

Knative: Serverless and Eventing

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What we'll discuss today

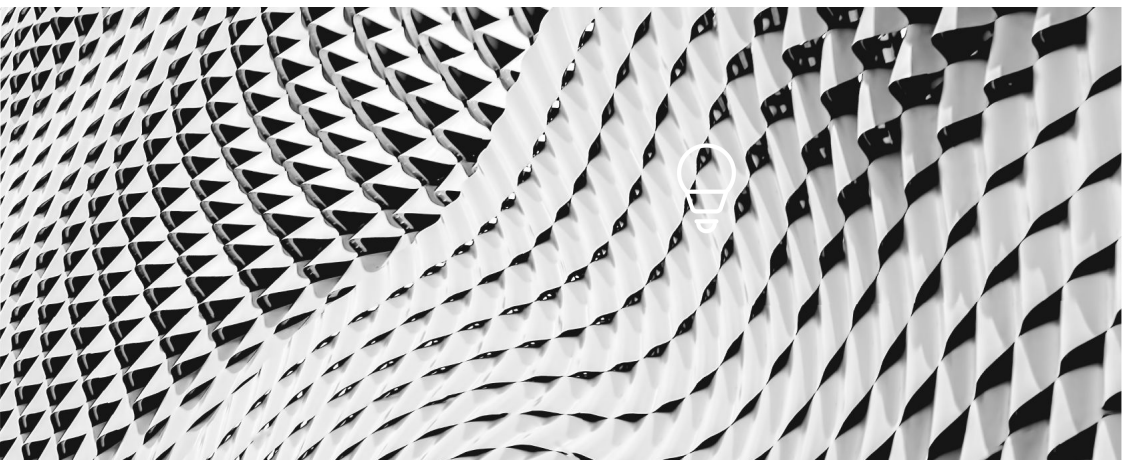
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What's Knative ?

Open-Source Enterprise-level solution to build **Serverless** and **Event Driven Applications** using respectively two independent components **Serving** and **Eventing**

- ▶ Reached GA on Nov. 2, 2021
- ▶ CNCF incubating project since March. 2, 2022
- ▶ Originally came from Google with now many major contributors (Red Hat, IBM, Cisco, VMware...)
- ▶ Powers cloud commercial offering (Google Cloud Run, IBM Cloud Code Engine, Scaleway Serverless...)
- ▶ Runs on any Kubernetes platform (available on OpenShift with Red Hat OpenShift Serverless)

Knative Serving

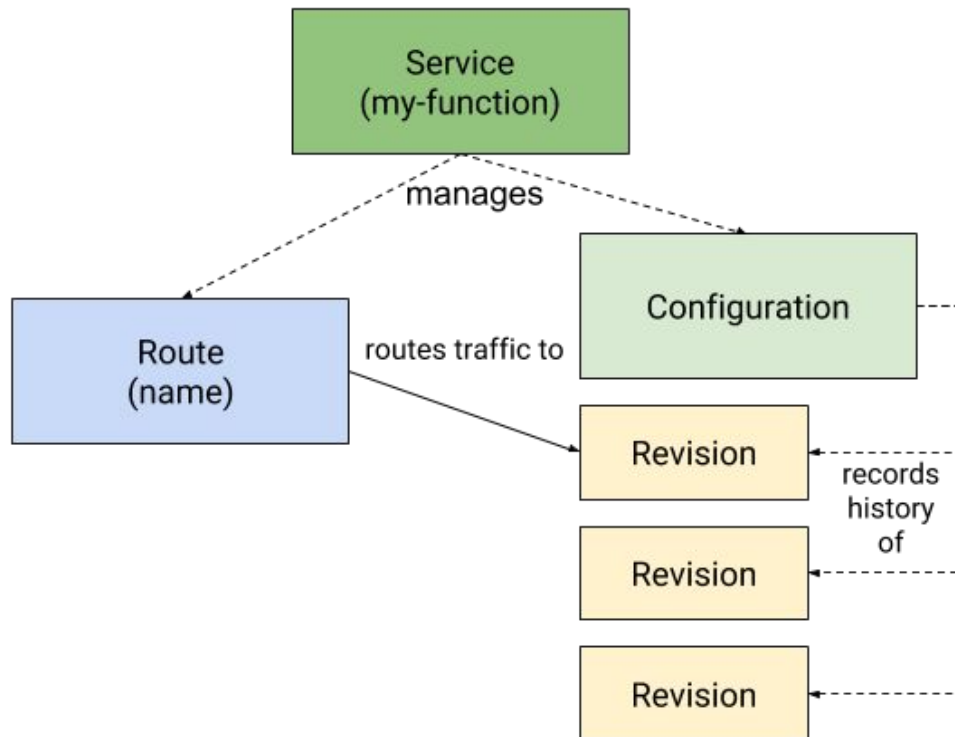


Knative Serving

Component responsible for running Serverless containers and functions.

- ▶ Provides a set of CRDs that **allows to quickly and securely run serverless (any http app) applications**
- ▶ Enables microservice architecture
- ▶ Supports any language
- ▶ Leverages Service Mesh for Networking/Ingress (Kourier, Istio...)

Main CustomResourceDefinitions (CRDs)



Service

Top-level abstraction of a software application deployment

Route

Manage traffic to a Service container

Configuration

Stream of environments for Revisions

Revision

Immutable snapshots of configuration



```
apiVersion: serving.knative.dev/v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: hello
spec:
  template:
    spec:
      containers:
      - env:
        - name: TARGET
          value: World
        image: gcr.io/knative-samples/helloworld-go
        ports:
        - containerPort: 8080
```

Features



Autoscaling

Auto scale from zero to n containers, supports different scaling metrics (concurrency, rps, cpu), highly customizable scaling configuration.



Security

Auto TLS, mutual TLS, Traffic isolation, automatic digest resolution



Traffic Management

Route traffic between different version of a Knative Service.



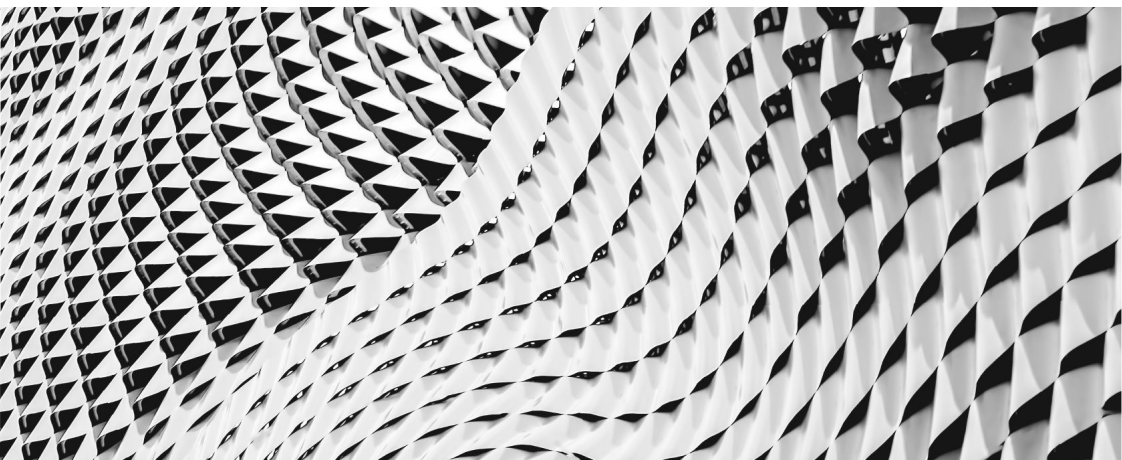
Observability

Exposes Prometheus metrics and OpenTelemetry data.





Knative Eventing



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Component responsible for routing events from producers to consumers

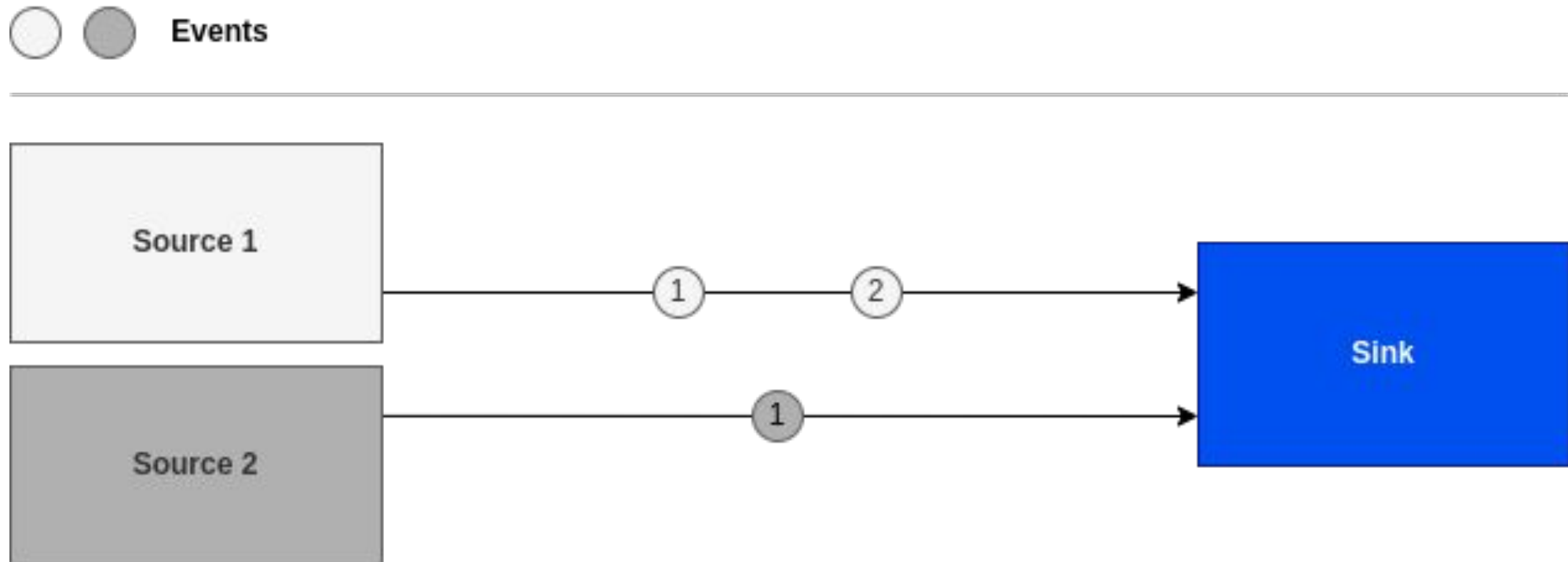
- ▶ Provides a set of CRDs that enables event-driven architecture
- ▶ Event producer (event sources) can be internal (PingSource, ApiServerSource...) or external (GitHub, Kafka, AWS SQS...) to the cluster
- ▶ Event consumer (sink) can be any Kubernetes or Knative Services
- ▶ Allows different architectures to deliver events

CloudEvents (cloudevents.io)

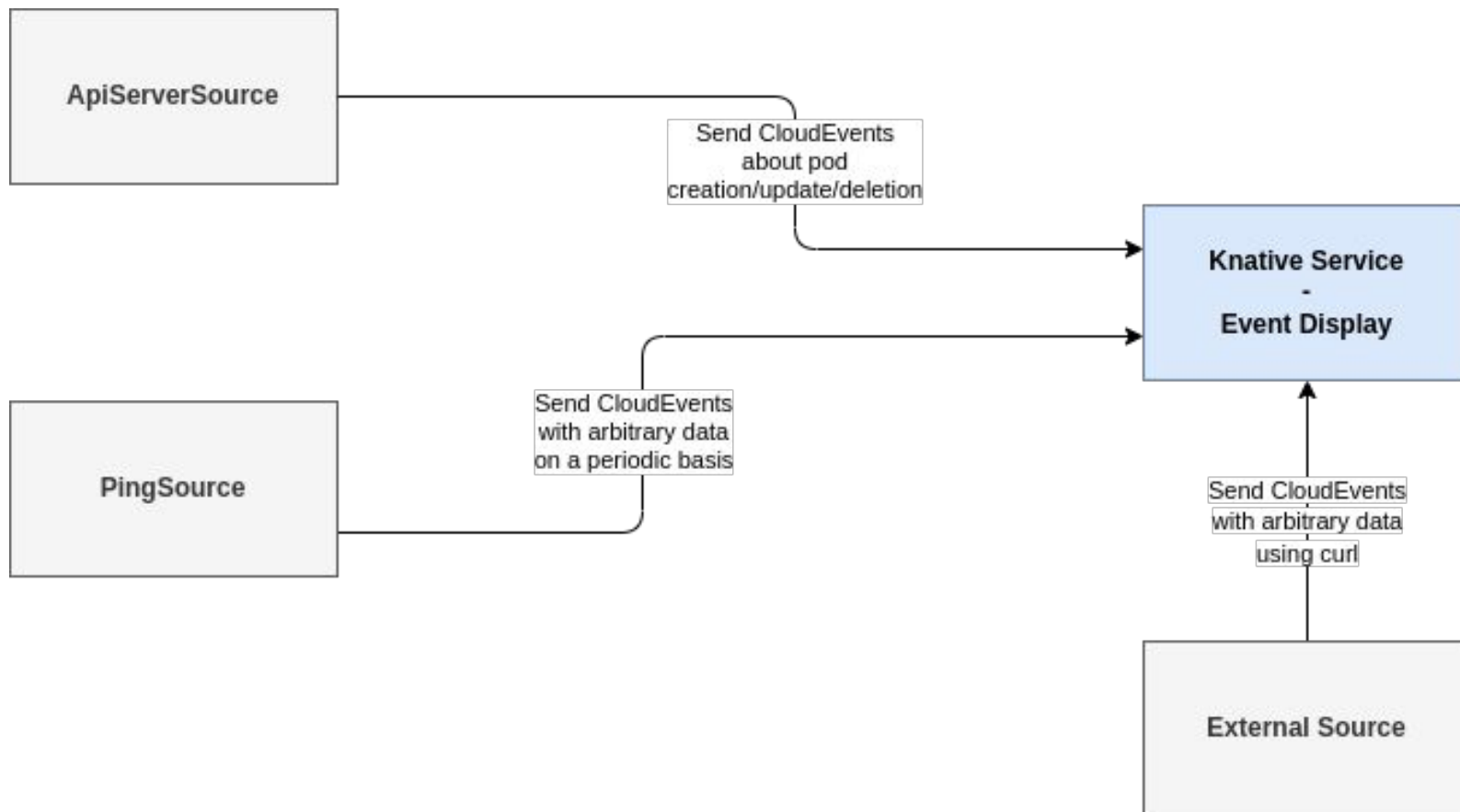
- ▶ Events are standard, they follow the CloudEvents specifications
- ▶ Sending event is standard, they are sent with HTTP POST

```
{
  "specversion": "1.0",
  "type": "falco.rule.output.v1",
  "source": "syscall",
  "id": "b179bf43-ef62-4808-81e9-058d2cd0edcd",
  "time": "2022-09-09T10:02:40.435537425Z",
  "datacontenttype": "application/json",
  "data": "{\"output\": \"Notice Unexpected connection to K8s API Server from container\"}"
}
```

Source to Sink (n:1)



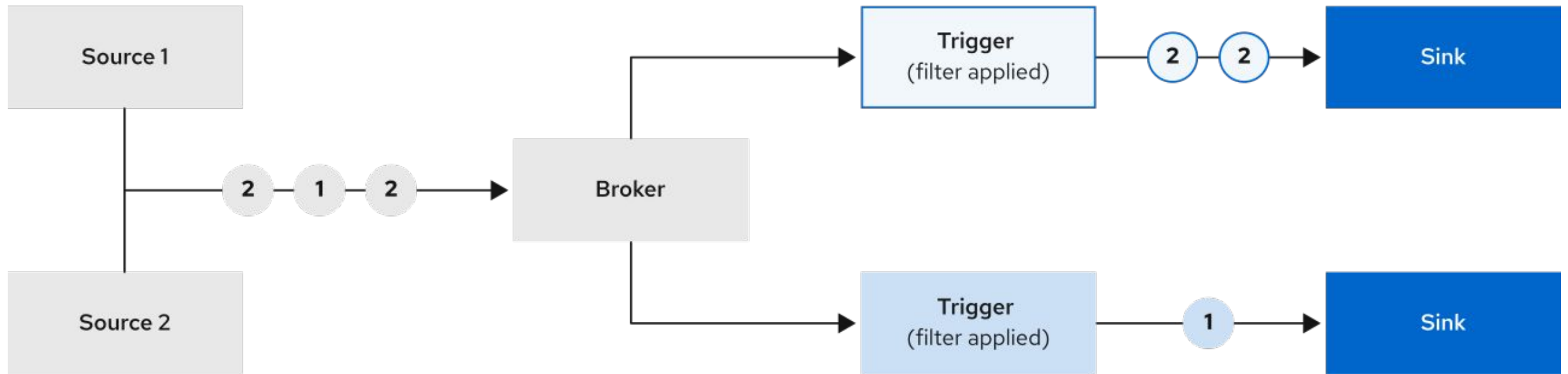
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The **ApiServerSource** needs RBAC to be configured in order to read pods information in the namespace or at the cluster level.

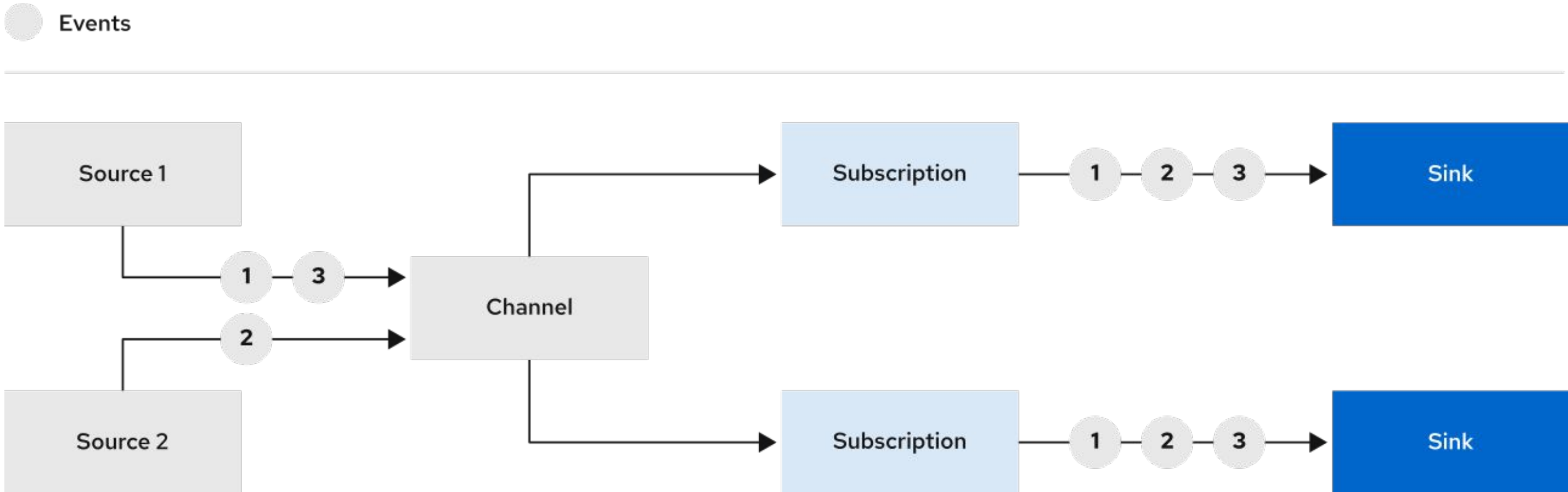
Broker and Trigger (n:n)

● ○ ● Events

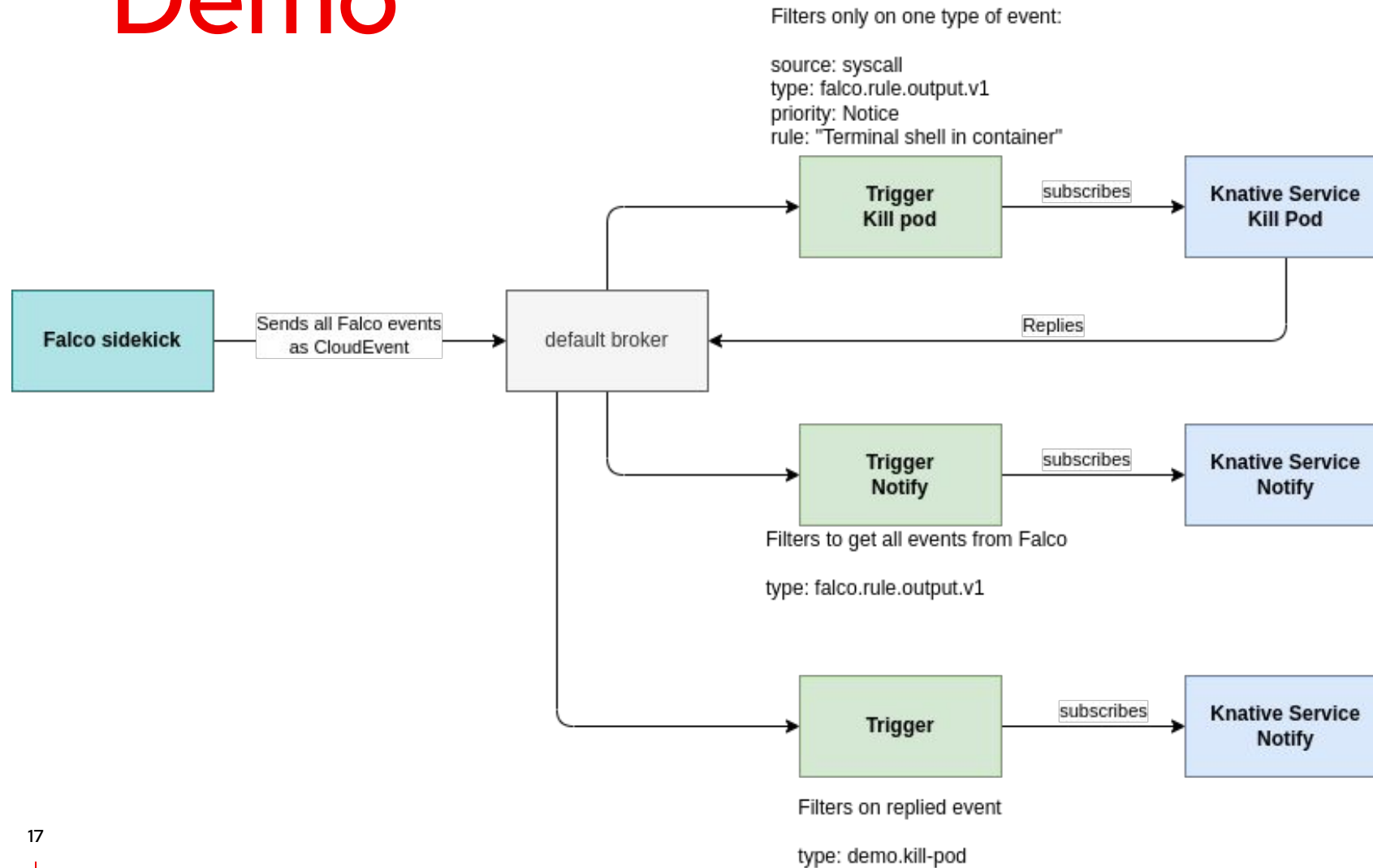


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Channel and Subscription (n:n)



Demo



Other topics



Custom event sources

Create new sources from producers that does not emit CloudEvents or that is simply not included by default in Knative

Handling Delivery Failure

Configure where to send event when delivery failed

Flows


Define order of service invocation using Sequence or Parallel

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