

# Introduction to KEDA

Kubernetes Event-Driven Autoscaling



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# Agenda

Overview of KEDA

Key Features of KEDA

How KEDA Works

Use Cases

Hands-on Demo

Challenges & Future

Q&A Session

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# What is KEDA?



Definition of KEDA (Kubernetes  
Event-Driven Autoscaling)



Brief history and background



Importance of autoscaling in  
Kubernetes

# What is KEDA?



Definition of KEDA

KEDA is a Kubernetes-based **Event Driven Autoscaler**. With KEDA, you can drive the scaling of any container in Kubernetes based on the **number of events** needing to be processed.



Brief history and background

KEDA is a **single-purpose** and lightweight component that can be added into any Kubernetes cluster. KEDA works alongside standard Kubernetes components like the **Horizontal Pod Autoscaler** and can extend functionality without overwriting or duplication. With KEDA you can explicitly map the apps you want to use event-driven scale, with other apps continuing to function. This makes KEDA a flexible and safe option to run alongside any number of any other Kubernetes applications or frameworks.



Importance of autoscaling in Kubernetes

Ref : <https://keda.sh/>

# What is KEDA?



Definition of KEDA

KEDA was created through a collaborative effort between Microsoft and Red Hat. The project was initiated in **2019** and has since evolved significantly.



Brief history and background

Accepted as a Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF) sandbox project in **2020**.



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The community started growing as well, the project governance matured and KEDA became a CNCF Incubation project in **2021**.

August 22, **2023** CNCF has accepted to move KEDA to a CNCF Graduated project next to projects such as Kubernetes, Prometheus, Istio and others!

Ref : <https://keda.sh/>

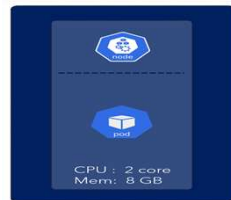
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## HPA

- ✓ Automatically adjusts pod replicas.
- ✓ Scales based on CPU utilization.
- ✓ Enhances application responsiveness.
- ✓ Optimizes resource utilization

## VPA

- ✓ Adjusts CPU and memory resources.
- ✓ Resource right-sizing.
- ✓ Supports 1,000 pods per cluster
- ✓ Stores up to eight days of historical data.

## KEDA

- ✓ Enables event-driven scaling.
- ✓ Supports multiple event sources like RabbitMQ, Azure Functions etc.
- ✓ Provides fine-grained scaling based on custom metrics.
- ✓ Reduces resource consumption during idle periods by scaling to zero.





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- ✓ **Elastic responsiveness:** Autoscaling adapts to resource demand, ensuring optimal performance.
- ✓ **Efficient resource utilization:** Scales up or down based on CPU and memory needs.
- ✓ **Application reliability:** Maintains consistent service during traffic spikes or lulls.
- ✓ **Cost optimization:** Avoids overprovisioning by dynamically adjusting resources.
- ✓ **Streamlined management:** Automates scaling, freeing administrators from manual adjustments.

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## Features



### Autoscaling Made Simple

Bring rich scaling to every workload in your [Kubernetes](#) cluster



### Event-driven

Intelligently scale your event-driven application



### Built-in Scalers

Catalog of 50+ built-in scalers for various cloud platforms, databases, messaging systems, telemetry systems, CI/CD, and more



### Multiple Workload Types

Support for variety of workload types such as deployments, jobs & custom resources with [/scale](#) sub-resource



### Reduce environmental impact

Build sustainable platforms by optimizing workload scheduling and scale-to-zero



### Extensible

Bring-your-own or use community-maintained scalers



### Vendor-Agnostic

Support for triggers across variety of cloud providers & products



### Azure Functions Support

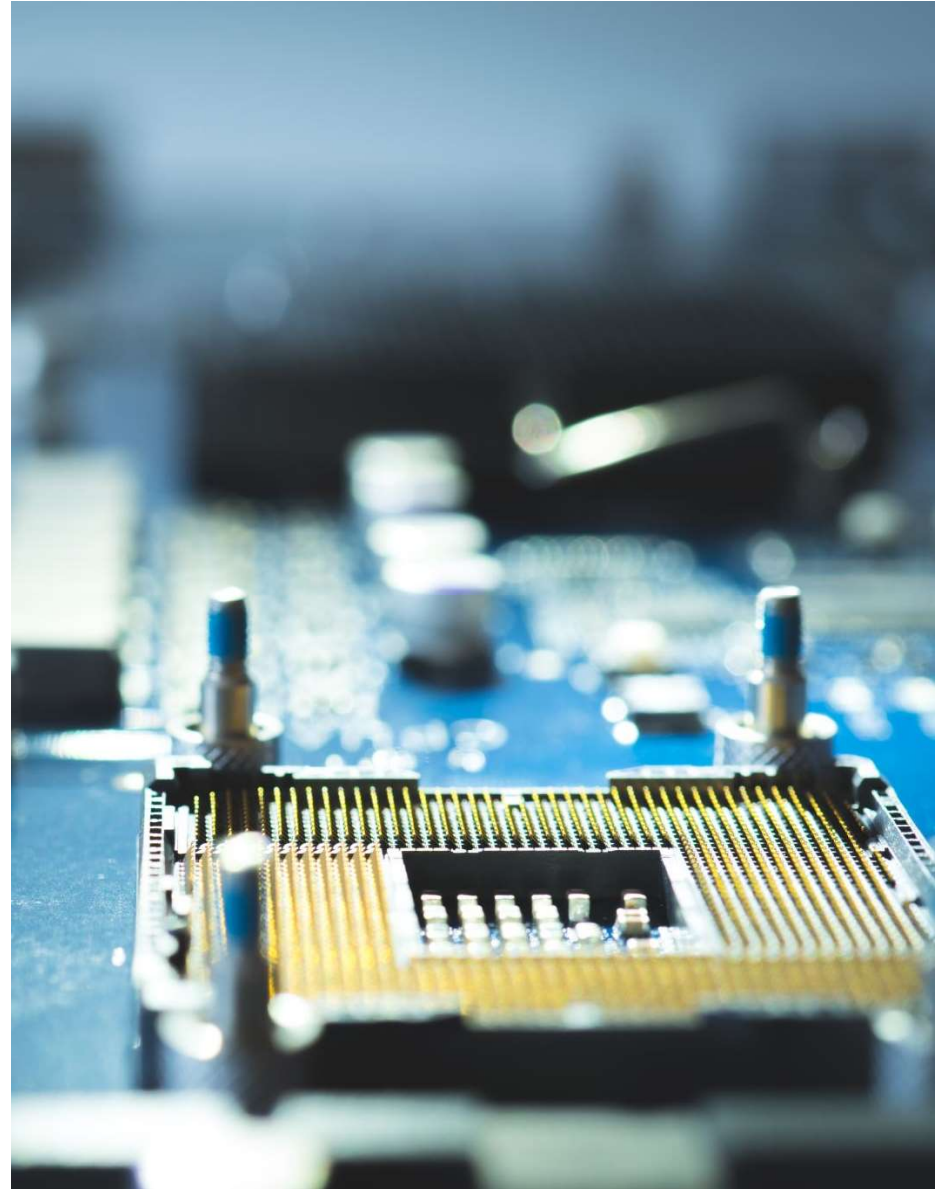
Run and scale your Azure Functions on Kubernetes in production workloads

Ref : <https://keda.sh/>  
<https://keda.sh/docs/2.14/scalers/>

# How KEDA Works?

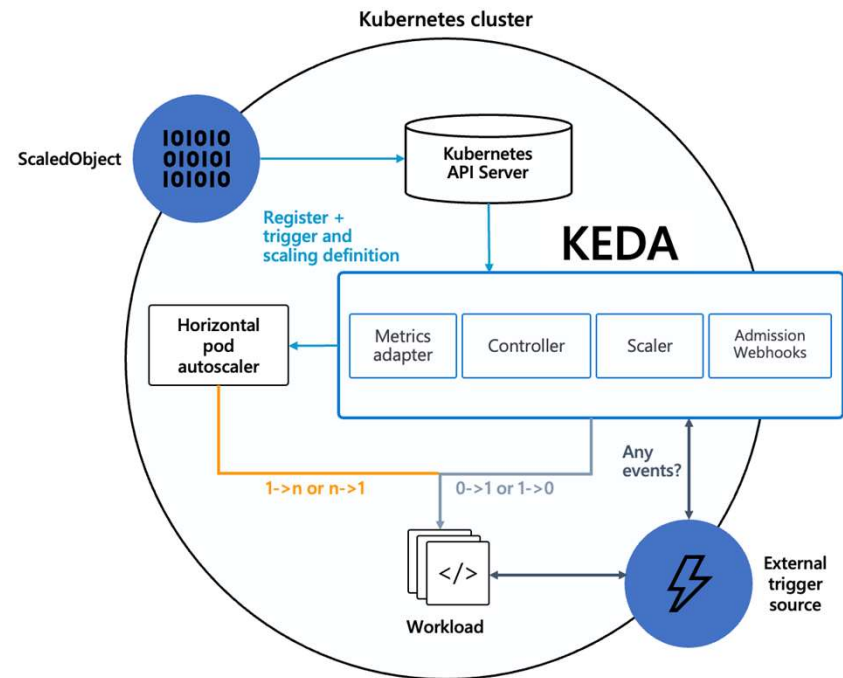
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# KEDA

## Architecture



# Hands-on Demo

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myredis-64125.redis.cache.windows.net:6379>
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Context: azp-agent-cluster  
Cluster: azp-agent-cluster  
User: clusterUser\_azpagent-aks\_azp-agent-clust  
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Ref : <https://github.com/kedacore/samples>

# Challenges and Limitations

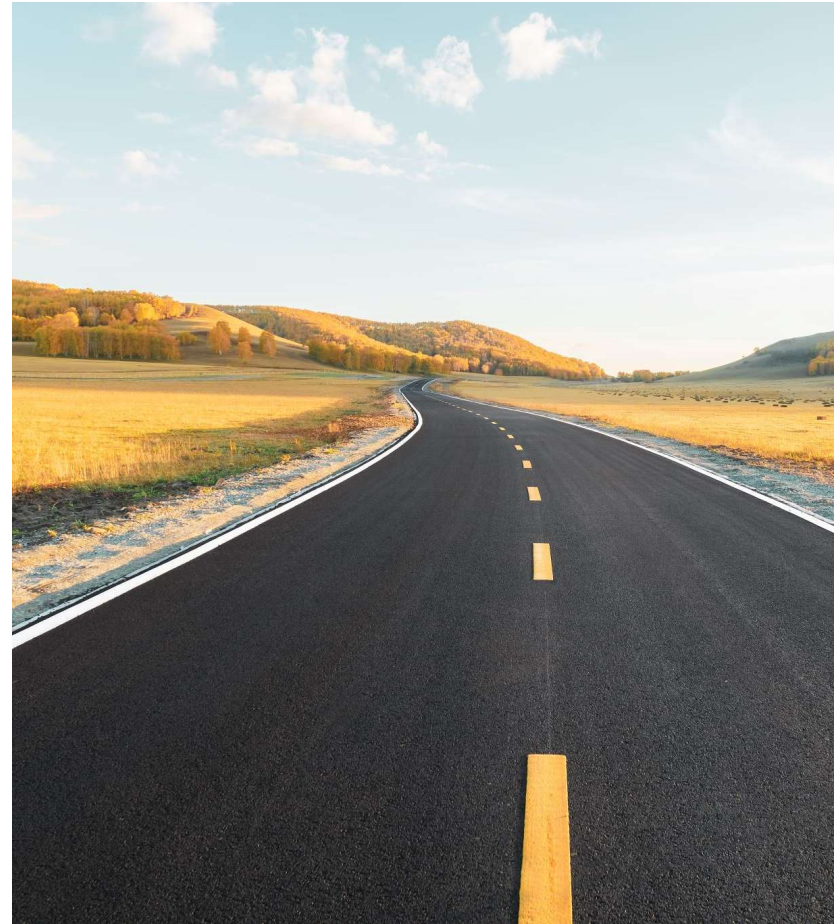
- Cold Start Latency
- Limited Scaler Support
- Configuration Overhead



# Future of KEDA

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- ✓ Enhanced Scaler Support
- ✓ PredictKube
- ✓ Improved Monitoring





# Thank You

Reach out to me in case any doubts,  
suggestions or feedback !!