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Simplify Your Cloud Native Application Packaging and Deployments

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Developer tooling



Agenda



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- What is a cloud native application?
- Challenges with packaging and deploying apps
- Introduction to Cloud Native Application Bundles
- Demo
- CNAB for application packaging and deployment
- Where to learn more
- Questions?



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What is a cloud native application?



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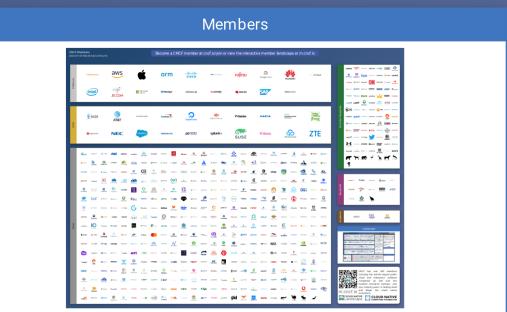
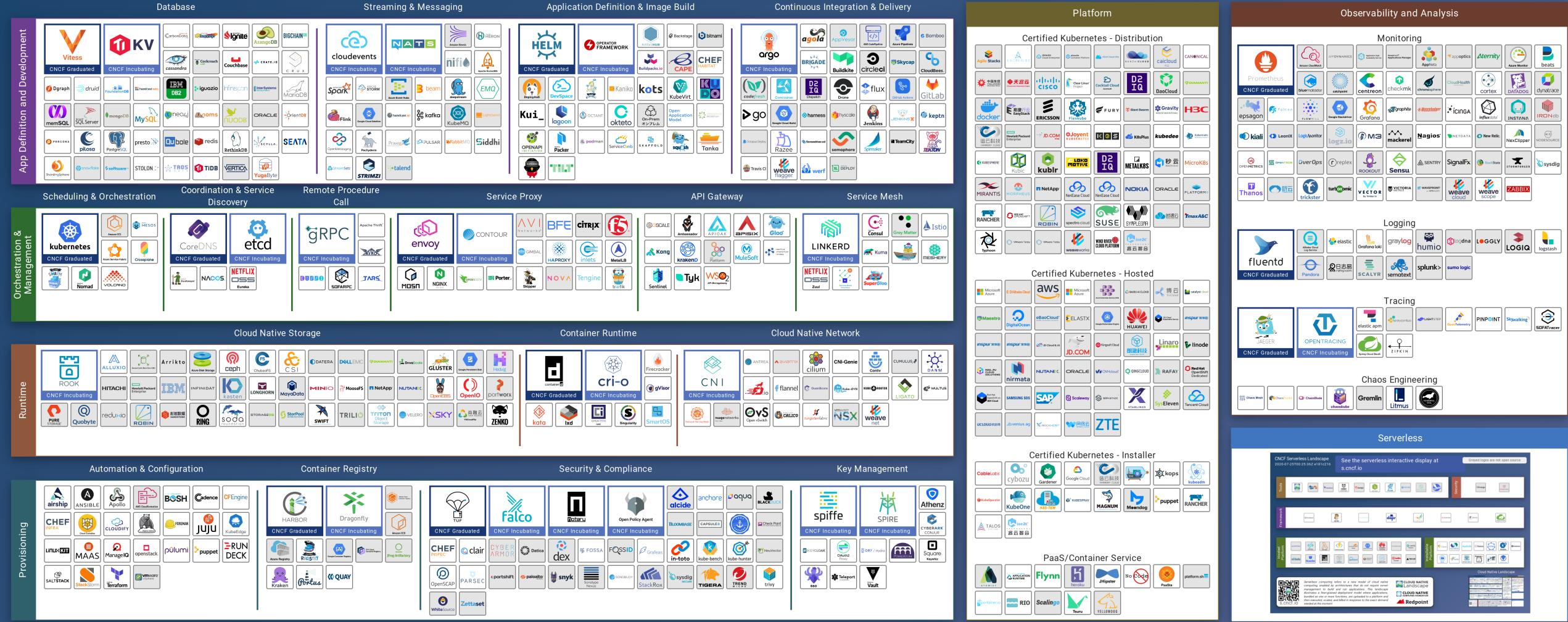
"A program or piece of software designed to fulfil a particular purpose" – Oxford English Dictionary

A cloud native application?



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- Compute
 - Containers
 - Functions (AWS Lambda, Azure Functions, etc.)
 - Virtual machines
- Storage
 - Databases
 - Object storage
 - Volumes
- Networking





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Deploying applications



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```
$ less README.md  
  
$ bash ./deploy.sh  
  
Error: command not found: terraform  
  
$ curl -Lo terraform https://...  
  
$ bash ./deploy.sh  
  
Error: unknown option --deprecated-option  
  
$ curl -Lo terraform-old https://...  
  
$ bash ./deploy.sh  
  
Error: command not found: jq
```

Deployment tooling



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- Often need more than one tool to deploy an application
- Is the README up to date?
- Which version of the tools?
- What if I'm using Windows and not Linux?
- Difficult coordination problem between team members, CI, users



Ideal deployment tooling



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- Defined as code: tools, versions, options
- Same deployment environment everywhere



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Packaging applications

Different parts, different places



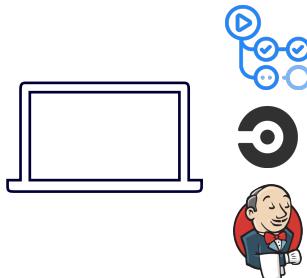
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GitHub

`app/compose.yaml`

```
services:  
  front:  
    image: user/front:1.19  
    ports:  
      - "80:80"  
  back:  
    image: user/myapp:1.1
```

Application definition



```
$ docker  
$ terraform  
$ helm
```

Deployment tooling



 `user/front:1.19`
 `user/myapp:1.1`

Application components

Ideal application packaging



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- Immutable application artifact
- Store the whole application in a registry
- Ability to store application artifact offline



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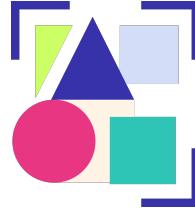


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Cloud Native Application Bundles



Cloud Native Application Bundles (CNAB) are a package format specification that describes a technology for bundling, installing, and managing distributed applications, that are by design, cloud agnostic.

CNAB specification



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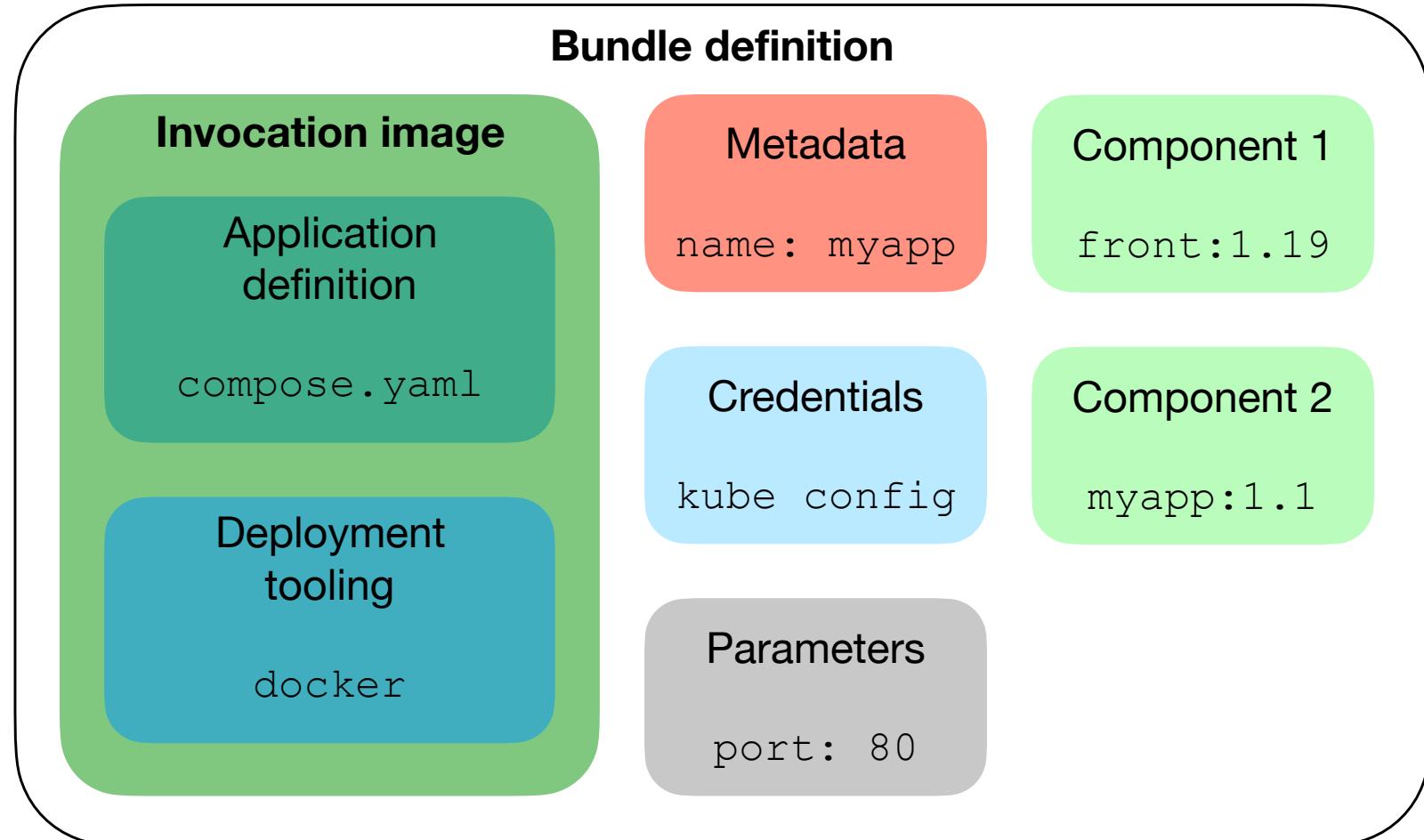
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- Target is tooling developers
- Packaging specification (bundle)
- Bundle runtime (actions)
 - Install, upgrade, uninstall
- Optionally
 - Lifecycle tracking (claims)
 - Registry storage
 - Security
 - Dependencies

Bundle structure



CNAB runtime



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- Standard actions: install, upgrade, uninstall
- Custom actions
 - e.g.: status, logs
 - Stateful/stateless
- Application lifecycle tracked by “claims”
 - Keep track of state of installations
 - Keep record of parameters, outputs, etc.
 - Only data structure defined in specification



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Demo



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CNAB for deployment



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```
$ less porter.yaml
```

```
$ porter install myapp --tag acme/app:v0.1.0
```

Ideal deployment tooling



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- Defined as code: tools, versions, options
 - porter.yaml
 - Stored in CNAB invocation image
- Same deployment environment everywhere
 - Containers!



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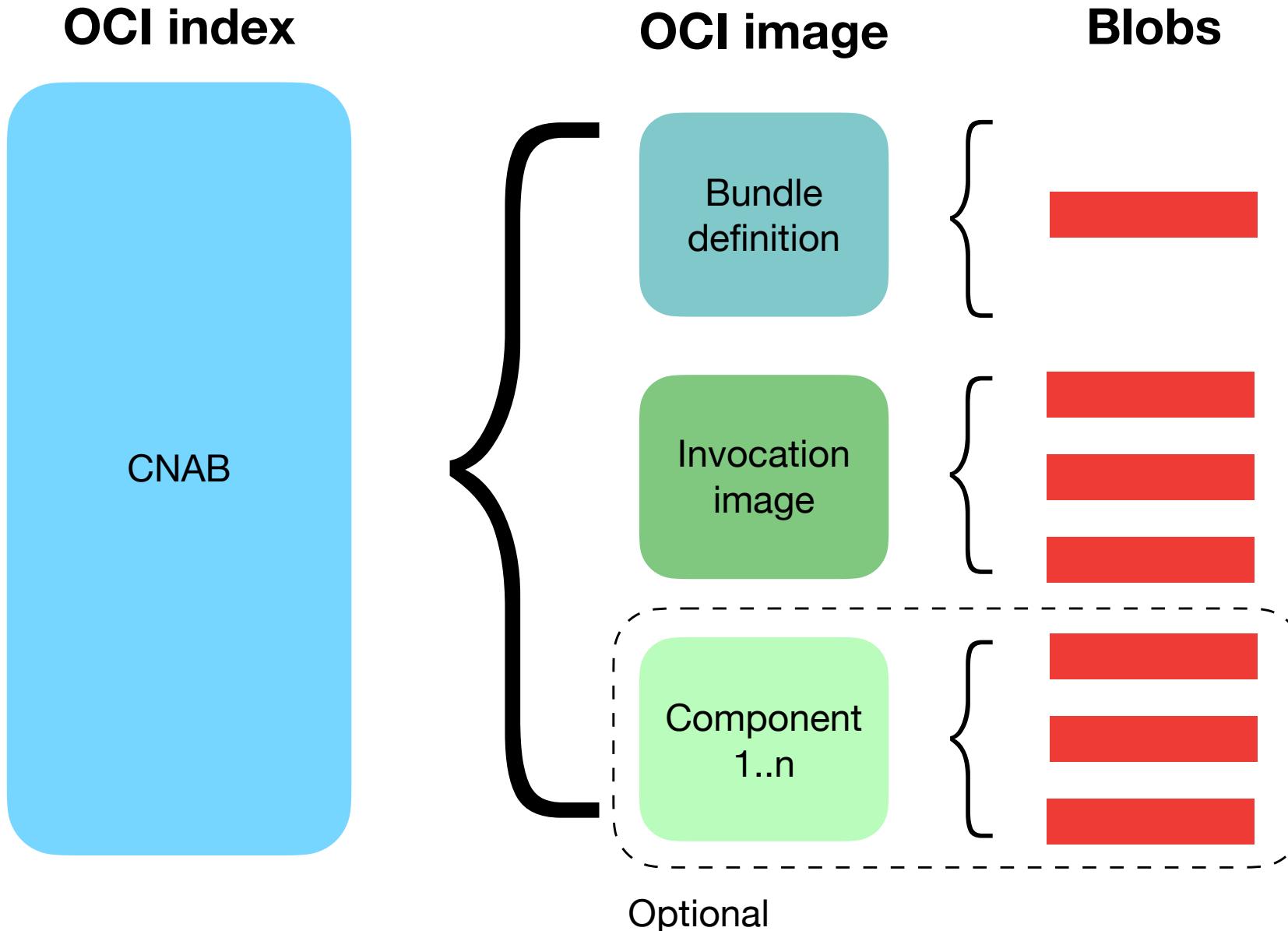
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CNAB for packaging

CNAB in registries



Different parts, same place



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Deployment tooling



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Application components

Ideal application packaging



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- Immutable application artifact
 - Hashes for components
 - Leverage OCI image specification
- Store the whole application in a registry
 - Any OCI compliant container registry
- Ability to store application artifact offline
 - OCI image layout

CNAB security



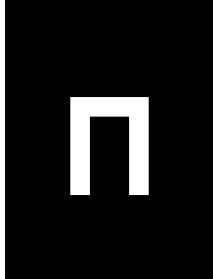
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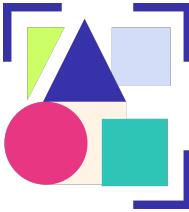
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- Leverage same mechanisms as containers
 - TUF
 - In-toto
 - Notary
- Reference tooling: signy
 - github.com/cnabio/signy

Learn more



- CNAB website: cnab.io
- Demo code: github.com/chris-crone/kubecon-eu-20
- Porter: porter.sh
- Interested in storing things in registries?
 - Sharing Is Caring! Push Your Cloud Application to an OCI Registry (sched.co/Zemr)
 - Silvin Lubecki and Djordje Lukic, Docker
 - Where to Put All That YAML: Secure Content Management for Cloud Native Apps (sched.co/Zeiq)
 - Ryan Abrams, Stripe



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