

Consolidate Apps and Addons

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About me

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Project background

• What is Apps?

Apps framework which provided a more generic way of adding charts chatting to Jenkins X such that anybody could create an app without having to modify the underlying jx code.

What is Addons?

Addons were either generic helm charts or a combination of helm chart plus some custom go code to install and integrate them with the Jenkins X platform.

Confusion?

This makes us confused about what an App is, and supporting Apps and Addons in the current CLI can make things worse.



Project proposal

The main aim of the project would be to consolidate Apps and Addons inside Jenkins X to avoid confusion, so we decided use Apps instead of Addons, migrate Addons to Apps by Helm, so the Apps includes system charts like Kubeless, Istio, Gloo, Nginx-controller, Flagger, Prometheus and the application developed by developer.

More information: https://www.jenkins.io/projects/gsoc/2020/projects/jenkins-x-apps-consolidation/



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Apps delivered

Name	Repository
Kubeless	http://github.com/jenkins-x-apps/jx-app-kubeless
Gloo	https://github.com/jenkins-x-apps/jx-app-gloo
Istio	https://github.com/jenkins-x-apps/-jx-app-istio
Flagger	https://github.com/jenkins-x-apps/jx-app-flagger
OWASP-ZAP	https://github.com/jenkins-x-apps/jx-app-owasp-zap



PR delivered

Name	URL
Support add an Apps from git repository	https://github.com/jenkins-x/jx/pull/7436
Deprecate Addons	https://github.com/jenkins-x/jx/pull/7440 https://github.com/jenkins-x/jx/pull/7514
Fix install Apps	https://github.com/jenkins-x/jx/pull/7509 https://github.com/jenkins-x/jx/pull/7530



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