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MEMBERSHIP

The CNCF ecosystem continues to grow across vendor and end user memberships, making CNCF one of the most successful open source foundations ever.

Our global membership community is a cornerstone of CNCF. Members help CNCF and the Linux Foundation provide neutral governance, strong IP management, ecosystem building, training, events, developer marketing, rich tools to engage communities, and more to keep the wheels of innovation spinning for our project communities.

In 2021, we added over 190 new members to CNCF, equating to a 23% increase in our growth from 2020.

Today, CNCF has over 740+ organizations participating, including the world's largest public and private cloud companies, along with the world's most innovative software companies and end user organizations. Investment from these leading organizations signifies a strong dedication to the advancement and sustainability of the cloud native ecosystem for years to come.

CNCF MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

800
600
400
200

2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

23% ↑

Organizations that sell cloud native technologies built on, or integrated with, CNCF projects are eligible to join as general members.

JOIN AS A CNCF MEMBER

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END USER COMMUNITY

At our heart, CNCF is driven by a welcoming foundation of doers at the leading edge of cloud native.

We're committed to creating end user-driven open source and this year, more than ever, we've seen End Users actively shape the ecosystem – driving huge-scale adoption and growth of CNCF projects.

100%
would recommend CNCF to other companies
(2021 End User survey)

164+
End User Members

CNCF MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

200
150
100
50

2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

17% ↑

End Users leverage cloud native technologies internally, but don't sell cloud native products or services. Come shape the cloud native ecosystem with us!
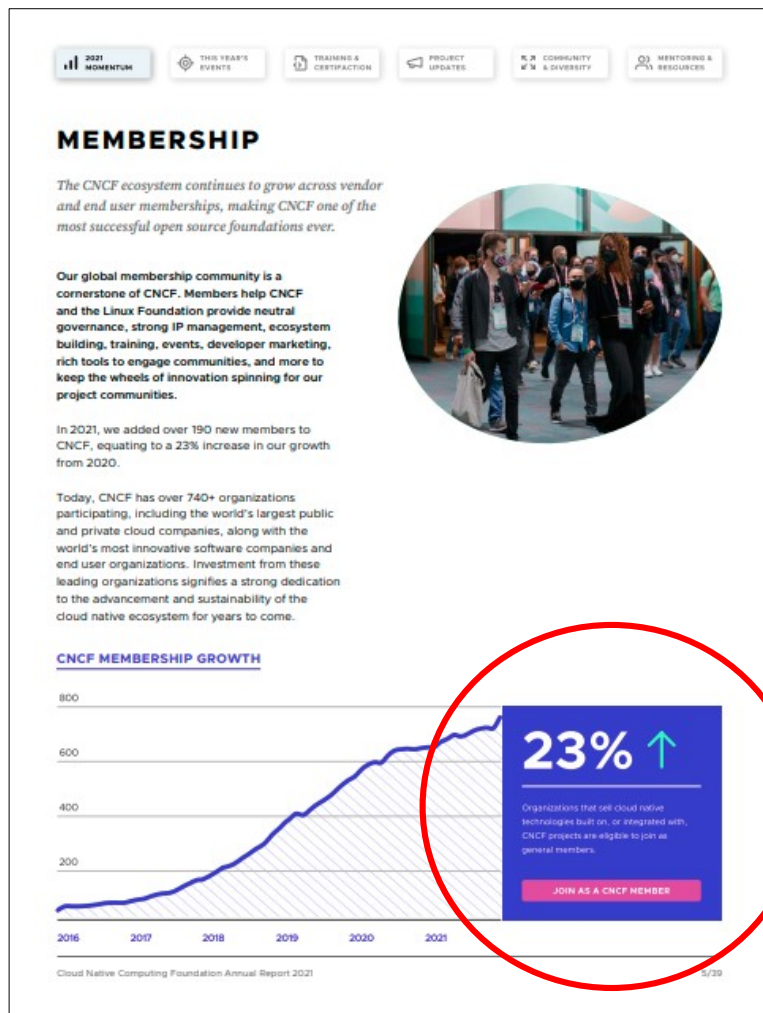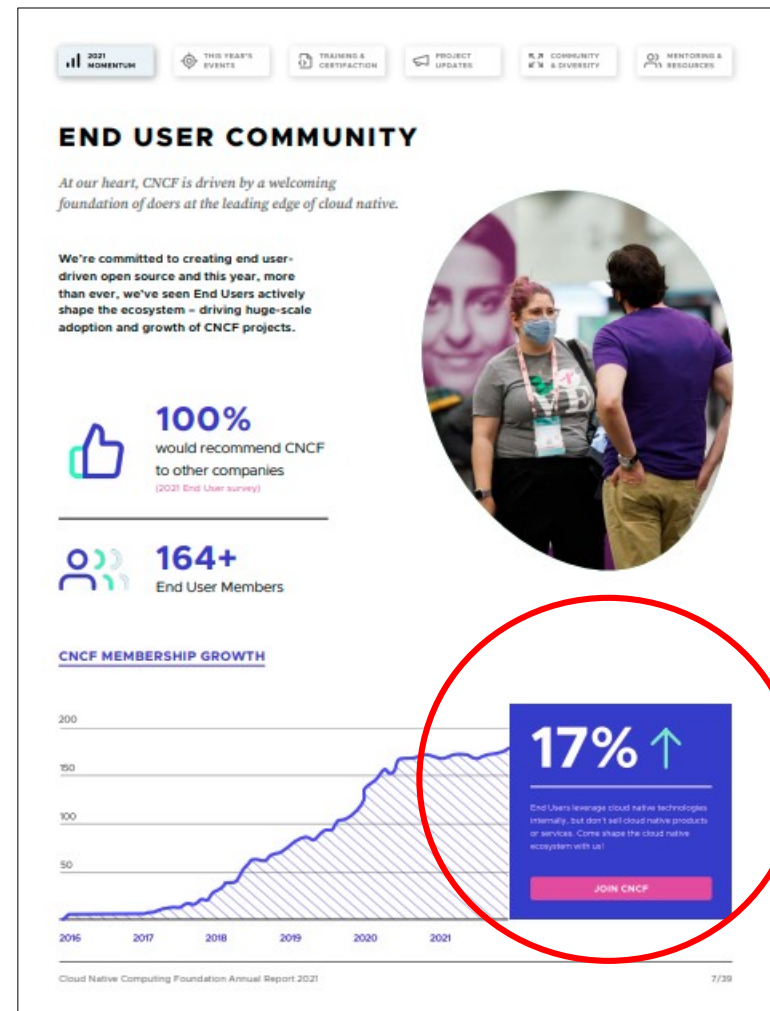
JOIN CNCF

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END USER-DRIVEN RESEARCH

This year we launched a new initiative – a series of microsurveys to highlight the diverse knowledge of our robust community. We conducted six microsurveys and published four reports – Kubernetes at the Edge, FinOps for Kubernetes, Diversity in Cloud Native, and Cloud Native Security. The final two reports on Cloud Native Observability and Service Mesh will be published in early 2022.

In addition, the End User Community delivered three End User Technology Radars in 2021 – quarterly reports focusing on a single topic in cloud native, aimed at a technical audience who want to understand what cloud native solutions end users use and recommend.

CNCF TECHNOLOGY RADAR

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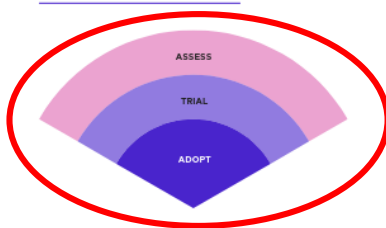
This year, radars explored DevSecOps, Multicluster Management, and Secret Management, and received significant press and analyst coverage including DevClass, TechRadar Pro, InfoQ, and Container Journal.

TECHNICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

In 2021, we welcomed six new members to the TOC – one of CNCF's three main bodies, in addition to the Governing Board (GB), which is responsible for marketing, budget and other business oversight decisions, and the End User Community (EUC), which is responsible for providing feedback from companies and startups to improve the overall experience for the cloud native ecosystem.

NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD:

Erin Boyd, Engineer, Apple

Cornelia Davis, Product Management, Amazon

Lei Zhang, Engineer, Alibaba and co-maintainer of Kubernetes community, and co-chair of CNCF App Delivery SIG

NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE END USER BOARD:

Dave Zolotusky, Software Engineer, Spotify

Ricardo Rocha, Computer Engineer, CERN

NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE TOC:

Davanum Srinivas, Staff Engineer, VMWare

They joined serving TOC members Alena Prokharchyk, Justin Cormack, Liz Rice (Chair), Saad Ali, and Sheng Liang.

THANKS

We'd also love to extend a big thank you to our outgoing TOC members – Brendan Burns, Matt Klein, Xiang Li and Michelle Noorali – for their years of commitment to safeguarding CNCF's technical vision and growing this community into a neutral home for the ecosystem's most promising technologies!

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KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON EUROPE 2021 (VIRTUAL)

May saw KubeCon + CloudNativeCon EU Virtual once again set record-breaking registration and attendance, with 26,648 registrants (a 42.5% increase on 2020).

FEATURE KEYNOTE

How Cloud Native Tech Helped Peloton Ride to Exponential Growth

Jim Haughwout, VP, Peloton

DOWNLOAD EVENT TRANSPARENCY REPORT

THE EVENT IN NUMBERS

26,648 TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

624 SUBMISSIONS
145 SPEAKERS

Breakdown of attendees by location

168 COUNTRIES
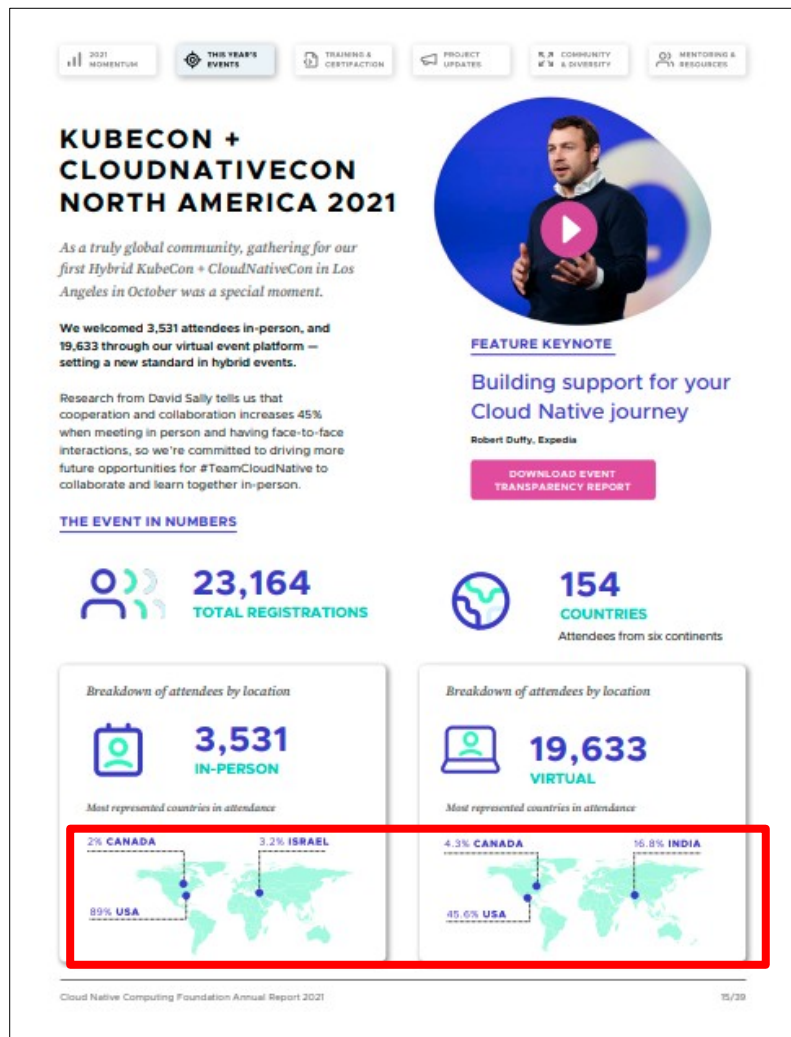
Attendees from countries across six continents

USA	GERMANY	OTHER
20%	10%	48%

INDIA	UK
15%	7%

Breakdown of participating companies

9,092 COMPANIES PARTICIPATED

135 END USER MEMBERS/ SUPPORTERS

END USER COMPANIES	MEMBER COMPANIES	OTHER
7,230	497	1230

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2021 MOMENTUM   THIS YEAR'S EVENTS   TRAINING & CERTIFICATION   **PROJECT UPDATES**   COMMUNITY & DIVERSITY   MENTORING & RESOURCES

SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECTS

CNCF provides a variety of services to our projects to help make them more successful and sustainable.

EVENTS

CNCF continues to invest in CNCF-hosted projects by assisting with their own specialized events. In 2021, these were in conjunction with KubeCon + CloudNativeCon.

CO-LOCATED WITH KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON EUROPE VIRTUAL

Cloud Native Rust Day | 518 attendees
Cloud Native Security Day | 1,102+ attendees
Cloud Native Wasm Day | 340+ attendees
Crossplane Community Day | 293+ attendees
Data on Kubernetes Day hosted by CNCF | 370+ attendees

CO-LOCATED EVENTS WITH KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON NORTH AMERICA HYBRID:

Cloud Native DevX Day | 43 in-person attendees + 339 virtual attendees
Cloud Native eBPF Day | 76 in-person attendees + 501 virtual attendees
Cloud Native Security Conference | 116 in-person attendees + 636 virtual attendees
Cloud Native Wasm Day | 29 in-person attendees + 284 virtual attendees

CNCF HOSTED – CO-LOCATED WITH KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON:

Cloud Native Security Day Europe | 890 registered attendees
Serverless Practitioners Summit Europe | 496 registered attendees
ServiceMeshCon Europe | 891 registered attendees
Cloud Native Security Day North America | 1,606 registered attendees
OpenTelemetry Community Day North

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BLOG POSTS

This year, we introduced the CNCF blog metrics tracker, to enable authors to track the number of views their blogs receive. We published 305 blog posts, and ticked over half a million unique views – increasing blog readership 12% from 2020.

TOP BLOG POSTS FOR 2021

12,249
VIEWS

gRPC, when you are
arcThinkhitecting modern
microservices! By Infosys

9,238
VIEWS

10,115
VIEWS

Simplifying multi-clusters in
Kubernetes By Equinix Metal &
Polytechnic of Turin

8,943
VIEWS

504,243
UNIQUE BLOG VIEWS

7,435
VIEWS