Smooth Sailing with Helm v3

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Changes in Helm v3

Operations:

- Tiller Removed
- Security Enhancements
- Release Model has Changed (Deployment State)
- Helm Controller

Development:

- CRD Handling
- Library Chart
- Lua Introduced



Target Audience

General Information:

- Looking for general knowledge on changes from Helm v2 to Helm v3
- Looking for information on the increased security model of Helm v3

Intermediate Users:

- How to improve the security model for existing Helm v2 implementations
- Information on how to build a Helm Chart in Helm v3

Advanced Workflows:

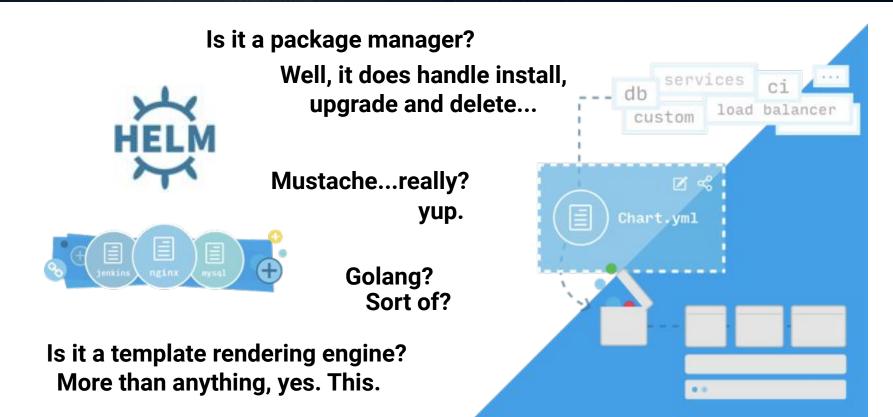
How to leverage Helm v3 libraries for improved scale and security

Shown in Demo!

Most of this Meetup discussion will be interactive and driven via demo/walkthroughs.

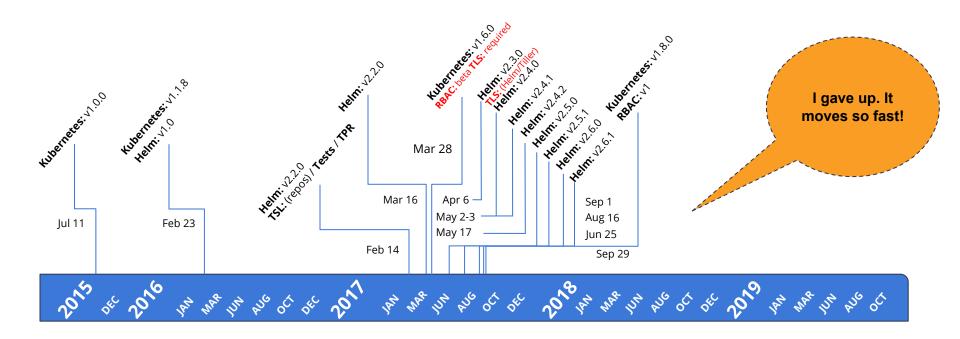


What is Helm?





Timeline of Helm (and Kubernetes)

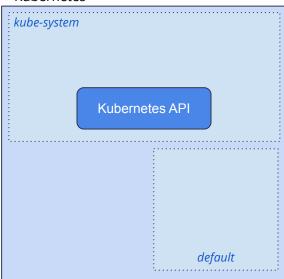




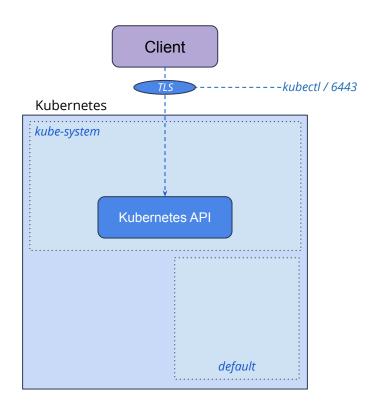
Let's talk about: Tiller



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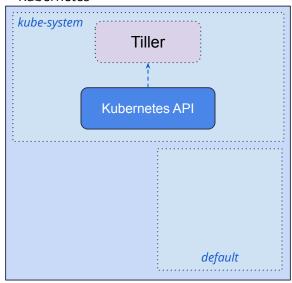






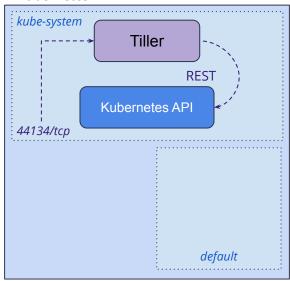


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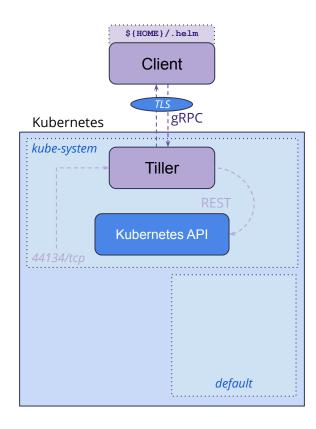




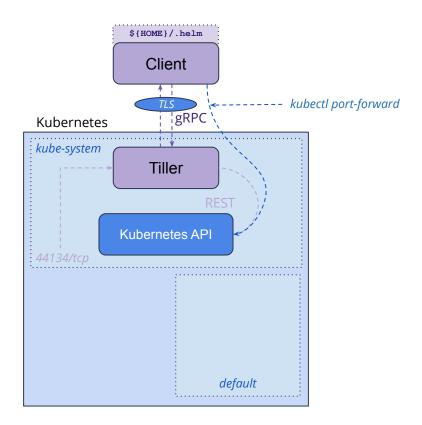




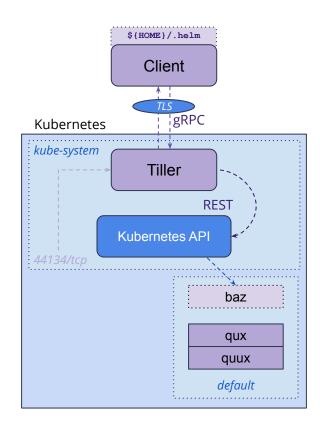






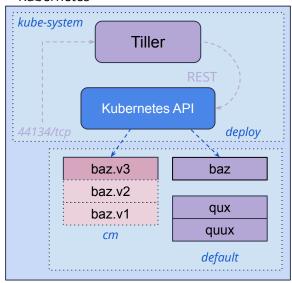




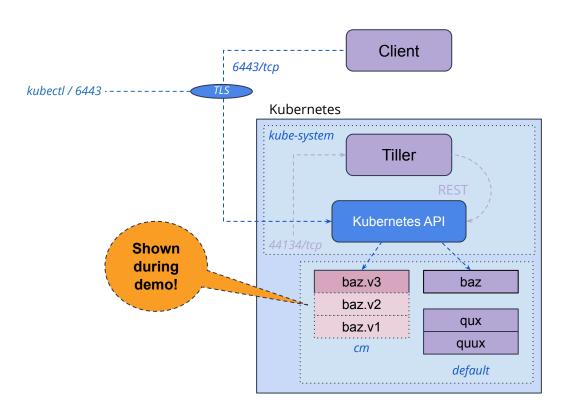






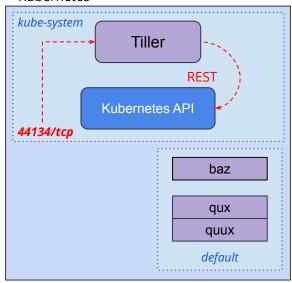






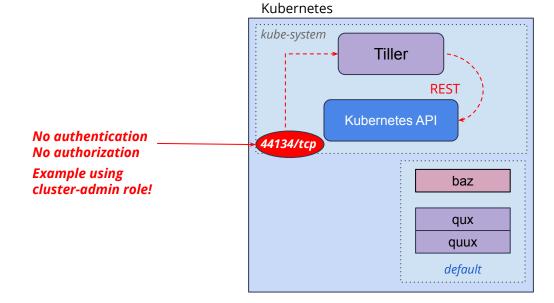




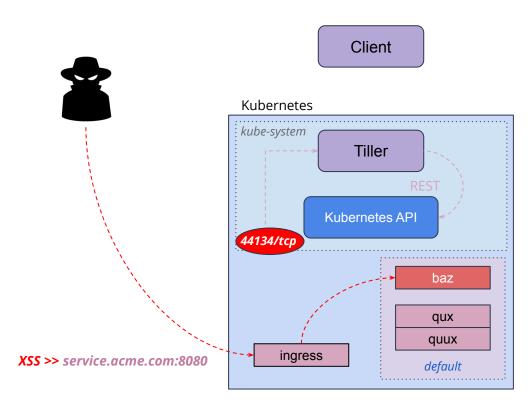




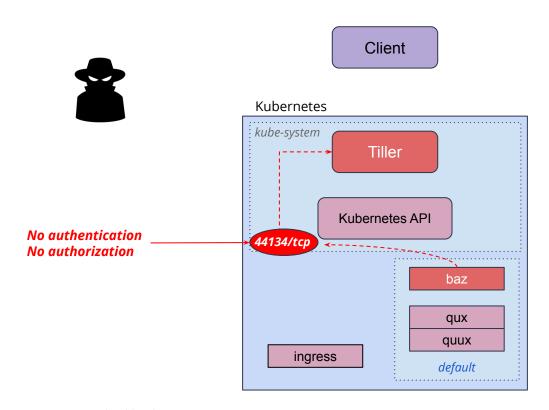








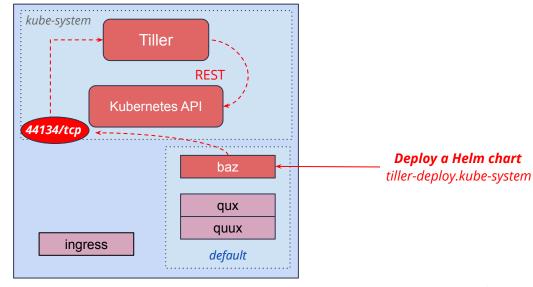








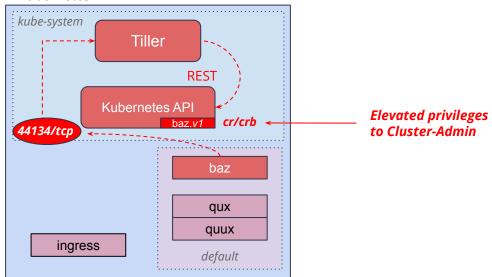
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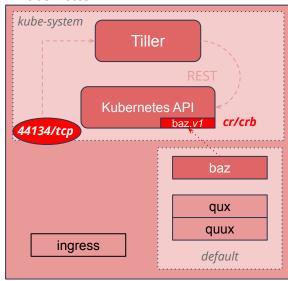
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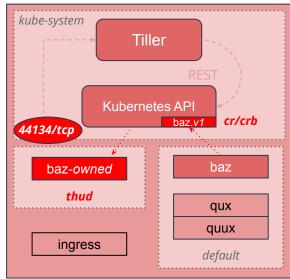
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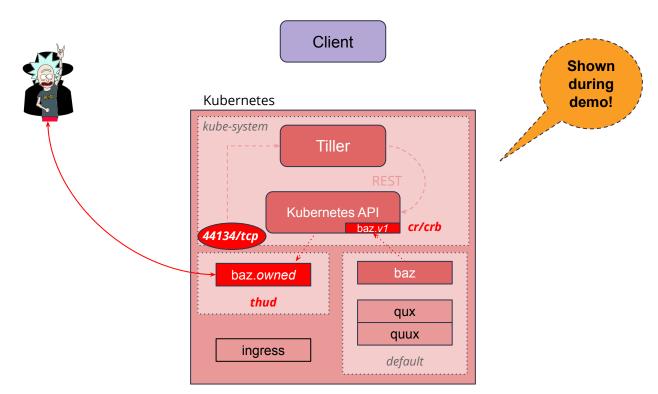




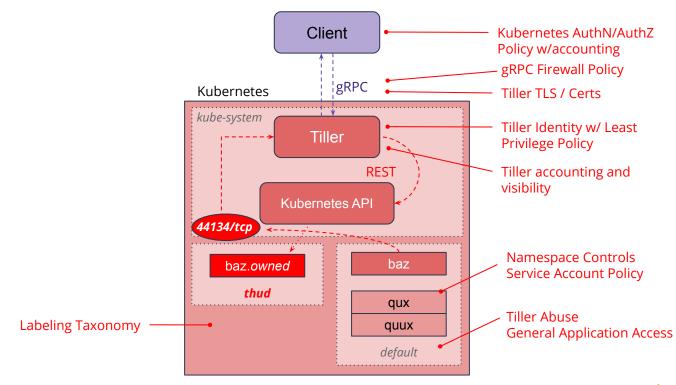
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Kubernetes already has a good framework for least privileges

...so use it...



Changes in Helm v3: Security Enhancements

Security Enhancements: *Available Now*

- Tiller removed
- Leverages the Kubernetes security model
 - Same identity as in a user's kubeconfig
 - Use standard organization authN/authZ policy
- Communication using same methods as Kubernetes (TLS)
- Audits are now recorded at the cluster or federated level



Changes in Helm v3: Operational

New Repository/Registry Features: Experimental

- Push/Pull to/from a registry (OCI compliance coming soon)
- helm login to act similar to docker login
- OAuth2 authorization flow bearer/token auth
- Plugins can leverage customized spec/protocols (ex. s3://)
- Administrators can limit who has access to upload/install charts

Notes:

- You can try oras for push/pull to/from a registry as well
- Enable experimental features with the following:

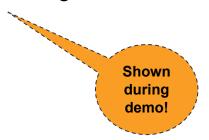
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export HELM_EXPERIMENTAL_OCI=1
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Changes in Helm v3: Operational

Releases: Available Now (Partially)

- Release object in the form of a CRD and matching secret
- Secret represents a version of application instance (state)
- Namespaced artifacts
- Versions will have a ULID rather than old Helm v2 integers





Changes in Helm v3: Operational

New Helm Controller (CI/CD): Planned

- Not included as part of the Helm core project
- A CRD that will accept value overrides as part of a HelmRequest
- Subset of client functionality
- More granular RBAC restrictions



Changes in Helm v3: Development

Library Chart: Available Now

- No artifacts
 - Chart of declarations: functions, utilities, templates, etc.
- Support for Lua scripts in an the new ext/ folder
- Defined in Chart.yaml, no longer in requirements.yaml



Changes in Helm v3: Development

Introduction of Lua: Planned

- New ext/ folder
- Greater chart/sub-chart controls
- Lua is widely used in other popular projects
- Easy to learn
- Powerful and fast scripting language
- Considered to win out when compared with other languages:
 - Python, Ruby, Typescript, JavaScript



Changes in Helm v3: Other Operational Improvements

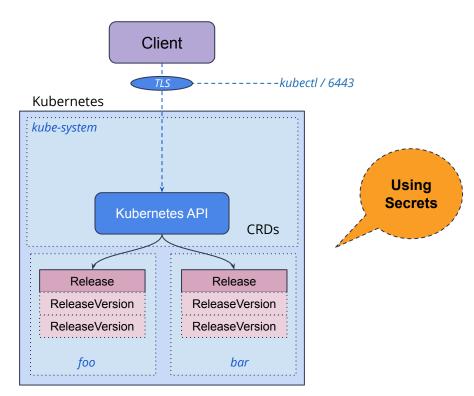
Other: Planned

- Managed Hooks
- index.yaml moving to index.json with version partitions
- values.yaml **schemas via** values.schema.yaml
- Bye bye helm reset and helm serve
- Consider running the Chart Museum Plugin:

https://github.com/jdolitsky/helm-servecm



Helm v3 Architecture: Proposed Aug 8th 2018





Demo/Walkthroughs





Thank You!