

Tekton

Kubernetes Native CI/CD Building Blocks
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Introduction

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Agenda

- What is Tekton?
- Basic Concepts
- Building It
- Getting Started



What is 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



NETFLIX



IBM



circleci

cloudbees



salesforce

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
- Rancher 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



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.

```
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)}
```

```
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	kubectrl-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	golanci-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>

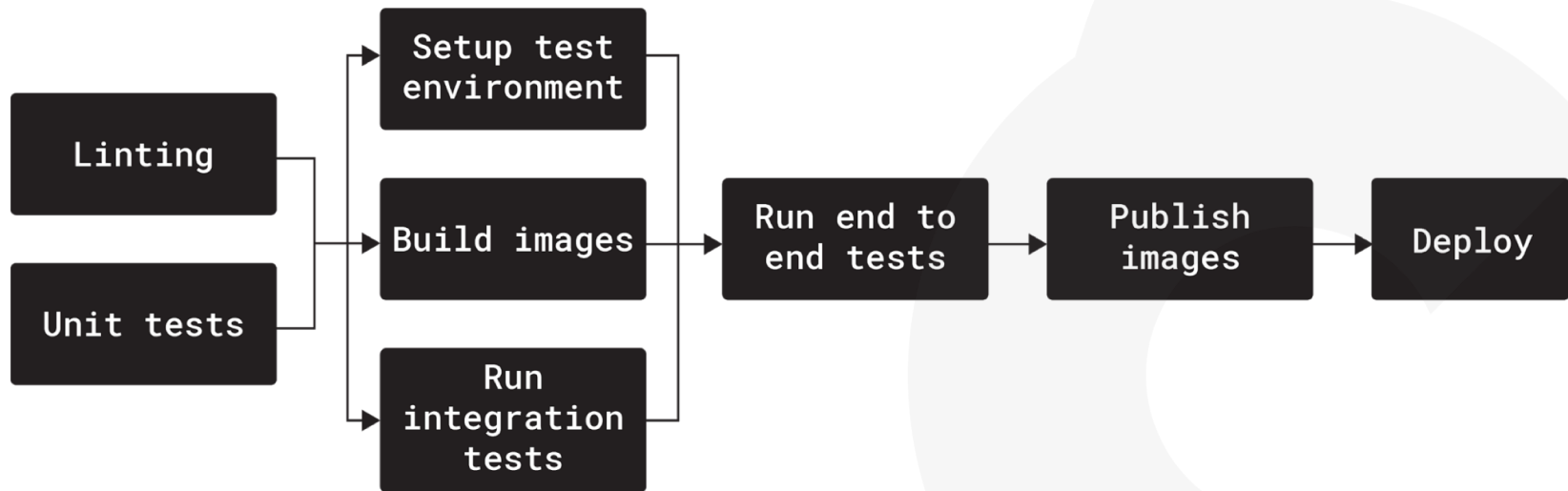
Pipelines / PipelineRuns

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.

```
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:
        - name: a
          value: "${params.a}"
    - name: multiply-inputs
      taskRef:
        name: multiply
      params:
        - name: a
          value: "${params.a}"
        - name: b
          value: "2"
```

```
---
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.

Building It



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!



Other Tasks

Setup Storage

Configure Triggers

Configure Observability



Pipeline Runs

Tekton

Tekton resources

Pipelines

PipelineRuns

PipelineResources

Tasks

ClusterTasks

TaskRuns

Conditions

EventListeners

TriggerBindings

ClusterTriggerBindings

TriggerTemplates

Namespace

All Namespaces

Kubernetes resources

Secrets

ServiceAccounts

Import resources

About

PipelineRuns

Q Input a label filter of the format labelKey:labelValue

Create +

Status	Name	Pipeline	Namespace	Created	Duration	
✖	demo-pipeline-run-1	demo-pipeline	default	2 days ago	1 hour 5 seconds	⋮
✔	demo-pipelinerrun-with-res...	pipeline-to-list-files	default	2 days ago	50 seconds	⋮
✔	pipelinerun-echo-greetings		default	2 days ago	27 seconds	⋮
✔	pipelinerun-with-taskspec...		default	2 days ago	21 seconds	⋮
✔	pipelinerun-with-taskspec...		default	2 days ago	17 seconds	⋮
✔	pipelinerun-with-params	pipeline-with-params	default	2 days ago	25 seconds	⋮
✖	write-and-cleanup-worksp...	clone-cleanup-workspace	default	2 days ago	1 hour 2 seconds	⋮
✔	sum-three-pipeline-run	sum-three-pipeline	default	2 days ago	43 seconds	⋮

Pipeline Run Output

Tekton

Tekton resources

Pipelines

PipelineRuns

PipelineResources

Tasks

ClusterTasks

TaskRuns

Conditions

EventListeners

TriggerBindings

ClusterTriggerBindings

TriggerTemplates

Namespace

default

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About

demo-pipelinerun-with-resourcespec2 days ago

Rerun

SucceededTasks Completed: 2 (Failed: 0, Cancelled 0), Skipped: 0

demo-pipelinerun-with-res...

list Completed

list-files

conditional-list-files

list Completed

Logs

Status

Details

```
total 340
drwxr-xr-x 16 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 .
drwxrwxrwx 4 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 164 Aug 30 19:07 .errcheck.txt
drwxr-xr-x 8 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 .git
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 316 Aug 30 19:07 .gitattributes
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 .github
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 567 Aug 30 19:07 .gitignore
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 537 Aug 30 19:07 .golangci.yml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1083 Aug 30 19:07 .ko.yaml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 694 Aug 30 19:07 .yamllint
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2541 Aug 30 19:07 CONTRIBUTING.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 11927 Aug 30 19:07 DEVELOPMENT.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 11358 Aug 30 19:07 LICENSE
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6274 Aug 30 19:07 Makefile
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 104 Aug 30 19:07 OWNERS
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 490 Aug 30 19:07 OWNERS_ALIASES
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 12056 Aug 30 19:07 README.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3839 Aug 30 19:07 api_compatibility_policy.md
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 cmd
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3247 Aug 30 19:07 code-of-conduct.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 119 Aug 30 19:07 codecov.yml
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 config
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 docs
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 examples
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2149 Aug 30 19:07 go.mod
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 171514 Aug 30 19:07 go.sum
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 hack
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 images
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Aug 30 19:07 internal
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3466 Aug 30 19:07 pipe.png
```

Additional Resources

Tekton Resources

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



Hub (Preview)

The screenshot displays the Tekton Hub (Preview) interface. At the top, a dark header bar contains the Tekton Hub logo (a red robot head) and the text "Tekton Hub (BETA)" on the left, and a "Login" link on the right. Below the header, a large dark banner area features the text "Welcome to Tekton Hub" and "Discover, search and share reusable Tasks and Pipelines".

Below the banner, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for task or pipeline". To the left of the search bar, there are filters for "Sort" (set to "Name") and "Refine By". The "Refine By" section includes checkboxes for "Kind" (Task, Pipeline), "Support Tier" (Official, Verified, Community), and "Categories" (Build Tools, CLI, Cloud, Deploy, Image Build, Notification, Others, Test Framework).

The main content area displays a grid of 15 task cards, each representing a reusable task or pipeline. Each card includes an icon, a star rating (0.0), the task name, a version number (v0.1), a brief description, and an "Updated" timestamp. The tasks shown are:

- Ansible Runner**: Task to run Ansible playbooks using Ansible Runner. Updated 2 weeks ago.
- ansible tower cli**: Ansible-tower-cli task simplifies starting jobs, workflow jobs, manage users, projects etc. Updated 2 months ago.
- argocd**: This task syncs (deploys) an Argo CD application and waits for it to be healthy. Updated 2 months ago.
- aws cli**: This task performs operations on Amazon Web Services resources using aws. Updated 2 months ago.
- Amazon ECR Login**: This task retrieves an "authentication token" using the GetAuthorizationToken API that you can use to authenticate to an... Updated a month ago.
- azure cli**: This task performs operations on Microsoft Azure resources using az. Updated 2 months ago.
- bentoml**: This task allows operations on BentoML services. Updated 2 months ago.
- blue green deployment**: This task can be used to do Blue-Green deployment. Updated a month ago.
- boskos-acquire**: Acquire a project using Boskos. Updated a month ago.
- boskos-release**: Release a project acquired using Boskos. Updated a month ago.
- build-push-**: Updated 2 months ago.
- buildah**: Updated 2 months ago.
- buildkit**: Updated a month ago.
- buildkit**: Updated a month ago.
- buildpacks**: Updated a month ago.

Thank you

