Kubernetes

New Contributor Orientation

September 2024



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Agenda

This meeting is meant to **orient** you in the Kubernetes community.

Presentation (40 min)

- Welcome to Kubernetes!
- What is Kubernetes?
- Kubernetes Community Structure
- What does it mean to be a "Contributor"?
- How to Start Contributing
- Current Work Opportunities
- Contribution Pitfalls

Q&A (20 min)

- 10min recorded
- 10min unrecorded
- Ask Us Anything!





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Meet Kubernetes!



Kubernetes Contributor Summit NA 2023

Community Snapshot - March 2024

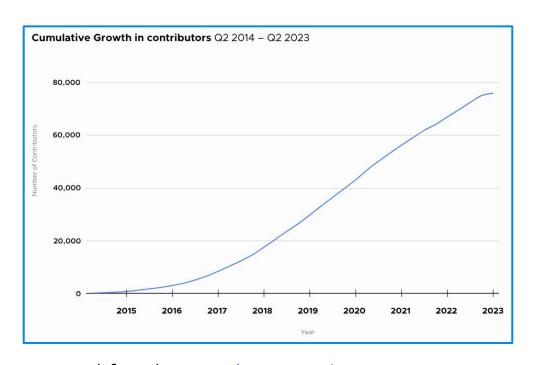
86.6KContributors

4.13M
Contributions

6.5K
Reviewers

Stats from <u>Kubernetes Devstats</u>, March 15 2024

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Graph from the 2023 Kubernetes Project Journey Report

What is Kubernetes?

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Open-Source Project

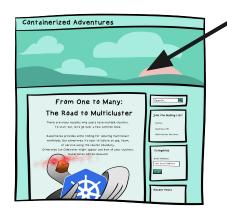
The open source project is hosted by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF).

Kubernetes is the second-largest open-source project in the world after Linux.

Container Orchestration Platform

Kubernetes, also known as k8s, is an open source container orchestration engine for automating deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications.

Kubernetes in a Nutshell

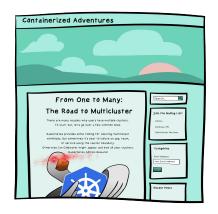


Businesses have a lot of apps they need to run, like:

- Websites, wikis
- HR/Payroll applications
- Inventory Management Applications
- etc

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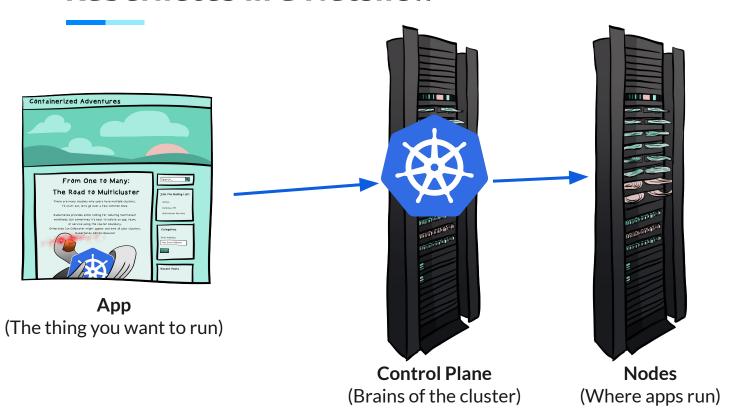
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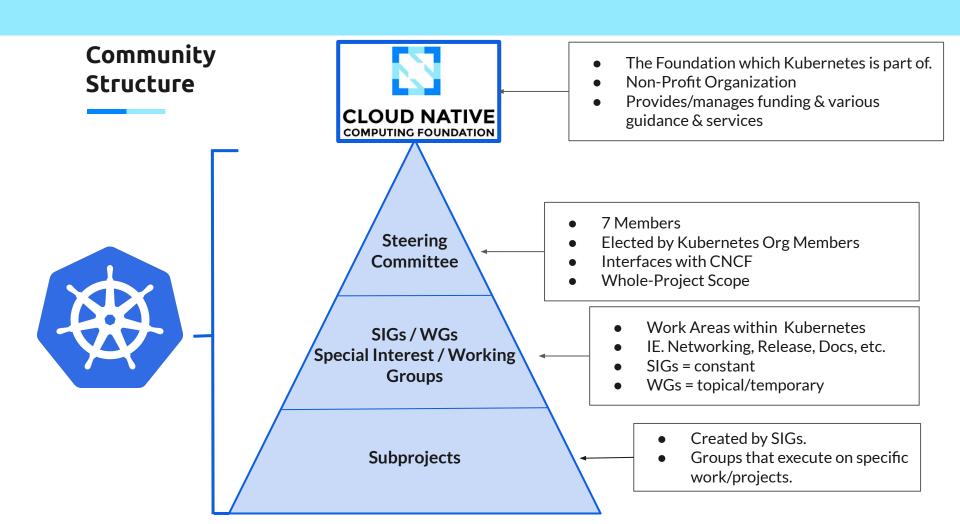
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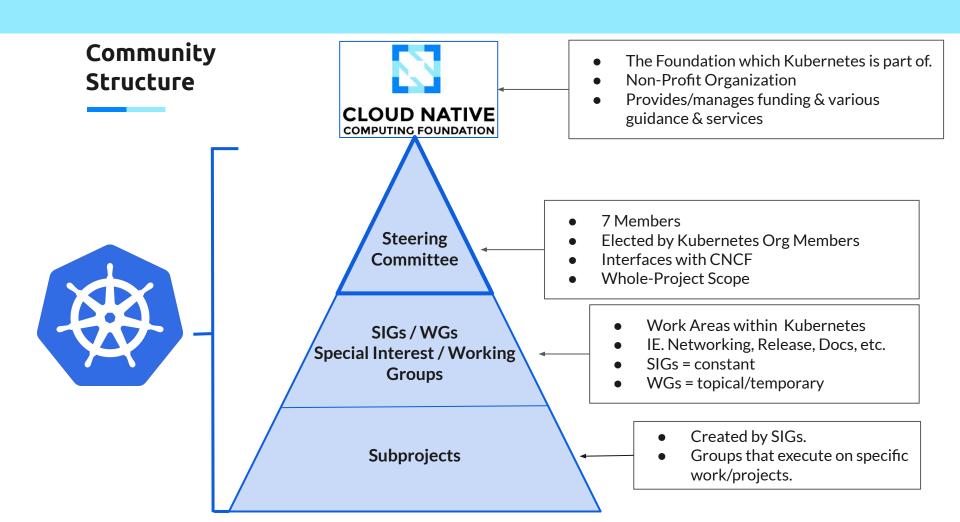
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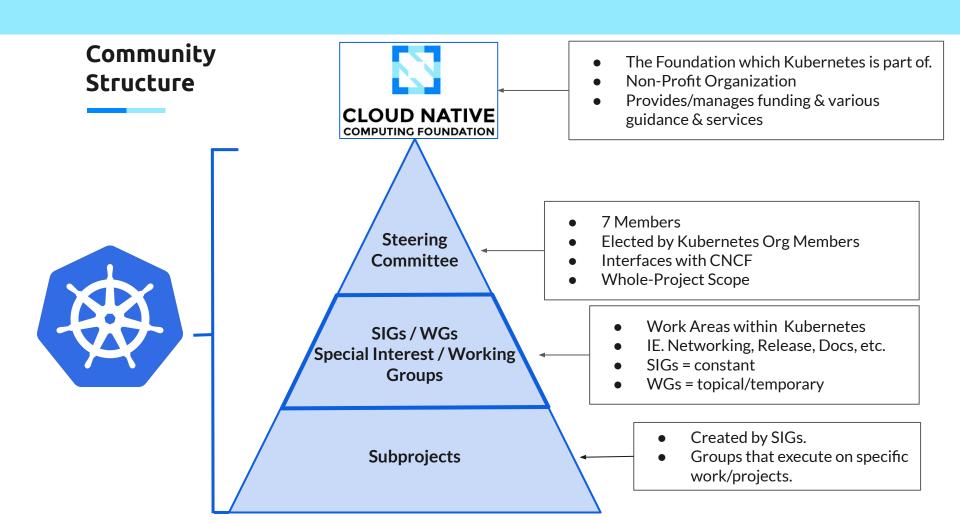
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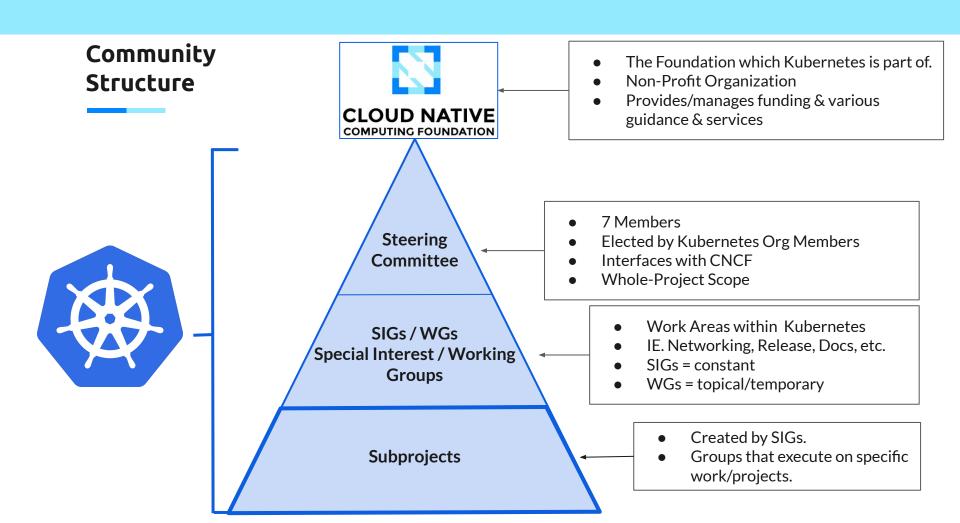


Kubernetes Community Structure









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Special Interest Groups

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Working Groups

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Committees

Does work that affects/supports the entire project.

Collaborates with all other groups.

All other groups depend on the work of these groups.



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Owns core functionality from a project architecture perspective.

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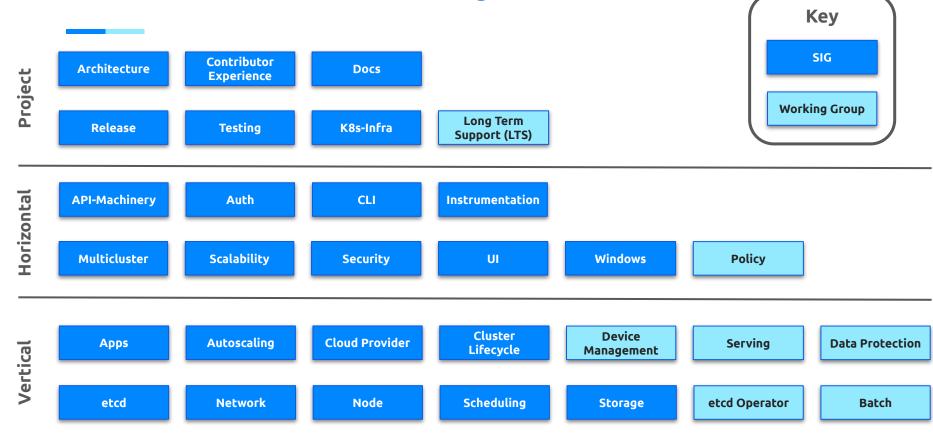
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Kubernetes SIGs

API-Machinery	Apps	Architecture	Auth	Autoscaling
CLI	Cloud Provider	Cluster Lifecycle	Contributor Experience	Docs
etcd	Instrumentation	K8s-Infra	Multicluster	Network
Node	Release	Scalability	Scheduling	Security
Storage	Testing	UI	Windows	
Kubernetes WGs		Batch	Data Protection	

Device Management

etcd Operator

LTS Long Term Support

Policy

Serving

Why Contribute?

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- Grow specific career-related skills
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Think carefully about why you want to contribute!

What does it mean to be a "Contributor"?

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Any work that you do to support the open source Kubernetes project!

What Counts as a "Contribution"?

- Taking notes during a community meeting
- Asking a question on Slack
- Correcting a grammatical or spelling error in documentation
- Implementing a new feature, or part of a feature
- Commenting on a KEP (Kubernetes Enhancement Proposal) or issue
- Filing an issue
- Writing a blog post
- Helping a fellow contributor work through a problem
- ... and much more!

The Contributor Ladder



- Set priorities and manage the SIG and its subprojects

- Interface with the Steering Committee

Subproject Lead

- Set priorities and approve proposals for subproject
- Responsibility & leadership for entire project across all repos/directories

Subproject Owner

- Subject matter expert for repository/directory
- Highly experienced, aids in triage & mentorship for scoped area

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- Approve contributions for acceptance
- Highly experienced reviewer and contributor in subproject

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- History of reviewing; reviews frequently
- Authorship in subproject

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You're not tied to one SIG or Project!

The ladder represents how ownership might build, but paths are not always so linear!

How to Start Contributing

Just Join a SIG!

The fastest way to learn and make yourself useful is to find a SIG and/or subproject you're interested in, start attending meetings, and KEEP attending meetings.

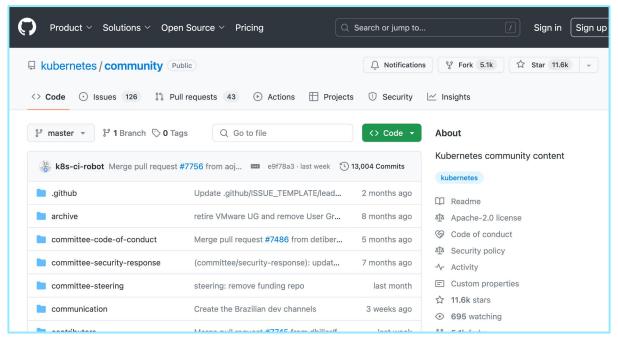
Join the Kubernetes Slack & the K-Dev mailing list!

The Kubernetes Slack is the primary way the community communicates casually. https://slack.k8s.io

The Kubernetes Developer Google Group is the primary way the community shares announcements https://groups.google.com/a/kubernetes.io/g/dev

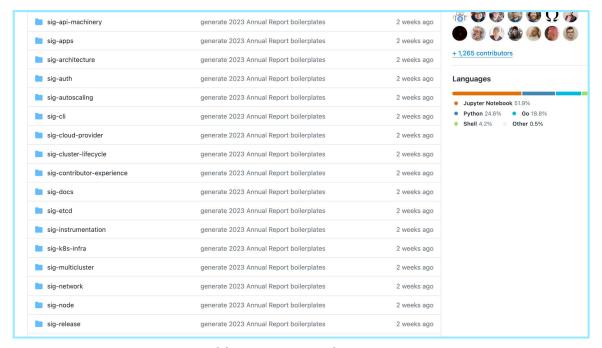
How to Learn About SIGs

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What does the group do?

Contributor Experience Special Interest Group

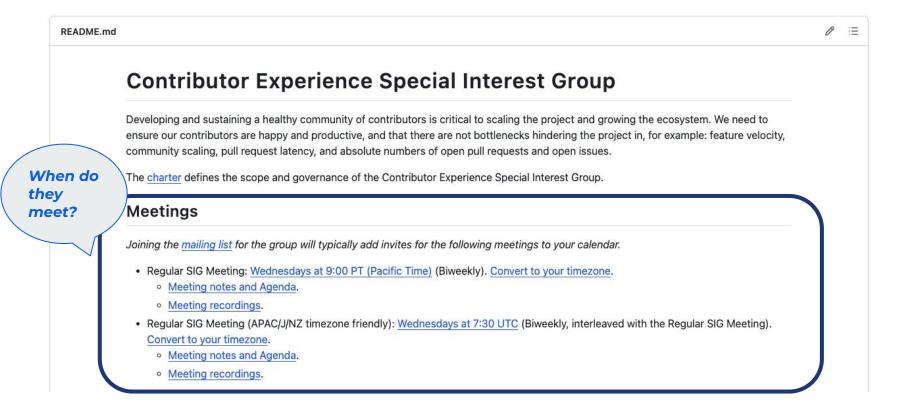
Developing and sustaining a healthy community of contributors is critical to scaling the project and growing the ecosystem. We need to ensure our contributors are happy and productive, and that there are not bottlenecks hindering the project in, for example: feature velocity, community scaling, pull request latency, and absolute numbers of open pull requests and open issues.

The charter defines the scope and governance of the Contributor Experience Special Interest Group.

Meetings

Joining the mailing list for the group will typically add invites for the following meetings to your calendar.

- Regular SIG Meeting: Wednesdays at 9:00 PT (Pacific Time) (Biweekly). Convert to your timezone.
 - Meeting notes and Agenda.
 - Meeting recordings.
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Leadership

Chairs

The Chairs of the SIG run operations and processes governing the SIG.

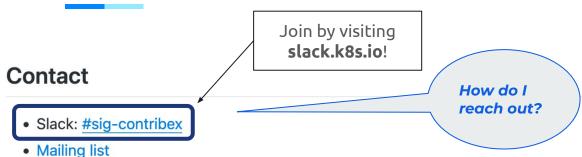
- Kaslin Fields (@kaslin), Google
- Nabarun Pal (@palnabarun), VMware

Technical Leads

The Technical Leads of the SIG establish new subprojects, decommission existing subprojects, and resolve cross-subproject technical issues and decisions.

- Madhav Jivrajani (@MadhavJivrajani), VMware
- Priyanka Saggu (@Priyankasaggu11929), SUSE

Who are the points of contact?



- Open Community Issues/PRs
- GitHub Teams:
 - @kubernetes/sig-contributor-experience General Discussion
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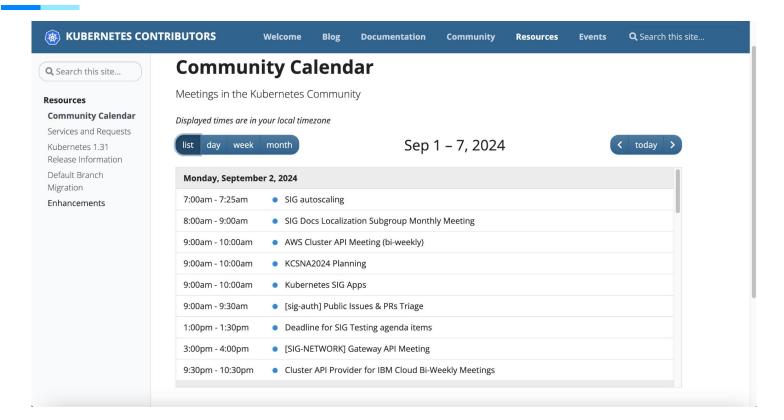
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Where to Find SIG Meetings - k8s.dev/calendar



Current Work Opportunities

Evergreen Opportunities

Most SIGs

- Meeting Note Taking
 - Always available
 - Subproject: Most that have meetings
 - No Experience Required
 - See the meeting invite/attend the meeting for details

SIG ContribEx

- SIG Spotlight Blog
 - Always available
 - Subproject: Comms
 - No Experience Required
 - More Info: <u>SIG Spotlight Blog Process</u>
- Kubernetes Contributor Summit Staff
 - o 2x per year
 - Subproject: Events
 - Org Membership Required
 - o More Info: Events Team

Evergreen Opportunities

SIG Docs

- PR Reviews anyone can review
- New Contributor Meet & Greet
 - First Tuesday of the Month at 10:30 UTC
 - More info on k/community/sig-docs

Fill out this slide with your SIG's "evergreen" opportunities. These should be tasks that are regularly or basically always available (and preferably relatively accessible). Add another slide as needed.

Evergreen Opportunities

SIG/WG Name

- Project/Task
 - [Availability] (should be regularly or always available to be considered an "evergreen" opportunity)
 - Subproject: [Subproject Name]
 - [Experience Preferences/Requirements]
 - [Link to additional information]

Tasks with Skill Requirements

Can I pick up this task?

Often, the community needs help with important tasks that **require certain skills** to complete. If a task mentions required skills, that usually means the group **doesn't** have someone who can teach you those skills. Ask questions before picking up a task with skill requirements!

The following calls for help have skill requirements.

These tasks are not likely to be a good fit for you if you do not already have the requested skills.

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Fill out this slide with your SIG's opportunities which require specific skills. Add another slide as needed.

Current Calls for Help

SIG/WG Name

- Project/Task
 - Description
 - **Skills**: List of necessary skills
 - [link to additional information/contact information]

Common Contribution Pitfalls

The "Good First Issue Trap"

- Decide to Contribute
- Pick Up a "Good First Issue"
- ???
- Profit!!!

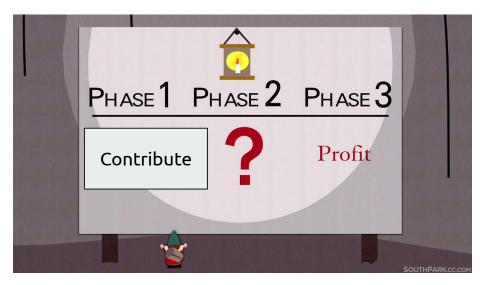
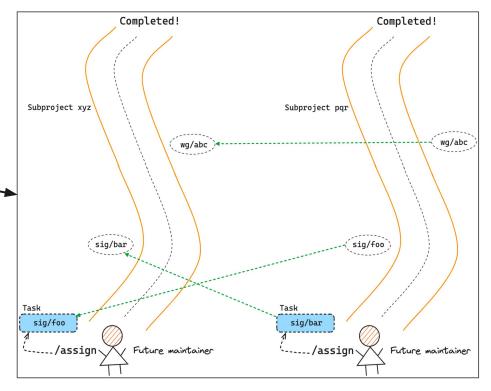


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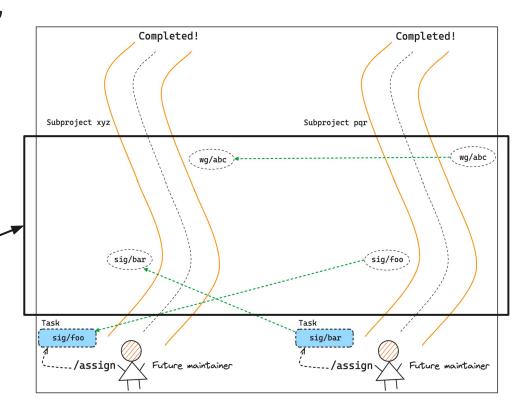


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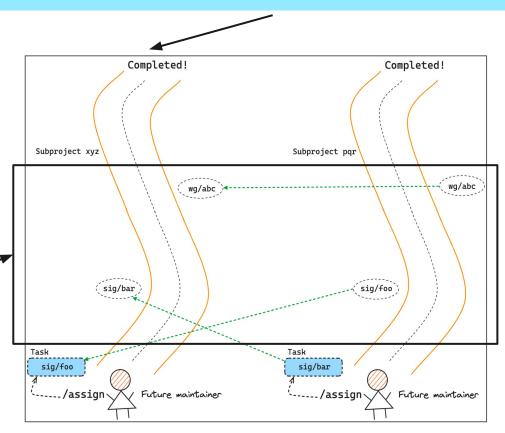
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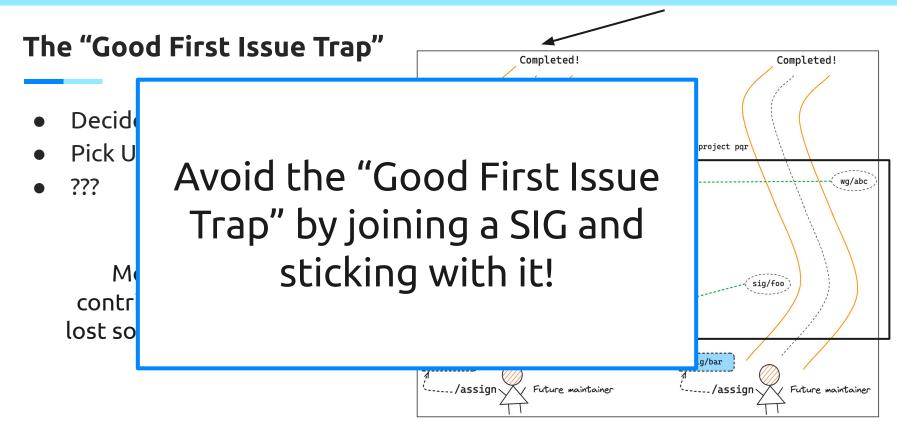
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Embracing The Entropy

If you're feeling overwhelmed, you're doing something right!

- Kubernetes has a lot of moving parts, and picking up a task that might seem tangible can also prove to be overwhelming! There are a few reasons:
 - Undocumented context
 - Alien terms and language
 - Long and multiple review cycles
- But there is good news: if you decide to embrace this entropy, the results of sticking around will compound.

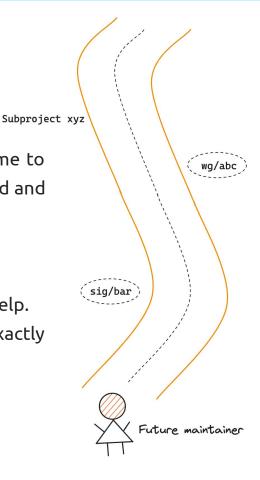
Finding Your Place in the Community

Law of Mobility!

As you're starting off in a large project like Kubernetes, it takes time to figure out what is the best fit for you, so take your time, float around and keep learning!

We need your help!

Regardless of your skillset or background, we could really use your help. We just might need to work together for a while to figure out exactly *how*.



Resources & Come Join Us!

- Join the Kubernetes Developer Google Group (k-dev): https://groups.google.com/a/kubernetes.io/g/dev
- Check out <u>kubernetes/community</u> for an overview of our community.
- Follow the New Contributor Guide (k8s.dev/quide) to get familiar with various contributor tools and processes.
- The First Contribution Guide(k8s.dev/guide/first-contribution/) will walk you through the process for your first Pull Request (PR)
- Check out the Resources List at https://bit.ly/kubernetes-resources
- Come join us in the Kubernetes slack: https://www.slack.k8s.io
 - Join the #kubernetes-new-contributors channel
 - o Join the channels of 1 or more SIGs you're interested in

It's not always too easy to get started and its understandably frustrating, but if you can stick around, it's vastly worth it.

We would love to help you stick around, so please join us!

We look forward to working with you, learning from you, and welcoming you as future maintainers!

Q&A