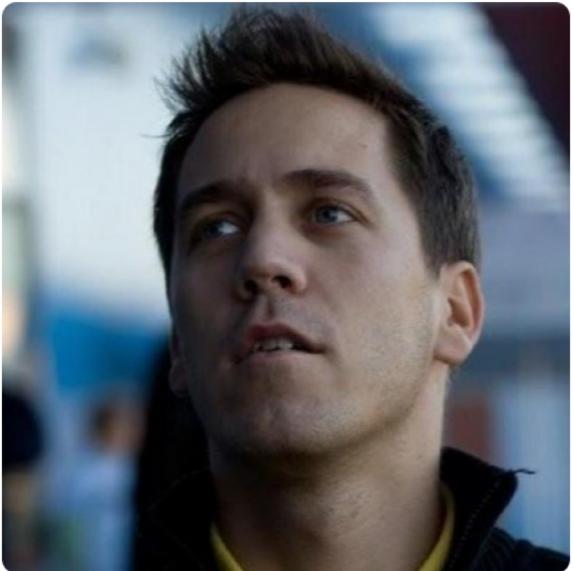
<https://github.com/operator-framework/awesome-operators>

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# First CRD Example.... Thank You Lukša!

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Software engineer at Red Hat.  
Author of Kubernetes in Action.

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## Popular repositories

### kubernetes-in-action

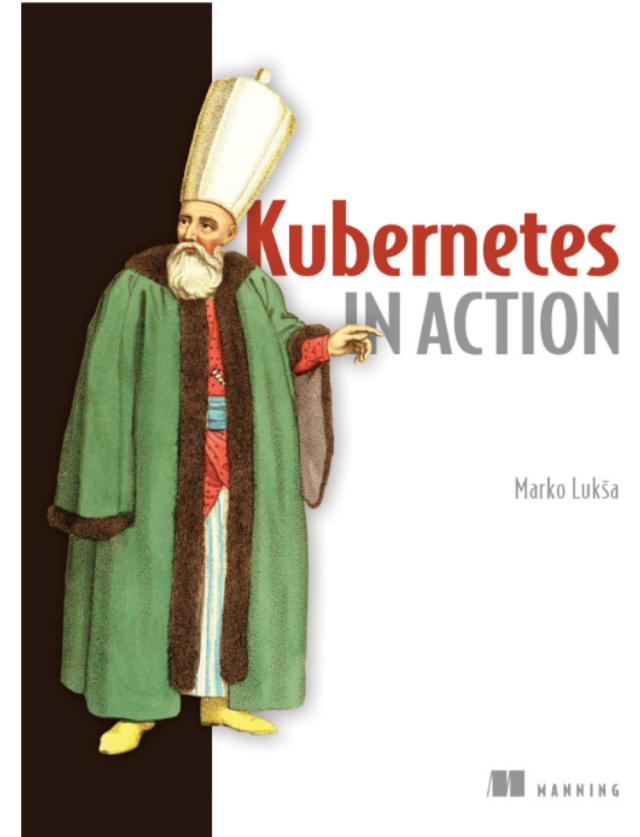
Code from the Kubernetes in Action book

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### k8s-website-controller

A barely working example of a Kubernetes controller

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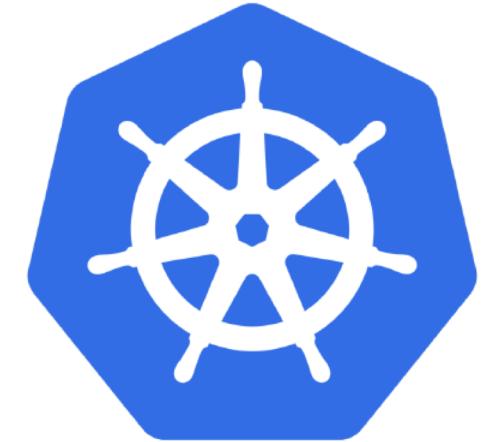


<https://github.com/luksa/k8s-website-controller>

# KubeBuilder

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- Part of the core Kubernetes projects, part of the apimachinery SIG (Special Interest Group)
  - <https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs>
- GA version v1.0.5, so stable
- Excellent documentation at <https://book.kubebuilder.io/>
- Provides scaffolding to quickly get started including:
  - Generate CRD, CRD instance
  - Golang code for Controller, Manager, CRD Types, Reconciler, tests
  - Deployment manifests
  - RBAC manifests
  - Makefile to build, test, deploy your CRD and custom controller



# Operator SDK

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- Created by the CoreOS team that coined "Operator"
- Still "alpha" but used for many published operators
- Supports both golang and Ansible implementations
- Leverages controller-runtime package which is a sub-project of kubebuilder
- Excellent documentation here <https://bit.ly/2U8RXCt>
- Provides scaffolding to quickly get started including:
  - Generate CRD, CRD instance
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- Does not provide a nice Makefile to help with workflow so you need to write some scripts



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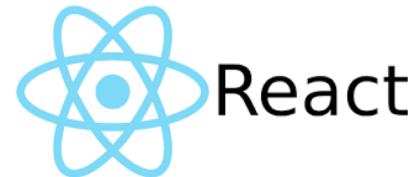


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