Building container images on your cluster with Knative Build

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This talk

What will we cover in this session

- Why build on your cluster?
- The power of Custom Resources
- Knative Build
- Higher-level interfaces
- The future





Why build on your cluster?



CI systems are production too

A compromise of your build infrastructure is **BAD**





Why maintain separate build machines?

Less variation makes for lower operations overhead



Build is a scheduling problem

And Kubernetes is a pretty handy scheduler



The power of Custom Resources



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Concepts

- Overview
- Kubernetes Architecture
- Containers
- Workloads
- Services, Load Balancing, and Networking
- Storage
- Configuration
- Policies
- Cluster Administration
- Extending Kubernetes

Extending your Kubernetes Cluster

Extending the Kubernetes API

Extending the Kubernetes API with the aggregation layer

Custom Resources

 Compute, Storage, and Networking Extensions

Service Catalog

Custom Resources



This page explains custom resources, which are extensions of the Kubernetes API, including when to add a custom resource to your Kubernetes cluster and when to use a standalone service. It describes the two methods for adding custom resources and how to choose between them.

- Custom resources
- · Adding custom resources
- CustomResourceDefinitions
- · API server aggregation
- · Preparing to install a custom resource
- · Accessing a custom resource
- · What's next

Custom resources

A resource is an endpoint in the Kubernetes API that stores a collection of API objects of a certain kind. For example, the built-in pods resource contains a collection of Pod objects.

A custom resource is an extension of the Kubernetes API that is not necessarily available on every Kubernetes cluster. In other words, it represents a customization of a particular Kubernetes installation.

Custom resources can appear and disappear in a running cluster through dynamic registration, and cluster admins can update

The importance of extensions

Solving specific problems as well as general ones

- Features that not everyone needs can still run on Kubernetes
- Not everything needs to be in the core API
- Adoption of extensions will help Kubernetes stand the test of time

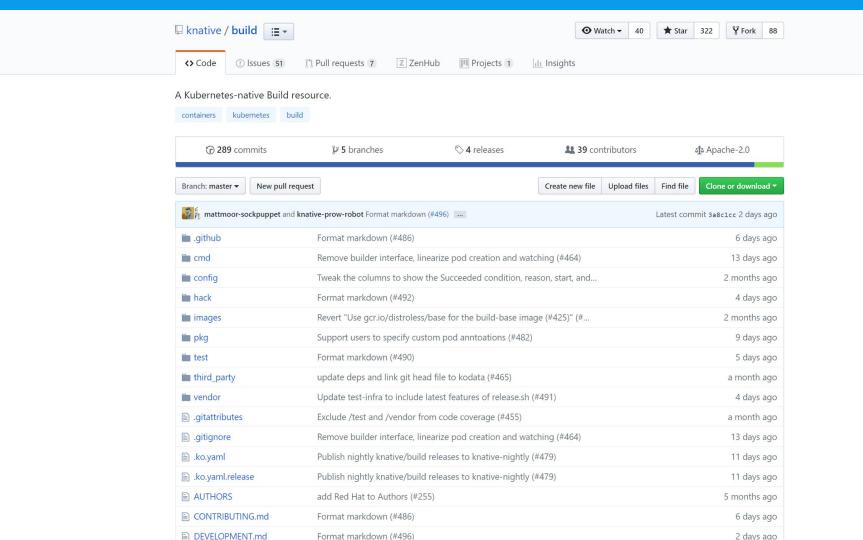


Knative Build



Knative Build is a CRD which adds primitives to Kubernetes for modelling the software build process





Installing Knative Build

```
$ kubectl apply -f https://storage.googleapis.com/knative-releases/build/latest/release.yaml
namespace "knative-build" created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io "knative-build-admin" created
serviceaccount "build-controller" created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io "build-controller-admin" created
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io "builds.build.knative.dev" created
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io "buildtemplates.build.knative.dev" created
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io "clusterbuildtemplates.build.knative.dev" created
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io "images.caching.internal.knative.dev" created
service "build-controller" created
service "build-webhook" created
configmap "config-logging" created
deployment.apps "build-controller" created
deployment.apps "build-webhook" created
```

What did we just install?

<pre>\$ kubectl get podsnamespace knative NAME pod/build-controller-5bf486fb95-dm446 pod/build-webhook-7b8f64b77c-k7k5j</pre>			-build READ 1/1 1/1		STATUS Running Running		RESTAF 0 0	RTS	AGE 2m 2m		
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What makes up Knative Build

What are the new API primitives?

- A Build can include multiple steps where each step specifies a Builder.
- A Builder is a type of container image that you create to accomplish any task, whether that's a single step in a process, or the whole process itself.
- A BuildTemplate can be used to defined reusable templates.
- Authenticate with ServiceAccount using Kubernetes Secrets.



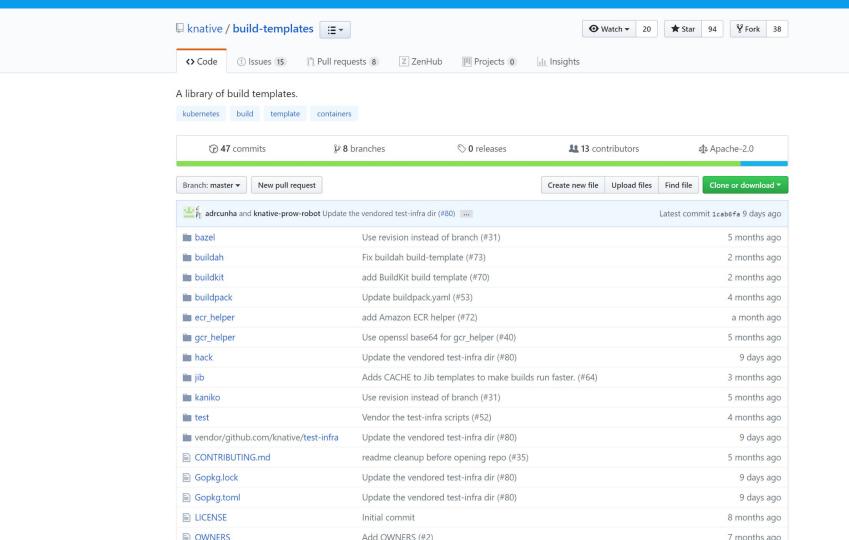
Warning Knative Build is for tool builders

Hello Build

```
apiVersion: build.knative.dev/v1alpha1
kind: Build
metadata:
   name: date
spec:
   steps:
   - name: date
   image: debian:stable-slim
   args: ['/bin/date']
```

Running the build

Build successful

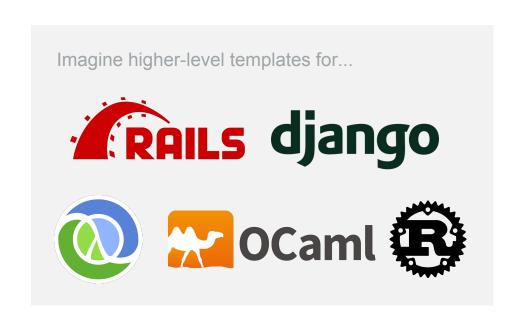




Existing build templates

Mainly generic build tool templates, but lots of potential

- Bazel
- Buildah
- Buildkit
- Buildpacks
- Jib
- Kaniko





Installing build templates

Parameters

```
apiVersion: build.knative.dev/v1alpha1
kind: BuildTemplate
metadata:
  name: kaniko
spec:
  parameters:
  - name: IMAGE
    description: The name of the image to push
  - name: DOCKERFILE
    description: Path to the Dockerfile to build.
    default: /workspace/Dockerfile
  steps:
  - name: build-and-push
    image: gcr.io/kaniko-project/executor
    args:
    - --dockerfile=${DOCKERFILE}
    - --destination=${IMAGE}
```

Steps

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Describing a build

```
apiVersion: build.knative.dev/v1alpha1
kind: Build
metadata:
 name: kubeval-build
spec:
  source:
   git:
      url: https://github.com/garethr/kubeval.git
      revision: master
  template:
    name: kaniko
    arguments:
    - name: IMAGE
      value: garethr/kubeval
```

Running a build

```
$ kubectl apply -f kubeval.yaml
build.build.knative.dev "kubeval-build" created
$ kubectl get build kubeval-build -o yaml -w
# grab the pod identifier
$ kubectl logs -f kubeval-build-pod-8fd6e4 -c build-step-build-and-push
INFO[0000] Downloading base image golang:1.8-alpine
2018/12/09 16:50:14 No matching credentials were found, falling back on anonymous
INFO[0002] Executing 0 build triggers
INFO[0002] Unpacking rootfs as cmd RUN apk --no-cache add make git requires it.
INFO[0137] Taking snapshot of full filesystem...
INFO[0138] Skipping paths under /builder/home, as it is a whitelisted directory
INFO[0138] Skipping paths under /dev, as it is a whitelisted directory
INFO[0138] Skipping paths under /kaniko, as it is a whitelisted directory
INFO[0138] Skipping paths under /proc, as it is a whitelisted directory
INFO[0138] Skipping paths under /sys, as it is a whitelisted directory
INFO[0138] Skipping paths under /var/run, as it is a whitelisted directory
```

Higher-level interfaces



Remember Knative Build is for tool builders

The Kubernetes community is an interesting mix of systems engineers and end users

This is both a strength and a weakness



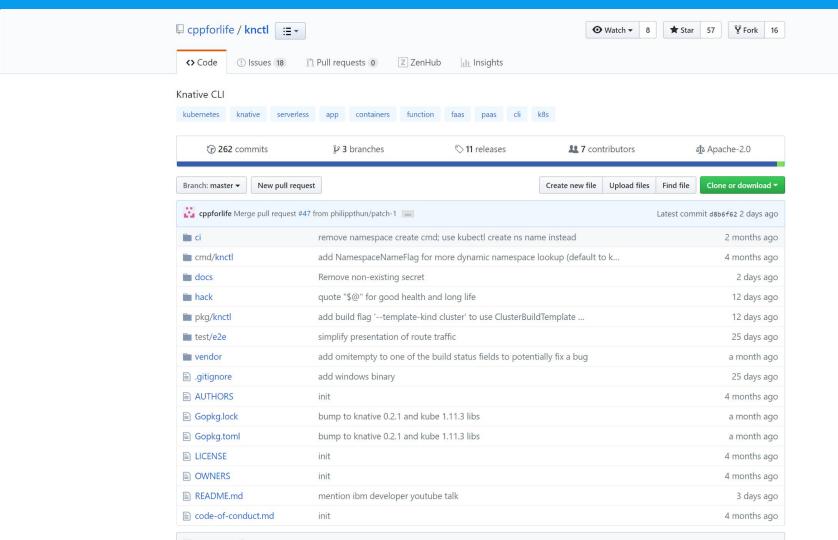
If Knative is for tool builders, what about end users?

The pros and cons of low-level APIs

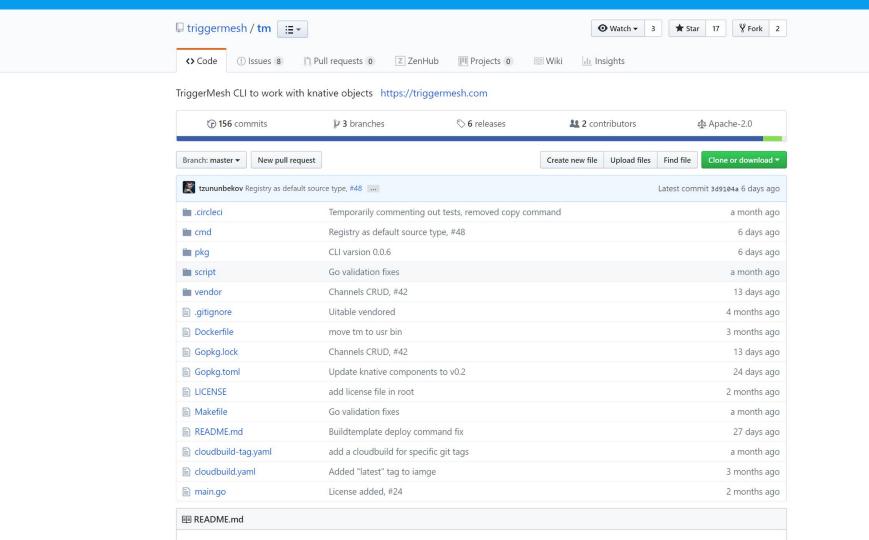


Experimenting with template UI

```
$ knt inspect kaniko
kaniko
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/knative/build-templates/master/kaniko/kaniko.yaml
Parameters (2) Description
                                                 Default
IMAGE
                The name of the image to push
                Path to the Dockerfile to build. /workspace/Dockerfile
DOCKERFILE
Steps (1) Image
                                             Command
                                                       Args
                                                       --dockerfile=${DOCKERFILE}
build-and-push gcr.io/kaniko-project/executor
                                                       --destination=${IMAGE}
```







Examples with TriggerMesh tm

```
$ tm deploy build kubeval --source https://github.com/garethr/kubeval.git \
    --buildtemplate docker --args IMAGE=garethr/kubeval
$ tm get build kubeval
"stepStates": [
    "terminated": {
      "exitCode": 0.
      "reason": "Completed",
      "startedAt": "2018-12-12T01:42:48Z",
      "finishedAt": "2018-12-12T01:46:41Z",
      "containerID": "docker://45913da527d4ee1160d9f0cce0119ec4ddcd920470a086beae7b4a6170f850bb"
"stepsCompleted": [
  "build-step-build"
```

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Jenkins X is a CI/CD solution for modern cloud applications on Kubernetes

Get Started

This project is being proposed as a sub project of the Jenkins Foundation

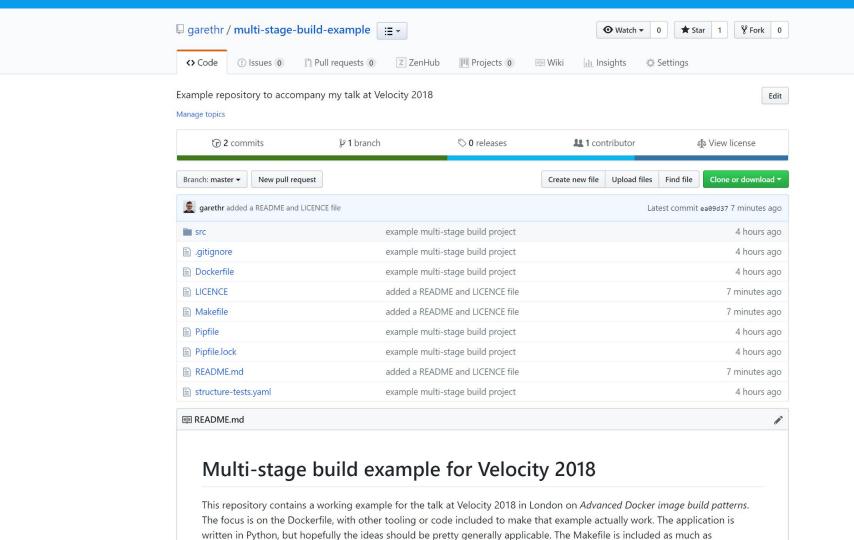
Dockerfile to Knative Build

CMD ["gunicorn", "-b", ":5000", "app:app"]

```
FROM test-base AS Test
RUN pytest --black
FROM test-base AS Check
RUN safety check
FROM app AS Security
ARG MICROSCANNER
RUN wget -0 /microscanner https://get.aquasec.com/microscanner && chmod +x /microscanner
RUN /microscanner $MICROSCANNER --full-output
FROM release
```

Generate steps from Dockerfile stages

```
steps:
  - name: test
   image: 'docker:18.09'
   args: ['build', '--target', 'test', '-t', "${IMAGE}:test", '.']
  - name: check
   image: 'docker:18.09'
    args: ['build', '--target', 'check', '-t', "${IMAGE}:check", '.']
  - name: security
   image: 'docker:18.09'
    args: ['build', '--target', 'security', '-t', "${IMAGE}:check", '.']
  - name: build
   image: 'docker:18.09'
   args: ['build', '-t', "${IMAGE}", '.']
```



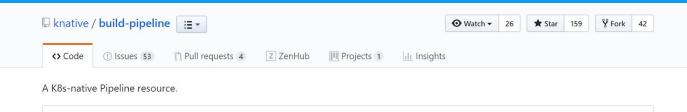


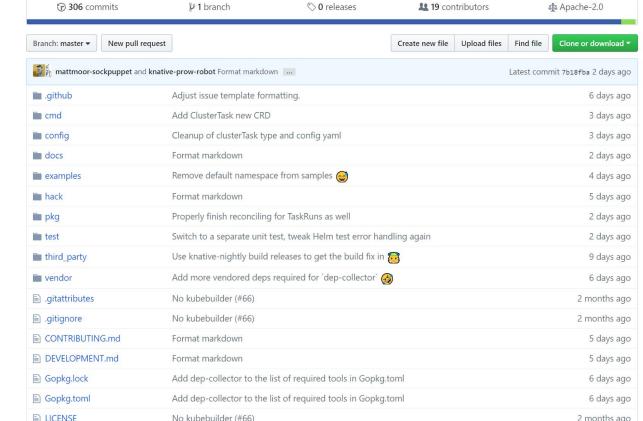
Demo



The future









Other things that might happen

Commence speculation

- A unified backend for different CI systems on Kubernetes?
- Custom scheduling algorithms for build?
- Decouple description from consumption of build information?
- Convertors for popular formats?
- Opinionated per-language/framework builders, including full pipelines?



Conclusion



Conclusions

If all you remember is...

- Knative Build is for tool builder
 But if you're building CI and building tooling then you should join the conversation
- Knative Build needs folks experimenting with UI
 Low level bits are important, but not as important as end user solutions
- Custom Resources in Kubernetes are great
 Expect further commoditization of parts of the software delivery toolchain



Questions?

