Kairos

The immutable edge Kubernetes



Introduction

Kairos - Immutable Edge Infrastructure



Introduction - Kubernetes at the Edge

- Why K8s at the edge

 Move compute close to data
 Cloud-native app at the edge
 Local data AI/ML analytics, processing, user interactive applications
- What's the challenge

 Machine image management nightmare
 Deployment/update OS & K8s at the Edge is too hard
 Security at the edge?
 Incremental updates?
 What if update fails?
 Customization and integration at host OS level?



Kairos

- Enabling Kubernetes workload at the Edge with an easy but resilient approach
- Immutable OS, Tamperproof
- OS & K8s agnostic (openSUSE, Ubuntu, Alpine, K3s, PXK-E, MicroK8s, ...)
- Customizable and composable
- OCI Container based infra
- Highly engineered and automatic QA process



Design and Architecture

Kubernetes Immutable Edge Infrastructure



Ease of use



Onboarding of nodes can be done via:

- QR code also from non-technical people on the site
- manually and interactively
- remotely via SSH, or completely automated with Kubernetes, with zero touch provisioning



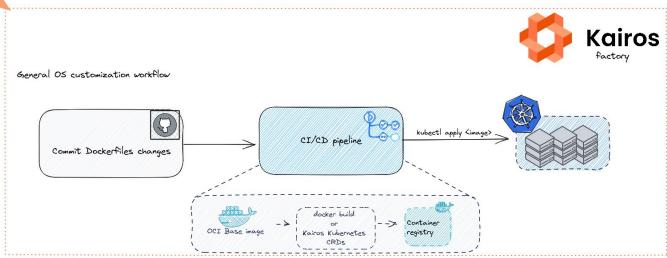




Cloud native



Cloud-init support, extended customizations with Dockerfiles





Immutability

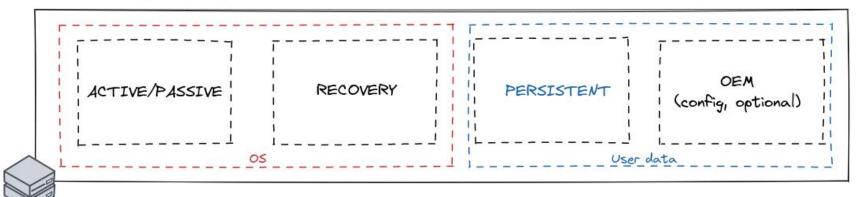


The OS is:

- Immutable and tamper-proof separated from your data encrypted

Tamper-proof yet flexible, with no runtime engine overhead to run containerized OS.

Installation partitioning

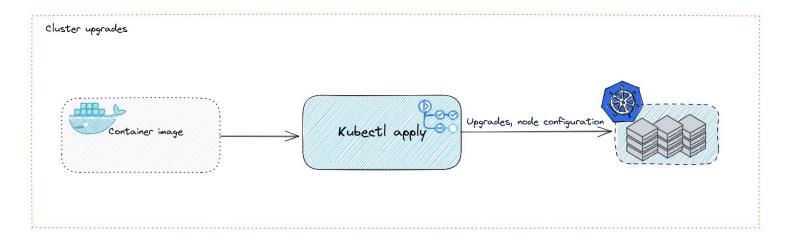




Simplify infra lifecycle management with containers



Containers images are booted as standard systems, and upgrades are distributed with container registries

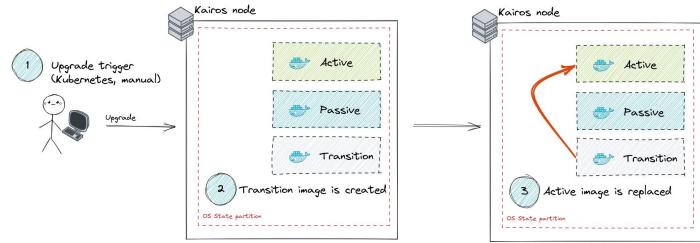




Distro agnostic



A design which works on every Linux Distribution. Upgrades are served via OTA and are OCI container images

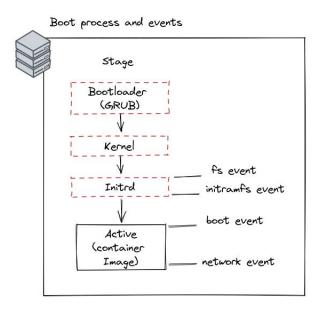




Flexibility



A modular approach allows to interact with the system and extend configuration on runtime and during build





Kairos deployment strategies

- Auto-Installer images deploying a target container image
- Automatic install with ISO
- Interactive, Manual installation
- Netboot
- Custom OS images with Kairos Kubernetes Native Extensions
- Automatic onboarding with Kairos CAPI Kubernetes Native Extensions (on Roadmap)



Thanks!



