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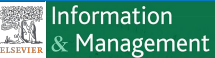
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# Who am I?

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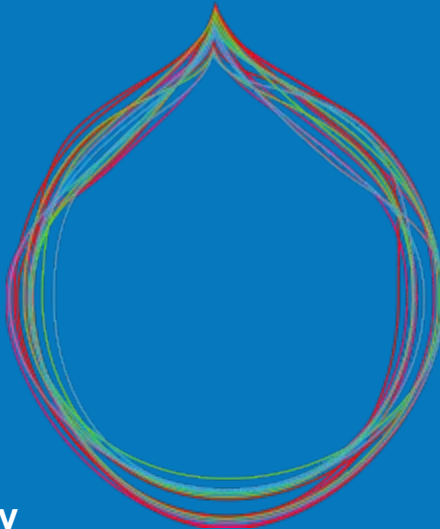


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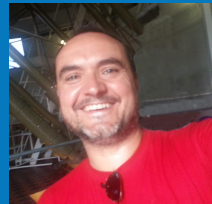
**+14 years Drupal  
(DevOps & Infra)**

**90's Linux & FreeSoftware**

**12 years at Acquia**

**Senior Engineering  
Manager**

**Applying Platform Automation Engineering,  
Machine Learning and Cloud Native**



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# Session Overview

- **Current Challenges**
- **Impact for Drupal Devs & Ops**
- **Cloud Native Principles**
- **Key Projects and Products**
- **Drupal in a Cloud-Native environment overview**
- **Successful Drupal Transition Use-case**
- **Conclusion and Key Takeaways**

# The Challenge at Hand

- **The need for scalability, resilience, and flexibility.**
- **Modernizing Drupal environments and applications.**
- **Modernizing Drupal applications to leverage distributed systems and cloud-native architectures.**



# The Impact on Drupal Devs & Ops

- Performance improvements.
- Cost reduction at scale.
- improved reliability.
- “It also works on my machine!”



# Why Cloud Native?

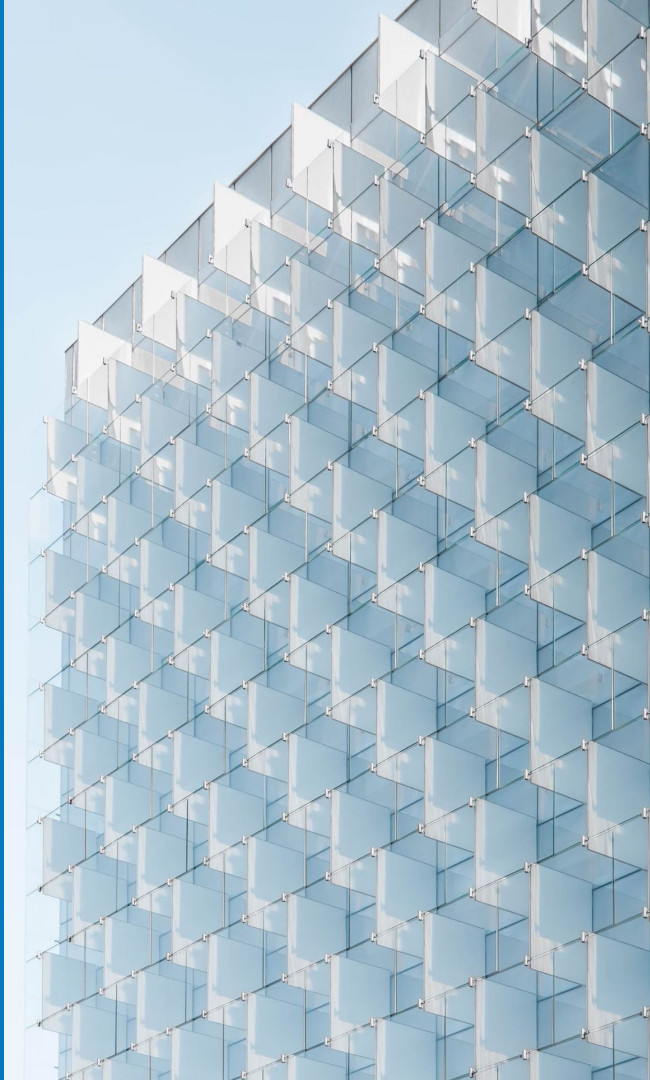
- **Architectural Design**
- **Operational Efficiency**
- **System Reliability**



*Cloud-Native Principles*

# Architectural Design

- **Microservices Architecture**
- **Containerization**
- **Declarative APIs**
- **Loosely Coupled Services**





*Cloud-Native Principles*

# Operational Efficiency

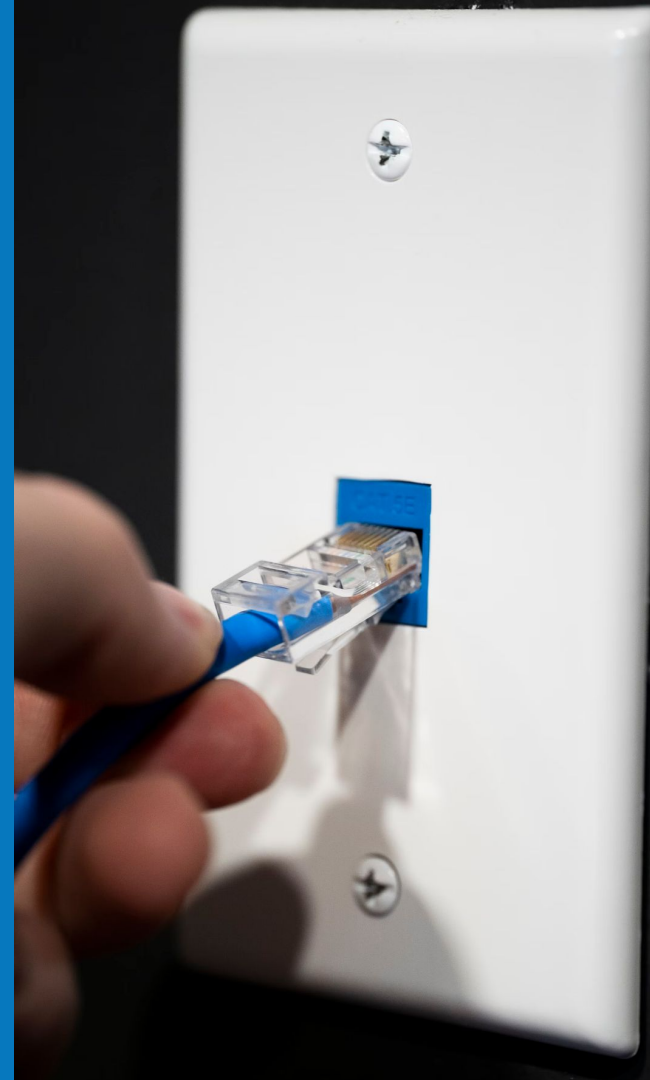
- **Orchestration**
- **Continuous Integration and Delivery**
- **Automation**



*Cloud-Native Principles*



























































# System Reliability

- Scalability
- Resiliency





# 62 Graduated + Incubating Projects and Products

App Definition and Development	Application Definition & Image Build	Streaming & Messaging							
	 HELM CNCF GRADUATED	 Backstage CNCF INCUBATING	 Buildpacks.io CNCF INCUBATING	 dapr CNCF INCUBATING	 KubeVela CNCF INCUBATING	 KubeVirt CNCF INCUBATING	 OPERATOR FRAMEWORK CNCF INCUBATING	 cloudevents CNCF GRADUATED	 NATS CNCF INCUBATING
Orchestration & Management	Continuous Integration & Delivery	Database							
	 argo CNCF GRADUATED	 flux CNCF GRADUATED	 keptn CNCF INCUBATING	 OpenKruise CNCF INCUBATING	 KV CNCF GRADUATED	 Vitess CNCF GRADUATED			
Runtime	Scheduling & Orchestration	Service Proxy	Remote Procedure Call						
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	 CoreDNS CNCF GRADUATED	 etcd CNCF GRADUATED	 Istio CNCF GRADUATED	 LINKERD CNCF GRADUATED	 EMISSARY INGRESS CNCF INCUBATING				
Observability and Analysis	Cloud Native Storage	Container Runtime	Cloud Native Network						
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Observability and Analysis	Security & Compliance	Container Registry							
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Observability and Analysis	Automation & Configuration	Key Management							
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# Drupal in a Cloud-Native environment

- **Development and Management**
- **Hosting and Provisioning**
- **Monitoring**
- **Continuous Integration and Delivery (CI/CD)**
- **Orchestration**
- **Security and Compliance**

# Development and Management

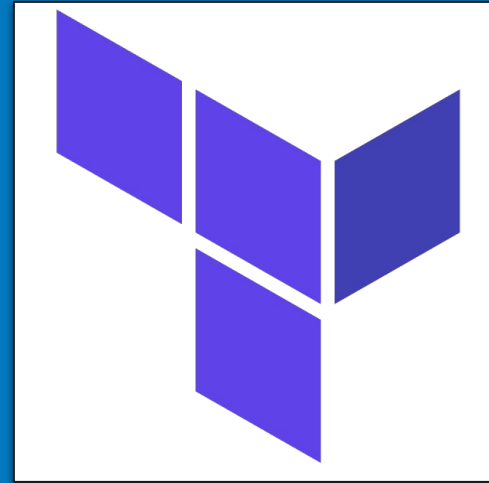


Helm

# Hosting and Provisioning



Kubernetes



Terraform

# Monitoring



Prometheus



Grafana



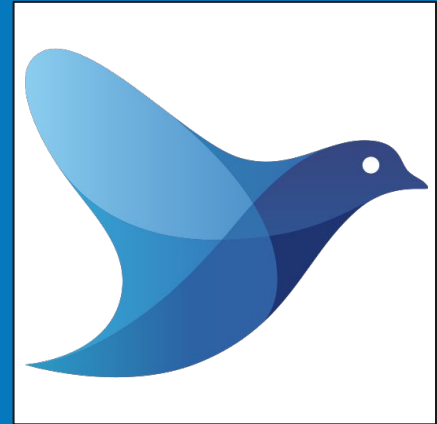
# Observability



OpenTelemetry



Jaeger

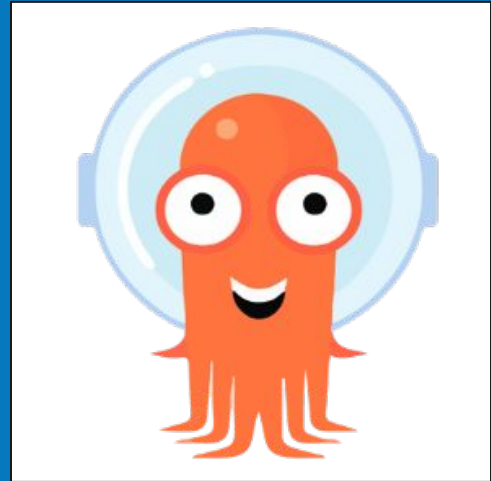


Fluentd

# CI/CD and Orchestration

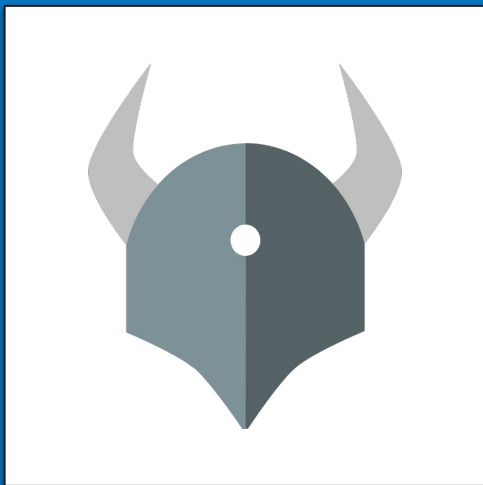


**TEKTON**



**ArgoCD**

# Security and Compliance



Open Policy Agent (OPA)



Falco



Cert Manager

# Drupal Developer Workflow



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1 ddev composer update
Loading composer repositories with package information
Updating dependencies
Lock file operations: 0 installs, 2 updates, 0 removals
- Upgrading drupal/asset_injector (2.19.0 => 2.20.0)
- Upgrading webflo/drupal-finder (1.2.2 => 1.3.0)
Writing lock file
Installing dependencies from lock file (including require-dev)
Package operations: 0 installs, 2 updates, 0 removals
- Downloading drupal/asset_injector (2.20.0)
- Downloading webflo/drupal-finder (1.3.0)
No patches supplied.
Gathering patches for dependencies. This might take a minute.
- Upgrading drupal/ass
- Upgrading webflo/dru
Package doctrine/reflect
Package symfony/debug is
Package webmozart/path-u
generating autoload file
# packages you are using
Use the "composer fund"
Found 3 security vulnera
run "composer audit" for
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CN Drupal Test Site

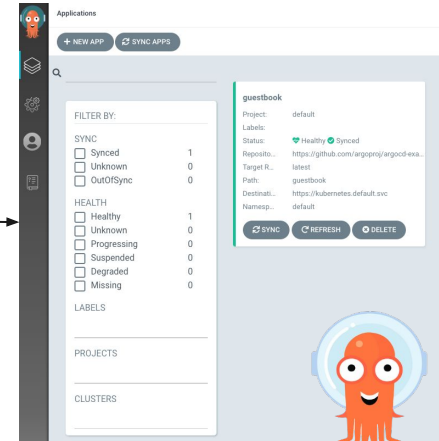
Welcome!

You haven't created any `Frontpage` content yet.

Congratulations and welcome to the Drupal community.

Drupal is an open source platform for building amazing digital experiences. It's made, used, taught, documented, and marketed by the [Drupal community](#). Our community is made up of people from around the world with a shared set of [values](#) collaborating together in a respectful manner. As we like to say:

“Come for the code, stay for the community.”



ArgoCD

Build

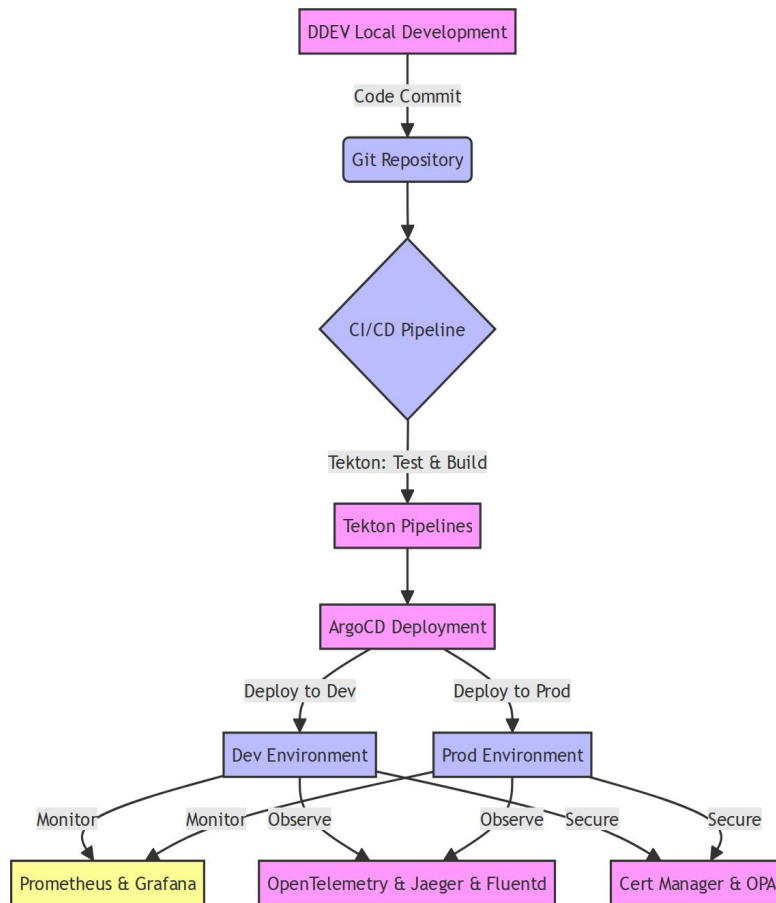
Test

Release

Deploy to Dev/Prod

# The Drupal CNCF Workflow

- **DDEV:** Docker-based local development for Drupal.
- **Git Repository:** Usual Gitlab, GitHub, others.
- **Tekton Pipelines:** For CI/CD test and build process.
- **ArgoCD:** Deploys Drupal to Dev + Prod, ensuring the desired state matches the Git repository.
- **Prometheus & Grafana:** Monitoring and alerting. Collects, stores metrics, visible in Grafana.
- **OpenTelemetry, Jaeger, & Fluentd:** Provide observability through tracing (Jaeger), metrics (OpenTelemetry), and logs (Fluentd).
- **Cert Manager & OPA (Open Policy Agent):** Cert Manager automates the management of TLS certificates, while OPA enforces security policies and practices.



# A Successful Transition

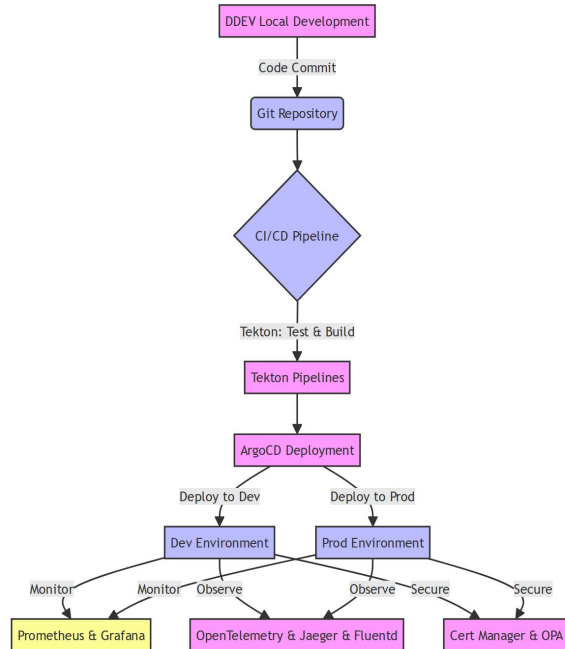
- **Drupal Cloud to Cloud-Native transition.**
- **Key benefits achieved.**
  - **Scalability**
  - **Resilience**
  - **Flexibility**
  - **Automation**
- **~50 clusters and ~68k pods total.**
- **COGS reduction using Machine Learning.**
- **Less operational toil, more releases.**

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# The Drupal CNCF project

[https://gitlab.com/ricardoamaro/drupal\\_cncf](https://gitlab.com/ricardoamaro/drupal_cncf)



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kind-config.yaml	updated	1 week ago

README.md

This how-to guide focuses on a scenario where Drupal is tested using Tekton and the deployment of all applications (including Drupal, MariaDB, Prometheus, and Grafana) is managed via Argo CD. CI/CD pipeline is using Tekton for testing and Argo CD for deployment. This approach requires defining the application configurations declaratively in a Git repository, which Argo CD will use to manage deployments in the Kubernetes cluster.

## Prerequisites

Ensure you have the following prerequisites installed and configured:

- Docker
- kubectl
- kind or k3d
- helm
- kubectl-argo-rollouts plugin for Argo CD interaction (optional but useful)
- Access to a Git repository to store your Kubernetes manifests and Tekton pipelines

Ensure Docker, kubectl, kind/k3d, helm, and git are installed on your system.

# Conclusion and Key Takeaways

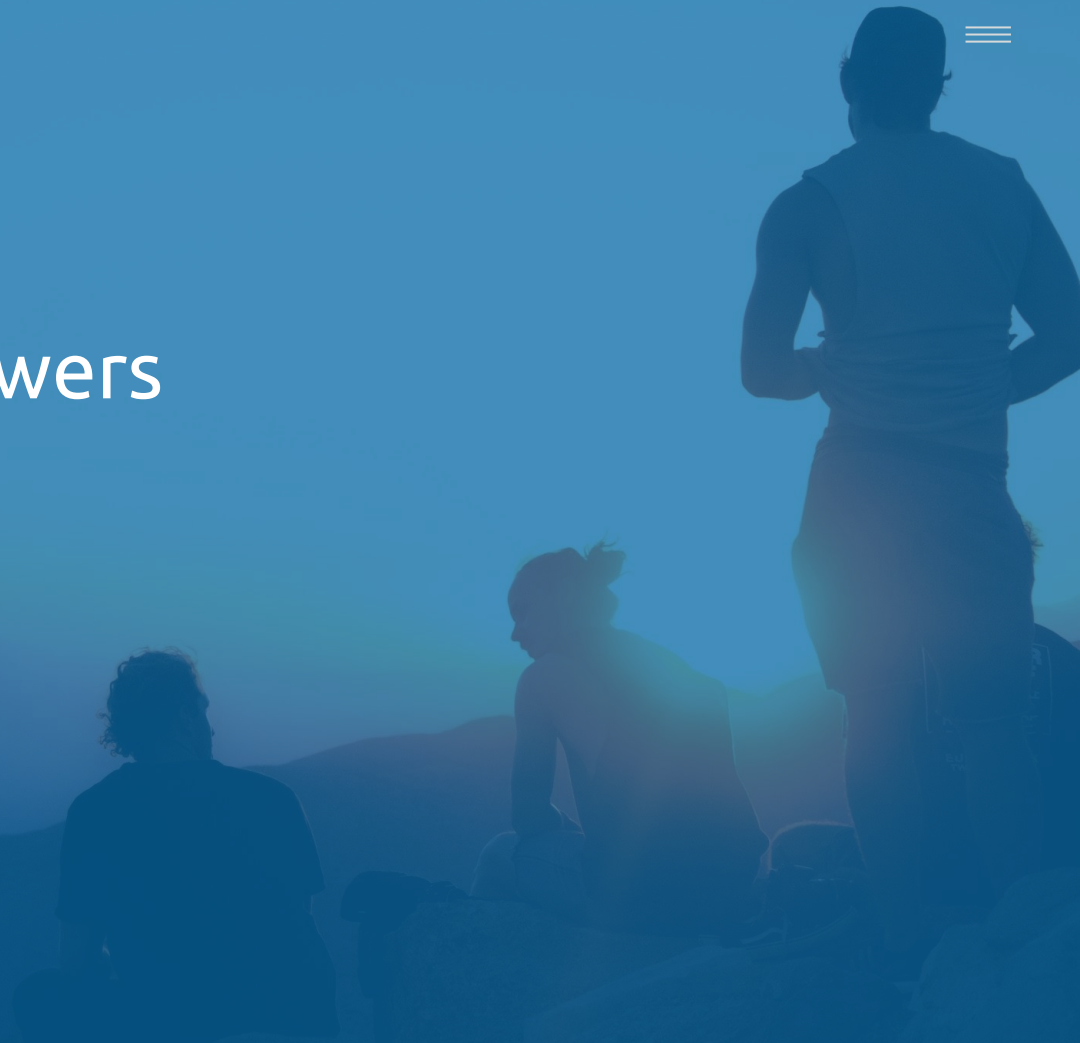
- **Core principles of cloud-native development.**
- **Practical overview of the Drupal use case.**
- **Tools for effective Cloud-Native adoption.**
- **Example of a successful migration.**
- **Open source repository for collaborating on the Drupal CNCF project.**





Time for some Q&A

# Questions & Answers





# Thank you!

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