



Kubernetes Extension Points

With Deep Dive into Custom Resource Definitions

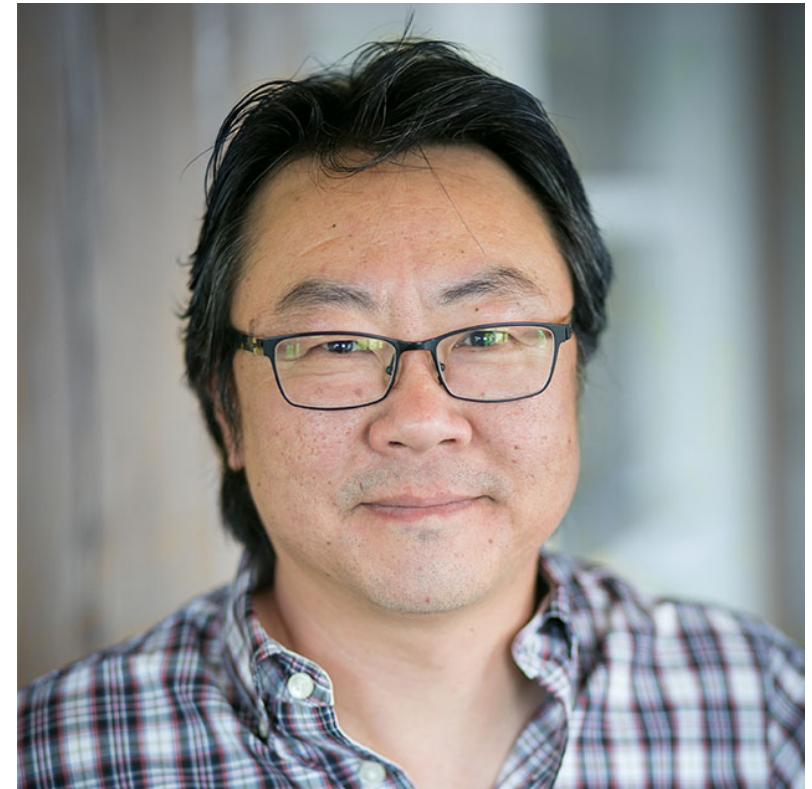
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In 90 minutes...

- 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

- 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!



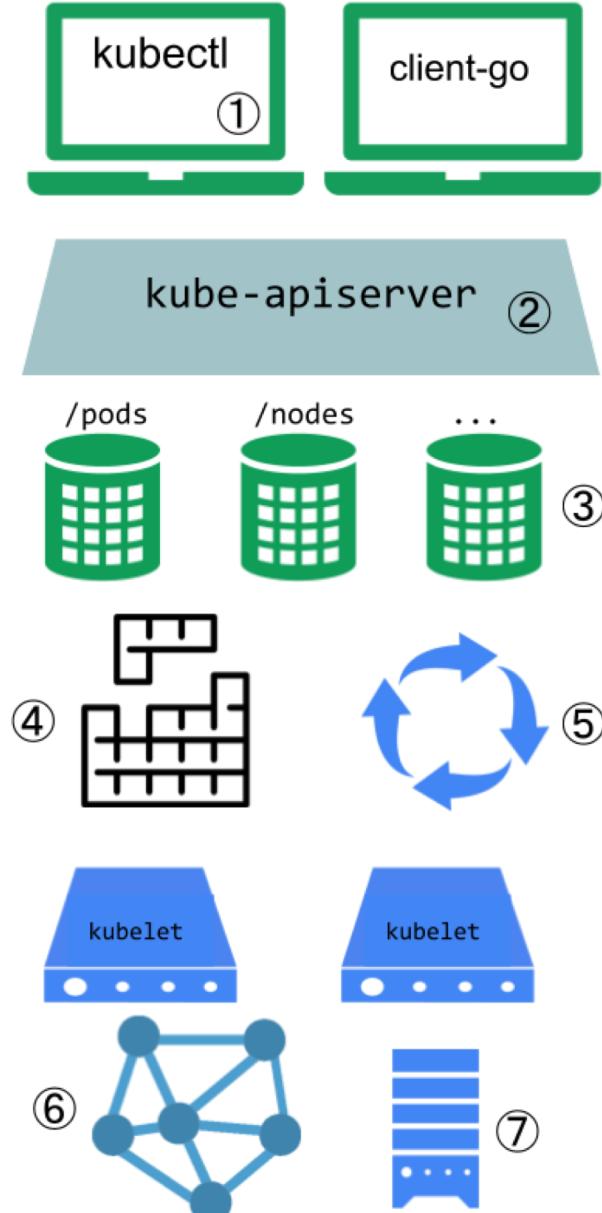
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all the things!

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
```

The CRD

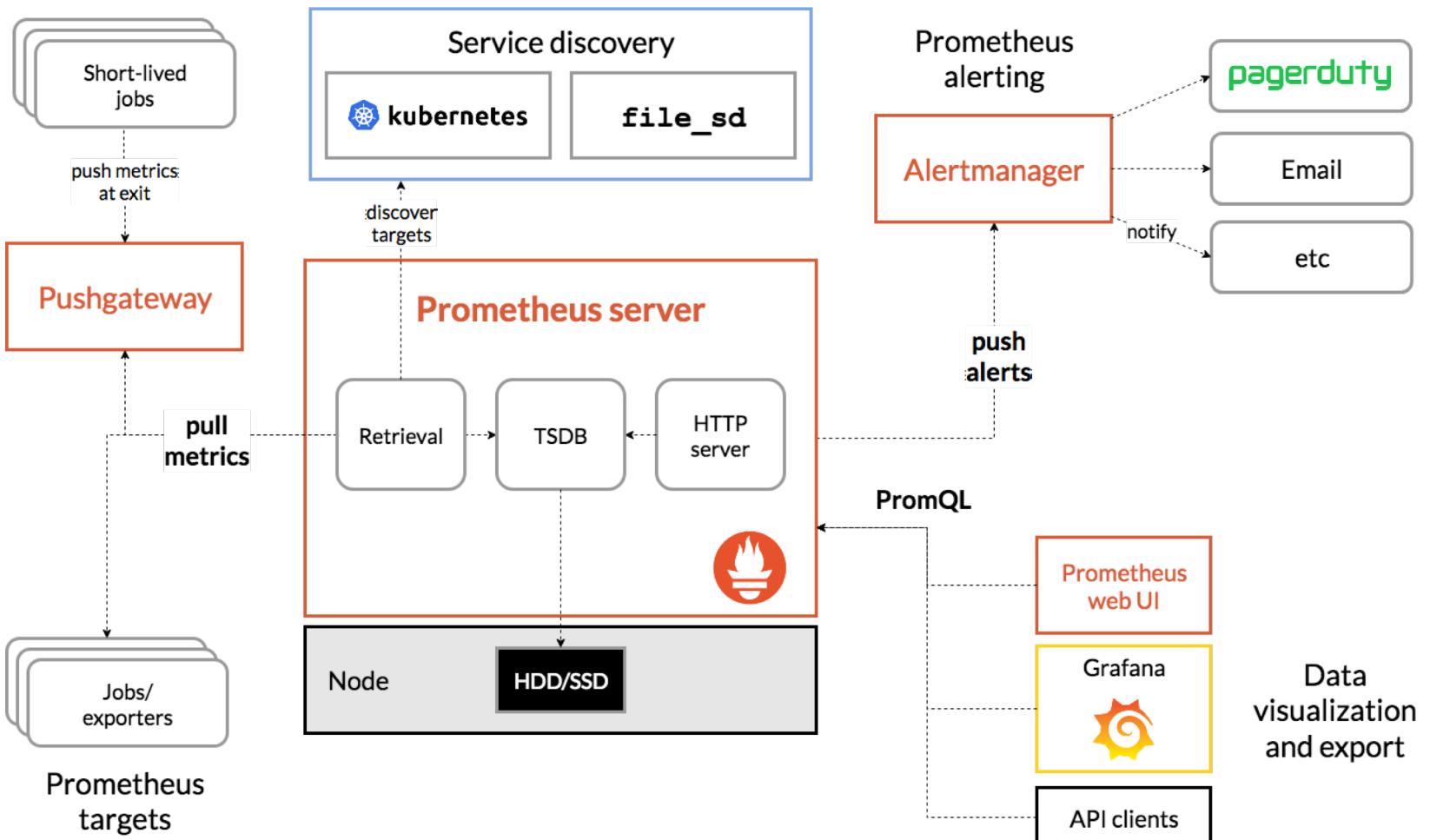


Instance of CRD

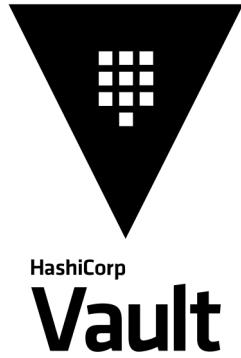
Custom Controllers

- 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

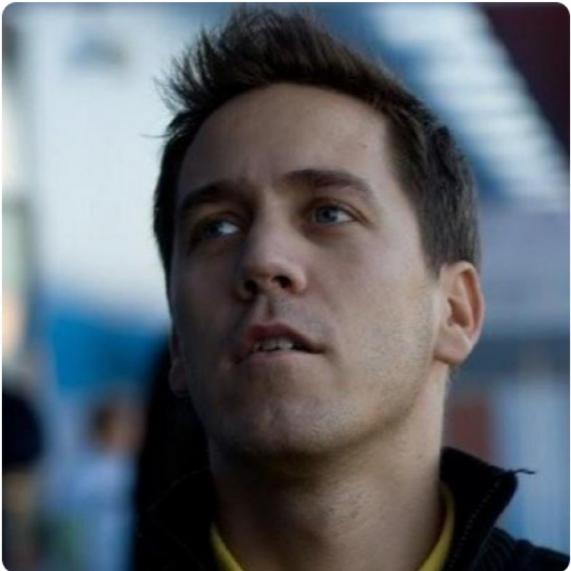


<https://github.com/operator-framework/awesome-operators>

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First CRD Example.... Thank You Lukša!



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kubernetes-in-action

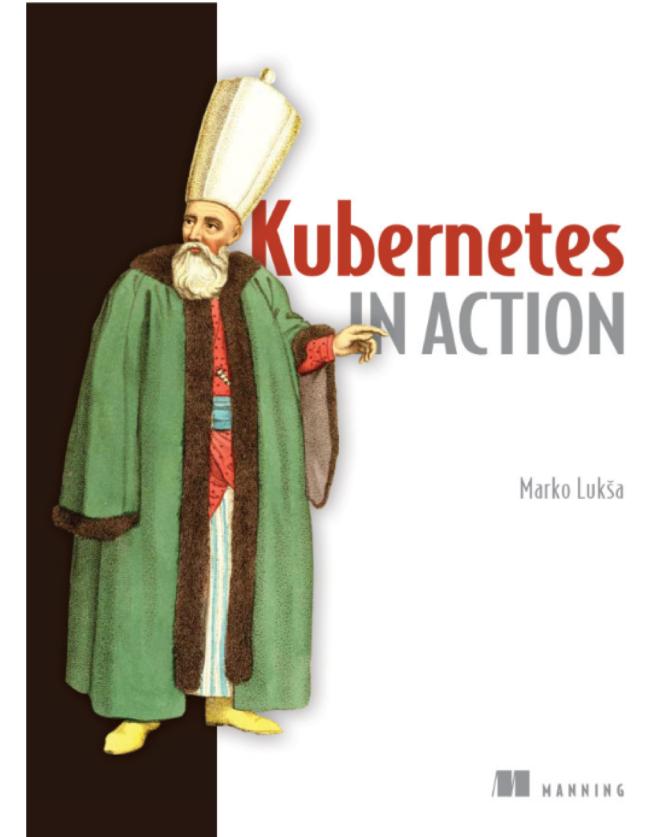
Code from the Kubernetes in Action book

JavaScript ★ 146 ⚡ 106

k8s-website-controller

A barely working example of a Kubernetes controller

Go ★ 11 ⚡ 2



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

KubeBuilder

- 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, webhooks
 - Golang code for Controller, Manager, CRD Types, Reconciler, tests
 - Deployment manifests
 - RBAC manifests
 - Makefile to build, test, deploy your CRD and custom controller
 - Annotations to validate CRD validation using OpenAPI v3 schema



Operator SDK

- 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
 - Golang code for Controller, Manager, CRD Types, Reconciler
 - Deployment manifests
 - RBAC manifests
- Does not provide a nice Makefile to help with workflow so you need to write some scripts



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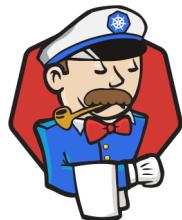
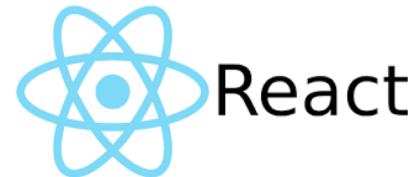


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