

Containerized Build & Deployment Pipelines

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Agenda

- why should you containerize your pipeline?
- pipeline workload on Kubernetes with GitLab CI/CD
- image builds on Kubernetes with Kaniko
- cloud-native pipelines with Tekton

Why should you containerize your pipeline?

- for the same reasons why you should use containers
 - isolation
 - dependencies
 - scalability
 - immutability
- example: your new project needs version X all others still require Y
 - you can insert any kind of build / deploy dependency
 - .NET Core, Go, Terraform, Ansible... you name it



Pipeline job image

- contains everything a single pipeline job needs
 - binaries, libraries, tools, ...
- use a pipeline to build/rebuild it periodically (security fixes!)
- you should define fix versions for your dependencies

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Dockerfile ×

Projects > pana > demo > gitlab-commit > build-job-images > yamllint > → Dockerfile > ...

LABEL maintainer="nico@meisenzahl.org" \

A corg.label-schema.vcs-url="https://gitlab.com/gitlab-commit-demo/build-job-images"

ENV VERSION=1.17.0

RUN apk add --update --no-cache bash python & \

apk add --update --no-cache --virtual=build py-setuptools py-pip & \

in pip --no-cache-dir install -U pip & \

in pip --no-cache-dir install yamllint==$VERSION & \

in apk del --purge build

in the ENTRYPOINT ["yamllint"]

CMD ["--help"]
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Kubernetes vs. docker run

- every pipeline job runs in a container
 - based on an image with all requirements for this single job
- Build host with Docker daemon
 - or any other container solution
- GitLab Runner Kubernetes executor
 - integrates your CI/CD with Kubernetes
 - runs a pod per job
 - containing a container with the defined image along with some service containers
 - allows you to share your compute and scale your pipelines



GitLab Runner Kubernetes executor

- runs itself in a pod
- needs to be installed in your Kubernetes Cluster
 - automatable Helm deployment
- schedules job pods
- build steps of a pipeline job
 - prepare → creates pod with build and service containers
 - pre-build → clones repo, restore cache, download artifacts
 - build → user build steps
 - post-build → creates caches and upload artifacts



Demo

containerized pipelines on Kubernetes with GitLab Runner



Image builds on Kubernetes with Kaniko

- any Docker-in-Docker solution has issues
 - exposing Docker socket
 - mounting /var/lib/docker
 - privileged mode
- image builds without the need of any privileges or dependencies
- runs in a container
 - http://gcr.io/kaniko-project/executor
- use build caching to speed up your pipeline

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knaiko-pod.yaml ×

Users > nico > Downloads > {...} knaiko-pod.yaml > ...

1 apiVersion: v1
2 kind: Pod
3 metadata:
4 | name: kaniko
5 spec:
6 | containers:
7 | name: kaniko
8 | image: gcr.io/kaniko-project/executor:latest
9 | args: ["--dockerfile=/Dockerfile",
10 | name: kaniko | name: kan
```



Demo

containerized image builds on Kubernetes with Kaniko



Cloud-native pipelines with Tekton

- Tekton Pipelines emerged out of the Knative build project
- Jenkins X pipelines are based on Tekton
- moves your whole CI/CD into Kubernetes
- based on
 - CRDs (Custom Resource Definitions)
 - Controllers
- Tekton Triggers can be used to call a pipeline
- project also provides a CLI and Dashboard

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conditions.tekton.dev
eventlisteners.tekton.dev
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pipelines.tekton.dev
taskruns.tekton.dev
triggerbindings.tekton.dev
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Demo

cloud-native pipelines with Tekton Pipelines



Questions?



Slides: https://www.slideshare.net/nmeisenzahl

Demo: https://gitlab.com/nmeisenzahl/conconf-conli

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