

K8s as a service with Rancher

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Goals

- What is Rancher?
- How Rancher can be used for k8s deployment?
- How Rancher leverages kubernetes functionality?



Few words about me

- 8 years in Nokia
- Worked in telco reasearch (VoIP, MIMO), QA, Technical Support and Development
- Currently developing Nokia AVA platform as part of Analytics Engine







Why Nokia needs Analytics Engine?

• 1865 started as a pulp (paper) mill

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- 1979-1984 established first fully automated cellular phone system (1G) with comercially available phones
 - 1991 first 2G call with Nokia 1011
 - 2000;)



• 1998 – ... 3GPP, LTE, 5G



Nokia Analytics Engine ecosystem



























Kubernetes as a service

- Separate cluster per each project
- Better granularity
 - Separate openstack account
 - Separate CEPH account
 - ...
- Security
- Cluster failure mitigation



K8s as a service - assumptions

Access

Ingress

Network

cluster networking (flannel, calico, etc.)

Network security

Deployment

K8s deployment

Orchestrator deployment (multiple clusters)

Apps

Deployment/Helm

Scaling

Service discovery

Catalog

Security

Users/RBAC

LDAP integration

Namespaces – workspace separation

Monitoring

FM orchestrator

FM on k8s

Logs orchestrator

Volumes/storage

Backup/restore

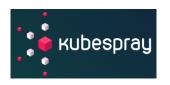
Backup/restore of orchestrator



How to deploy k8s?













Why Rancher?

- More than k8s deployment tool
- More than vanilla k8s
- Cheaper open source
- Big community, great materials, regular online meetups https://rancher.com/





What is Rancher?

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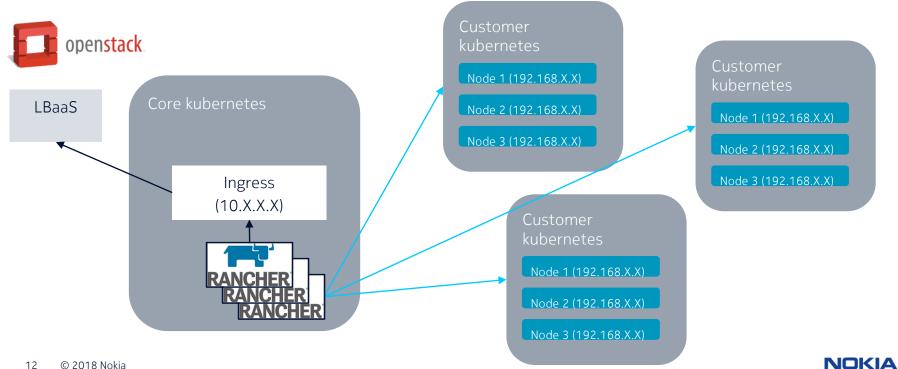
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RANCHER



Rancher working as a proxy – big picture



DEMO

- Cluster discovery, local cluster, REST API
- Manual deployment, Rundeck
- Basic operations on local cluster (kubectl, kubeconfig copy, nodes, scale nodes)
- Members and permissions, RBACs, integration with keycloak
- Project/namespaces, quota, how to create different workspaces for different groups of users (dev, users, etc)
- Rancher CLI, Catalogue, how apps are viewed in Rancher
- Alerts, Notifiers, Logging (EFK)



Things to consider using rancher

- Single point of failure (possibly addressed in 2.2)
- No federation
- Not fully reflecting cloud providers features (i.e. openstack affinity rules)
- Cost of support



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