

Release It Like a Pro!



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Here we are!



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Agenda & Legenda

- **Release Management**

- It all starts from a version TAG....
- ...to a “Semantic” git commit message
- ...automated with Semantic Release
- Semantic Release: Plugin Lifecycle
- Repository management: Pre-Release strategy

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What: Best Practise section

How To: Best Open Source
Tools choses in our use-case

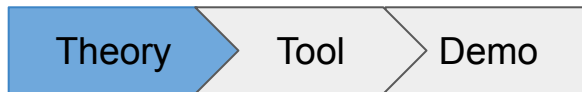
Example: A running
end2end demo



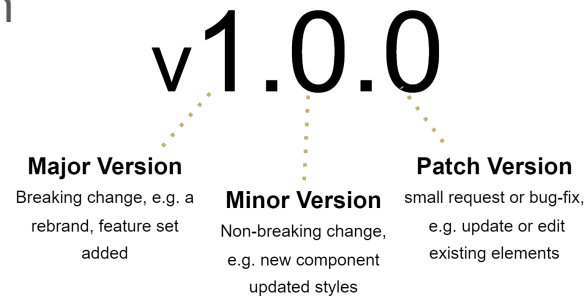
In a world dominated by
chaos....



It all starts from a version TAG....



- it's a **GIT tag** with a specific format
- **vX.Y.Z<label>** where X,Y and Z are numbers with an optional label
- **X** represents a “**Major Version**” (e.g. a breaking change)
- **Y** represents a “**Minor Version**” (e.g. a new feature)
- **Z** represent a “**Patch Version**” (e.g. a bug-fix, a performance tuning etc)



We should have a set of rules to be applied to calculate this tag each time there's a change to our code-base.

Let's define this set of rules!



...to a “Semantic” git commit message

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```
<type>[optional scope]: <description>
```

```
[optional body]
```

```
[optional footer(s)]
```

Based on “Conventional Commits” specification

Type : {feat:, fix:, build:, chore:, ci:, docs:, style:, refactor:, perf:, test:}

Body: {*.}

Footer: {*|BREAKING CHANGE:}





...automated with Semantic Release

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- it's a tool that runs in a CI
- it's written in JS using 
- it defines a lifecycle that covers the whole release management process
- it uses a  architecture (to enable support for different codebases using most of the package managers tools, registries and platforms)
- it's open source with good support and a great community
- your configuration resides in a single yaml/json descriptor file



Semantic Release: Plugin Lifecycle

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Each **plugin** will implement **one or more lifecycle** steps.

Semantic release engine will execute the lifecycle, one step at a time, running the step implementation for **each declared plugin**

Plugin execution order = plugin array declaration (descriptor)

- [@semantic-release/commit-analyzer](#)
 - `analyzeCommits`: Determine the type of release by analyzing commits with [conventional-changelog](#)
- [@semantic-release/release-notes-generator](#)
 - `generateNotes`: Generate release notes for the commits added since the last release with [conventional-changelog](#)
- [@semantic-release/github](#)
 - `verifyConditions`: Verify the presence and the validity of the GitHub authentication and release configuration
 - `publish`: Publish a [GitHub release](#)
 - `success`: Add a comment to GitHub issues and pull requests resolved in the release
 - `fail`: Open a GitHub issue when a release fails



Definitions

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- **Protected branch:** a long-lived branch, created at repo startup. When it receives a merge, a release will be done (e.g. pre/beta, main....)
- **Pre-release branch:** a branch that produces pre-release versions.
- **Release branch:** a branch that produces release version
- **Pre-release:** a kind of release for “internal-use” only. One of these will be eligible to become a release. (e.g. pre/beta). Version number is fixed and label number will increment; v1.0.2-beta1→1.0.2-beta2 1.0.2-beta3....
- **Release:** a pre-release that becomes a release (merge pre/beta into main): v1.0.2 (a release for the masses :-)
- **Channel:** a label for the distribution channel name adopted for a particular branch (like @next or @latest)

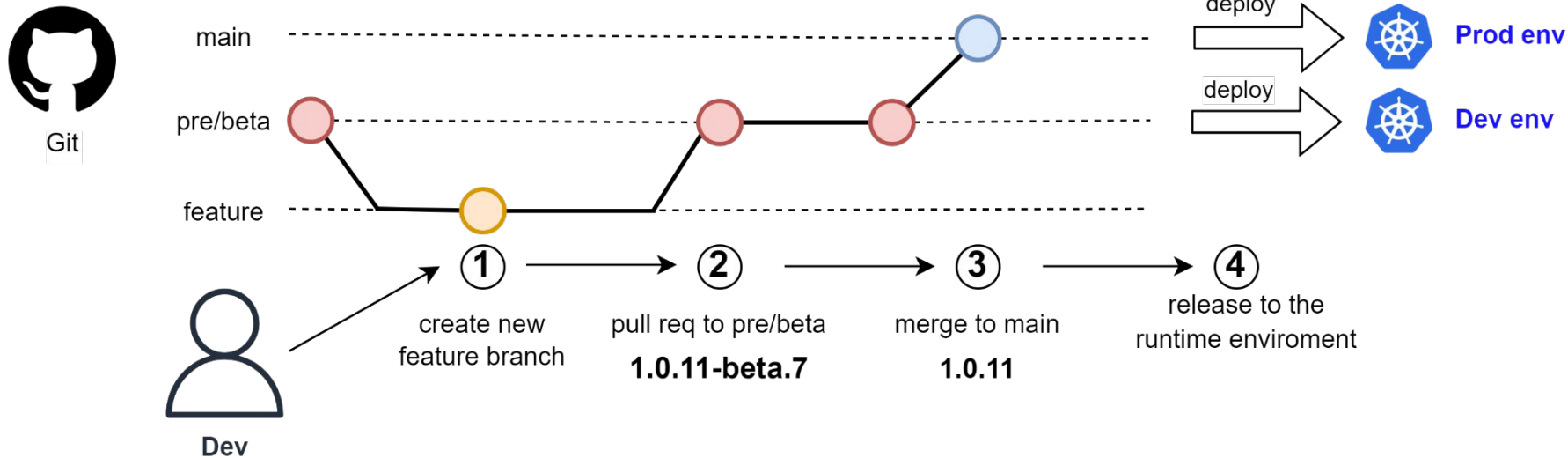


Repository management: Pre-Release strategy

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Anatomy of a .releaserc.yml file

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```
plugins:
  - "@semantic-release/commit-analyzer"
  - "@semantic-release/release-notes-generator"
  - "@semantic-release/changelog"
  - "@semantic-release/npm"
  ...
  - "@semantic-release/github"
  - "@semantic-release/git"
  - assets:
    - package.json
    - package-lock.json
    - CHANGELOG.md
    message: |-
      ci(release): ${nextRelease.version} [skip ci]
      ${nextRelease.notes}
  }
branches:
  #child branches coming from tagged version for bugfix (1.1.x) or new features (1.x)
  #maintenance branch
  - name: "+([0-9])?([.]+([0-9]),x).x"
    channel: "latest"
  #release a production version when merging towards main
  - name: "main"
    channel: "latest"
  #prerelease branch
  - name: "pre/beta"
    channel: "next"
    prerelease: "beta"
  }
debug: true
```

Plugins
configurations



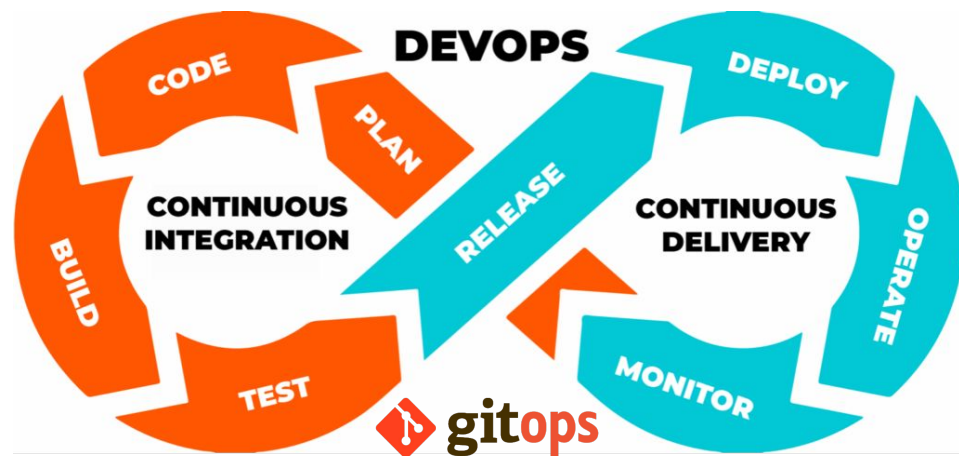
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Our approach:

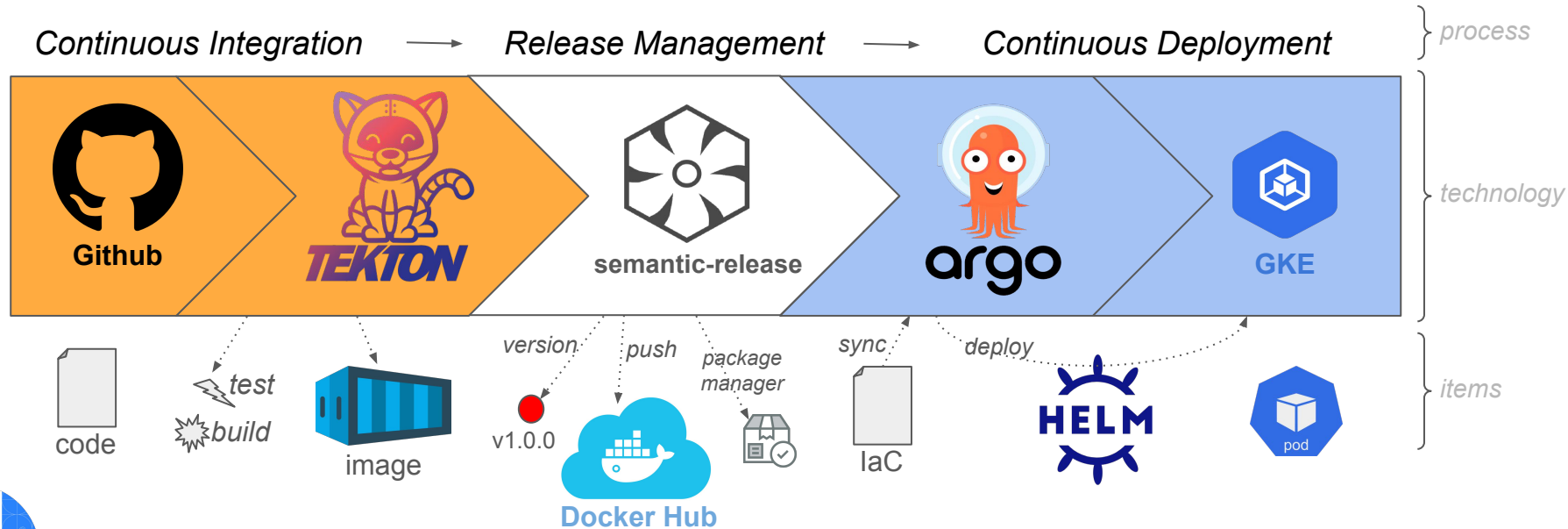
- **Vendor Agnostic** solutions
- **Cloud Native (k8s)** implementations
- Widely used **open source** projects
- Adoption of **consolidated strategies** (DevOps) and new **best practices** (GitOps)

Automation: Tools Overview

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Tekton: What is?

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What is Tekton ?

- Open-source **CI** platform implementation running natively in **Kubernetes**.
- Enables the definition of **pipeline as code**
- Open Source Ecosystem with a **large catalog of reusable components**
- Continuous Delivery Foundation (CDF)

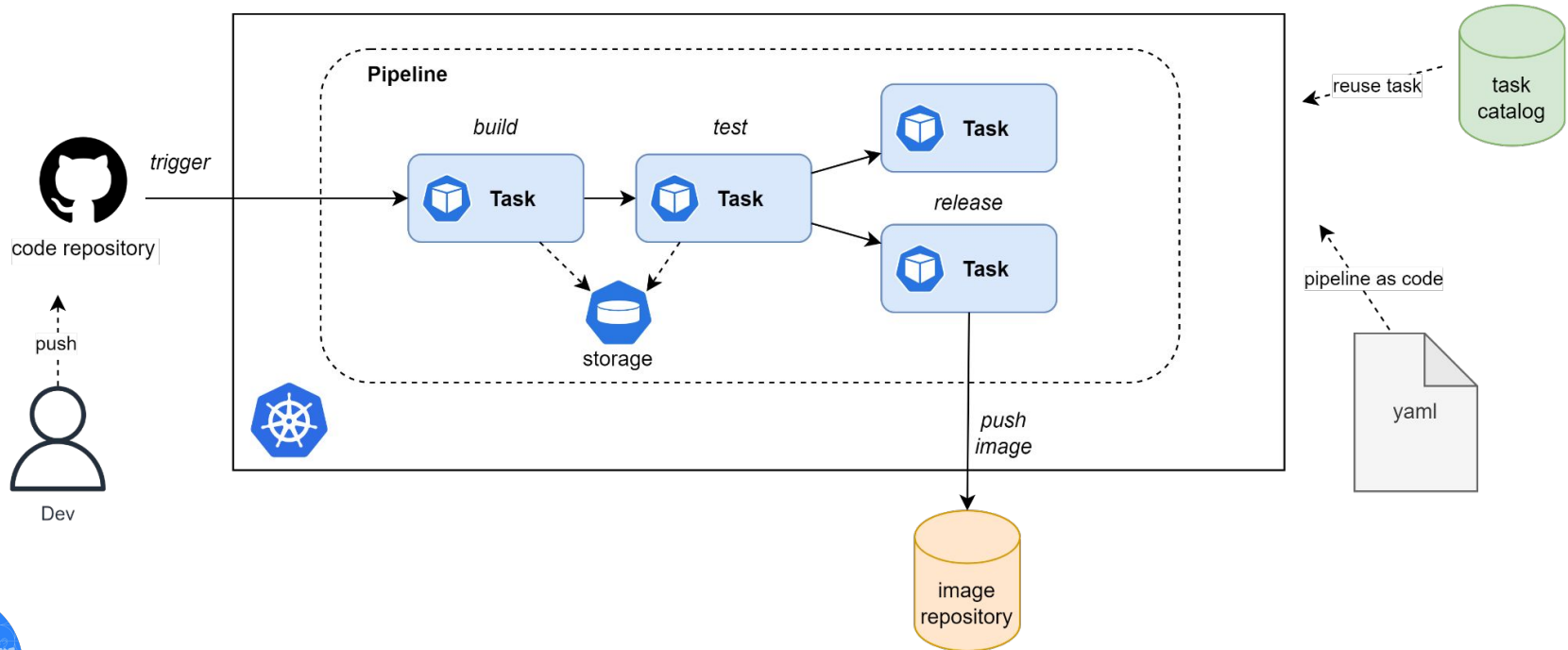


Tekton: How it works?

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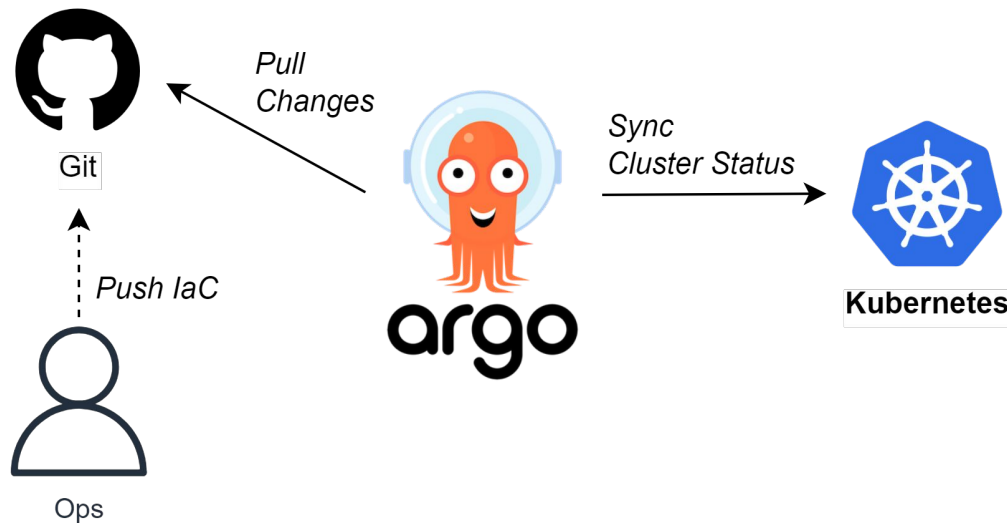


ArgoCD



What is it?

- Open-source declarative **GitOps** continuous delivery tool, **native k8s**.
- Automated **Sync** Deployment & **Drift Detection**
- Integrated **Notification Engine**
- **CNCF** Graduated Project



ArgoCD: Application Example

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```
apiVersion: argoproj.io/v1alpha1
kind: Application
metadata:
  name: demo-app-dev
  annotations:
    notifications.argoproj.io/subscribe.on-deployed.slack: demo-app-deploy
    notifications.argoproj.io/subscribe.on-sync-failed.slack: demo-app-deploy
    notifications.argoproj.io/subscribe.on-sync-succeeded.slack: demo-app-deploy
  finalizers:
    - resources-finalizer.argocd.argoproj.io
spec:
  destination:
    namespace: demo-dev
    server: https://kubernetes.default.svc
  project: default
  source:
    helm:
      valueFiles:
        - env/dev.values.yaml
    path: .
    repoURL: https://github.com/subzero-team/demo-app-iac
    targetRevision: main
  syncPolicy:
    automated:
      prune: true
      selfHeal: true
    syncOptions:
      - CreateNamespace=true
```

Argo Spec. Kind

Notification Channels



Destination Configuration



Source Configuration

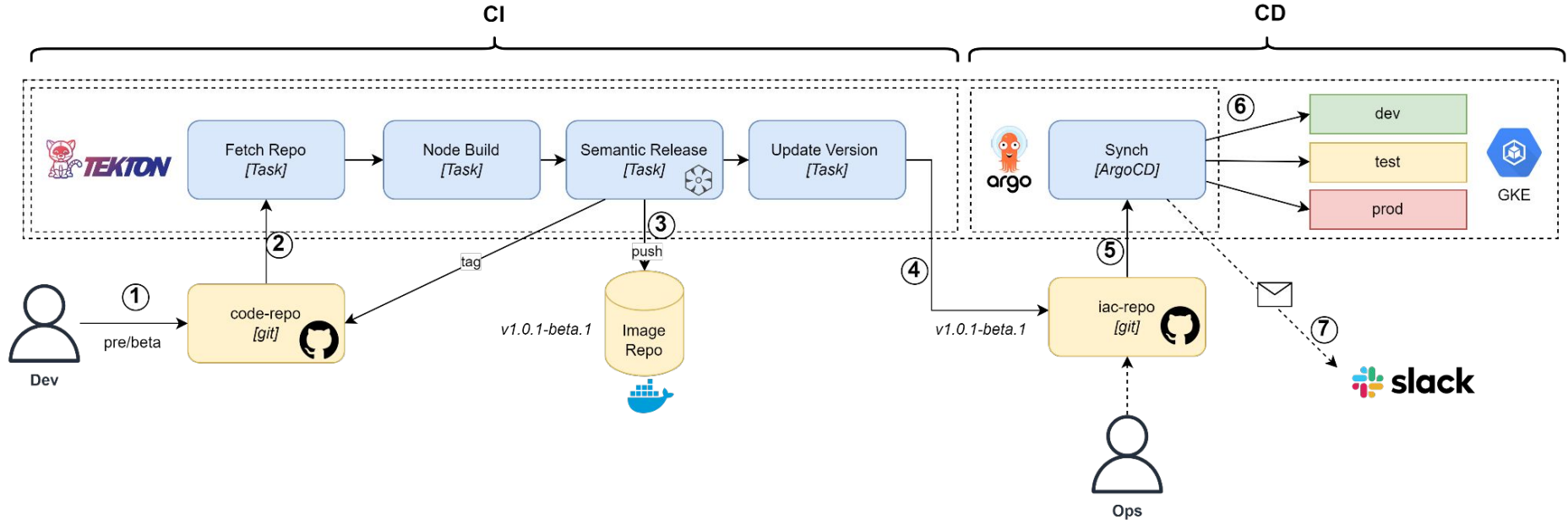


Sync Configuration

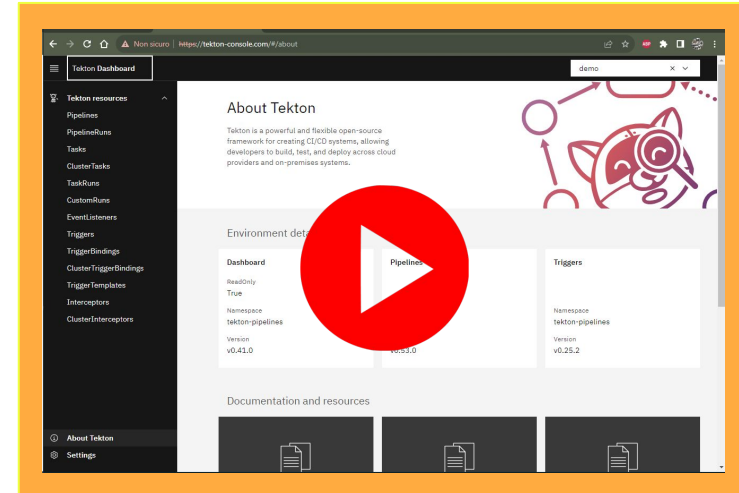
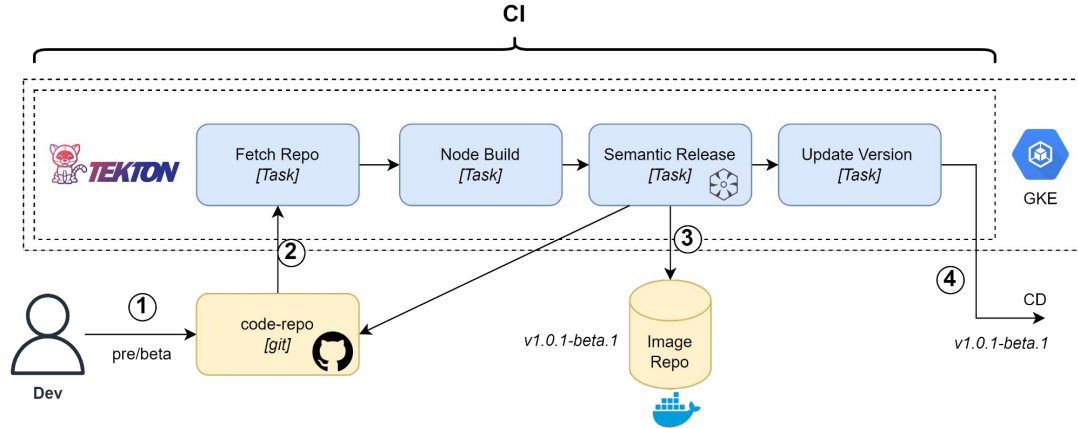
demo-app-dev.yaml



Demo's Solution Architecture



Demo - Pipeline CI

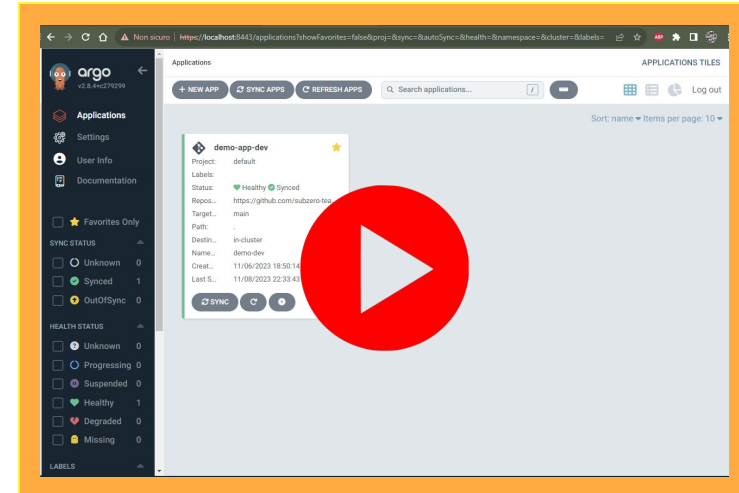
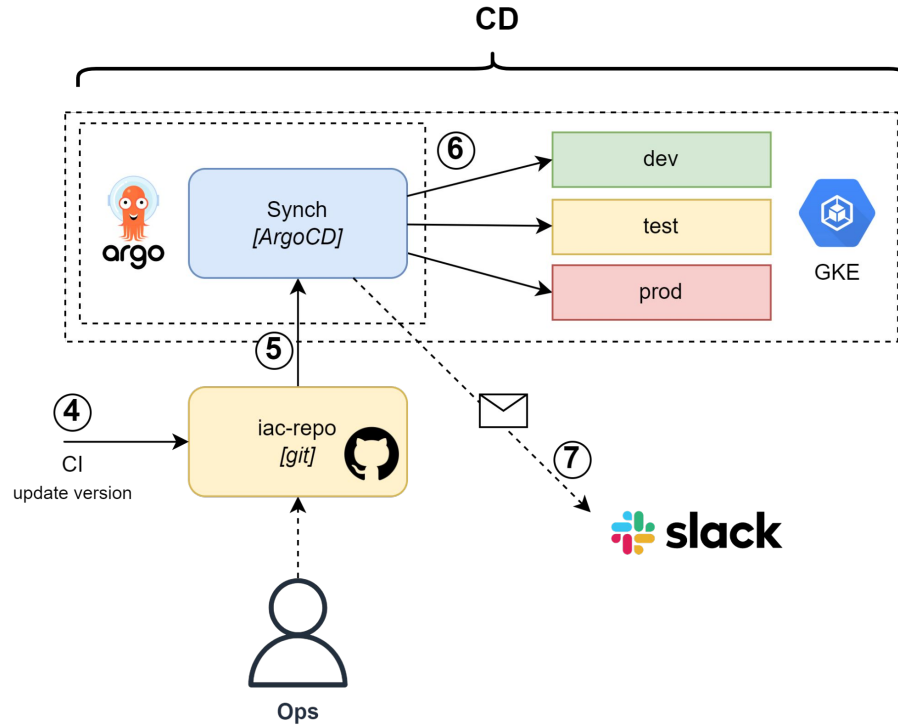


Demo - Pipeline CD

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Thanks!



- <https://github.com/subzero-team/>



- <https://simone-pulcini.medium.com/release-it-like-a-pro-part-1-semantic-release>
- <https://corollo.medium.com/release-it-like-a-pro-part-2-ci>
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