



# What is Helm?

The package manager for Kubernetes

# What Is A Package Manager?



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A package manager or package-management system is a collection of software tools that automates the process of installing, upgrading, configuring, and removing computer programs for a computer's operating system in a consistent manner.

*Source: Wikipedia*

Helm helps you manage Kubernetes applications — Helm Charts help you define, install, and upgrade even the most complex Kubernetes application.

Charts are easy to create, version, share, and publish — so start using Helm and stop the copy-and-paste.

*Source: helm.sh*

**Package Management:** Tooling that enables someone who has knowledge of an application and a platform to package up an application so that someone else who has neither extensive knowledge of the application or the way it needs to be run on the platform can use it.

# An apt example

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install mariadb-server
```

# An apt example



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```
$ sudo apt-get install wget ca-certificates
$ wget --quiet -O - https://www.postgresql.org/media/keys/ACCC4CF8.asc
  | sudo apt-key add -
$ sudo sh -c 'echo "deb http://apt.postgresql.org/pub/repos/apt/
`lsb_release -cs`-pgdg main" >> /etc/apt/sources.list.d/pgdg.list'

$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install postgresql postgresql-contrib
```

# With Helm...

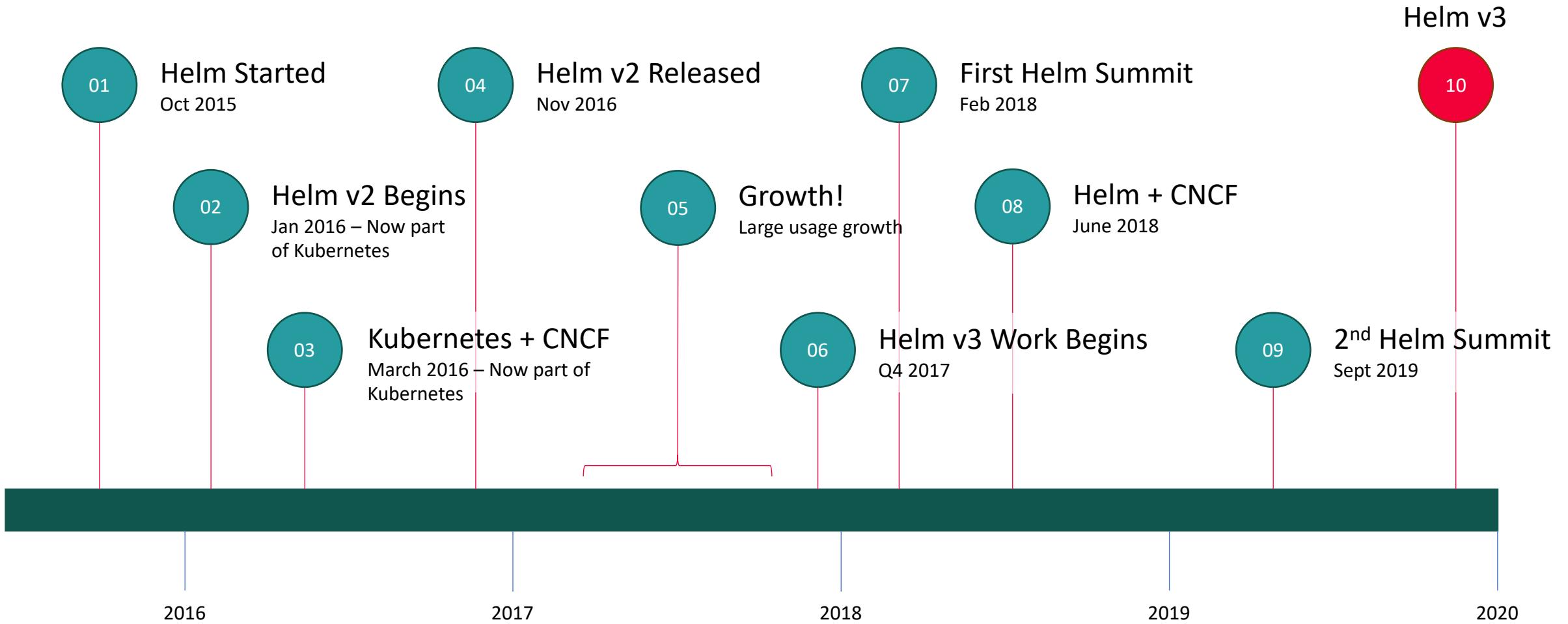
```
$ helm repo add bitnami https://charts.bitnami.com  
$ helm install mymaria bitnami/mariadb
```

# Is Helm trustworthy?

Many tools come, go, and make major changes in the cloud native space.  
Can you trust Helm to use in your toolchain?

“To conclude, in light of the findings stemming from this CNCF-funded project, Cure53 can only state that the Helm project projects the impression of being highly mature. This verdict is driven by a number of different factors described above and essentially means that ***Helm can be recommended for public deployment***, particularly when properly configured and secured in accordance to recommendations specified by the development team.”

*From First Helm Security Audit Report (emphasis added)*





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# Semantic Versioning

v2 . 3 . 4

Major                    Minor                    Patch

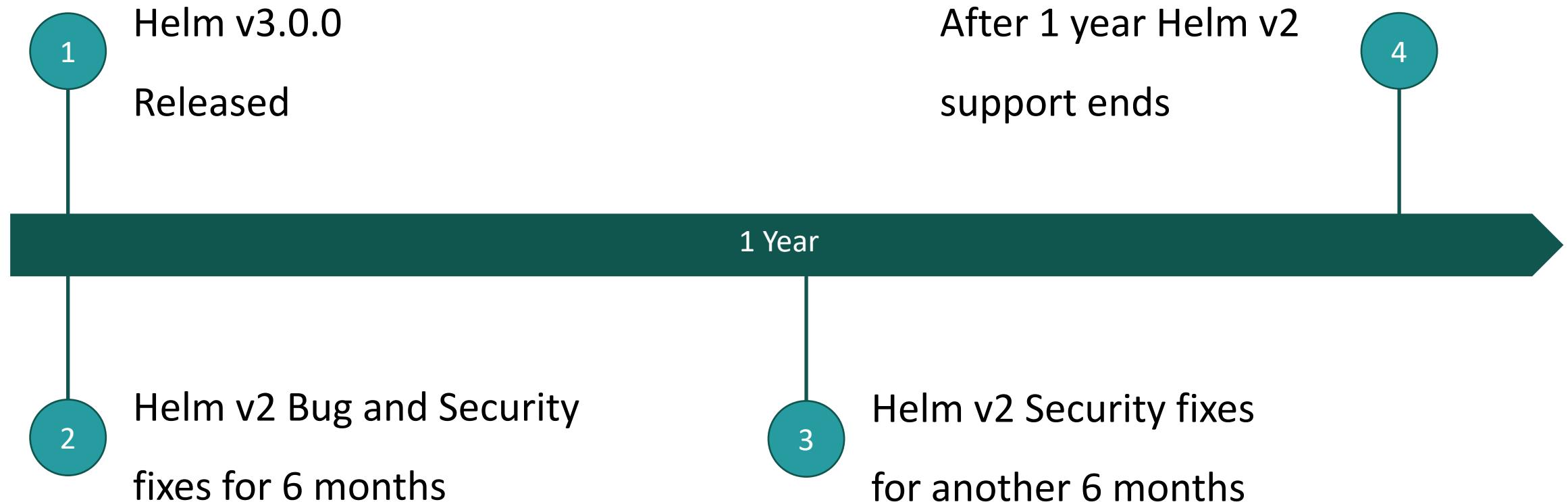
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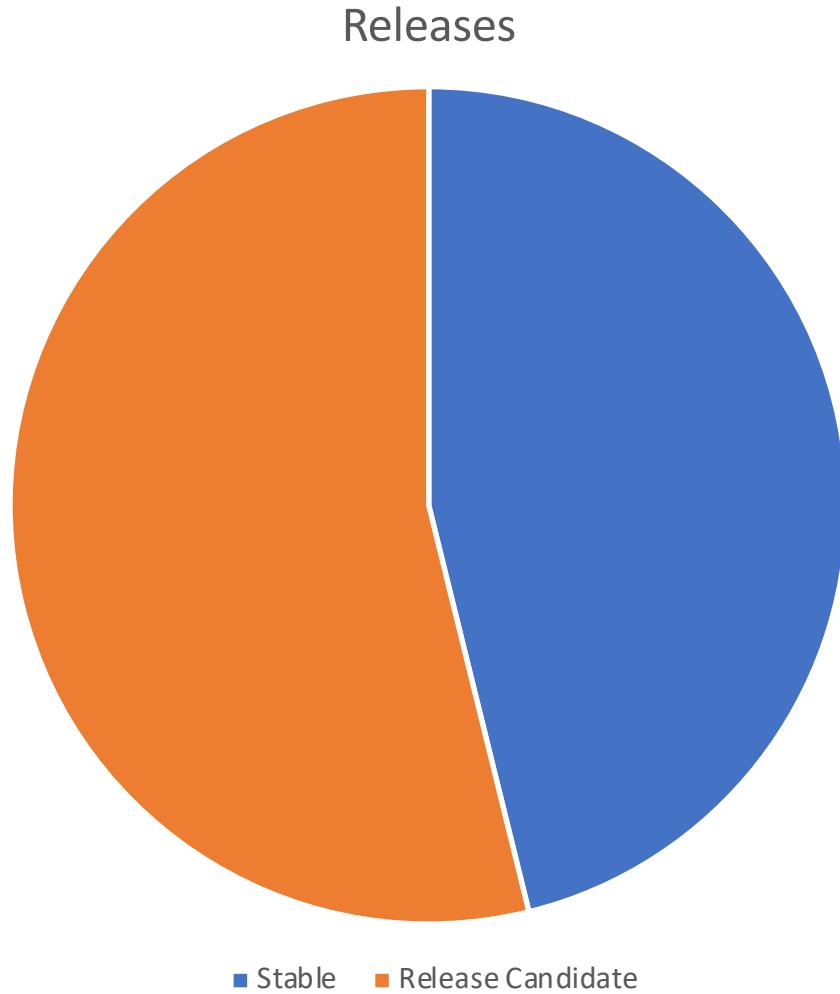
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# Release Candidates



# Power Users



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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF) mailing list page for the group `cncf-helm-power-users@lists.cncf.io`. The page has a blue header with the CNCF logo and navigation links for Home, Messages, Hashtags, and Subgroups. The main content area features the CNCF logo and the text "CLOUD NATIVE COMPUTING FOUNDATION". Below this, the group name is displayed along with its description: "Helm Power Users Mailing List". A "Group Information" section provides details: 43 Members, 8 Topics, Last Post: Oct 31, Started on 1/31/18, and a "Feed" link. The "Group Settings" section lists various configuration options with corresponding icons. At the bottom, there is a "Top Hashtags" section with a "See All" link.

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cncf-helm-power-users@lists.cncf.io

Group Description

Helm Power Users Mailing List

Group Information

- 43 Members
- 8 Topics, Last Post: Oct 31
- Started on 1/31/18
- [Feed](#)

Group Settings

- This is a subgroup of [main](#).
- All subscribers can post to the group.
- Posts to this group do not require approval from the moderators.
- Messages are set to reply to sender.
- Subscriptions to this group do not require approval from the moderators.
- Archives are visible to anyone.
- Wiki is visible to subscribers only.
- Members can edit their messages.
- Members can set their subscriptions to no email.

Top Hashtags [\[See All\]](#)

# Supported Operating Systems



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# Digging In To Helm

# Helm Charts



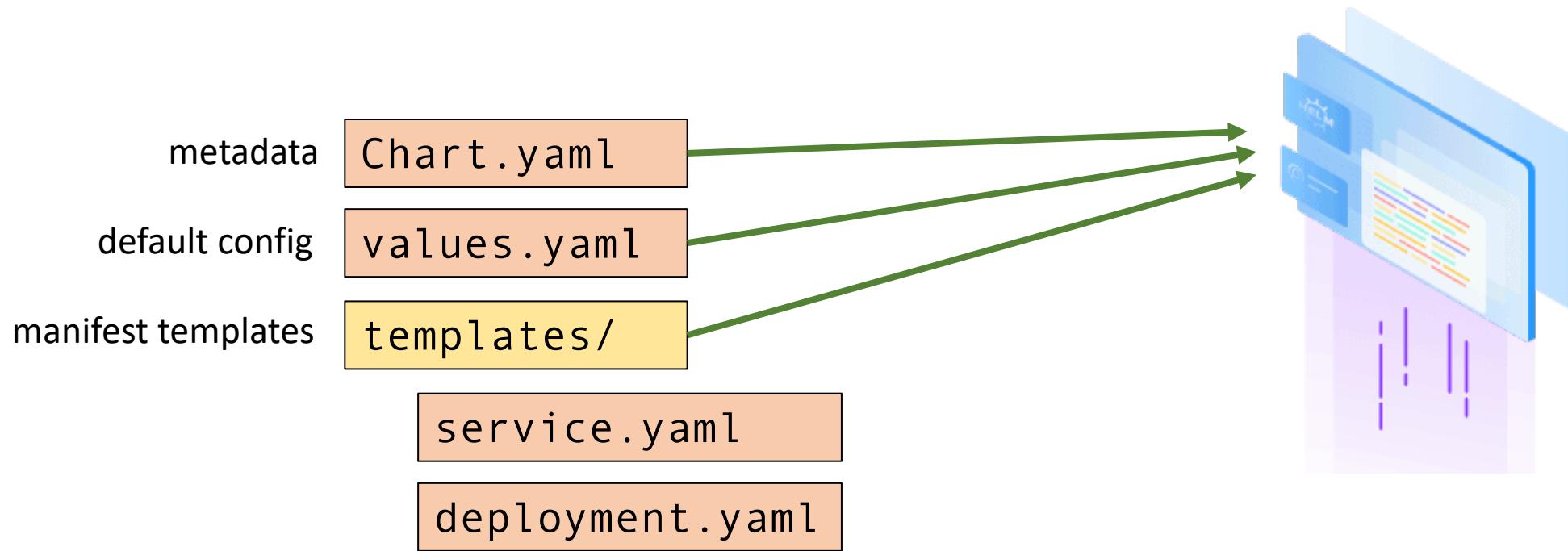
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Helm packages are referred to as **charts** – deployable units for Kubernetes-bound applications.

Charts are comprised of a collection of files (mostly YAML) at well-known locations.



# Creating a Chart



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Helm provides a command to scaffold out a typical chart layout:

```
helm create myapp
```



```
myapp/
├── Chart.yaml
├── charts
├── templates
│   ├── NOTES.txt
│   ├── _helpers.tpl
│   ├── deployment.yaml
│   ├── ingress.yaml
│   ├── service.yaml
│   └── serviceaccount.yaml
└── tests
    └── test-connection.yaml
values.yaml
```

```
# Source: Chart.yaml
apiVersion: v2
name: myapp
description: A Helm chart for Kubernetes
type: application
version: 0.1.0
appVersion: 1.16.0
```

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appVersion: 1.16.0

# List any chart dependencies
dependencies:
- name: mariadb
  version: 7.0.1
  repository: https://charts.bitnami.com
```

```
# Source: values.yaml
replicaCount: 1

image:
  repository: nginx
  tag: 1.17.5-alpine

service:
  type: ClusterIP
  port: 80

secretRef: my-existing-secret
```

```
# Source: templates/deployment.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: {{ include "myapp.fullname" . }}
  labels:
{{- include "myapp.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
spec:
  replicas: {{ .Values.replicaCount }}
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      {{- include "myapp.selectorLabels" . | nindent 6 }}
template:
  metadata:
    labels:
      {{- include "myapp.selectorLabels" . | nindent 8 }}
spec:
  containers:
    - name: {{ .Chart.Name }}
      image: {{ .Values.image.repo }}:{{ .Values.image.tag }}
```

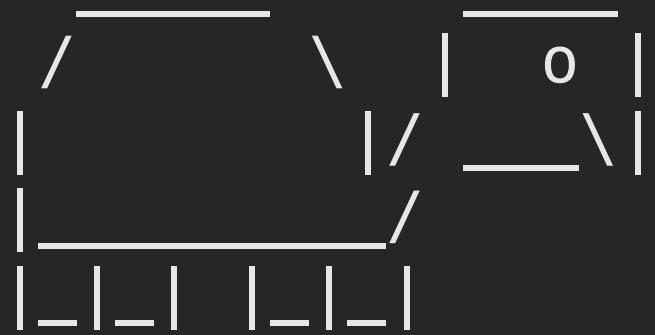
```
# Source: templates/_helpers.tpl

{{- define "myapp.selectorLabels" -}}
app.kubernetes.io/name: {{ include "myapp.name" . }}
app.kubernetes.io/instance: {{ .Release.Name }}
{{- end -}}
```

```
# Source: templates/test/test-connection.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: "{{ include "myapp.fullname" . }}-test-connection"
  labels:
{{ include "myapp.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
  annotations:
    "helm.sh/hook": test-success
spec:
  containers:
    - name: wget
      image: busybox
      command: ['wget']
      args: ['{{ include "myapp.fullname" . }}:{{ .Values.service.port }}']
      restartPolicy: Never
```

```
# Source: templates/NOTES.txt
```

Your installation was successful!



To access your application, go to:  
`{{ .Values.ingress.host }}`

# Templates

Files under the **templates/** directory are treated as dynamic YAML templates using the Go template language with some added functionality.

YAML templating prevents config duplication, and allows you to install the same chart in dev, staging, and production environments.

# Values

*Values files* contain a collection of key-values that represent the configuration settings for a chart.

**values.yaml** is the default, baseline values file.

Override default configuration of the chart by using additional values files or individual key-value pairs.

# Templates + Values =

The templates are rendered at install time against provided values, resulting in static, valid Kubernetes YAML.

```
# Source: templates/deployment.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: {{ include "myapp.fullname" . }}
  labels:
{{- include "myapp.labels" . | nindent 4}}
spec:
  replicas: {{ .Values.replicaCount }}
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      {{- include "myapp.selectorLabels" . | nindent 4}}
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        {{- include "myapp.selectorLabels" . | nindent 4}}
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: {{ .Chart.Name }}
          image: {{ .Values.image.repo }}:{{ .Values.image.tag }}
```

```
# Source: values.yaml
replicaCount: 1

image:
  repository: nginx
  tag: 1.17.5-alpine

service:
  type: ClusterIP
  port: 80

secretRef: my-existing-secret
```

```
# Source: myvals.yaml
image:
  tag: customtag
```

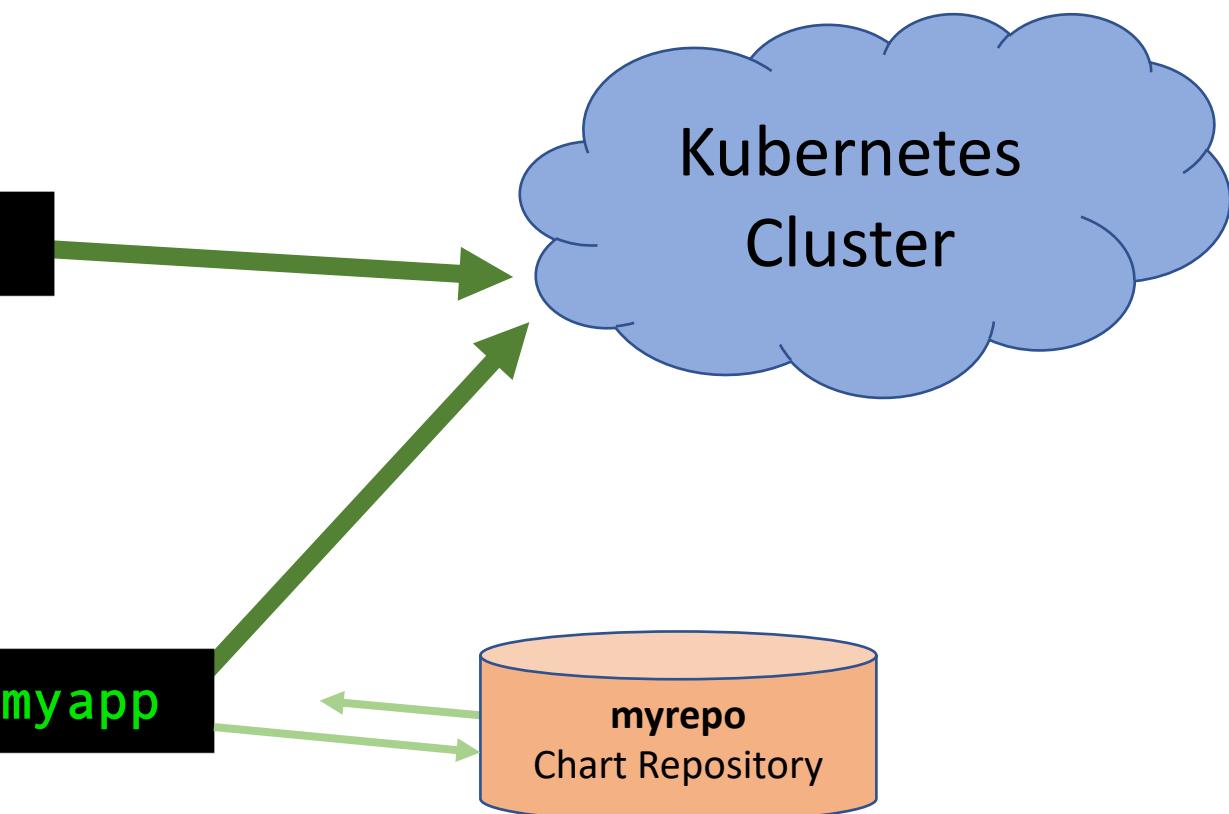
```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: myrelease-myapp
  labels:
    helm.sh/chart: myapp-0.1.0
    app.kubernetes.io/name: myapp
    app.kubernetes.io/instance: myrelease
    app.kubernetes.io/version: "1.16.0"
    app.kubernetes.io/managed-by: Helm
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app.kubernetes.io/name: myapp
      app.kubernetes.io/instance: myrelease
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app.kubernetes.io/name: myapp
        app.kubernetes.io/instance: myrelease
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: myapp
          image: nginx:customtag
```

# Installing a Chart

In an environment where you are authenticated against a running Kubernetes cluster, use Helm to install a chart from a chart directory, or from a remote *chart repository*.

1. From a chart directory:

```
helm install myrelease ./myapp
```



2. From a remote chart repository:

```
helm install myrelease myrepo/myapp
```

# Using Custom Values



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Pass along any number of values files or individual key-value pairs in order to override chart defaults, overlayed from left to right

1. Using a values file:

```
helm install myrelease ./myapp -f custom.yaml
```

2. Using individual key-value pair:

```
helm install myrelease ./myapp --set image.tag=master
```

3. Advanced usage:

```
helm install myrelease ./myapp \
-f staging.yaml \
-f us-east-1.yaml \
--set tracing.enabled=true
```

# Check release status



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Determine the status of an individual release, check if the installation of your chart was successful.

```
helm status myrelease
```



```
NAME: myrelease
LAST DEPLOYED: Mon Nov 11 18:07:06 2019
NAMESPACE: default
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 1
NOTES:
  echo "Visit http://127.0.0.1:8080 to use your application"
  kubectl --namespace default port-forward $POD_NAME 8080:80
```

# See what's running



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Helm has the ability to track all applications that have been installed in the cluster using Helm.

```
helm list
```



NAME	NAMESPACE	REVISION	UPDATED	STATUS	CHART	APP VERSION
myrelease	default	1	2019-11-11 18:07:06.805602 -0600 CST	deployed	myapp-0.1.0	1.16.0
wordpress	default	1	2019-11-11 18:53:59.674758 -0600 CST	deployed	wordpress-7.6.7	5.2.4

# Upgrading a release



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Create a new revision of your release by updating either the template sources or configuration values.

```
helm upgrade myrelease ./myapp --set image.tag=1.16.1-alpine
```



```
Release "myrelease" has been upgraded. Happy Helming!
NAME: myrelease
LAST DEPLOYED: Mon Nov 11 19:14:13 2019
NAMESPACE: default
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 2
NOTES:
  echo "Visit http://127.0.0.1:8080 to use your application"
  kubectl --namespace default port-forward $POD_NAME 8080:80
```

# Rollback a release



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Helm tracks every revision made on releases. When something goes wrong, revert back to a working version.

```
helm rollback myrelease 1
```



```
Rollback was a success! Happy Helming!
```

# Remove a release

Remove all Kubernetes resources from the cluster that were created as part of a release.

```
helm delete myrelease
```



```
release "myrelease" uninstalled
```

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 mariadb

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Fast, reliable, scalable, and easy to use open-source relational database system. MariaDB Server is intended for mission-critical, heavy-load production systems as well as for embedding into mass-deployed software. Highly available MariaDB cluster.

## MariaDB

[MariaDB](#) is one of the most popular database servers in the world. It's made by the original developers of MySQL and guaranteed to stay open source. Notable users include Wikipedia, Facebook and Google.

MariaDB is developed as open source software and as a relational database it provides an SQL interface for accessing data. The latest versions of MariaDB also include GIS and JSON features.

### TL;DR;

```
$ helm install stable/mariadb
```

### Introduction

This chart bootstraps a [MariaDB](#) replication cluster deployment on a [Kubernetes](#) cluster using the [Helm](#) package manager.

Bitnami charts can be used with [Kubeapps](#) for deployment and management of Helm Charts in clusters. This chart has been tested to work with NGINX Ingress, cert-manager, fluentd and Prometheus on top of the [BKPR](#).

### Prerequisites

- Kubernetes 1.12+
- Helm 2.11+ or Helm 3.0-beta3+

## Install

Helm CLI

Add bitnami repository

helm repo add bitnami https://charts.bitnami.com/bitnami/

Install chart

helm install bitnami/mariadb

Need Helm?

## Chart Versions

[7.0.1](#) - Nov 11, 2019  
[7.0.0](#) - Nov 9, 2019  
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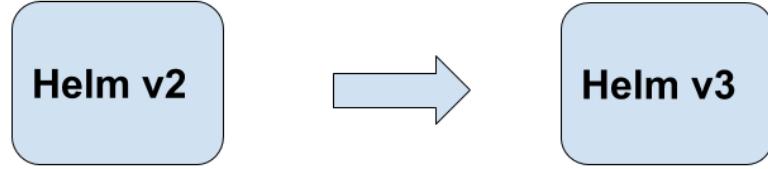
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## Helm 2to3 Plugin

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Helm v2 → Helm v3

Migrates

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chart starters, plugins, repositories

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# Chart Releaser

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Helps Turn GitHub Repositories into Helm Chart Repositories

`cr` is a tool designed to help GitHub repos self-host their own chart repos by adding Helm chart artifacts to GitHub Releases named for the chart version and then creating an `index.yaml` file for those releases that can be hosted on GitHub Pages (or elsewhere!).

## Installation

### Binaries (recommended)

Download your preferred asset from the [releases page](#) and install manually.

### Go get (for contributing)

```
$ # clone repo to some directory outside GOPATH
$ git clone github.com/helm/chart-releaser
$ go mod download
$ go install
```

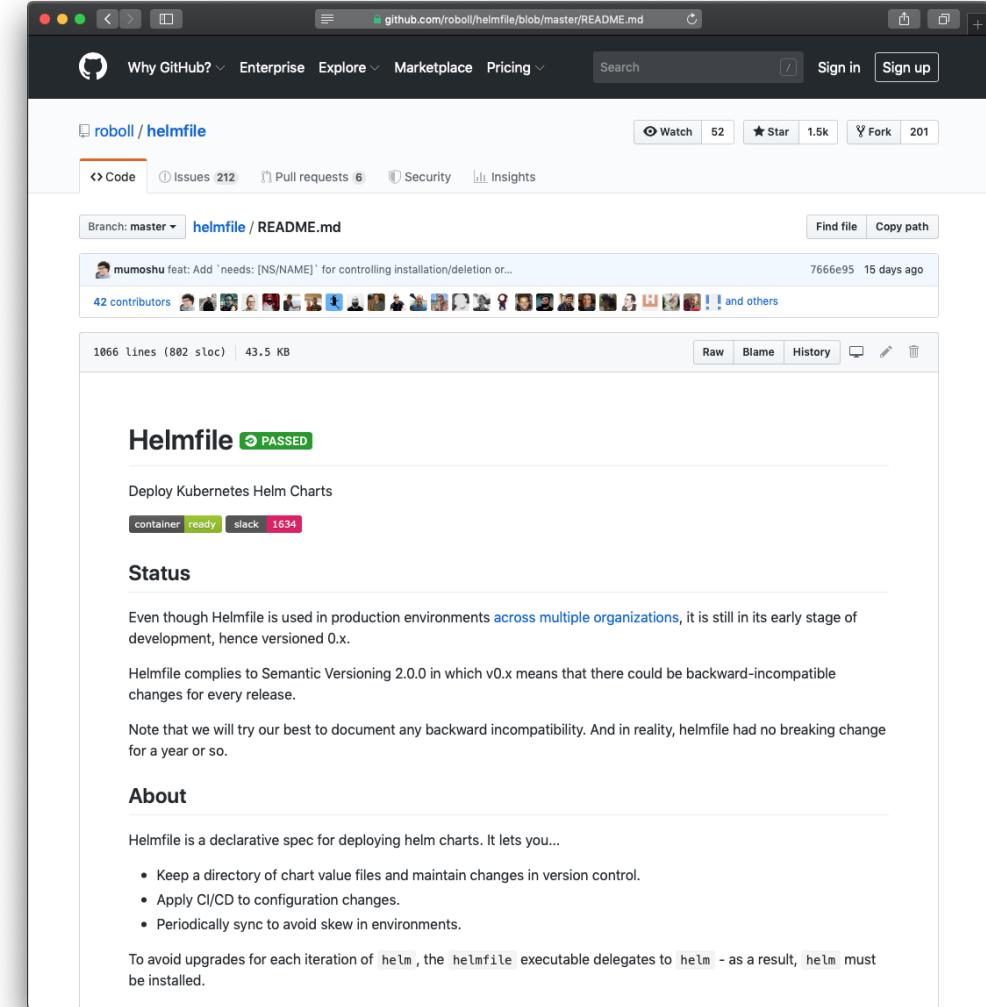
# Beyond the Helm Project



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The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for the Helmfile project. The repository has 52 stars and 201 forks. The README.md file is displayed, showing a green "PASSED" status for the Helmfile test. The page includes sections for Status and About, detailing the project's purpose and features.

**Helmfile** PASSED

Deploy Kubernetes Helm Charts

container ready slack 1634

**Status**

Even though Helmfile is used in production environments [across multiple organizations](#), it is still in its early stage of development, hence versioned 0.x.

Helmfile complies to Semantic Versioning 2.0.0 in which v0.x means that there could be backward-incompatible changes for every release.

Note that we will try our best to document any backward incompatibility. And in reality, helmfile had no breaking change for a year or so.

**About**

Helmfile is a declarative spec for deploying helm charts. It lets you...

- Keep a directory of chart value files and maintain changes in version control.
- Apply CI/CD to configuration changes.
- Periodically sync to avoid skew in environments.

To avoid upgrades for each iteration of `helm`, the `helmfile` executable delegates to `helm` - as a result, `helm` must be installed.

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## OCI Registry As Storage

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# ORAS

Registries are evolving as Cloud Native Artifact Stores. To enable this goal, Microsoft has donated ORAS as a means to enable various client libraries with a way to push artifacts to OCI Spec Compliant registries.

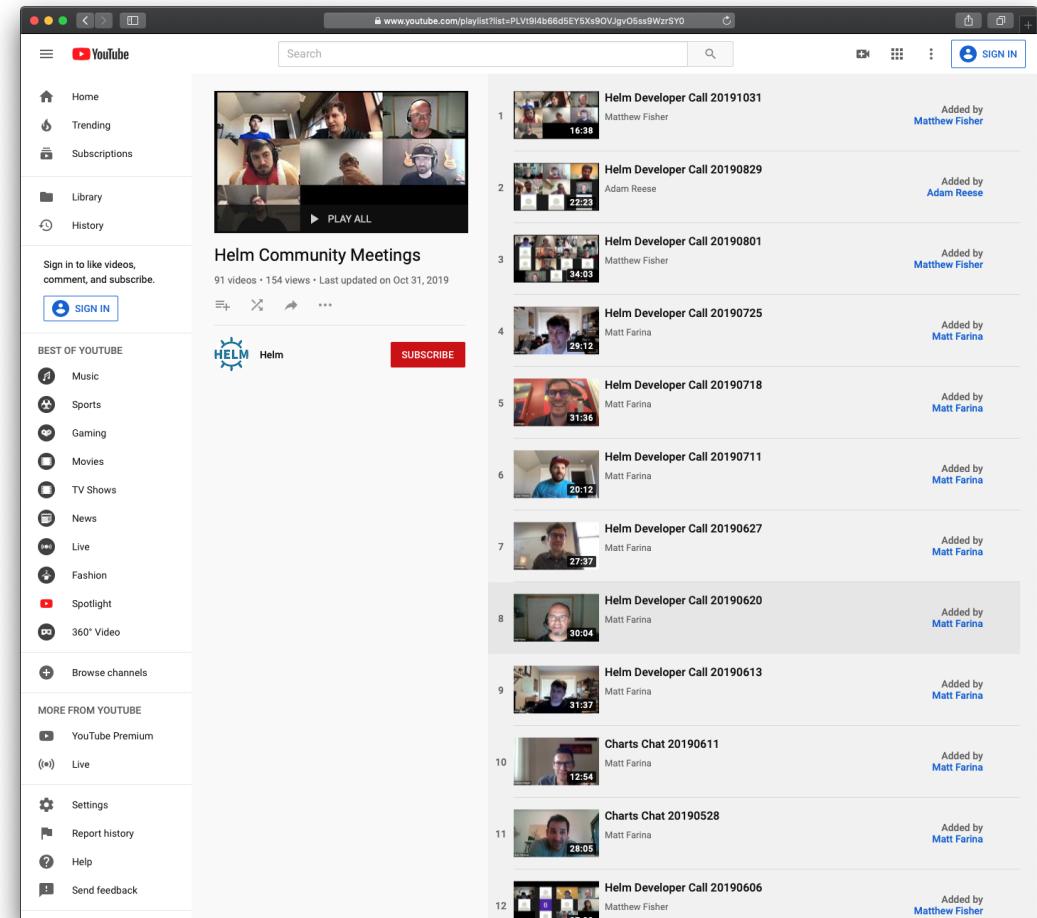
ORAS is both a [CLI](#) for initial testing and a [Go Module](#) to be included with your CLI, enabling a native experience: `myclient push artifacts.azurecr.io/myartifact:1.0 ./mything.thang`

# Notice: Check The Version

Helm v3 was just released. Many plugins, tools, Stack Overflow answers, and other details you find may still be focused on Helm v2.

# Engage with Helm

- Kubernetes Slack
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- Mailing List – <https://lists.cncf.io/g/cncf-helm>
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- YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/helmpack>
- Developer Call – Thursday at 9:30am PT



# Questions?