Tekton

Kubernetes Native CI/CD Building Blocks

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Introduction

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Agenda

- What is Tekton?
- Basic Concepts
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What is Tekton?

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TEKTON

Tekton Project

- OSS CI/CD primitives for Kubernetes
- CRDs for Task and Pipeline
  - Supersedes original Knative Build primitive
- Broad community support

Continuous Delivery Foundation



source: cd.foundation/members

Tekton – making CI/CD vendor-agnostic

- There's been little standardization in the field of CI – and lots of lock-in
- Enter **Tekton**
  - Kubernetes-based open source API specification of CI/CD
  - Governed by the Continuous Delivery Foundation (CDF)
  - Grew out of Knative's Build component
- Managed CI/CD without vendor lock-in
- Contributors from Google, Cloudbees, Pivotal, Red Hat, IBM, etc.

Products Built on Tekton

…. a partial list

- Jenkins X
- Redhat Openshift pipelines
- IBM Kabanero
- Puppet Relay
- Racher Rio
- Triggermesh FaaS
- Scaleway FaaS

Tekton ❤️ Kubernetes

- Kubernetes is the key to run-anywhere
- K8s provides
  - Container orchestration
  - Persistent Storage
  - CLI / API / client libraries
  - Ingress + Load Balancers for webhook triggering
  - … constant improvements
  - … huge community providing new features
- Tekton adds
  - Custom Resource Definitions (CRDs) for Tekton API objects
  - Controllers to watch and update those resources
  - CLI and API

> “Tekton Pipelines lets us power Jenkins X's execution and management of pipelines natively within Kubernetes. Without Tekton, we would have been forced to write such a system ourselves, thereby costing us a lot of time and effort. Further, Tekton is benefiting from a strong development community support for solving cloud-native CI/CD challenges.”

Andrew Bayer, Software Engineer, CloudBees. Creator and maintainer of Declarative Pipelines in Jenkins

The Basics

Tekton Pipelines

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Tekton Pipelines

Tasks & Pipelines

- Parameterized, reusable templates
- Stateless

TaskRuns & PipelineRuns

- Instantiated, running executions of the templates
- Stateful

Triggers

- EventListeners
- TriggerBindings
- TriggerTemplates

Tasks

A **`Task`** is a collection of **`Steps`** that you define and arrange in a specific order of execution as part of your continuous integration flow. A **`Task`** executes as a Pod on your Kubernetes cluster. A **`Task`** is available within a specific namespace, while a **`ClusterTask`** is available across the entire cluster.

```yaml
apiVersion: tekton.dev/v1beta1
kind: Task
metadata:
 name: golang-build
....
spec:
 description: >-
   This Task is Golang task to build Go projects.
 params:
 - name: packages
   description: "packages to build (default: ./cmd/...)"
   default: "./cmd/..."
....
 steps:
 - name: build
   image: golang:$(params.version)
   workingDir: $(workspaces.source.path)
   script: |
     go build $(params.flags) $(params.packages)
```

```yaml
apiVersion: tekton.dev/v1beta1
kind: Task
metadata:
 name: gcloud
....
 params:
 - name: gcloud-image
   description: gcloud CLI container image to run this task
   default: google/cloud-sdk:slim
....
 steps:
 - name: gcloud
   image: "$(params.gcloud-image)"
   command: ["/usr/bin/gcloud"]
   args: ["$(params.ARGS)"]
```

Task Catalog (Examples)

ansible-runner	check-make	git-clone	istio-canary-release	openshift-client-python	send-to-webhook-slack
ansible-tower-cli	cloudevent	git-rebase	jib-gradle	openshift-install	sendmail
argocd-task-sync-and-wait	conftest	github-add-comment	jib-maven	openshift-uninstall	shellcheck
aws-cli	create-github-release	github-add-labels	kaniko	prettier	skopeo-copy
aws-ecr-login	create-gitlab-release	github-close-issue	kn	prometheus-gate	sonarqube-scanner
az	curl	github-set-status	knctl-deploy	pull-request	terraform-cli
bentoml	docker-build	gitlab-add-label	kubeconfig-creator	pylint	tkn
blue-green-deploy	gcloud	gke-cluster-create	kubectl-deploy-pod	pytest	trigger-jenkins-job
boskos-acquire	gcs-create-bucket	gke-deploy	kubernetes-actions	python-coverage	ts-lint
boskos-release	gcs-delete-bucket	golang-build	kubeval	remote-ssh-commands	upload-pypi
build-push-gke-deploy	gcs-download	golang-test	kythe-go	replace-tokens	wget
buildah	gcs-generic	golangci-lint	makisu	ruby-lint	yaml-lint
buildkit	gcs-upload	helm-conftest	markdown-lint	s2i	
buildkit-daemonless	generate-build-id	helm-upgrade-from-repo	maven	send-to-channel-slack	
buildpacks	git-batch-merge	helm-upgrade-from-source	openshift-client	send-to-telegram	

https://github.com/tektoncd/catalog/tree/master/task

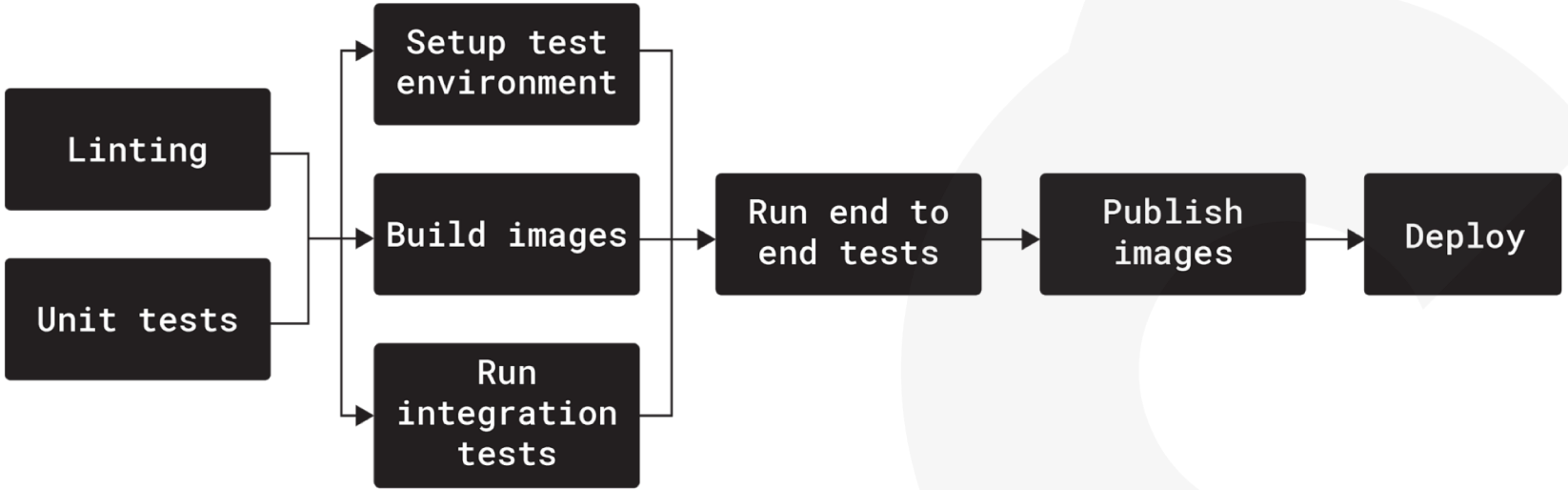
Pipelines / PipelineRuns

A **Pipeline** is a collection of **Tasks** that you define and arrange in a specific order of execution as part of your continuous integration flow. Each **Task** in a **Pipeline** executes as a **Pod** on your Kubernetes cluster. You can configure various execution conditions to fit your business needs.

```yaml
apiVersion: tekton.dev/v1beta1
kind: Pipeline
metadata:
 name: sum-and-multiply-pipeline
spec:
 params:
   - name: a
     type: string
     default: "1"
 tasks:
   - name: sum-inputs
     taskRef:
       name: sum
     params:
....
         value: "$(params.b)"
   - name: multiply-inputs
     taskRef:
       name: multiply
....
```

```yaml
---
apiVersion: tekton.dev/v1beta1
kind: PipelineRun
metadata:
 generateName: sum-and-multiply-pipeline-run-
spec:
 pipelineRef:
   name: sum-and-multiply-pipeline
 params:
   - name: a
     value: "2"
   - name: b
     value: "10"
```

Pipelines



Tekton Triggers

Triggers enables users to map fields from an event payload into resource templates. Put another way, this allows events to both model and instantiate themselves as Kubernetes resources. In the case of `tektoncd/pipeline`, this makes it easy to encapsulate configuration into `PipelineRuns` and `PipelineResources`.

Trigger Templates

A resource that can template other resources. Fully parameterized and able to be substituted `anywhere` within the template.

Trigger Bindings

`TriggerBindings` bind against events/triggers. `TriggerBindings` enable you to capture fields from an event and store them as parameters. The separation of `TriggerBindings` from `TriggerTemplates` was deliberate to encourage reuse between them.

Event Listeners

Kubernetes CRDs that allows users a declarative way to process incoming HTTP based events with JSON payloads. Users can declare `TriggerBindings` to extract fields from events, and apply them to `TriggerTemplates` in order to create Tekton resources.

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Standing it up

```
#create cluster
gcloud container clusters create tekton --zone=us-central1-a --cluster-version=1.16.13-gke.1


#grant permissions
kubectl create clusterrolebinding cluster-admin-binding \
--clusterrole=cluster-admin \
--user=$(gcloud config get-value core/account)


#install pipelines
kubectl apply --filename https://storage.googleapis.com/tekton-releases/pipeline/latest/release.yaml

#install triggers
kubectl apply --filename https://storage.googleapis.com/tekton-releases/triggers/latest/release.yaml

#install dashboard
kubectl apply --filename https://github.com/tektoncd/dashboard/releases/latest/download/tekton-dashboard-release.yaml

#watch for installation to complete
kubectl get pods --namespace tekton-pipelines --watch
```

Let’s Get Going!

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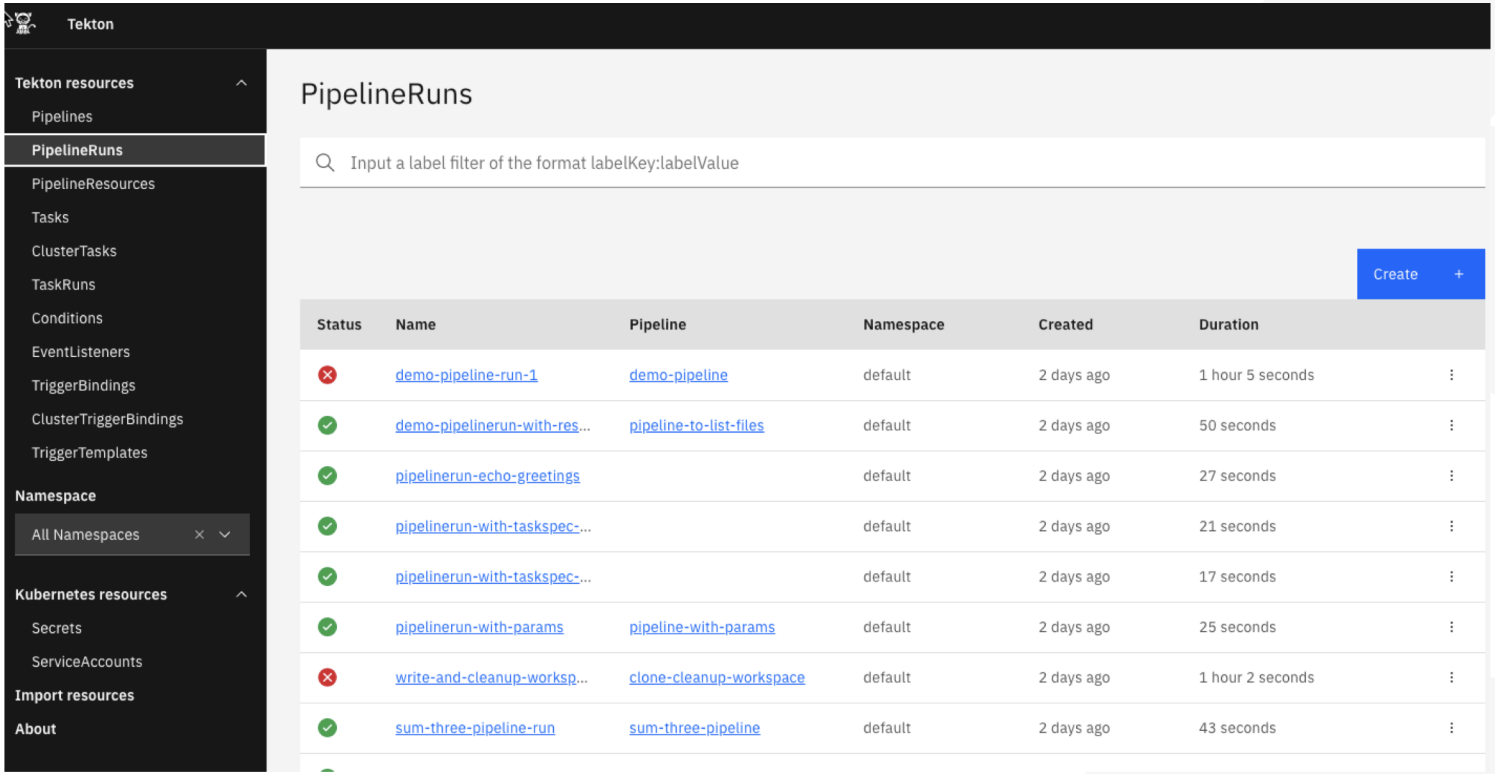
Other Tasks

Setup Storage

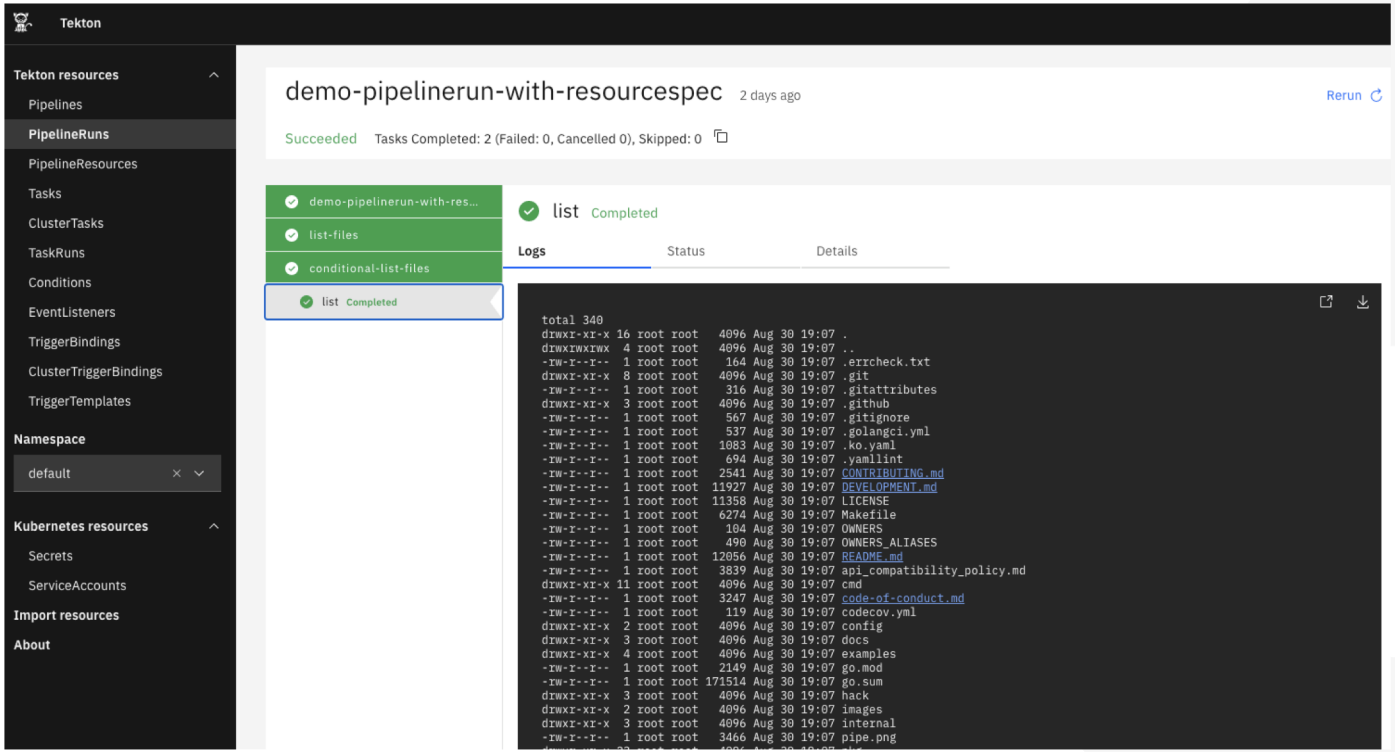
Configure Triggers

Configure Observability

Pipeline Runs



Pipeline Run Output



Additional Resources

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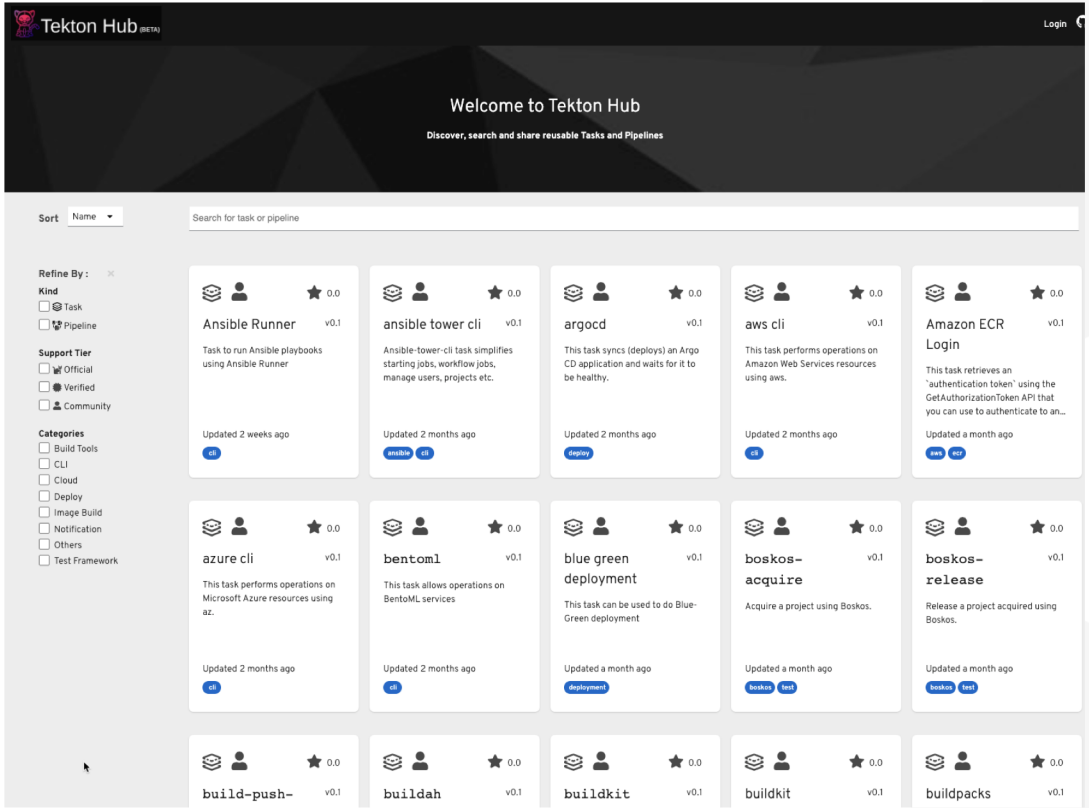
Tekton Resources

- https://tekton.dev/docs/
- https://github.com/tektoncd
- https://github.com/tektoncd/community
- https://hub-preview.tekton.dev/

Hub (Preview)



Thank you

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