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CNCF Cross-cloud CI Deep Dive: Using Cross-cloud with Cloud-native Network Functions (CNFs)

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CNCF Cross-cloud CI + CNF

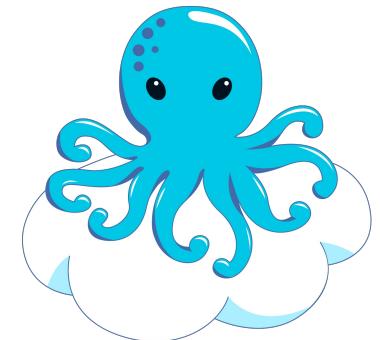


The Cross-Cloud CI project tests Kubernetes (K8s) and projects running on K8s across multiple cloud providers.

The CNF project provides reference code and test comparisons of Cloud-native Network Functions.

Agenda - 35 Minutes

- Intro to CNCF Cross-cloud CI Project
 - Cross-cloud Kubernetes provisioner
- Intro to CNCF Cloud-native Network Functions (CNFs) Project
 - Reproducible CI for NFV testing
 - Using cross-cloud with CNFs
- Lessons learned / Challenges
- What's next
- How to collaborate
- Q/A

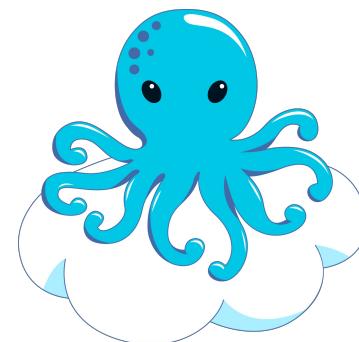


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Quick Intro to CNCF Cross-cloud CI



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What is CNCF Cross-cloud CI?

What? The CNCF Cross-cloud CI project consists of a composable base CI system, a status repository server and a dashboard.

The underlying CI testing system has 3 stages (build pipeline per project, cloud provisioning with cross-cloud, app deployments with cross-project) that continually **validate the interoperability of each CNCF project for any commit on stable and head across all supported cloud providers.**

The testing system can reuse artifacts from a project's existing CI system or generate new build artifacts. The status repository server collects the test results and the dashboard displays them.

Goal: to Target CNCF Projects

Graduated



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Goal: to Target Non-CNCF Projects

Implemented



Goal: to Target Public, Bare Metal & Private Clouds



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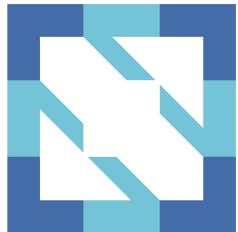
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CNCF CI Platform Timeline



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- Feb 28, 2017: CI Platform started
- Jan 26, 2018: v.1.0.0 Dashboard released
- Mar 20, 2018: v1.2.0 included ONAP
- Sept 7, 2018: v1.5.0 included Envoy
- Oct 31, 2018: v1.6.0 included OCI



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CI Status Dashboard Overview



CI Dashboard Overview:

- Overview of cncf.ci
 - Shows status of 3 pipeline stages: Build, Provision and App Deployments
 - Refreshes at 3:00am Eastern Time every day
 - Supports dynamically adding/removing active clouds and projects
 - Clicking on Build status badge opens CI system build job URL
 - Clicking on Release Name opens project's GitHub commit URL
 - Clicking on Deployment status badge opens “provisioning/app-deploy” job URL

CI Dashboard at cncf.ci



CI DASHBOARD: Overview

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Testing System Overview

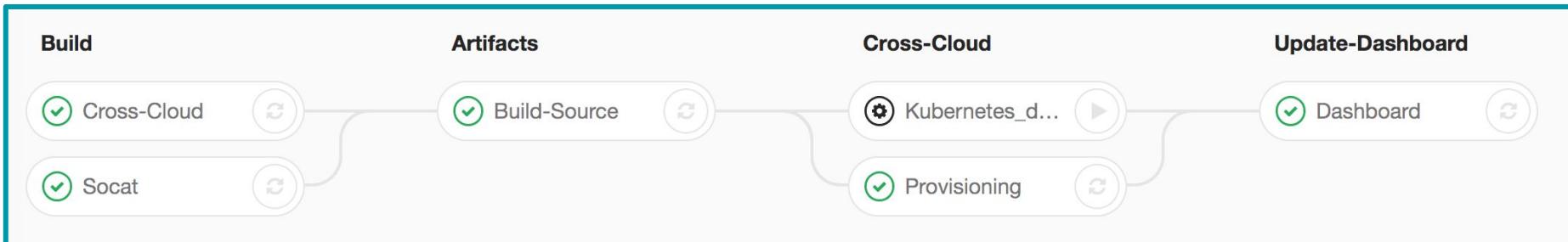
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- **App deployment pipeline** (cross-project)

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K8s Provisioning Pipeline Stage

- 1. Build:** Prepare provisioning software from the cross-cloud project
- 2. Artifacts:** Collect K8s artifact pinnings from the previous K8s builds
- 3. Cross-Cloud:** Deploy K8s onto each cloud using cross-cloud provisioner
- 4. Update-Dashboard:** Update deployment badges



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2. Provision w/ cross-cloud

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3. Deploy w/ cross-project

CI System Technology Overview

- **Unified CI/CD platform:** GitLab
- **App deployments and e2e tests:** K8s manifest management with Helm
- **Cross-cloud provisioning:** Terraform, Cloud-init and per cloud K8s configuration
- **Automated builds and deployments:** Git + per project yaml configuration

Quick Intro to CNCF Cloud-native Network Functions (CNFs)

CNF Project Intro

CNCF is ushering the evolution of Virtualized Network Functions (VNFs) to Cloud-native Network Functions (CNFs) running on Kubernetes in public, private, or hybrid clouds.

The transition to CNFs will provide 3 major benefits to service providers:

1. Cost savings (capex/opex)
2. Improved resiliency
3. Higher development velocity

CNF Project Intro

The CNF project facilitates open collaboration on the development and use of Cloud-native Network Functions for real world use cases. The project provides reference code and test comparisons of CNFs.

<https://github.com/cncf/cnfs>

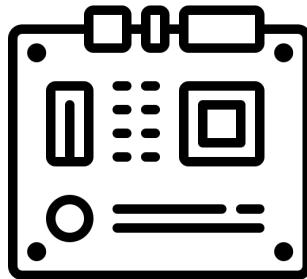
CNF Project Goals

The ideal outcome of the CNF project is that a third party developer can run the provided CNF reference code/benchmarking tests with an API key and a couple of CLI commands.

Note: the CNF project is still in the prototype stage. Additional reference code and benchmarking tests will be added incrementally.

Reproducible CI for NFV testing

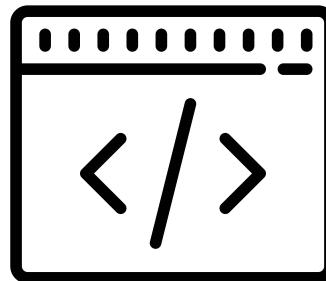
Creating a Neutral Test Environment



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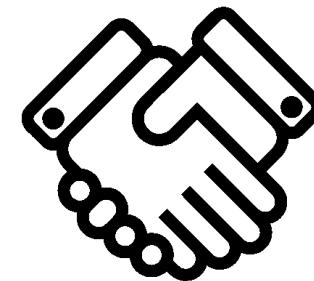
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Software

Open:

- 100% open source
- Vanilla Kubernetes
- Helm

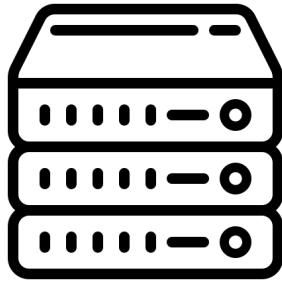


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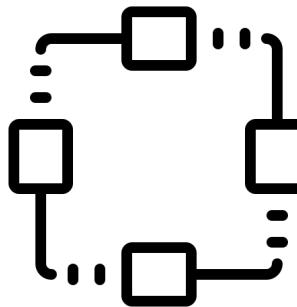
Collaboration:

- Cross-group
- Multi-vendor

Reproducible Infrastructure



Machines



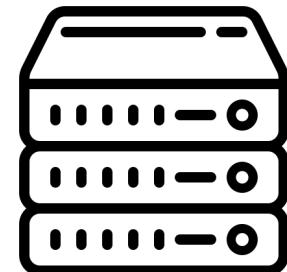
Networking

Provisioning Physical Machines

The machines running the network functions use commodity hardware and all configuration is documented.

Specs at a glance:

- CPU: Dual socket Xeon Gold 5120 (2.2Ghz)
- Cores: 24 per CPU (48 total)
- Memory: 384 GB of DDR4 ECC
- Storage: 3.2 TB of NVMe Flash
- NIC: Quad port Intel x710



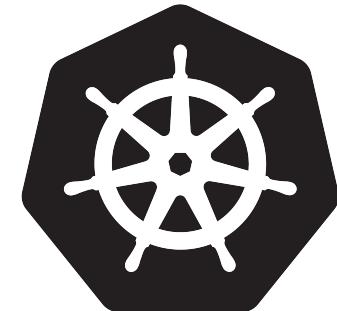
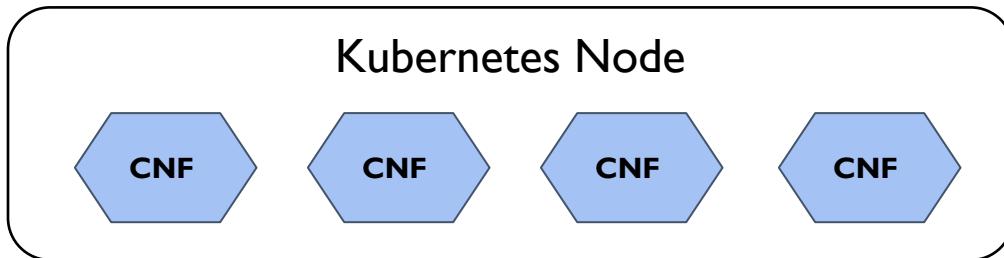
The system hardware configuration is based on the [Packet m2.xlarge.x86](#).

Using either the default [dual port Mellanox ConnectX-4 NIC](#) or a [quad port Intel x710 NIC](#).
The NIC ports are connected to 10GbE ports on the top-of-rack switches.

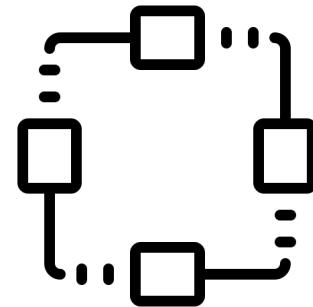
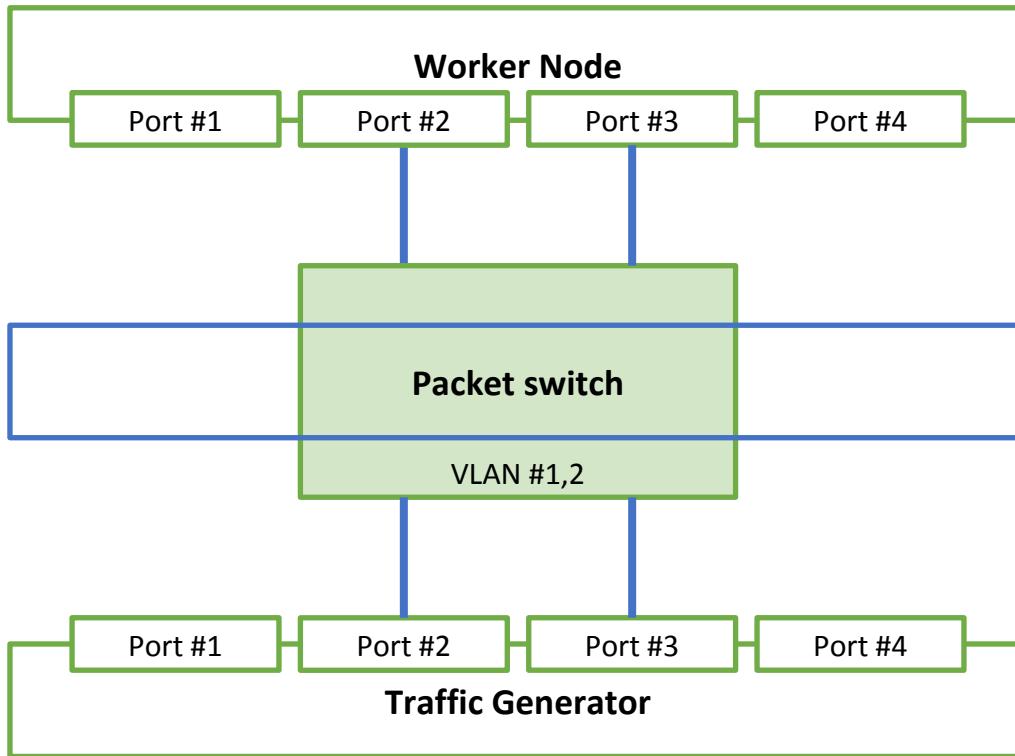
Vanilla K8s Clusters

Kubernetes test environment:

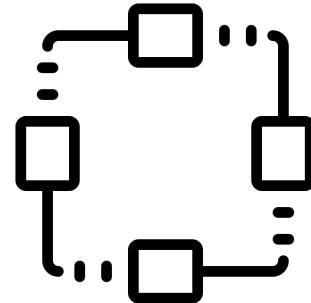
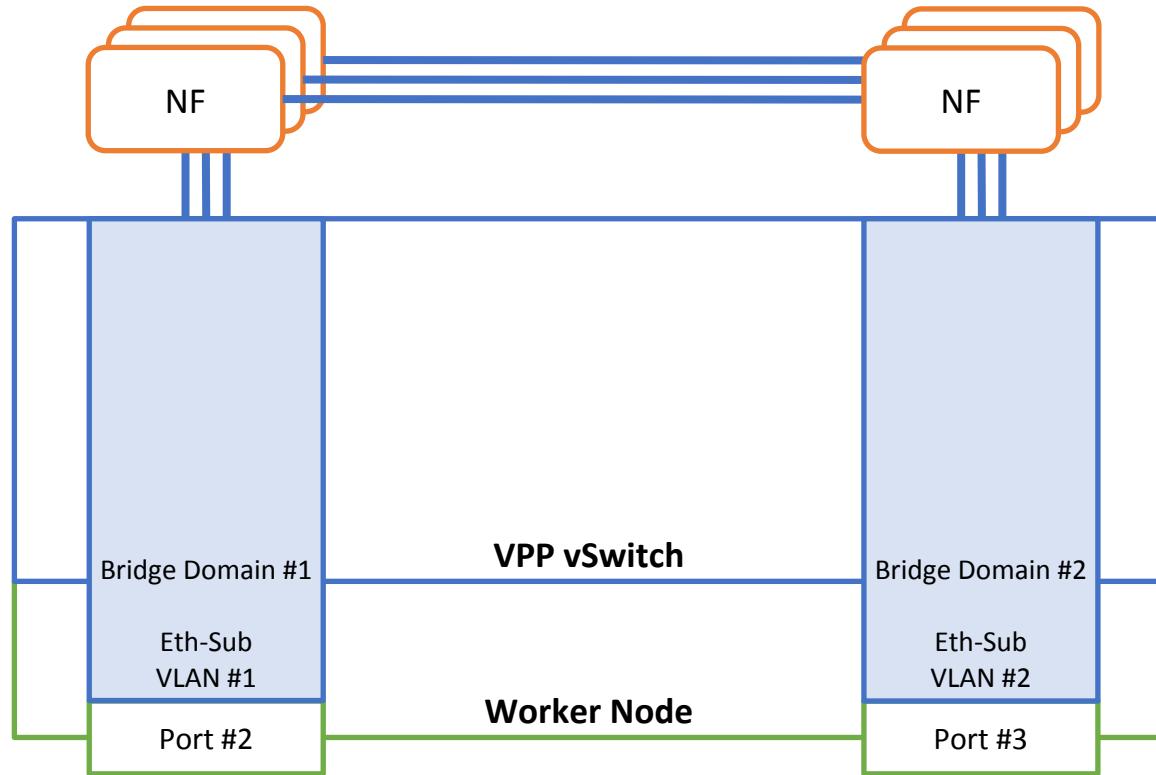
- Deployment of Kubernetes with cross-cloud
- Kubernetes services running on bare metal



Layer-2 Network Wiring



Layer-2 Host Configuration





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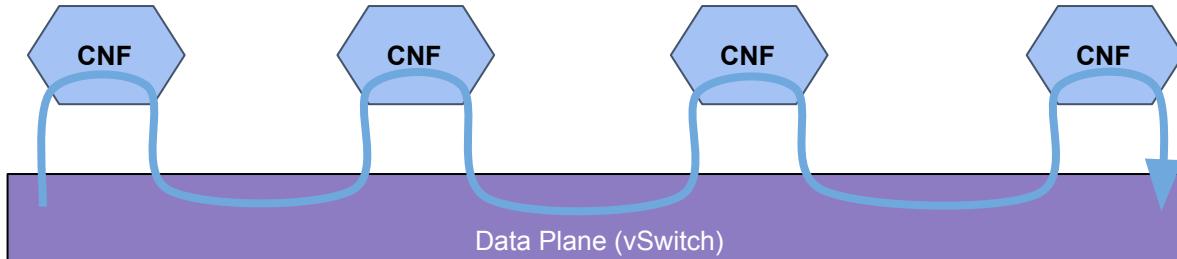


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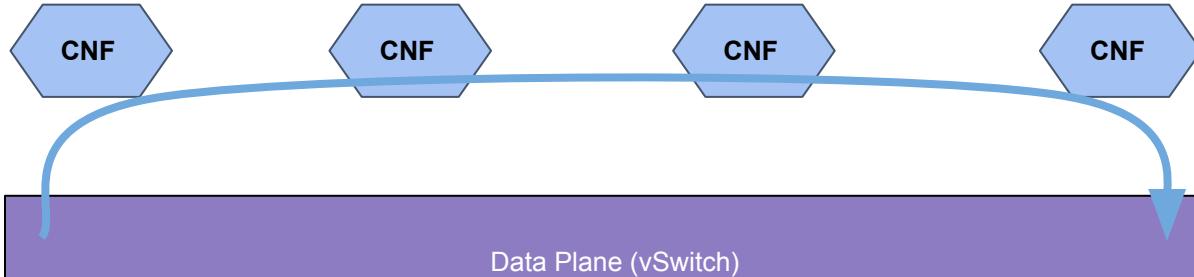
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Layer 2 CNF Connections

Kubernetes Node



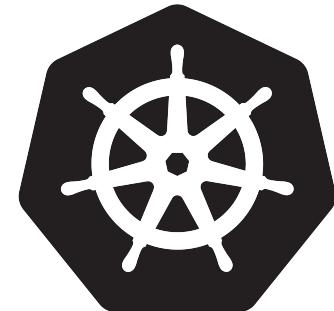
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Deploying K8s w/Layer-2 Support!

Kubernetes test clusters:

- Deployment of Kubernetes with cross-cloud
 - + Ansible + cpu management policies
- Kubernetes services running on bare metal
- High-performance Layer-2 networking w/VPP for CNFs and host vSwitch
- Connecting CNFs over memif sockets



Using Cross-cloud with CNF Project

Cross-cloud Enhanced for CNFs

New features:

- Added support for Ubuntu 18.04 as a host OS
- Support reserved Packet instances
- Enable support for cpu-management-policies
- Support worker node reboots for kernel config (eg. grub) updates



Lessons Learned / Challenges

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Creating neutral and easily reproducible test comparisons has its obstacles, including:

- General challenges transitioning from VNFs to CNFs
- Reproducible infrastructure provisioning
- Reproducible clusters with high-performance data planes

Transitioning from VNFs to CNFs



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- Moving from network functionality from physical hardware to encapsulating the software in a virtual machine (P2V) is generally easier than containerizing the software (P2C or V2C)
- Many network function virtualization VMs rely on kernel hacks or otherwise do not restrict themselves to just the stable Linux kernel userspace ABI
 - They also often need to use DPDK or SR-IOV to achieve sufficient performance
- Containers provide nearly direct access to the hardware with little or no virtualization overhead
 - But they expect containerized applications to use the stable userspace Linux kernel ABI, not to bypass it

Reproducible Infrastructure Provisioning



- Just because it's in the API does not mean it works
- Access to the switch configuration does not mean you can set it up as expected
- Limits in provider facilities and between customer projects

Reproducible Clusters

- OpenStack
- Host OS - builds, packages, defaults
- Standard plugins vs source builds

What's Next?

What's Next for Cross-cloud?

Cross-Group Collaboration:

- Network Service Mesh (NSM) collaboration
- Merge enhancements from forks/pull requests (eg. VMWare)
- Gathering feedback from End Users, CNCF Projects and K8s Community
- Planning next iteration of project

What's Next for Cross-cloud?

Features:

- Supporting Network Service Mesh
- Layer-2 for different providers
- Supporting kubeadm
- Supporting offline services like DNS

What's Next for CNCF CNFs?

Events and presentations:

- KubeCon CNFs BoF on Wed, Dec 12 at 2:35pm PT
 - <https://sched.co/JCLS>
- Mobile World Congress, Barcelona, February 25-28, 2019
 - <https://www.mwcbarcelona.com>
- Open Networking Summit, San Jose, California, April 3 - 5, 2019
 - <https://events.linuxfoundation.org/events/open-networking-summit-north-america-2019/>

What's Next for CNCF CNFs?



Enhancements:

- Comparisons with OpenStack, Firecracker, Singularity
- Supporting more environments (eg. Amazon bare metal)
- Adding more use cases

How to collaborate

How to Collaborate with Cross-cloud

- **Attend CI WG meetings:**
 - <https://github.com/cncf/wg-ci>
- **Subscribe to the CNCF CI public mailing list:**
 - <https://lists.cncf.io/g/cncf-ci-public>
- **Create issues on GitHub:**
 - <https://github.com/crosscloudci/cross-cloud/issues>
- **Review KubeCon Cross-cloud CI Intro Slides:**
 - <https://kccna18.sched.com/event/Grci>

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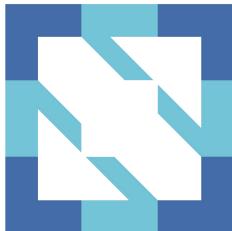


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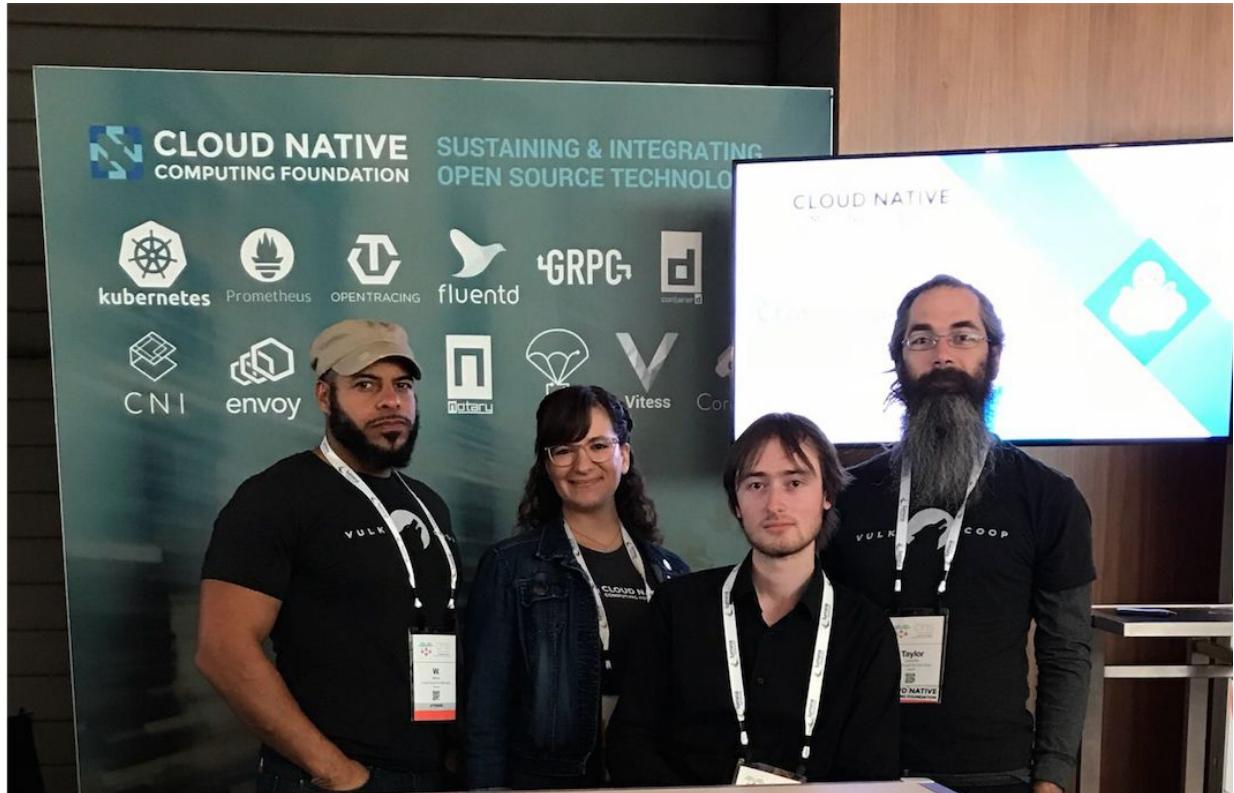
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