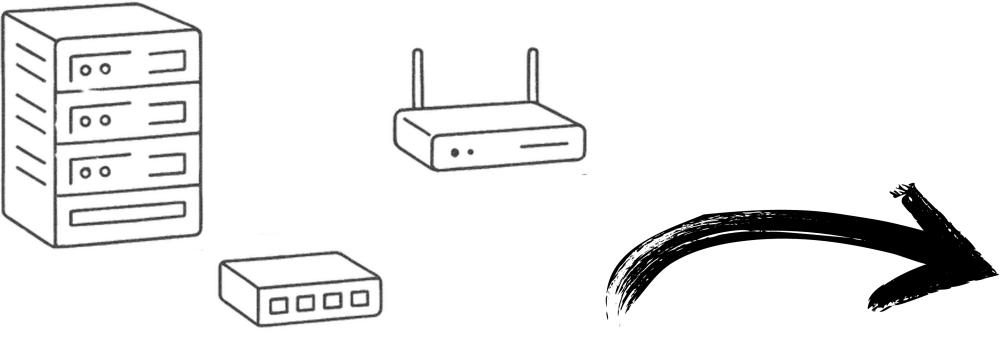
GitOps

The CNCF Movement That Changed How We Operate Clusters





- Unit Lead @ evoila
- CNCF Kubestronaut
- Development LeadCharity Work
- Homelab Warrior
- Racing Engineer





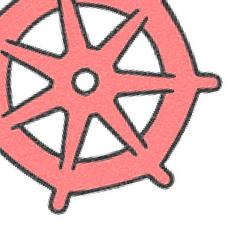










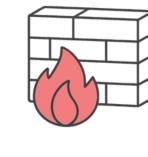








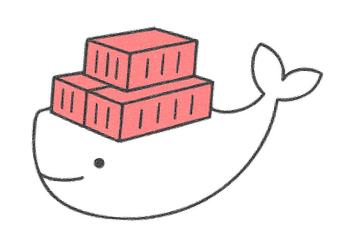






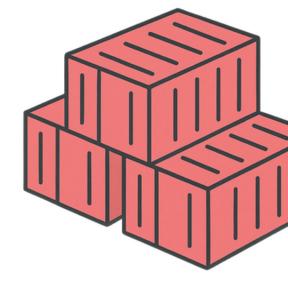
- 4 Switches
- 6 Hosts
- 156 cores / 312 threads
- 2752 GB Memory
- 384 TB HDD
- 57 TB Flash

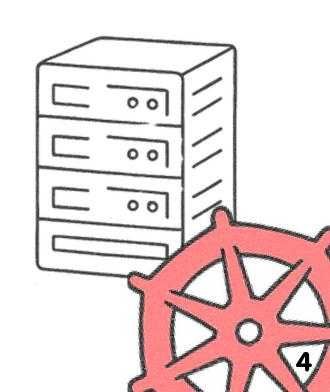




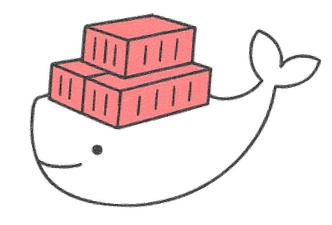
Target

- What is GitOps?
- Pre GitOps era
- How did it start?
- Future of Gitops
- Demo
- Recap





What is GitOps?







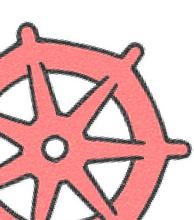
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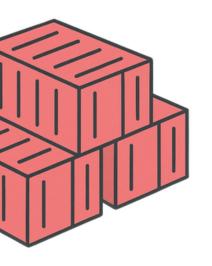


& Kubernetes

- State as Code → declarative
- Git as single source of truth → versioned
- Automation ensures consistency → reconciled
- Drift detection → observable

"If it's not in Git, it doesn't exist."





The Pre-GitOps Era



2015 Kubernetes GA



2016 Helm 2

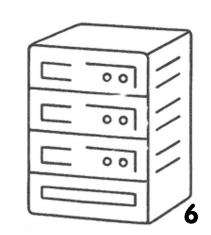


2017 Pipelines everywhere



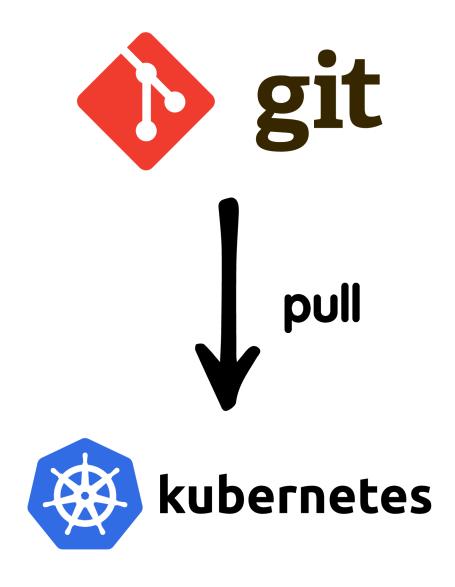
: 2018 Drift, snowflakes, chaos

- Manual kubectl and CI pipelines
- No single source of truth
- Config drift and human fatigue



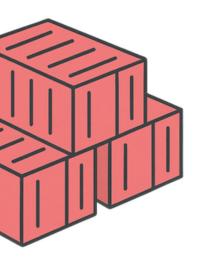
The Birth of GitOps

- Alexis Richardson (Weaveworks) invents "GitOps" 2017
- Flux starts the pull-based revolution
- Desired state stored in Git
- Clusters pull, not people push



"From pipelines to control loops."





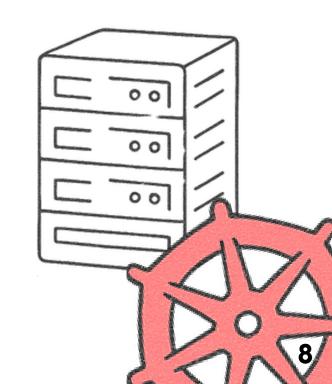
GitOps goes CNCF



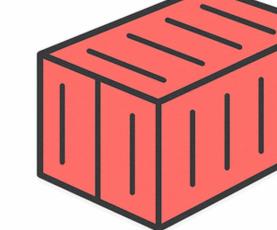




- CNCF defines principles → Standardization
- Flux → CNCF graduated project
- ArgoCD → CNCF graduated project



Lessons Learned



What worked 🗸

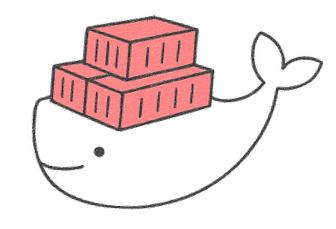
- Source of truth in Git
- Drift detection
- Easier rollbacks
- Auditable change process

What didn't

- Secret management
- Multi-tenancy
- Git bottlenecks
- Human process discipline
- Stage promotion



GitOps meets Platform Engineering



Git Repo



declarative Definitions (apps, infra, policies)

GitOps Controller



continuous Reconciliation

Platform APIs & Services

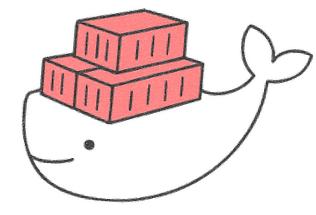


Self-Service Developer Actions

Applications in Kubernetes Clusters

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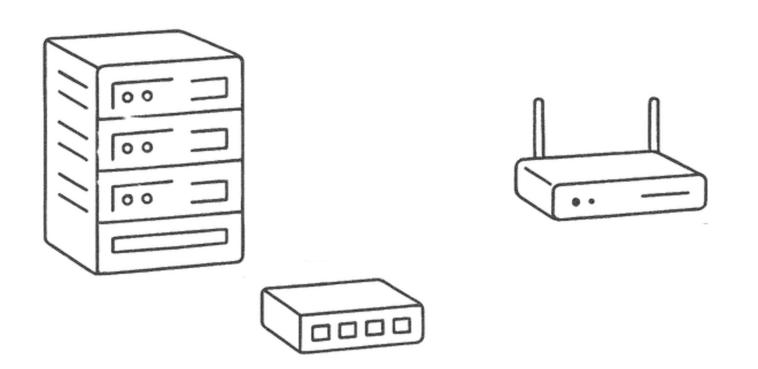
- Platform engineers define golden paths in Git
- GitOps enforces consistency & compliance by design
- Developers deploy safely through self-service workflows
- Observability closes the loop into Git

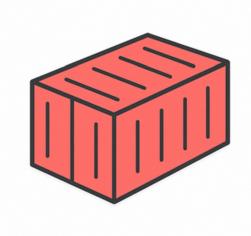
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The future of GitOps

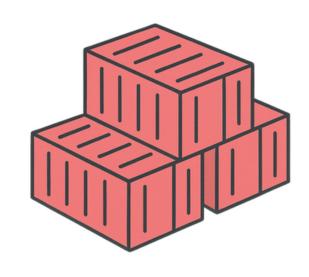
- GitOps + Policies (Kyverno, OPA,..)
- Multi-cluster, multi-cloud orchestration
- Al-assisted drift detection
- GitOps at the edge and beyond Kubernetes borders
- Manifest hydration

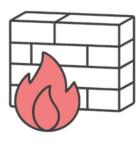


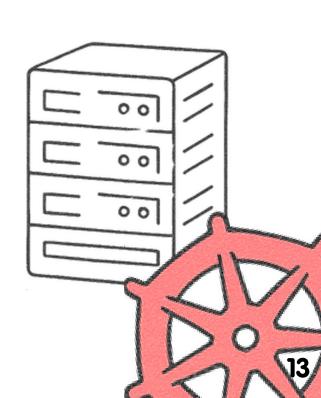


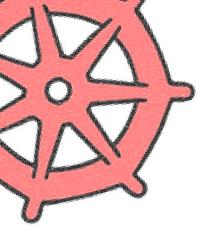














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