



# Hands-on Gitops

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# Agenda today

1. Gitops principles (Presentation)
2. Hands on gitops (Exercises)
3. Gitops on Weave Cloud (Demo)

Everything available at

[tinyurl.com/gitops-tutorial](https://tinyurl.com/gitops-tutorial)

# What is Gitops?

# GitOps is...

An operation model

Derived from CS and operation knowledge

Technology agnostic (name notwithstanding)

A set of principles (Why instead of How)

A way to speed up your team



- 1 The entire system is described declaratively.
- 2 The canonical desired system state is versioned (with Git)
- 3 Approved changes to the desired state are automatically applied to the system
- 4 Software agents ensure correctness and alert on divergence

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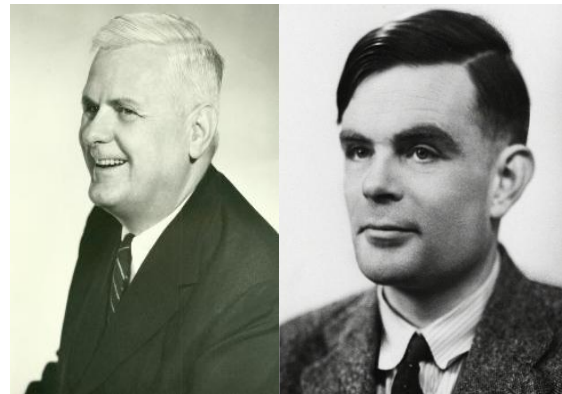
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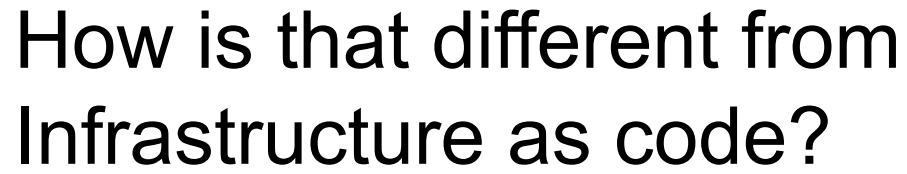
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A white speech bubble with a black outline and a tail pointing towards the bottom-left. It contains the text "How is that different from Infrastructure as code?".

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It's about consistency in the  
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When imperative systems fail, the system ends up in an **unknown, inconsistent state**.

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This is a very good thing.

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## Canonical Source of Truth (DRY)

With declarative definition, trivialises rollbacks

Excellent security guarantees for auditing

Sophisticated approval processes (& existing workflows)

Great Software ↔ Human collaboration point

3

Changes to the desired state are automatically applied to the system

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Significant velocity gains

Privileged operators don't cross security boundaries

Separates **What** and **How**.

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Continuously checking that desired state is met

System can self heal

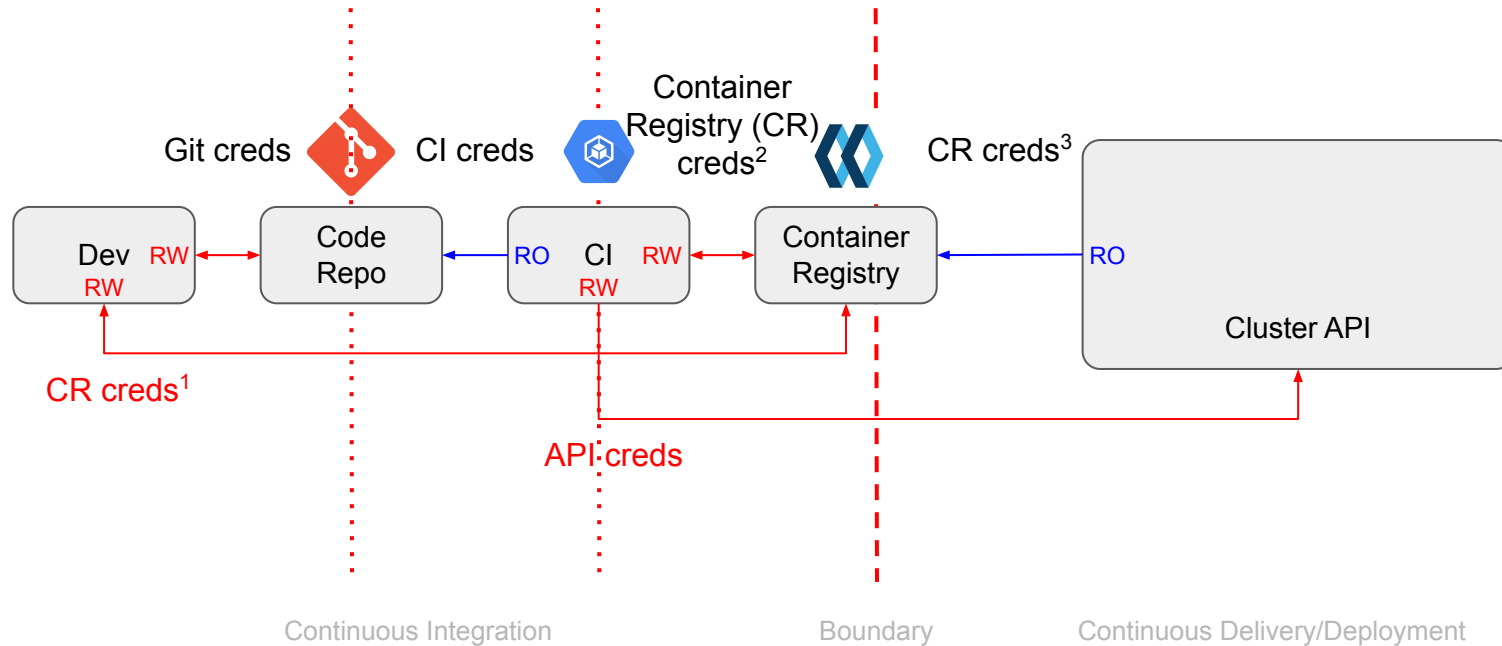
Recovers from errors without intervention (PEBKAC)

It's the control loop for your operations

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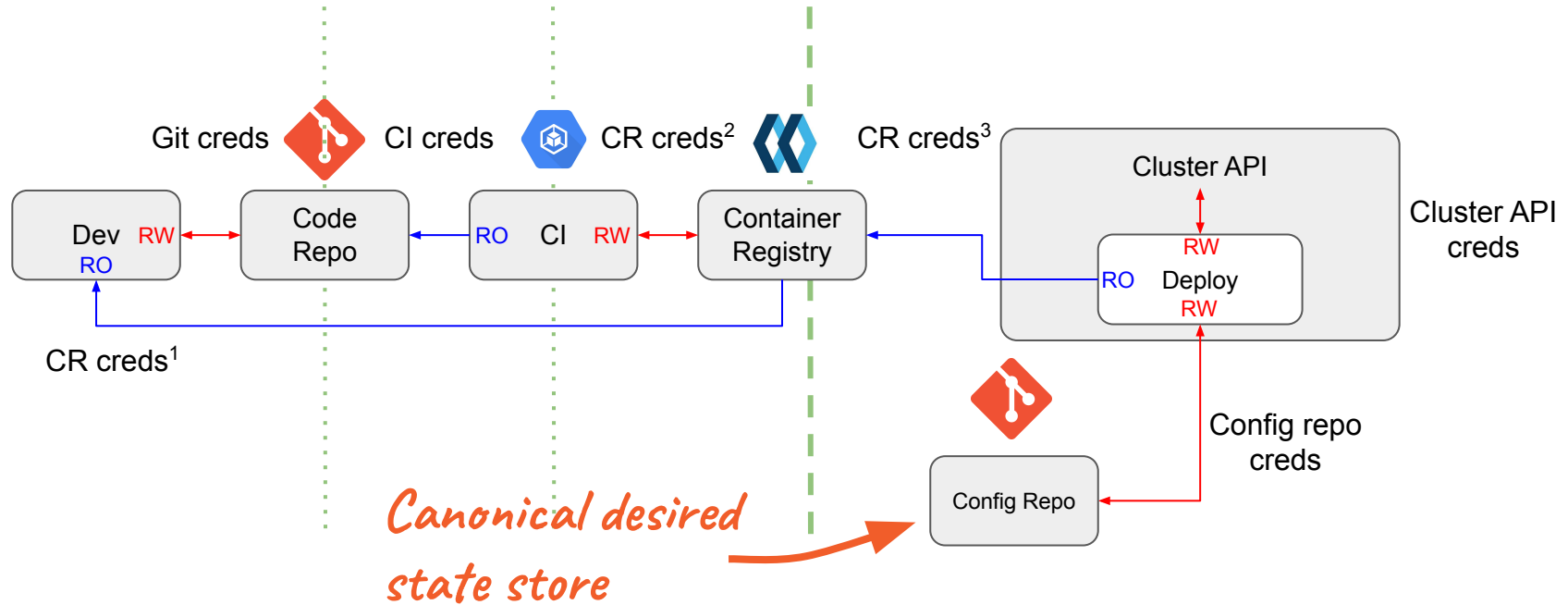
# Typical CICD pipeline

Shares credentials cross several logical security boundaries.



# GitOps pipeline

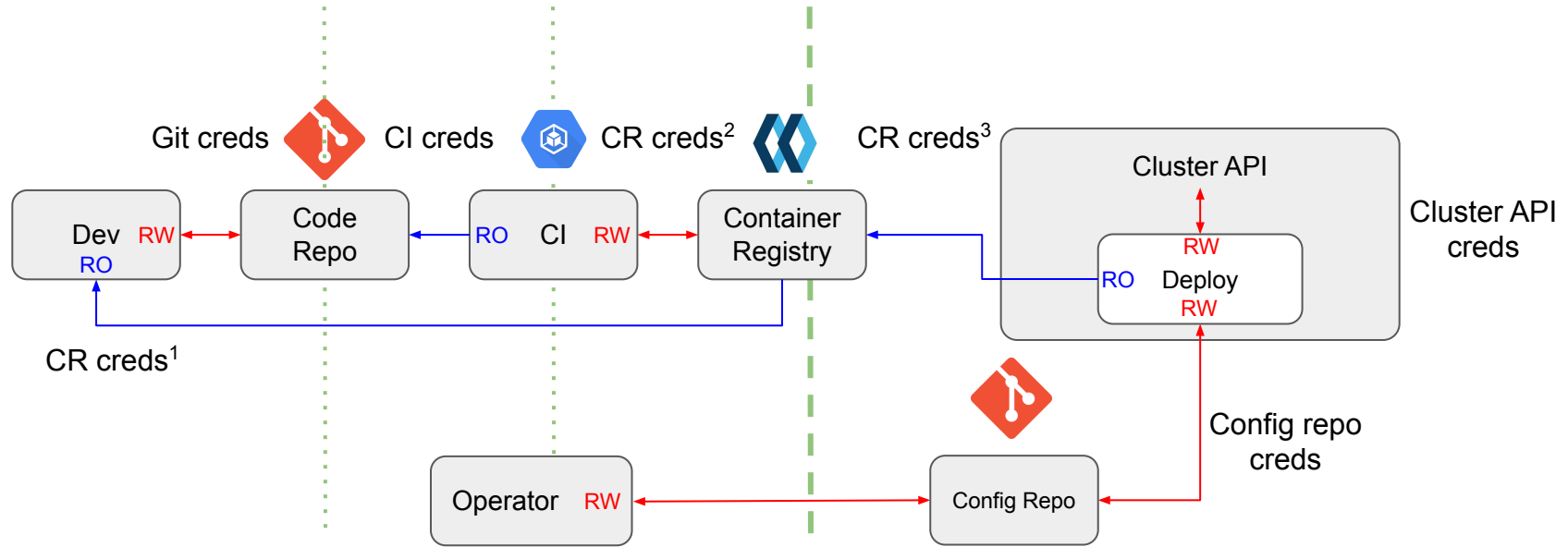
Credentials are never shared across a logical security boundary.





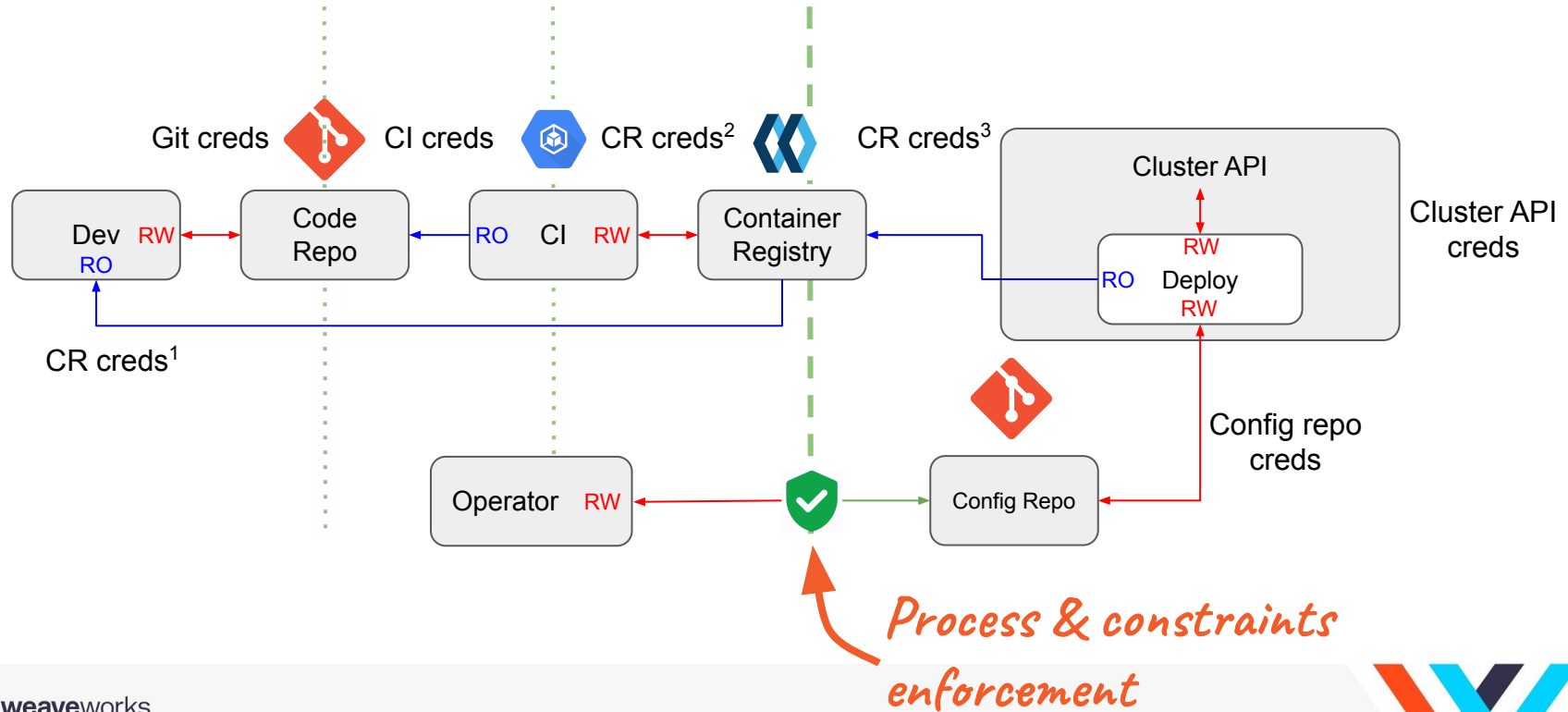
# GitOps pipeline

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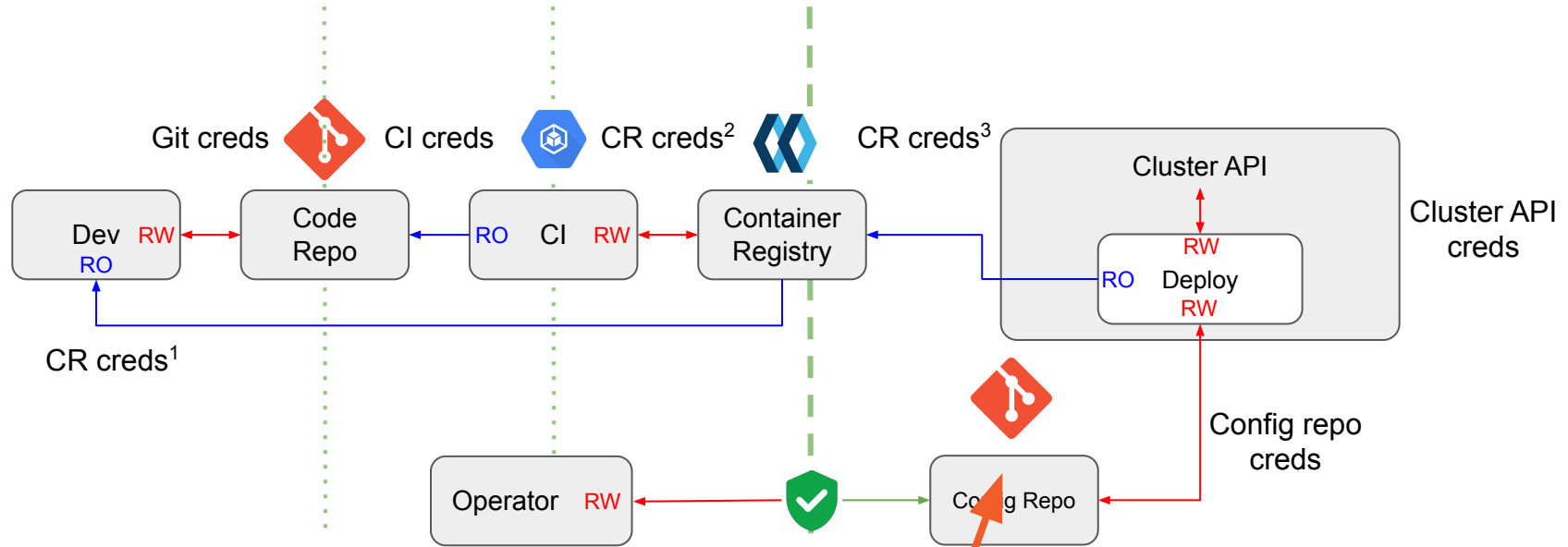
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*Exceptional auditing  
and attribution*



Gitops is Functional Reactive Programming...

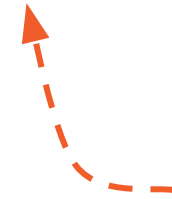
...for your infrastructure.

Like React, but for servers and applications.



# What should be GitOps'ed?

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*I'm so very  
sorry*





Kubernetes Manifests

Dashboards

Application checklists

Application configuration

Alerts

Recording Rules

Provisioning scripts

Playbook

Sealed Secrets





 jml Fix corp alert rules

488f056 on 2 Aug

[1 contributor](#)

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Raw

Blame

History



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1 # Rules for alerting on stuff related to corporate IT.
2 #
3 # All of these alerts must have 'team = "corp"' in their labels. This routes
4 # them to the #corporate-it channel and away from the production on-call.
5
6 # Alert when our terradiff for corp doesn't match the environment.
7 ALERT CorpTerradiff
8     IF max(terradiff_plan_exit_code) == 2
9     FOR 1h
10    LABELS {
11        severity = "warning",
12        team = "corp",
13    }
14    ANNOTATIONS {
15        summary = "weaveworks/corp terraform config differs from reality",
16        impact = "Someone has lost access to something, or someone has access without approval",
17        dashboardURL = "${base_url}/admin/corp-terradiff",
18        containerName = "terradiff",
19    }
```

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280 **resource** "github\_membership" "bricef" {

281 username = "bricef"

282 role = "admin"

283 }

284

14:30 **AlertManager** APP

[CorpTerradiff - weaveworks/corp terraform config differs from reality](#)

Someone has lost access to something, or someone has access without approval

[Dashboard](#)

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*Installing  
and using  
OSS Flux*





cloud.weave.works/fluxv2/little-meadow-46/services

Sock Shop (socks.weave.w...)

Deploy Explore Monitor

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RESOURCES HISTORY

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Socket Shop (socks.weave.w... | Deploy | Explore | Monitor | ilya@weave.works

RESOURCES HISTORY

### History

- Manual deploy: weaveworksdemos/front-end:master-af3b817e to sock-shop:deployment/front-end  
23 minutes ago
- Sync to cluster: sock-shop:deployment/front-end (20c187340bbe)  
23 minutes ago
- Commit: sock-shop:deployment/front-end (20c187340bbe)  
by matthias <matthias@weave.works>  
23 minutes ago
- Sync to cluster: sock-shop:deployment/catalogue (f68ba0f8a507)  
4 days ago
- Unlock: sock-shop:deployment/catalogue (f68ba0f8a507)  
Demo  
by brice <brice@weave.works>  
4 days ago
- Sync to cluster: sock-shop:deployment/catalogue (2fd23dd6bd93)  
4 days ago
- Lock: sock-shop:deployment/catalogue (2fd23dd6bd93)  
Demo  
by brice <brice@weave.works>  
4 days ago
- Manual deploy: weaveworksdemos/catalogue:master-bf571e15 to sock-shop:deployment/catalogue  
4 days ago



cloud.weave.works/app/little-meadow-46#!/state/?"gridSortedBy":"docker\_memory...

Sock Shop (socks.weave.w... Deploy Explore Monitor ilya@weave.works

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SEARCH PROCESSES CONTAINERS PODS HOSTS

BY NAME BY DNS NAME CONTROLLERS WEAVE NET

BY IMAGE SERVICES

GRAPH TABLE RESOURCES

CPU Memory

shipping queue-master catalogue front-end

gke-sock-shop-default-p... gke-sock-shop-default-p... gke-sock-shop-default-pool-9652982b-7pbs gke-sock-shop-default-pool-9652982b-7pbs gke-sock-shop-default-pool-9652982b-7pbs

11.6MB 109.1MB 290.6MB 14.6MB

front-end

orders

gke-sock-shop-default-p...

16 NODES (101 FILTERED)

All System Containers Application Containers

Stopped containers Running containers Both

Show Uncontained Hide Uncontained

default kube-public kube-system loadtest sock-shop weave All Namespaces

### front-end

[weaveworksdemos/fron...](#)  
[front-end-84dbb9c79c-c...](#)  
[gke-sock-shop-default-p...](#)

STATUS

CPU	11.06 %
MEMORY	109.1 MB

INFO

IMAGE: weaveworksdemos/front-end:master-  
 command: /usr/local/bin/npm start

VERSION d19b0293 ON service PLUGINS: n/a



cloud.weave.works/prom/little-meadow-46/workloads/sock-shop%3Adeployment%2...

Sock Shop (socks.weave.w...)

Deploy Explore Monitor

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DASHBOARDS

- Workload Resources
- Node Resources
- Workloads
  - kube-system
    - fluentd-gcp-v2.0.10
    - nvidia-gpu-device-plugin
    - event-exporter-v0.1.7
    - heapster-v1.5.0
    - kube-dns
    - kube-dns-autoscaler
    - kubernetes-dashboard
    - l7-default-backend
    - metrics-server-v0.2.0
  - loadtest
    - load-test
  - sock-shop
    - carts
    - carts-db
    - catalogue
    - catalogue-db
    - front-end
    - orders
    - orders-db
    - payment
    - queue-master
    - rabbitmq
    - session-db
    - shipping
    - user
    - user-db
  - weave

April 24th

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## sock-shop:deployment/catalogue

Workload Dashboard

Summary Resources Go

### Concurrency

Number of Goroutines



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*Using  
Weave Cloud*

# Questions?



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# 45 day trial



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