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# Simplify Your Cloud Native Application Packaging and Deployments

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Developer tooling



# Agenda



- What is a cloud native application?
- Challenges with packaging and deploying apps
- Introduction to Cloud Native Application Bundles
- Demo
- CNAB for application packaging and deployment
- Where to learn more
- Questions?



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# What is a cloud native application?



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*"A program or piece of software designed to fulfil a particular purpose"* – Oxford English Dictionary

# A cloud native application?



- Compute
  - Containers
  - Functions (AWS Lambda, Azure Functions, etc.)
  - Virtual machines
- Storage
  - Databases
  - Object storage
  - Volumes
- Networking

App Definition and Development	Database	Streaming & Messaging	Application Definition & Image Build	Continuous Integration & Delivery	Platform	Observability and Analysis
	Scheduling & Orchestration	Coordination & Service Discovery	Remote Procedure Call	Service Proxy	API Gateway	Service Mesh
Orchestration & Management	Cloud Native Storage	Container Runtime	Cloud Native Network			
	Automation & Configuration	Container Registry	Security & Compliance	Key Management		
Runtime						
Provisioning						

**CLOUD NATIVE LANDSCAPE**  
COMPUTING FOUNDATION  
Redpoint Amplify

[l.cncf.io](https://l.cncf.io)

This landscape is intended as a map through the previously uncharted terrain of cloud native technologies. There are many routes to deploying a cloud native application, with CNCF Projects representing a particularly well-traveled path.

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# Deploying applications



```
$ less README.md
```

```
$ bash ./deploy.sh
```

```
Error: command not found: terraform
```

```
$ curl -Lo terraform https://...
```

```
$ bash ./deploy.sh
```

```
Error: unknown option --depreacted-option
```

```
$ curl -Lo terraform-old https://...
```

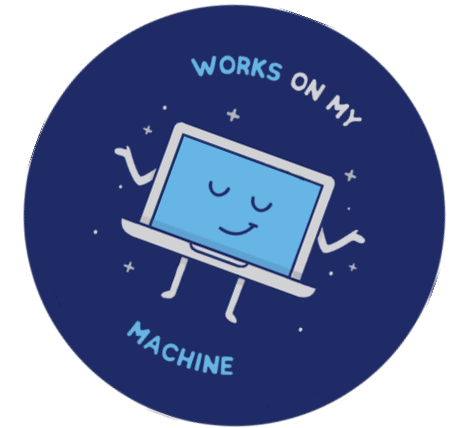
```
$ bash ./deploy.sh
```

```
Error: command not found: jq
```

# Deployment tooling



- Often need more than one tool to deploy an application
- Is the README up to date?
- Which version of the tools?
- What if I'm using Windows and not Linux?
- Difficult coordination problem between team members, CI, users



# Ideal deployment tooling



- Defined as code: tools, versions, options
- Same deployment environment everywhere



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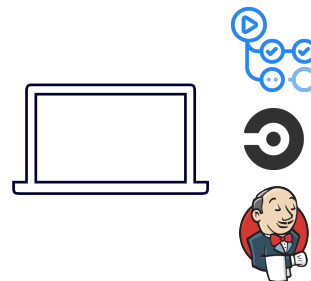
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# Packaging applications

# Different parts, different places

## GitHub



app/compose.yaml

```
services:
  front:
    image: user/front:1.19
    ports:
      - "80:80"
  back:
    image: user/myapp:1.1
```

Application definition

```
$ docker
$ terraform
$ helm
```

Deployment tooling

```
user/front:1.19
user/myapp:1.1
```

Application components

# Ideal application packaging



- Immutable application artifact
- Store the whole application in a registry
- Ability to store application artifact offline



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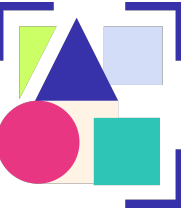


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# Cloud Native Application Bundles



Cloud Native Application Bundles (CNAB) are a package format specification that describes a technology for bundling, installing, and managing distributed applications, that are by design, cloud agnostic.



# CNAB specification



- Target is tooling developers
- Packaging specification (bundle)
- Bundle runtime (actions)
  - Install, upgrade, uninstall
- Optionally
  - Lifecycle tracking (claims)
  - Registry storage
  - Security
  - Dependencies

# Bundle structure



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## Bundle definition

### Invocation image

Application  
definition

```
compose.yaml
```

Deployment  
tooling

```
docker
```

### Metadata

```
name: myapp
```

### Credentials

```
kube config
```

### Parameters

```
port: 80
```

### Component 1

```
front:1.19
```

### Component 2

```
myapp:1.1
```

# CNAB runtime



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- Standard actions: install, upgrade, uninstall
- Custom actions
  - e.g.: status, logs
  - Stateful/stateless
- Application lifecycle tracked by “claims”
  - Keep track of state of installations
  - Keep record of parameters, outputs, etc.
  - Only data structure defined in specification



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# CNAB for deployment



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```
$ less porter.yaml
```

```
$ porter install myapp --tag acme/app:v0.1.0
```

# Ideal deployment tooling



- Defined as code: tools, versions, options
  - porter.yaml
  - Stored in CNAB invocation image
- Same deployment environment everywhere
  - Containers!



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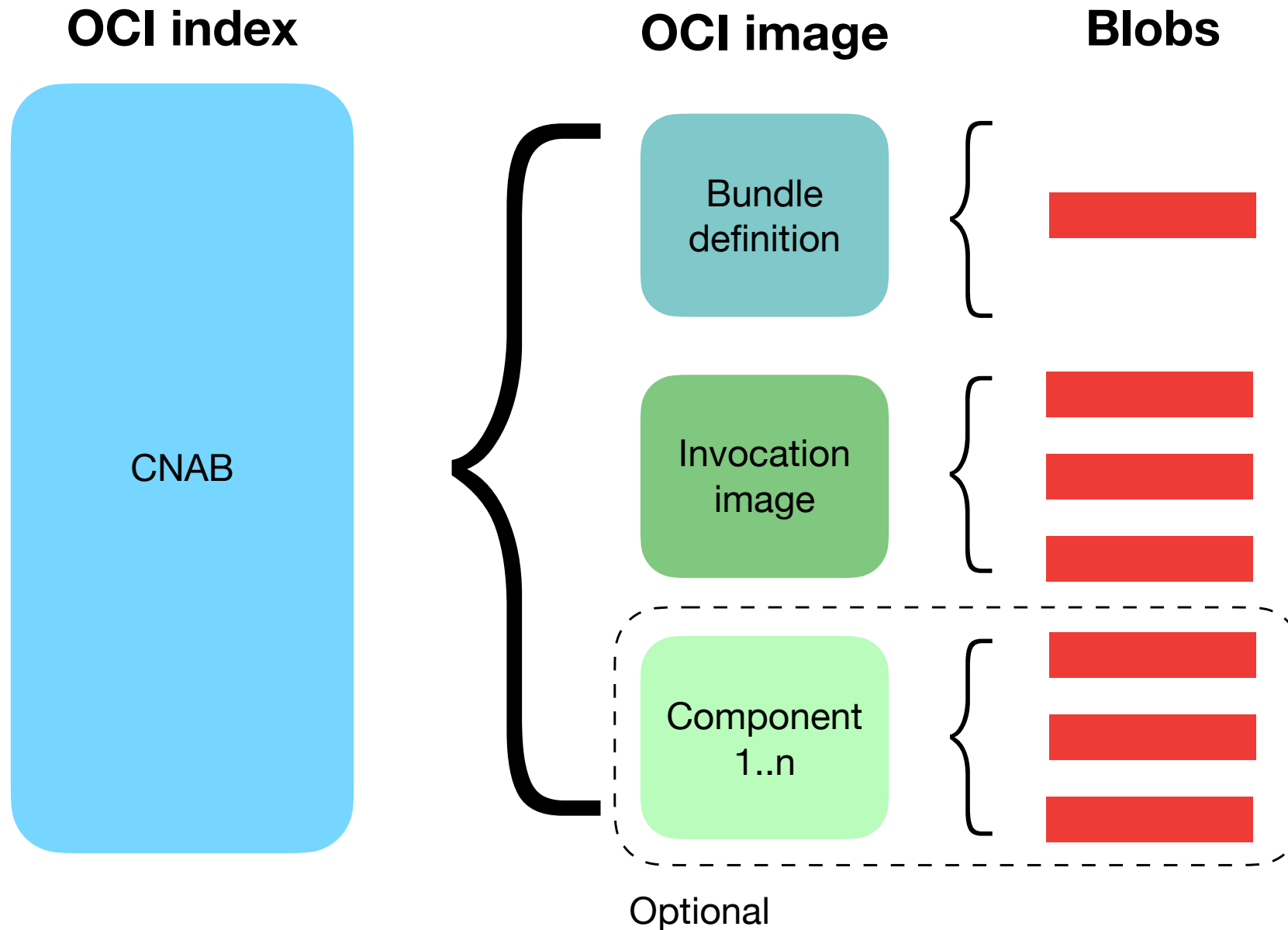
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# CNAB for packaging



# CNAB in registries



# Different parts, same place



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### Application definition

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### Deployment tooling



user/front:1.19



user/myapp:1.1

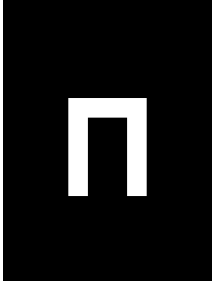
### Application components

# Ideal application packaging



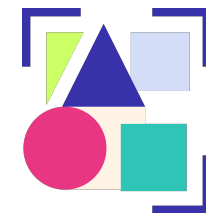
- Immutable application artifact
  - Hashes for components
  - Leverage OCI image specification
- Store the whole application in a registry
  - Any OCI compliant container registry
- Ability to store application artifact offline
  - OCI image layout

# CNAB security



- Leverage same mechanisms as containers
  - TUF
  - In-toto
  - Notary
- Reference tooling: signy
  - [github.com/cnabio/signy](https://github.com/cnabio/signy)

# Learn more



- CNAB website: [cnab.io](https://cnab.io)
- Demo code: [github.com/chris-crone/kubecon-eu-20](https://github.com/chris-crone/kubecon-eu-20)
- Porter: [porter.sh](https://porter.sh)
- Interested in storing things in registries?
  - Sharing Is Caring! Push Your Cloud Application to an OCI Registry ([sched.co/Zemr](https://sched.co/Zemr))
    - Silvin Lubecki and Djordje Lukic, Docker
  - Where to Put All That YAML: Secure Content Management for Cloud Native Apps ([sched.co/Zeiq](https://sched.co/Zeiq))
    - Ryan Abrams, Stripe



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