

Be a Good Corporate Citizen in Kubernetes

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- Geek, traveler, reader
- 20+ yr tech career focused on community & open source (Intel, Puppet, Scale Factory, ...)
- PhD from the University of Greenwich focus on Linux kernel collaboration
- OpenUK Board, CHAOSS Board and Maintainer, Bitergia Advisory Board
- Kubernetes contributor & CNCF Contributor Strategy SIG

Collaboration in Kubernetes: individuals, employers, and communities

Kubernetes, a Community of Individuals

Steering Committee

SIG/WG* Leads

Subproject Leads

Approver / Reviewer

Org Member

* Special Interest Group / Working Group



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Community = People

All contributions
Small world



Balancing the Triad

Individual contributions
Employer requests
Community needs



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Contribution Strategy and Plan

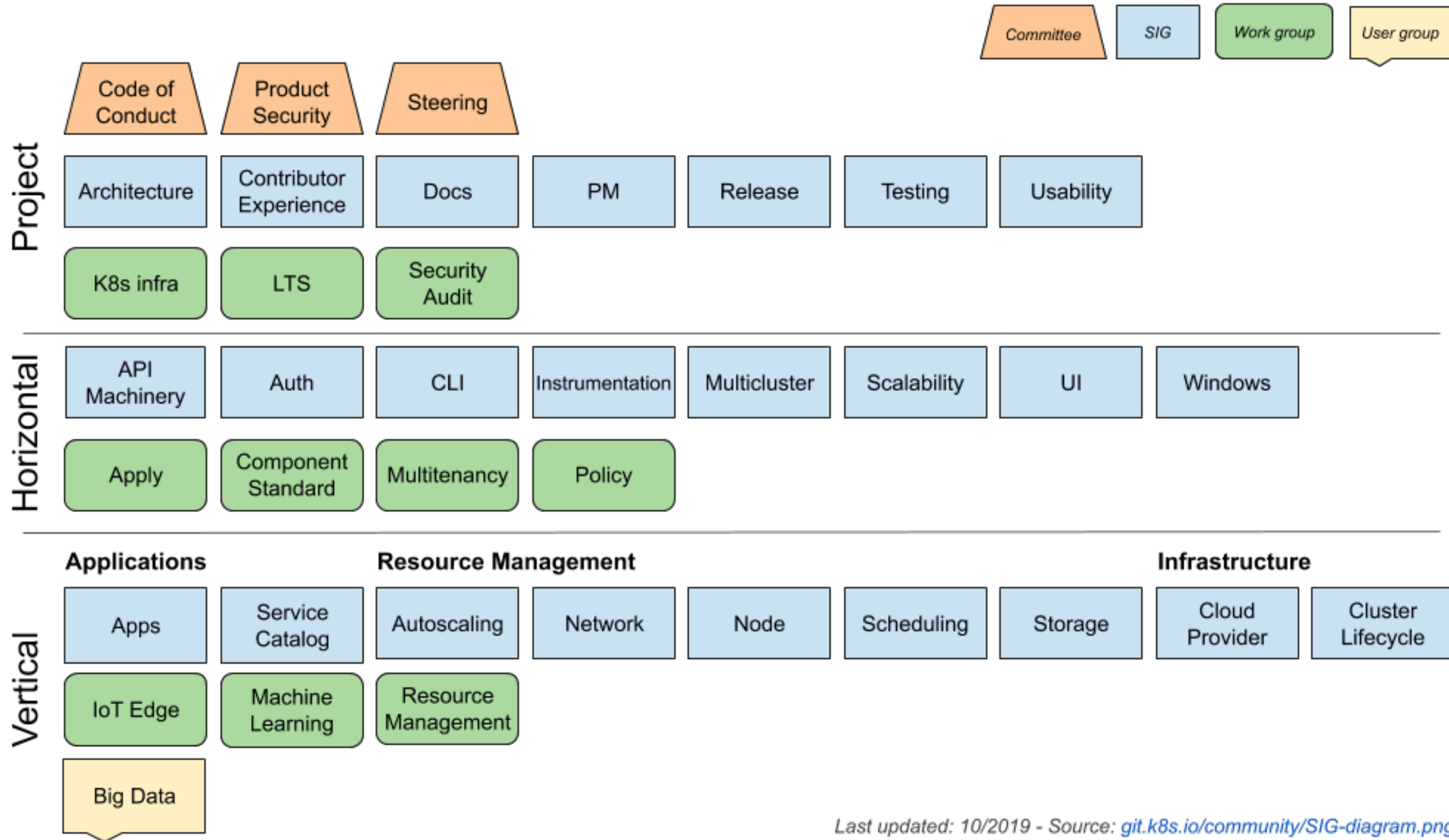
Strategy

- Align with business goals
- Execs understand importance
- Employees see their impact



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Focus



Last updated: 10/2019 - Source: git.k8s.io/community/SIG-diagram.png

Who do you need?

Finding the right people
Grow vs. hire



Contributing to Kubernetes as a Good Corporate Citizen

Getting Started in a SIG / WG

Join
Read the docs
Lurk & understand
Start small



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Learn from Feedback

Avoid getting defensive
May need to iterate



Work with the Kubernetes Community

Discuss changes
Early and often
Lack of control



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Sponsorship and Mentoring

Grow the next wave
of contributors



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Relationships

KubeCon
Contributor Summit
Get to know people



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Upstream your Patches

Reduces your overhead
Benefits the community
Right thing to do



Kubernetes Community Values

Distribution > Centralization

Inclusive > Exclusive

Evolution > Stagnation

Community > Company



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