How To Build Efficient ML Pipelines

From the Startup Perspective



What you can get from this talk

Machine Learning Pipelines

- Challenges that many fast-growing startups face
- Solutions we came up with
- Several tools and tips that may be useful for you: kubernetes, polyaxon, kubeflow, terraform, ...
- Way to build your own training farm by step by step
- How to deploy & manage trained model by step by step



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Why we built a ML pipeline

Very simple way to start machine learning startup

- Buy GPU machines
- Build (Explore) your own models
- Train models
- Freeze and deploy as as service
- Conduct fitting and re-training
- Earn money and exit

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What's going on in data refining phase

- Mostly time-consuming job
- Sometimes we need to do large-scale data processing
 - Use Apache Spark!
 (This won't be covered in this talk)
- We've not handle real-time data *yet*
 - Kafka Streams is feasible solution (This won't be covered in this talk)
- Have to manage several data versions
 - due to sampling policies and operational definitions (labeling)
 - Can use Git-like solutions
- It'll be great to import data easily in the training phase like
 - ./train --data=images_v1
- Permission Control

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What's going on in model building phase

- Referring tons of precedent research
- Pick a simple model for baseline with small set of data
 - Check minimal accuracy and debug our model
 - (if data matters) refining data more precisely
 - (if model matters) iteratively improve our model
- Mostly only need GPU instance or notebook and small datasets; don't want to care about other stuffs!
 - ./run-notebook tf-v12-gpu --gpu=4 -data=images_v1
 - ./ssh tf-v12-gpu --gpu=2 --data=images_v1

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What's going on in training phase

- Training on large datasets
- Researchers have to "hunt" idle GPU resources by accessing 10+ servers one by one
 - Scalability: Sometimes there's no idle GPU resources (depends on product timeline / paper deadline)
 - Access Control: Sometimes all resources are occupied by outside collaborators
 - Data accessibility: Fetching / moving training data servers to servers is very painful!
 - Monitoring: Want to know how our experiments are going and what's going on our resources

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What's going on in deploying phase

- In the middle of machine learning engineering and software engineering
- Want to manage model independently for the product
- Build micro-services that inference test data synchronously / asynchronously
- Have to consider high availability on production usage

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What's going on to us in fitting phase

- Data distribution always changes; therefore, have to keep fitting the model with the real data
- Want to easily change the model code interactively
- Try to build online-learning model or re-training model in certain schedule
- Sometimes need to create real time data flow with Kafka
- Have to manage several model versions
 - As new models are developed
 - As the usage varies

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Problems and requirements

- Model building & training phase:
 - We need to know the status of resources without access to our physical servers one by one.
 - We want to use easily idle GPU with proper training datasets
 - We have to control permissions of our resources and datasets
 - We only want to mainly focus on our research: developing innovative models, conducting experiments and such, ... not infrastructures



Problems and requirements

- Model deploying & updating phase:
 - It's hard to control because it is in the middle of machine learning engineering and software engineering
 - We want to create simple micro-services that don't need much management
 - There are many models with different purposes;
 - some models need real-time inference
 - some models do not require real-time, but they need inference in the certain time range
 - We have to consider high availability configuration
 - Models must be fitted and re-trained easily
 - We have to manage several versions of models



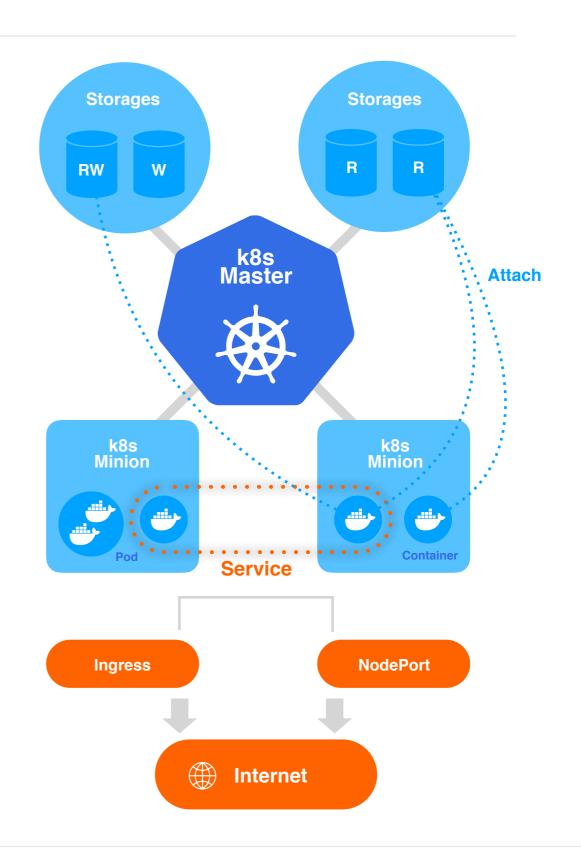
How to solve

- Managing resources over multiple servers, deploying microservices, permission controls, ...
- These can be solved with orchestration solutions.
- We are going to build training farm using kubernetes.
- Before that, what is kubernetes?

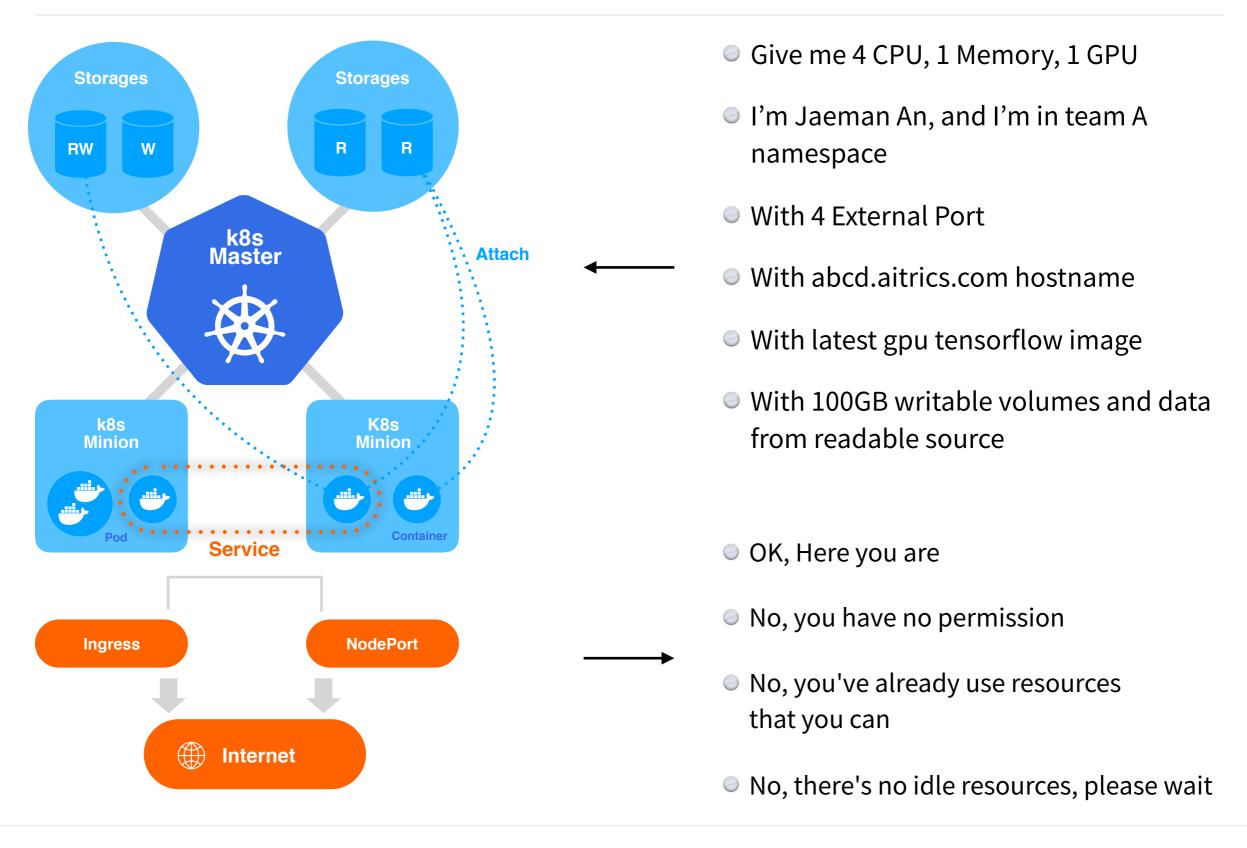


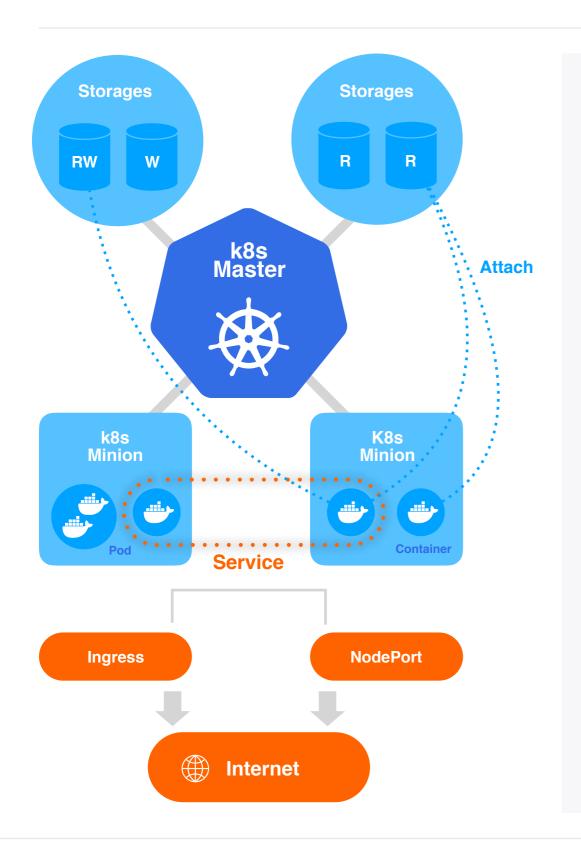
Kubernetes in 5 minutes

- Kubernetes (k8s) is an open-source system for automating deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications.
- It orchestrates computing, networking, and storage infrastructure on behalf of user workloads.
- NVIDIA GPU also can be orchestrated through NVIDIA's k8s device plugin









Workload & Services

Pod

Service

Ingress

Deployment

Replication Controller

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Storage Class

PersistentVolume PersistentVolumeClaim

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Workload Controllers

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CronJob

ReplicaSet

RepliactionController DaemonSet

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Namespace Role & Authorization Resource Quota

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A Pod is the basic building block of Kubernetes – the smallest and simplest unit in the Kubernetes object model that you create or deploy. A Pod represents a running process on your cluster.

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/workloads/pods/pod-overview/



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A Service is an abstraction which defines a logical set of Pods and a policy by which to access them - sometimes called a micro-service.

```
kind: Service
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: my-service
spec:
   selector:
    app: MyApp
   ports:
   - protocol: TCP
    port: 80
    targetPort: 9376
```

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/service/



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Ingress exposes HTTP and HTTPS routes from outside the cluster to services within the cluster. Traffic routing is controlled by rules defined on the Ingress resource.

```
kind: Ingress
metadata:
    name: test-ingress
spec:
    rules:
    - host: foo.bar.com
    - http:
        paths:
        - backend:
            serviceName: MyService
            servicePort: 80
```

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/ingress/



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A PersistentVolume (PV) is a piece of storage in the cluster that has been provisioned by an administrator. It is a resource in the cluster just like a node is a cluster resource.

```
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
   name: pv0003
spec:
   capacity:
     storage: 5Gi
   volumeMode: Filesystem
   accessModes:
     - ReadWriteOnce
   nfs:
     path: /tmp
     server: 172.17.0.2
```

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/persistent-volumes/



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A PersistentVolumeClaim (PVC) is a request for storage by a user. Claims can request specific size and access modes (e.g., can be mounted once read/write or many times read-only).

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: myclaim
spec:
   accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
   volumeMode: Filesystem
   resources:
     requests:
        storage: 8Gi
```

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/persistent-volumes/#persistentvolumeclaims



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A Job creates one or more Pods and ensures that a specified number of them successfully terminate. As pods successfully complete, the Job tracks the successful completions.

```
kind: Job
metadata:
  name: pi
spec:
  template:
    spec:
       containers:
       - name: pi
       image: perl
       command: ["perl", "-Mbignum=bpi", "-wle", "print bpi(2000)"]
```

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/persistent-volumes/#persistentvolumeclaims



Policies & Others

Namespace

Resource Quota Role & Authorization

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Kubernetes supports multiple virtual clusters backed by the same physical cluster. These virtual clusters are called namespaces. Those are intended for use in environments with many users spread across multiple teams, or projects.

```
$ kubectl get namespaces

NAME     STATUS     AGE
default     Active     1d
kube-system     Active     1d
kube-public     Active     1d
```

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/overview/working-with-objects/namespaces/



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A *resource quota*, defined by a ResourceQuota object, provides constraints that limit aggregate resource consumption per namespace.

```
kind: ResourceQuota
metadata:
   name: compute-resources
spec:
   hard:
     requests.nvidia.com/gpu: 1
```

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/policy/resource-quotas/



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In Kubernetes, you must be authenticated (logged in) before your request can be authorized (granted permission to access).

Kubernetes uses client certificates, bearer tokens, an authenticating proxy, or HTTP basic auth to authenticate API requests through authentication plugins.



Policies & Others

Namespace Resource Quota Role & Authorization Role-based access control (RBAC) is a method of regulating access to computer or network resources based on the roles of individual users within an enterprise.

```
kind: Role
metadata:
   namespace: default
   name: pod-reader
rules:
- apiGroups: [""]
group:
   resources: ["pods"]
   verbs: ["get", "watch", "list"]
```

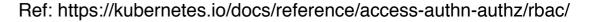
Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/access-authn-authz/rbac/



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```
kind: RoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
    name: read-pods
    namespace: default
subjects:
- kind: User
    name: jane
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
roleRef:
    kind: Role
    name: pod-reader
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```





Model building & training phase

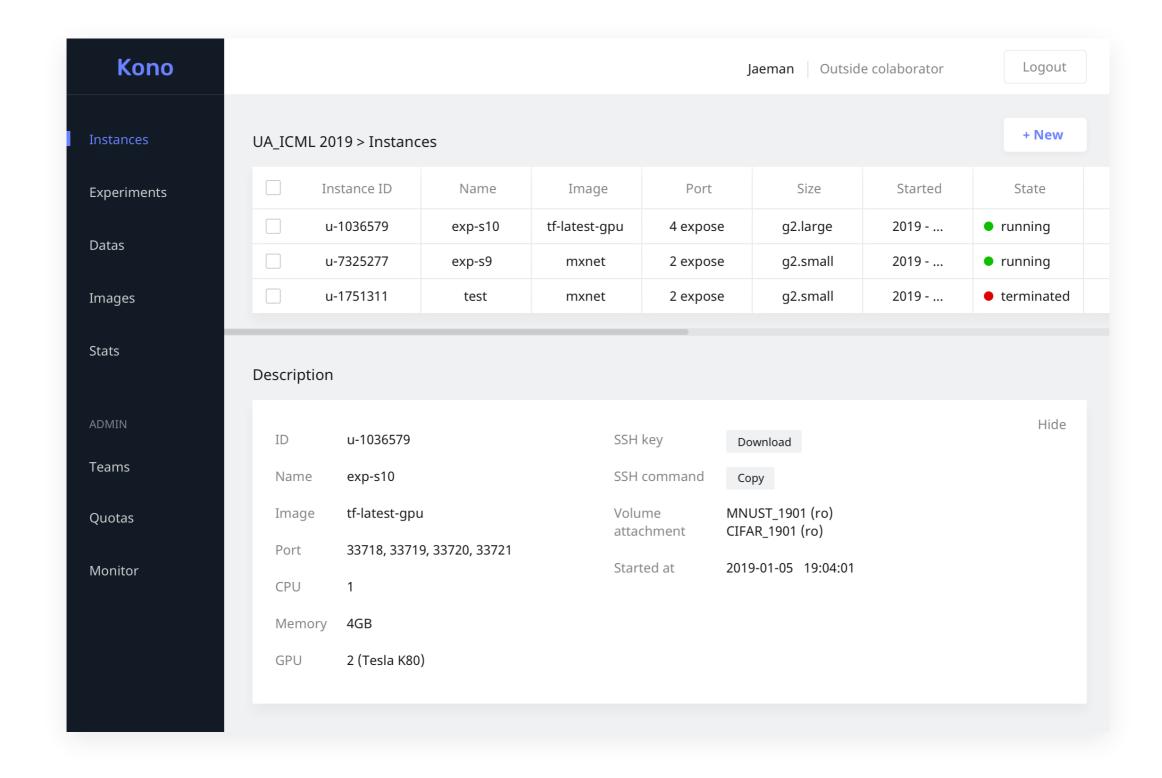
- Building training farm from zero (step by step)
- Polyaxon
- Terraform

RECAP: Our requirements

- We need to know GPU resource status without accessing our physical servers one by one.
- We want to easily use idle GPU with proper training datasets
- We have to control permissions of our resources and datasets
- We only want to focus on our research: building models, doing the experiments, ... not infrastructures!
 - ./run-notebook tf-v12-gpu --gpu=4 --data=images_v1
 - ./train tf-v12-gpu model.py --gpu=4 --data=images_v1
 - ./ssh tf-v12-gpu --gpu=4 --data=images_v1 --exposesport=4

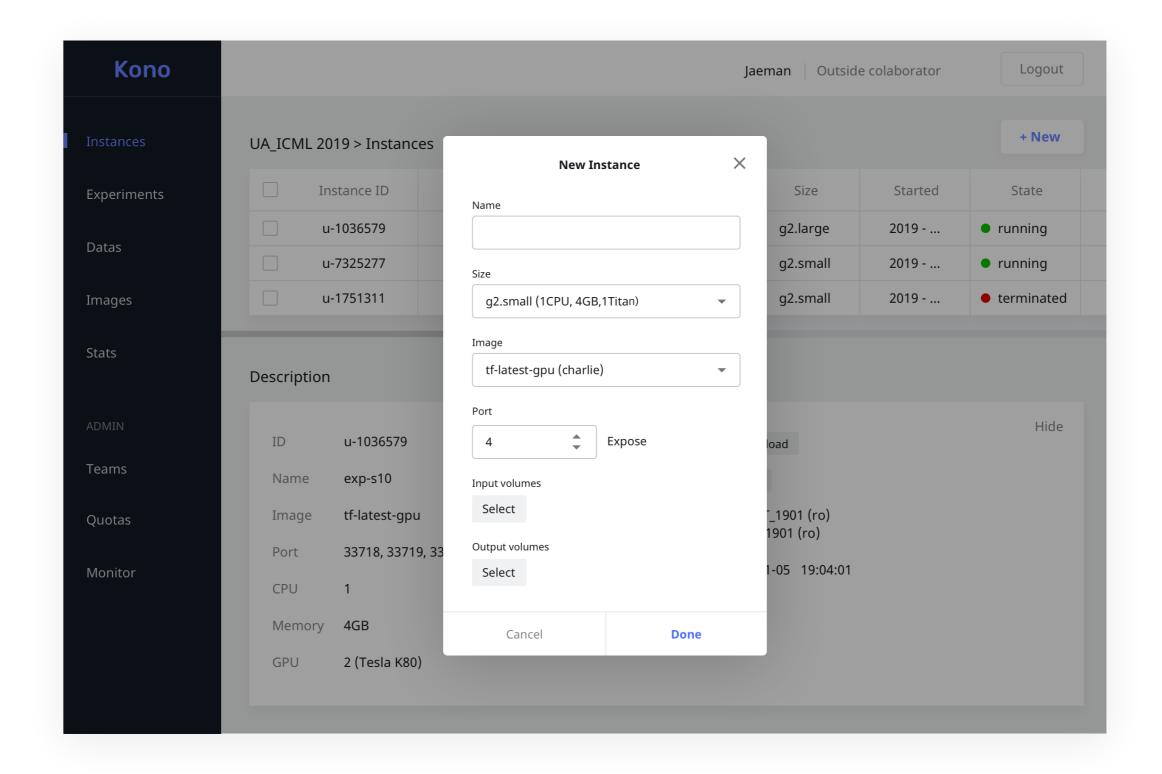


Blueprint





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Instructions

- Step 1. Install Kubernetes master on AWS
- Step 2. Install Kubernetes as nodes in physical servers
- Step 3. Run hello world training containers
- Step 4. RBAC Authorization & resource quota
- Step 5. Expand GPU servers on demand with AWS
- Step 6. Attach training data
- Step 7. Web dashboard or cli tools to run training container
- Step 8. With other tools (Polyaxon)



Step 1. Install Kubernetes master on AWS

- There are several ways to install kubernetes
- Use kubeadm in this session.
 - Other options: conjure-up, kops
- Network option: flannel (https://github.com/coreos/flannel)
- Server configuration that I've used in k8s master:
 - AWS t3.large: 2 vCPUs, 8GB Memory
 - Ubuntu 18.04, docker version 18.09



Step 1. Install Kubernetes master on AWS

```
# Install kubeadm
# https://kubernetes.io/docs/setup/independent/install-kubeadm/
$ curl -s https://packages.cloud.google.com/apt/doc/apt-key.gpg \
   apt-key add -
 cat <<EOF > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/kubernetes.list
  deb https://apt.kubernetes.io/ kubernetes-xenial main
  EOF
 apt-get install -y kubelet kubeadm kubectl
```



```
# Initialize with Flannel (https://github.com/coreos/flannel)
 kubeadm init --pod-network-cidr=10.244.0.0/16
```

Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/setup/independent/create-cluster-kubeadm/



```
# Initialize with Flannel (https://github.com/coreos/flannel)
$ kubeadm init --pod-network-cidr=10.244.0.0/16
 Your kubernetes master has initialized successfully!
 To start using your cluster, you need to run the following as a regular user:
mkdir -p $HOME/.kube
 sudo cp -i /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf $HOME/.kube/config
 sudo chown $(id -u):$(id -g) $HOME/.kube/config
 You can now join any number of machines by running the following on each node
as root:
 kubeadm join 172.31.30.194:6443 --token *** --discovery-token-ca-cert-hash ***
```



Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/setup/independent/create-cluster-kubeadm/

```
# Initialize with Flannel (https://github.com/coreos/flannel)
 kubectl -n kube-system apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/
 coreos/flannel/62e44c867a2846fefb68bd5f178daf4da3095ccb/
 Documentation/kube-flannel.yml
```



```
# Install NVIDIA k8s-device-plugin
# https://github.com/NVIDIA/k8s-device-plugin
  kubectl create -f https://raw_githubusercontent.com/NVIDIA/k8s-
  device-plugin/v1.11/nvidia-device-plugin.yml
```

Ref: https://github.com/NVIDIA/k8s-device-plugin



- In this step,
 - install nvidia-docker
 - join to kubernetes master
 - use kubeadm join command
 - install NVIDIA's k8s-device-plugin
 - create kubernetes dashboard to check resources
- Server configuration that I've used in k8s node:
 - 32 CPU core, 128GB Memory
 - 4 GPU (Titan Xp), Driver version: 396.44
 - Ubuntu 16.04, docker version 18.09



```
# Install nvidia-docker (https://github.com/NVIDIA/nvidia-docker)
$ curl -s -L https://nvidia.github.io/nvidia-docker/gpgkey | apt-key
  add -
$ curl -s -L https://nvidia.github.io/nvidia-docker/ubuntu18.04/nvidia-
  docker.list | tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/nvidia-docker.list
 apt-get update
 apt-get install -y nvidia-docker2
```



```
# change docker default runtime to nvidia-docker
 vi /etc/docker/daemon.json
   "default-runtime": "nvidia",
   "runtimes": {
       "nvidia": {
           "path": "nvidia-container-runtime",
           "runtimeArgs": []
 systemctl restart docker
```



```
# test nvidia-docker is successfully installed
 docker run --rm -it nvidia/cuda nvidia-smi
```



```
# test nvidia-docker is successfully installed
 docker run --rm -it nvidia/cuda nvidia-smi
NVIDIA-SMI 396.44 Driver Version: 396.44 CUDA Version: 10.0
GPU Name Persistence-MI Bus-Id Disp.A | Volatile Uncorr. ECC |
Fan Temp Perf Pwr:Usage/Capl Memory-Usage | GPU-Util Compute M.
_____
                                            GPU Memory
Processes:
                                            Usage
 GPU
         PID Type Process name
 No running processes found
```



```
# join to kubernetes master with kubeadm
$ kubeadm join 172.31.30.194:6443 --token *** --discovery-token-ca-
  cert-hash ***
```



```
# join to kubernetes master with kubeadm
$ kubeadm join 172.31.30.194:6443 --token *** --discovery-token-ca-
  cert-hash ***
This node has joined the cluster.
* Certificate signing request was sent to apiserver and a response was
received
* The Kubelet was informed of the new secure connection details
Run 'kubectl get nodes' on the master to see this node join the
cluster.
```



```
# check the node join the cluster
# run this on the master
$ kubectl get nodes
```



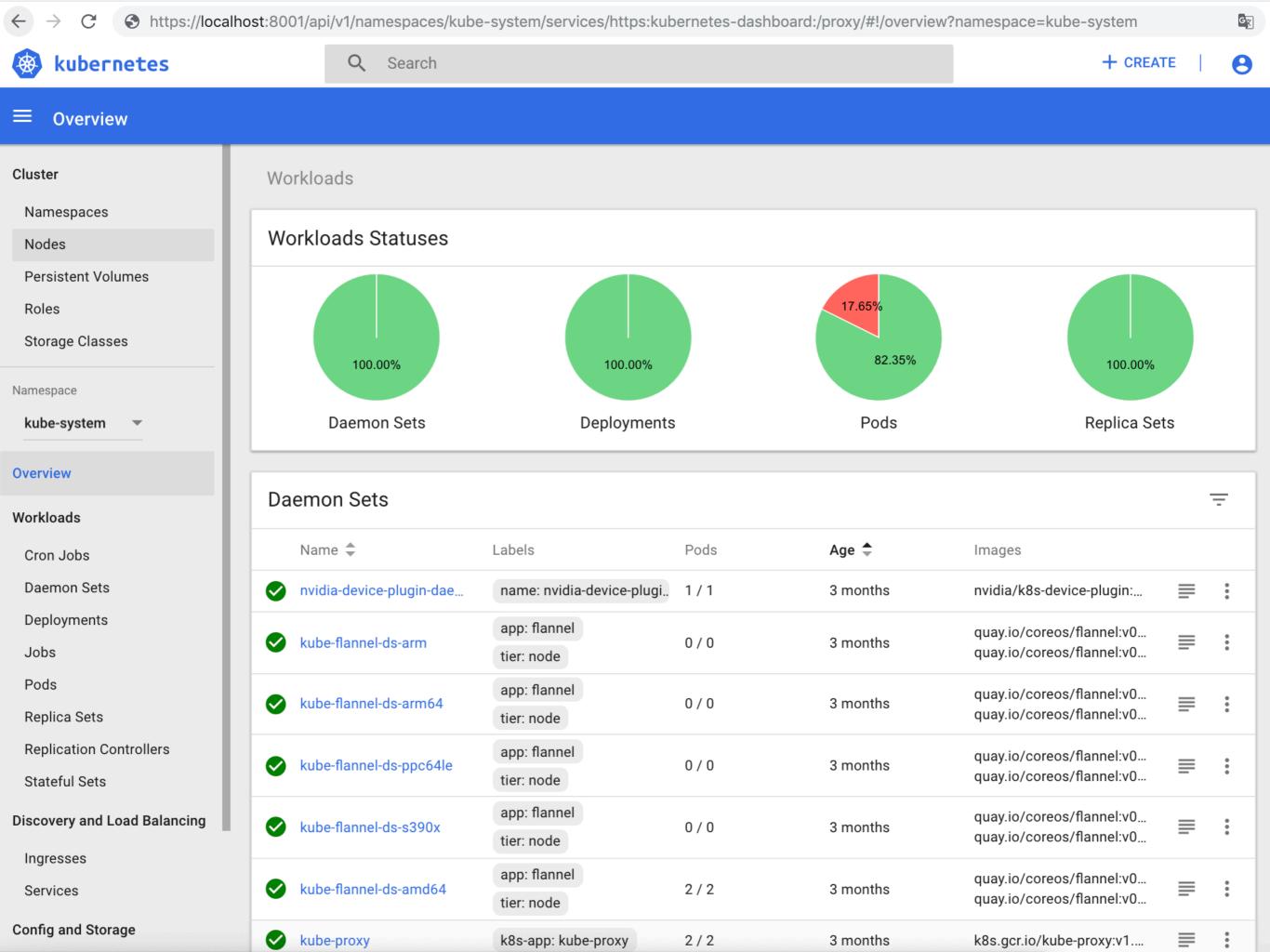
```
# check if the node (named as 'stark') join the cluster
# run this command on the master
$ kubectl get nodes
NAME
                STATUS
                         ROLES
                                  AGE
                                       VERSION
ip-172-31-99-9
                Ready
                                  99d v1.12.2
                         master
                                  99d v1.12.2
stark
                Ready
                         <none>
```



```
# create kubernetes dashboard
 kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes/
  dashboard/v1.10.1/src/deploy/recommended/kubernetes-dashboard.yaml
 kubectl proxy
```







Step 3. Run hello-world container

- Write pod definition
 - Run nvidia-smi with cuda image
 - Train MNIST with tensorflow and save model in S3



```
# run nvidia-smi in container
# pod.yml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: gpu-pod
spec:
  containers:
    - name: cuda-container
      image: nvidia/cuda:9.0-devel
      resources:
        limits:
          nvidia.com/gpu: 1 # requesting 1 GPU
  command: ["nvidia-smi"]
```

```
# create pod from definition
$ kubectl create -f pod.yml
```



```
# create pod from definition
$ kubectl create -f pod.yml
pod/gpu-pod created
```



```
# create pod from definition
$ kubectl logs gpu-pod
NVIDIA-SMI 396.44 Driver Version: 396.44 CUDA Version: 10.0
GPU Name Persistence-MI Bus-Id Disp.A | Volatile Uncorr. ECC |
 Fan Temp Perf Pwr:Usage/Capl Memory-Usage | GPU-Util Compute M.
GPU Memory |
 Processes:
                                           Usage
 GPU PID Type Process name
 No running processes found
```



```
# train_mnist.py
import tensorflow as tf
def main(args):
    mnist = tf.keras.datasets.mnist
    (x_train, y_train),(x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()
    x_train, x_test = x_train / 255.0, x_test / 255.0
    model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(512, activation=tf.nn.relu),
    tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation=tf.nn.softmax)
    ])
    model.compile(optimizer='adam',
          loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy',
          metrics=['accuracy'])
    model.fit(x_train, y_train, epochs=args.epoch)
    model.evaluate(x_test, y_test)
    saved_model_path = tf.contrib.saved_model.save_keras_model(model, args.save_dir)
```



```
# Dockerfile
FROM tensorflow/tensorflow:latest-gpu-py3
WORKDIR /train_demo/
COPY . /train_demo/
RUN pip --no-cache-dir install --upgrade awscli
ENTRYPOINT ["/train_demo/run.sh"]
# run.sh
python train_mnist.py --epoch 1
aws s3 sync saved_models/ $MODEL_S3_PATH
```



```
# pod definition
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: gpu-pod
spec:
  containers:
    - name: cuda-container
      image: aitrics/train-mnist:1.0
      resources:
        limits:
          nvidia.com/gpu: 1 # requesting 1 GPU
      env:
      - name: MODEL_S3_PATH
        value: "s3://aitrics-model-bucket/saved_model"
```



```
# create pod from definition
$ kubectl create -f pod.yml
pod/gpu-pod created
```



It works!

Name ▼
assets
variables
saved_model.pb



Summary

- Now we have,
 - Minimally working proof of concept
 - Researchers can train on kubernetes with kubectl
- We have to do,
 - RBAC (Role based access control) between researchers, engineers, and outside collaborators.
 - Training data & output volume attachment
 - Researchers don't want to know what kubernetes is. They only need
 - a instance which are accessible via SSH (with frameworks and training data)
 - or nice webview and jupyter notebook
 - or automatic hyperparameter searching...



- Instructions:
 - Create user (team) namespace
 - Create user credentials with cluster CA key
 - default CA key location: /etc/kubernetes/pki
 - Create role and role binding with proper permissions
 - Create resource quota per namespace
- References:
 - https://docs.bitnami.com/kubernetes/how-to/configure-rbac-in-your-kubernetescluster/
 - https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/access-authn-authz/rbac/



```
# create user (team) namespace
$ kubectl create namespace team-a
```



```
# create user (team) namespace
$ kubectl get namespaces
NAME
     STATUS
                   AGE
default Active
                   99d
       Active
                   4s
team-a
kube-public Active
                   99d
kube-system Active
                   99d
```



```
# create user credentials
$ openssl genrsa -out jaeman.key 2048
$ openssl req -new -key jaeman.key -out user.csr -subj "/CN=jaeman/
  0=aitrics"
$ openssl x509 -req -in jaeman.csr -CA CA_LOCATION/ca.crt -CAkey
  CA_LOCATION/ca.key -CAcreateserial -out jaeman.crt -days 500
```



Ref: https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/access-authn-authz/authentication/

```
# create Role definition
kind: Role
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  namespace: team-a
  name: software-engineer-role
rules:
- apiGroups: ["", "extensions", "apps"]
  resources: ["deployments", "replicasets", "pods", "configmaps"]
  verbs: ["get", "list", "watch", "create", "update", "patch",
"delete"] # You can also use ["*"]
```



```
# create ClusterRoleBinding definition
kind: RoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  namespace: team-a
  name: jaeman-software-engineer-role-binding
subjects:
- kind: User
  name: jaeman
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
roleRef:
  kind: Role
  name: software-engineer-role
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```



```
# create resource quota
apiVersion: v1
kind: ResourceQuota
metadata:
  name: compute-resources
spec:
  hard:
    requests.nvidia.com/gpu: 1
```



Step 5. Expand GPU servers on AWS

- Store kubeadm join script in S3
- Write userdata (instance bootstrap script)
 - install kubeadm, nvidia-docker
 - join
- Add AutoScaling Group



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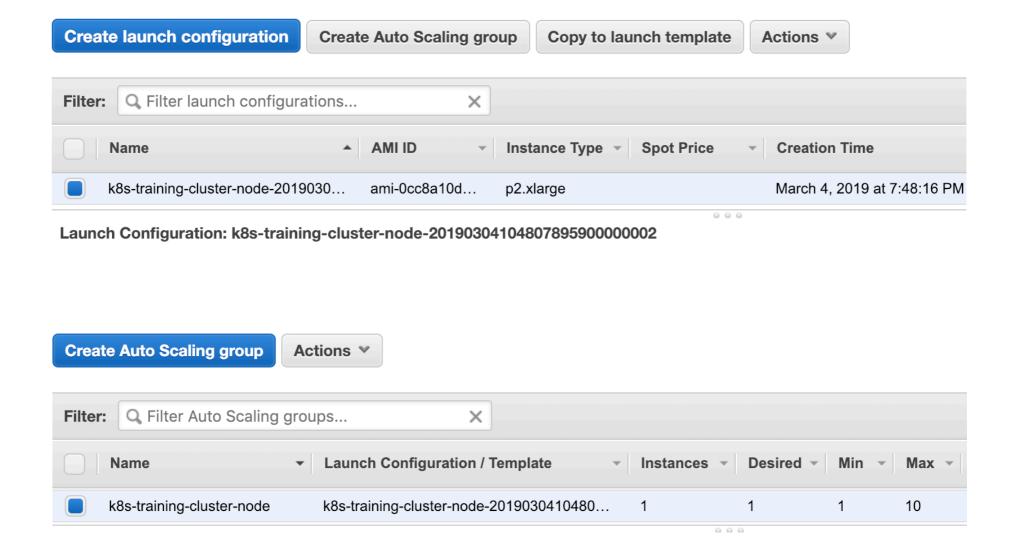
```
# save master join command in AWS S3
 # s3://k8s-training-cluster/join.sh
 kubeadm join 172.31.75.62:6443 --token *** --discovery-token-ca-cert-
hash ***
```



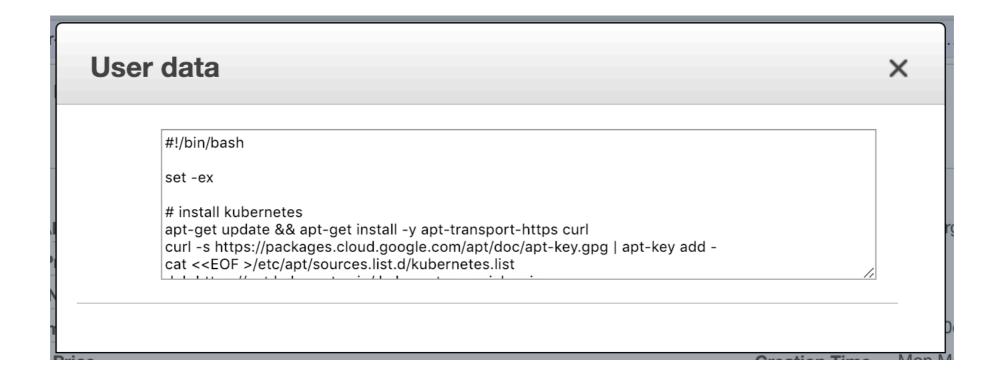
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```
# userdata script file
# RECAP: install kubernetes as a node to join master (step 2)
# install kubernetes
apt-get install -y kubelet kubeadm kubectl
# install nvidia-docker
apt-get install -y nvidia-docker2
$(aws s3 cp s3://k8s-training-cluster/join.sh -)
```











```
# check bootstrapping log
$ tail -f /var/log/cloud-init-output.log
```



```
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 $ tail -f /var/log/cloud-init-output.log
++ aws s3 cp s3://k8s-training-cluster/join.sh -
+ kubeadm join 172.31.75.62:6443 --token *** --discovery-token-ca-cert-
hash ***
[preflight] Running pre-flight checks
[discovery] Trying to connect to API Server "172.31.75.62:6443"
[discovery] Created cluster-info discovery client, requesting info from
"https://172.31.75.62:6443"
[discovery] Requesting info from "https://172.31.75.62:6443" again to
validate TLS against the pinned public key
```



- Initially store training data in S3 (with encryption)
- Option 1: Download training data when pod starts
 - training data is usually big
 - same training data are often used, so it would be very inefficient
 - caching to host machine volumes --> occupied easily
 - use storage server and mount volumes that!
- Option 2: Create NFS on AWS EC2 or storage server (e.g. NAS)
 - Sync all data with S3
 - Mount as Persistent Volume with ReadOnlyMany / ReadWriteMany
- Option 3: shared storage with s3fs
 - https://icicimov.github.io/blog/virtualization/Kubernetes-shared-storage-with-S3-backend/



```
# make nfs server on EC2 (or physical storage server)
 # https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/how-to-set-up-an-
nfs-mount-on-ubuntu-16-04
$ apt-get update
$ apt-get install nfs-kernel-server
$ mkdir /var/nfs -p
$ cat <<EOF > /etc/exports
  /var/nfs 172.31.75.62(rw,sync,no_subtree_check)
  EOF
$ systemctl restart nfs-kernel-server
```



```
# define persistent volume
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
  name: nfs
spec:
  capacity:
    storage: 3Gi
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  nfs:
    server: <server ip>
    path: "/var/nfs"
```

```
# define persistent volume claim
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: nfs-pvc
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  storageClassName: ""
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 3Gi
```



```
# mount volume in pod
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: pvpod
spec:
  volumes:
    - name: testpv
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: nfs-pvc
  containers:
  - name: test
    image: python:3.7.2
    volumeMounts:
    - name: testpv
      mountPath: /data/test
```

- Make script like
 - ./kono ssh --image tensorflow/tensorflow --exposeports 4
 - ./kono train --image tensorflow/tensorflow -entrypoint main.py .
- Create web dashboard



```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono login
```

```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono login
  Username: jaeman
  Password: [hidden]
```



```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono train \
       --image tensorflow/tensorflow:latest-gpu \
       --gpu 1 \
       --script train.py \
       --input-data /var/project-a-data/:/opt/project-a-data/ \
       --output-dir /opt/outputs/:./outputs/ \
       __ \
       --epoch=1 --checkpoint=/opt/outputs/ckpts/
```

```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono train \
      --image tensorflow/tensorflow:latest-gpu \
      --gpu 1 \
      --script train.py \
      --input-data /var/project-a-data/:/opt/project-a-data/ \
      --output-dir /opt/outputs/:./outputs/ \
      -- \
      --epoch=1 --checkpoint=/opt/outputs/ckpts/
 training completed!
  Sending output directory to s3... [>>>>>>>>>>> ] 100%
  Pulling output directory to local... [>>>>>>>> ] 100%
  Check your directory ./outputs/
```

```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono ssh \
       --image tensorflow/tensorflow:latest-gpu \
       --gpu 1 \
       --expose-ports 4 \
       --input-data /var/project-a-data/:/opt/project-a-data/
```



```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono ssh \
       --image tensorflow/tensorflow:latest-gpu \
       --gpu 1 \
       --expose-ports 4 \
       --input-data /var/project-a-data/:/opt/project-a-data/
  Your container is ready!
  ssh ubuntu@k8s.aitrics.com -p 31546
```

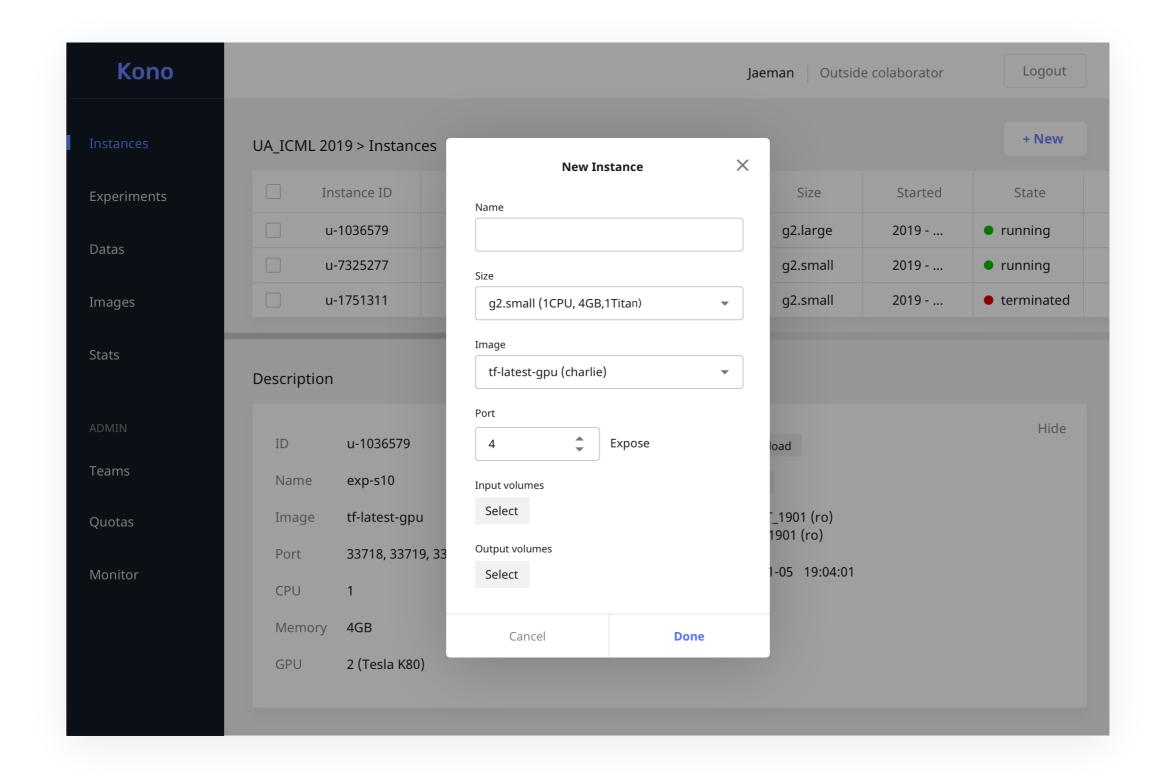
```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono terminate-all --force
```



```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono terminate-all --force
  terminate all your containers? [Y/n]: Y
```



```
# cli tool to use our cluster
$ kono terminate-all --force
  terminate all your containers? [Y/n]: Y
  Success!
```



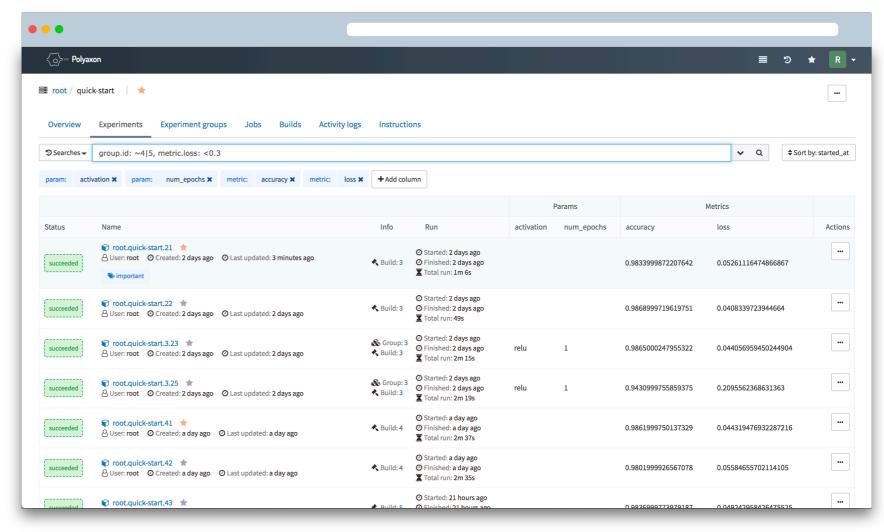


- We are still working on it
 - Check our improvements or contribute to us
 - https://github.com/AITRICS/kono



Step 8. Use other tools (polyaxon)

- A platform for reproducing and managing the whole life cycle of machine learning and deep learning applications.
- https://polyaxon.com/
- Most feasible tools to our training cluster
- Can be installed on kubernetes easily



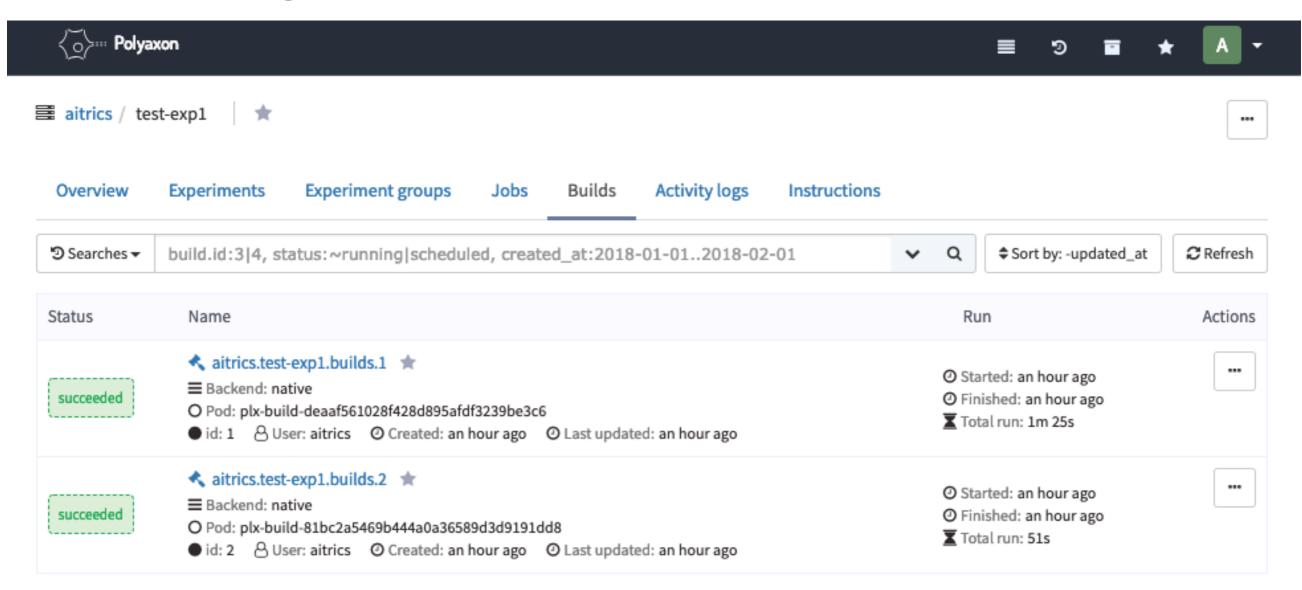
Ref: https://www.polyaxon.com/



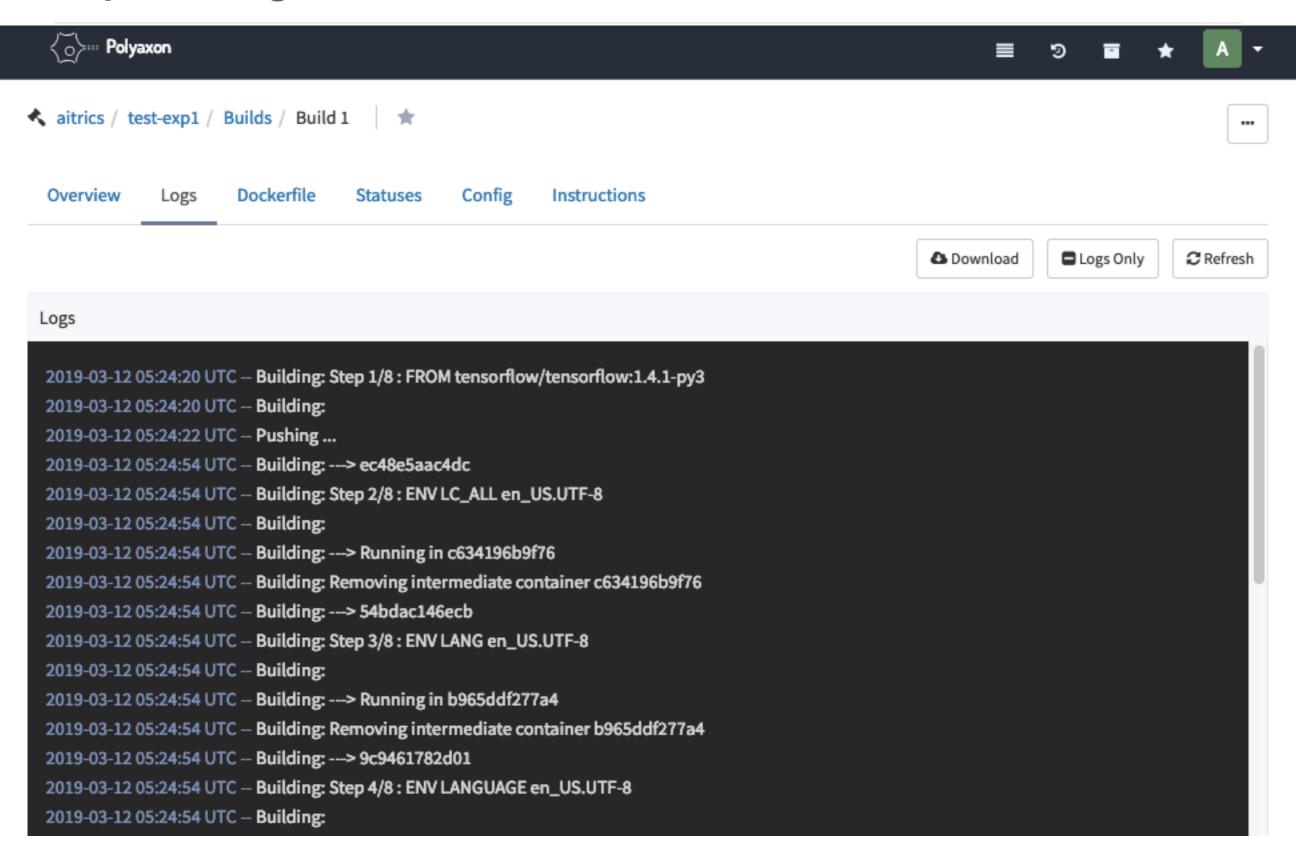
```
# Polyaxon usage
# Create a project
 polyaxon project create --name=quick-start --description='Polyaxon
 quick start.'
# Initialize
 polyaxon init quick-start
# Upload code and start experiments
 polyaxon run -u
```

Ref: https://github.com/polyaxon/polyaxon











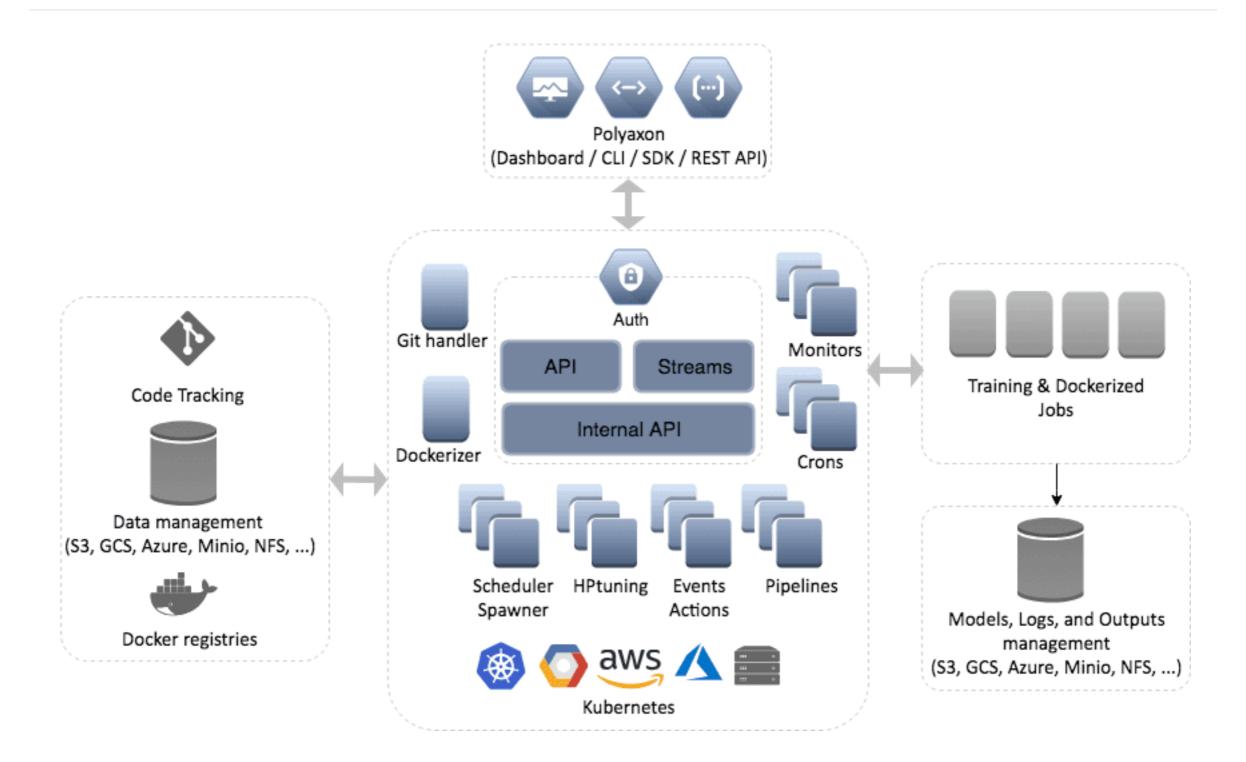
Polyaxon

- Polyaxon is a platform for managing the whole lifecycle of large scale deep learning and machine learning applications, and it supports all the major deep learning frameworks such as Tensorflow, MXNet, Caffe, Torch, etc.
- Features
 - Powerful workspace
 - Reproducible results
 - Developer-friendly API
 - Built-in Optimization engine
 - Plugins & integrations
 - Roles & permissions

Ref: https://docs.polyaxon.com/concepts/features/



Polyaxon architecture



Ref: https://docs.polyaxon.com/concepts/architecture/



How to run my experiment on polyaxon?

- 1. Create project on polyaxon
 - polyaxon project create --name=quick-start
- 2. Initialize the project
 - polyaxon init quick-start
- 3. Create polyaxonfile.yml
 - See next slide
- 4. Upload your code and start an experiment with it



```
# polyaxonfile.yml
version: 1
kind: experiment
build:
  image: tensorflow/tensorflow:1.4.1-py3
  build_steps:
    - pip3 install polyaxon-client
run:
  cmd: python model.py
```



```
# model.py
# https://github.com/polyaxon/polyaxon-quick-start/blob/master/model.py
from polyaxon_client.tracking import Experiment, get_data_paths, get_outputs_path
data_paths = list(get_data_paths().values())[0]
mnist = input_data.read_data_sets(data_paths, one_hot=False)
experiment = Experiment()
estimator = tf.estimator.Estimator(
  get_model_fn(learning_rate=learning_rate, dropout=dropout, activation=activation),
  model_dir=get_outputs_path())
estimator.train(input_fn, steps=num_steps)
experiment.log_metrics(loss=metrics['loss'],
                       accuracy=metrics['accuracy'],
                       precision=metrics['precision'])
```

Ref: https://github.com/polyaxon/polyaxon-quick-start/blob/master/model.py



```
# Integrations in polyaxon
 Notebook
 polyaxon notebook start -f polyaxon_notebook.yml
# Tensorboard
 polyaxon tensorboard -xp 23 start
```

Ref: https://github.com/polyaxon/polyaxon



Experiment Groups - Hyperparameter Optimization

- How to?
 - Make single file train.py that accepts 2 parameters
 - learning rate lr
 - batch size batch_size
 - Update the polyaxonfile.yml with matrix
 - Make experiment group

- Experiment group search algorithm
 - grid search / random search / Hyperband / Bayesian Optimization
 - https://docs.polyaxon.com/references/polyaxon-optimization-engine/

Ref: https://docs.polyaxon.com/concepts/experiment-groups-hyperparameters-optimization/



Experiment Groups - Hyperparameter Optimization

```
# polyaxonfile.yml
version: 1
kind: group
declarations:
  batch_size: 128
hptuning:
  matrix:
   lr:
      logspace: 0.01:0.1:5
build:
  image: tensorflow/tensorflow:1.4.1-py3
  build_steps:
    - pip install scikit-learn
run:
  cmd: python3 train.py --batch-size={{ batch_size }} --lr={{ lr }}
```

Ref: https://docs.polyaxon.com/concepts/experiment-groups-hyperparameters-optimization/



Experiment Groups - Hyperparameter Optimization

```
# polyaxonfile_override.yml
version: 1
hptuning:
  concurrency: 2
  random_search:
    n_experiments: 4
  early_stopping:
    - metric: accuracy
      value: 0.9
      optimization: maximize
    - metric: loss
      value: 0.05
      optimization: minimize
```





How to install polyaxon?

- Instructions
 - Install helm kubernetes application manager
 - Create polyaxon namespace
 - Write your own config for polyaxon
 - Run polyaxon with helm



How to install polyaxon?

```
# install helm (kubernetes package manager)
$ snap install helm --classic
 helm init
```

Ref: https://github.com/polyaxon/polyaxon



```
# install polyaxon with helm
$ kubectl create namespace polyaxon
 helm repo add polyaxon https://charts.polyaxon.com
$ helm repo update
```

Ref: https://github.com/polyaxon/polyaxon



```
# config.yaml
rbac:
  enabled: true
ingress:
  enabled: true
serviceType: LoadBalancer
persistent:
  data:
    training-data-a-s3:
      store: s3
      bucket: s3://aitrics-training-data
    data-pvc1:
      mountPath: "/data-pvc/1"
      existingClaim: "data-pvc-1"
  outputs:
    devtest-s3:
      store: s3
      bucket: s3://aitrics-dev-test
integrations:
  slack:
    - url: https://hooks.slack.com/services/***/***
      channel: research-feed
```

Ref: https://github.com/polyaxon/polyaxon



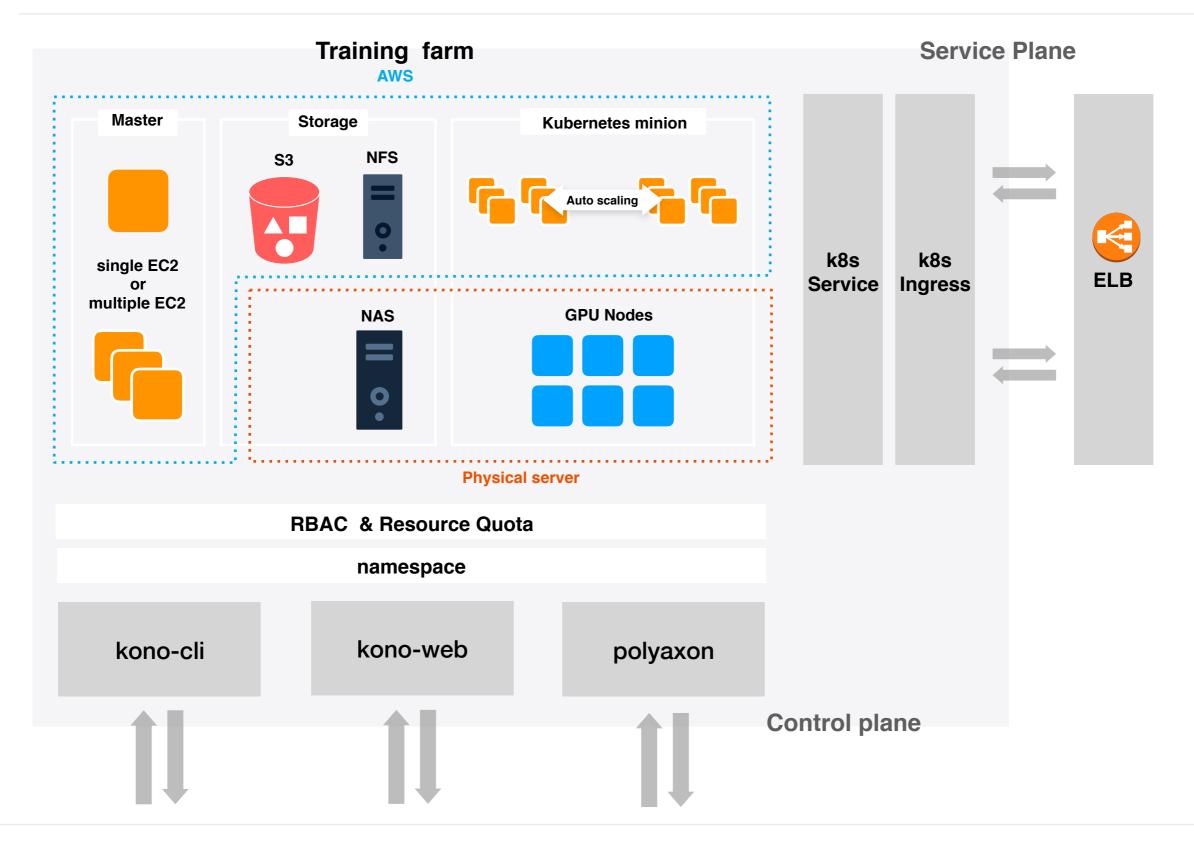
```
# install polyaxon with helm
$ helm install polyaxon/polyaxon \
      --name=polyaxon \
      --namespace=polyaxon \
      -f config.yml
```



```
# install polyaxon with helm
$ helm install polyaxon/polyaxon \
       --name=polyaxon \
       --namespace=polyaxon \
       -f config.yml
 1. Get the application URL by running these commands:
    export POLYAXON_IP=$(kubectl get svc --namespace polyaxon polyaxon-polyaxon-
ingress -o jsonpath='{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0].ip}')
    export POLYAXON_HTTP_PORT=80
    export POLYAXON_WS_PORT=80
    echo http://$POLYAXON_IP:$POLYAXON_HTTP_PORT
 2. Setup your cli by running theses commands:
  polyaxon config set --host=$POLYAXON_IP --http_port=$POLYAXON_HTTP_PORT -
ws_port=$POLYAXON_WS_PORT
```



Summary





RECAP: Our requirements

- Need to know GPU resource status without accessing our physical servers one by one.
 - Use web dashboard or other monitoring tools like Prometheus + cAdvisor
- Want to easily use idle GPU with proper training datasets
 - Use kubernetes objects to get resources and to mount volumes
- Have to control permissions of our resources and datasets
 - RBAC / Resource quota in kubernetes
- Want to focus on our research: building models, doing the experiments, ... not infrastructures!
 - Use kono / polyaxon



Too many steps to build my own cluster!

- Make it as reusable component
- Use Terraform



Infrastructure as a code



Infrastructure as a code

```
resource "aws_instance" "master" {
                     = "ami-593801f1"
 ami
 instance_type = "t3.small"
          = "aitrics-secret-master-key"
 key_name
 iam_instance_profile = "kubernetes-master-iam-role"
                       = "${data.template_file.master.rendered}"
 user_data
 root_block_device = {
   volume_size = "15"
$ terraform apply
```



Infrastructure as a code

```
resource "aws_instance" "master" {
                               = "ami-593801f1"
  ami
  instance_type
                               = "t3.small"
                               = "aitrics-secret-master-key"
  key_name
  iam_instance_profile = "kubernetes-master-iam-role"
                                  = "${data.template_file.master.rendered}"
  user_data
  root_block_device = {
     volume_size = "15"
Launch Instance
                 Connect
                         Actions ♥
 Filter by tags and attributes or search by keyword
                                                  Instance Type 🔻
                                                              Availability Zone ~
                                                                           Instance State 🔻
                                                                                       Status Checks
                                   Instance ID
    Name
    k8s-training-cluster-master
                                   i-0ef0e0c1ec5eada47
                                                  t3.small
                                                              ap-northeast-2a
                                                                           running
                                                                                       2/2 checks ...
```



- We publish our infrastructure as a code
 - https://github.com/AITRICS/kono
 - Configure your settings and just type `terraform apply` to get your own training cluster!



Model deployment & production phase

- Building inference farm from zero (step by step)
- Several ways to make microservices
- Kubeflow

RECAP: Our requirements

- It's hard to control because it is in the middle of machine learning engineering and software engineering
- We want to create simple micro-services that don't need much management
- There are many models with different purposes;
 - some models need real-time inference
 - some models do not require real-time, but they need inference in the certain time range
- We have to consider high availability configuration
- Models must be fitted and re-trained easily
- We have to manage several versions of models



Instructions

- Step 1. Build another kubernetes cluster for production
- Step 2. Make simple web-based micro services for trained models
 - 2-1. HTTP API Server Example
 - 2-2. Asynchronous inference farm example
- Step 3. Deploy
 - 3-1. on the kubernetes with ingress
 - 3-2. standalone server with docker and auto scaling group
- Step 4. Using TensorRT Inference Server
- Step 5. Terraform
- Case Study. Kubeflow



Step 1. Build production kubernetes cluster

Launch again like training cluster!

Step 2. Make simple web-based microservices for trained models

- 2-1. For real time inference (synchronous)
 - Use simple web framework to build HTTP-based microservice!
 - We use bottle (or flask)
- 2-2. For asynchronous (inference farm)
 - with kubernetes job has overheads to be executed
 - with celery which I prefer



Example. Using bottle for HTTP based microservices

```
from bottle import run, get, post, request, response
from bottle import app as bottle_app
from aws import aws_client
@post('/v1/<location>/<prediction_type>/')
def inference(location, prediction_type):
  model = select_model(location, prediction_type)
  input_array = deserialize(request.json)
  output_array = inference(input_array)
  return serialize(output_array)
if __name__ == '__main__':
  args = parse_args()
  aws_client.download_model(args.model_path, args.model_version)
  app = bottle_app()
  run(app=app, host=args.host, port=args.port)
```

Example. Using kubernetes job for inference

```
# job.yml
apiVersion: batch/v1
kind: Job
metadata:
  name: inference-job
spec:
  template:
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: inference
        image: inference
        command: ["python", "main.py", "s3://ps-images/images.png"]
      restartPolicy: Never
  backoffLimit: 4
```

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Celery

- Celery is an asynchronous task queue/job queue based on distributed message passing. It is focused on real-time operation, but supports scheduling as well.
- Celery is used in production systems to process millions of tasks a day.

```
from celery import Celery

app = Celery('hello', broker='amap://guest@localhost//')

@app.task
def hello():
    return 'hello world'
```

Ref: http://www.celeryproject.org/



Example. Using celery for asynchronous inference farm

```
from celery import task
from aws import aws_client
from db import IdentifyResult
from aitrics.models import FasterRCNN
model = FasterRCNN(model_path=settings.MODEL_PATH)
@task
def task_identify_image_color_shape(id, s3_path):
  image = aws_client.download_image(s3_path)
  color, shape = model.inference(image)
  IdentifyResult.objects.create(id, s3_path, color, shape)
```



Step 3. Deploy

- on the kubernetes cluster
 - service & ingress to expose
 - use workload controller like deployments, replica set, replication controller, don't use pod itself to get high availability.
- on the AWS instance directly
 - simple docker run example
 - use auto scaling group and load balancers with userdata



Step 3-1. Deploy on kubernetes cluster (ingress)

```
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  name: inference-ingress
spec:
  rules:
  - host: inference.aitrics.com
  - http:
      paths:
      - backend:
          serviceName: MyInferenceService
          servicePort: 80
```

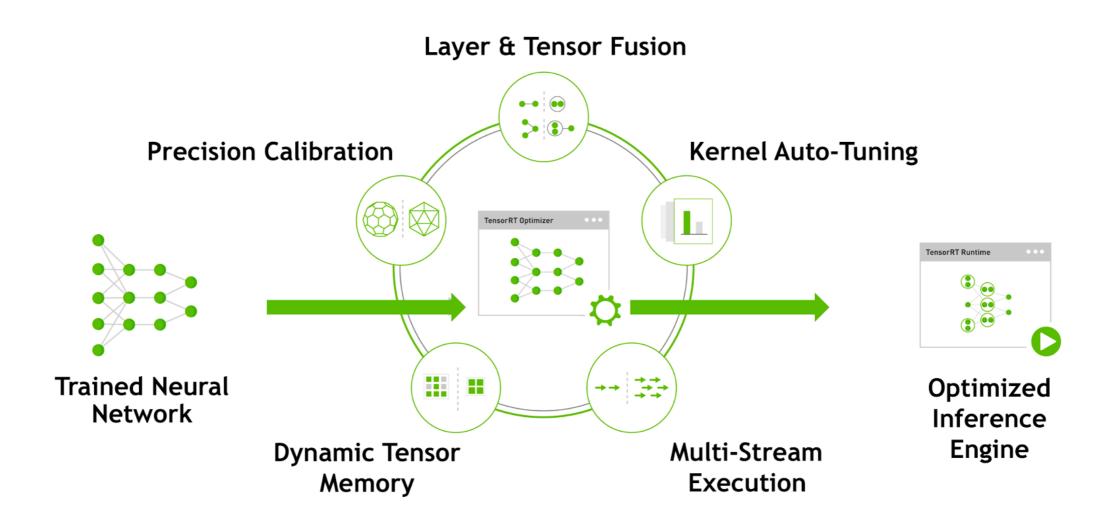
Step 3-1. Deploy on kubernetes cluster (deployment)

```
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: inference-deployment
spec:
  replicas: 3
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: inference
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: inference
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: ps-inference
        image: ps-inference:latest
        ports:
        - containerPort: 80
```

Step 3-2. Deploy on EC2 directly

```
#!/bin/bash
docker kill ps-inference || true
docker rm ps-inference || true
docker run -d -p 35000:8000 \
       --runtime=nvidia \
       -e NVIDIA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=0 \
       docker-registry.aitrics.com/ps-inference:gpu \
       --host=0.0.0.0 \
       --port=8000 \
       --sentry-dsn=http://somesecretstring@sentry.aitricsdev.com/13 \
       --apus=0 \
       --character-model=best_model.params/faster_rcnn_renet101_v1b \
       --shape-model=scnet_shape.params/ResNet50_v2 \
       --color-model=scnet_color.params/ResNet50_v2 \
       --s3-bucket=aitrics-research \
       --s3-path=faster_rcnn/result/181109 \
       --model-path=.data/models \
       --aws-access-key=*** \
       --aws-secret-key=***
```

TensorRT is a high-performance deep learning inference optimizer and runtime engine for production deployment of deep learning applications.



Ref: https://developer.nvidia.com/tensorrt



- Use Tensorflow or Caffe to apply TensorRT easily
 - Consider TensorRT when you build model
 - Some operations might not be supported

- Add some TensorRT related code in Python script
 - Use TensorRT docker image to run inference server.



```
# TensorRT From ONNX with Python Example
import tensorrt as trt
with builder = trt.Builder(TRT_LOGGER) as builder, \
               builder.create_network() as network, \
               trt.OnnxParser(network, TRT_LOGGER) as parser:
  with open(model_path, 'rb') as model:
    parser.parse(model.read())
```

Ref: https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/sdk/tensorrt-developer-guide/index.html#import_onnx_python



```
# Dockerfile
# https://github.com/NVIDIA/tensorrt-inference-server/blob/master/Dockerfile
FROM aitrics/tensorrt-inference-server:cuda9-cudnn7-onnx
ADD . /ps-inference/
ENTRYPOINT ["/ps-inference/run.sh"]
```



Step 5. Terraform

- You can also find our inference cluster as a code!
 - https://github.com/AITRICS/kono
 - Configure your settings and test example microservices and inference farm with terraform!



Case Study. Kubeflow

- The Kubeflow project is dedicated to making deployments of machine learning (ML) workflows on Kubernetes simple, portable and scalable.
- https://www.kubeflow.org/
- When to use
 - You want to train/serve TensorFlow models in different environments (e.g. local, on prem, and cloud)
 - You want to use Jupyter notebooks to manage TensorFlow training jobs
 - You want to launch training jobs that use resources such as additional CPUs or GPUs – that aren't available on your personal computer
 - You want to combine TensorFlow with other processes
 - For example, you may want to use tensorflow/agents to run simulations to generate data for training reinforcement learning models.

Ref: https://www.kubeflow.org/



Case Study. Kubeflow

- Re-define a machine learning workflow object with kubernetes object
- Run training, inferencing, serving, and other things on kubernetes
- Need ksonnet, configuration management tools for kubernets manifests
 - https://www.kubeflow.org/docs/components/ksonnet/
- Only works well with tensorflow (support for PyTorch, MPI, MXNet is on alpha/beta stage)
- Some functions only works on GKE cluster
- Very early stage product (less than 1 year)



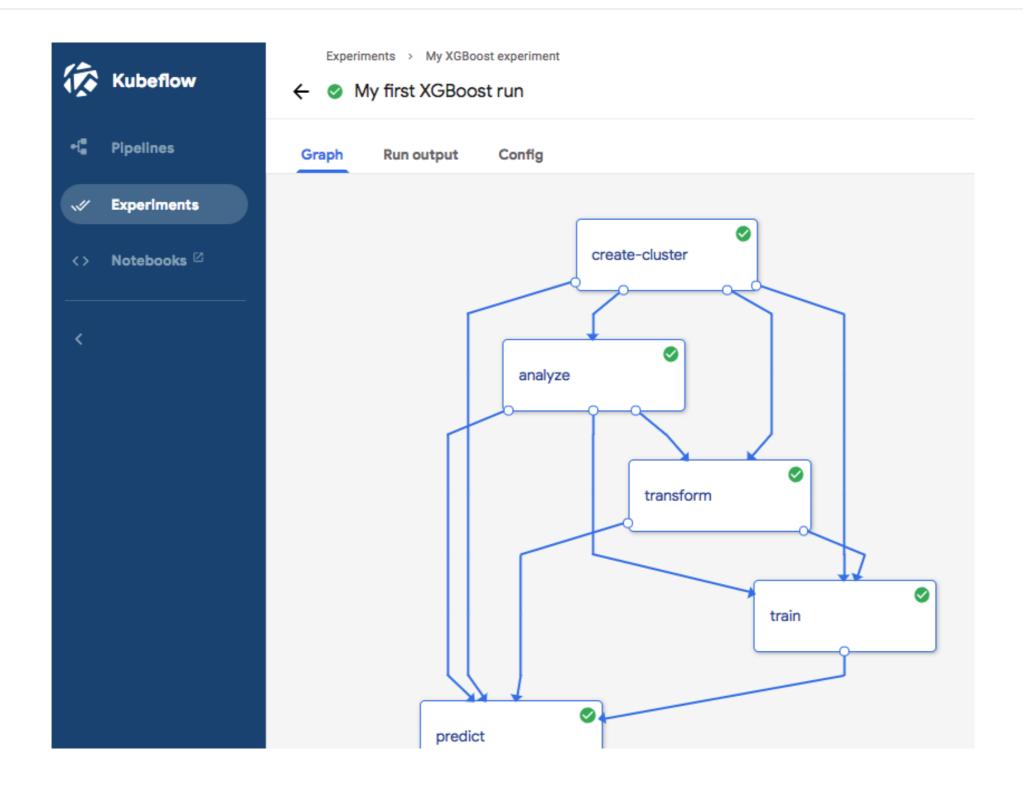
TF Job

```
# TF Job
# https://www.kubeflow.org/docs/components/tftraining/
apiVersion: kubeflow.org/v1beta1
kind: TFJob
metadata:
  labels:
    experiment: experiment10
  name: tfjob
  namespace: kubeflow
spec:
  tfReplicaSpecs:
    Ps:
      replicas: 1
      template:
        metadata:
          creationTimestamp: null
        spec:
          containers:
          - args:
            - python
            - tf_cnn_benchmarks.py
```

Ref: https://www.kubeflow.org/docs/components/tftraining/

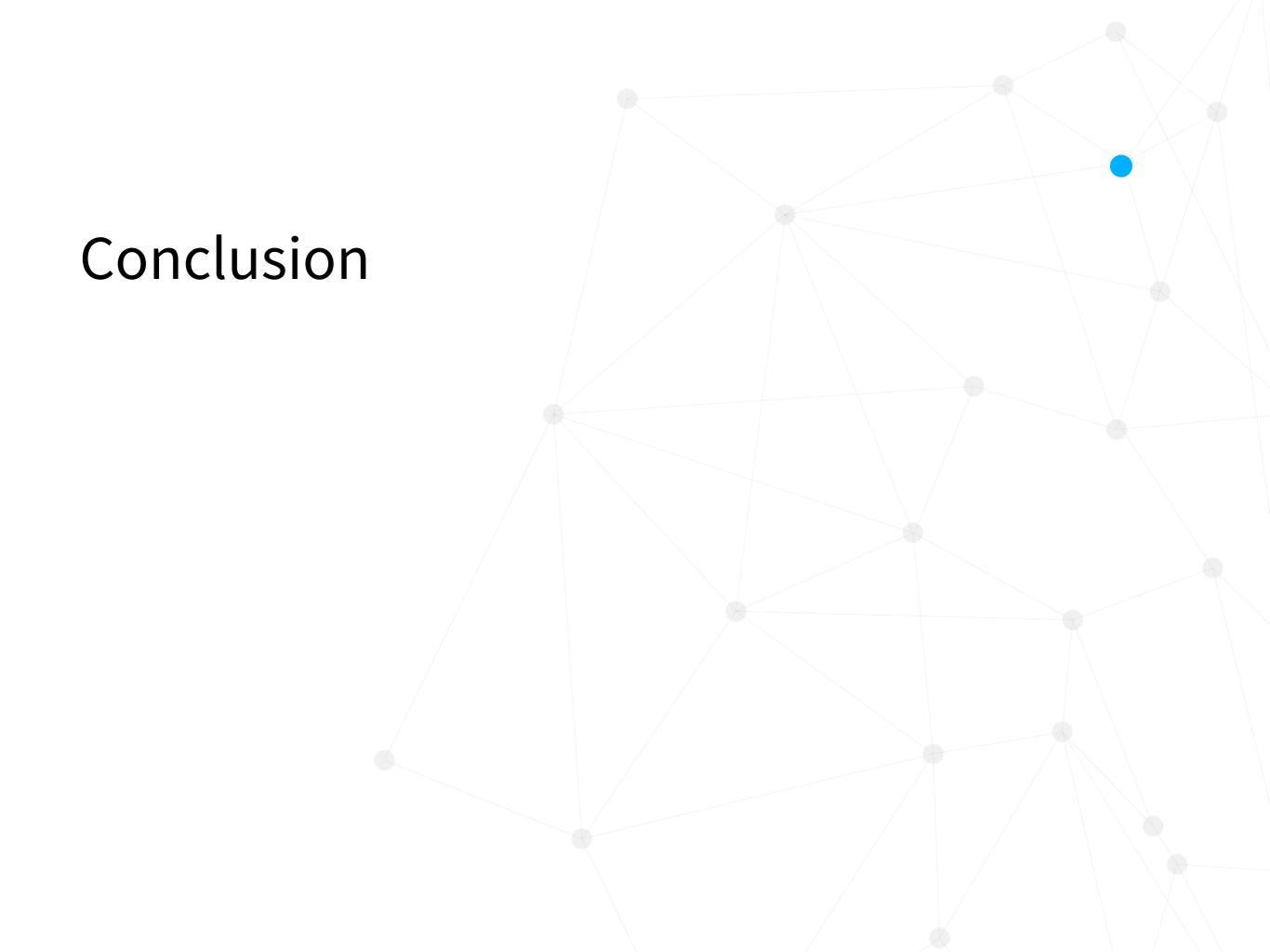


Pipelines



Ref: https://www.kubeflow.org/docs/components/tftraining/



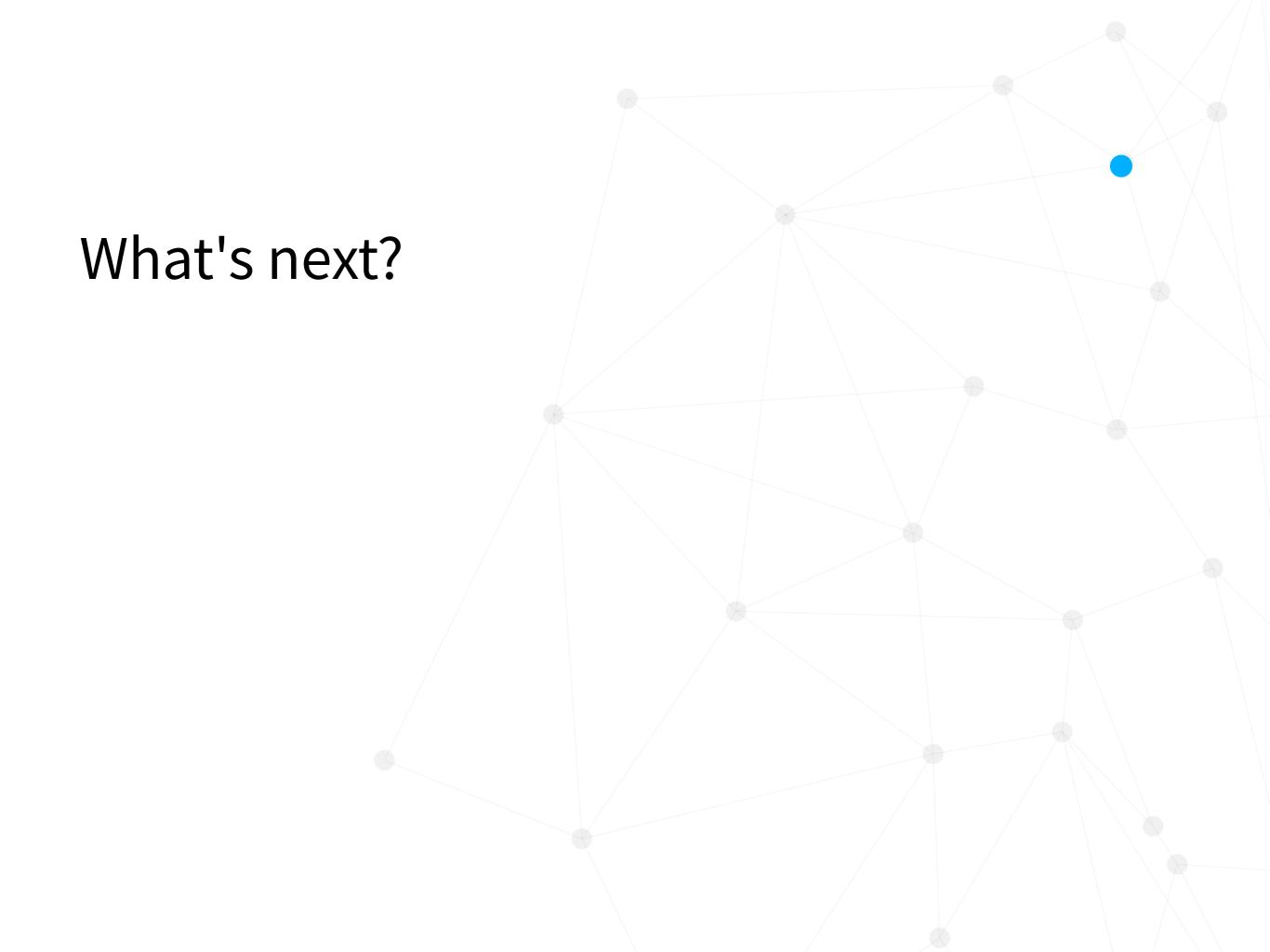


Summary

- You can build your own training cluster!
- You also can build your own inference cluster!

- If you do not want to get your hands dirty, you can use our terraform code and cli.
 - https://github.com/AITRICS/kono





What's next topic (which is not covered)?

- Monitoring resources
 - Prometheus + cAdvisor
 - https://devopscube.com/setup-prometheus-monitoring-on-kubernetes/
- Training models from real-time data streaming
 - Real-time one Kafka Stream (+ Spark Streaming) + Online learning
 - https://github.com/kaiwaehner/kafka-streams-machine-learningexamples
- Large-scale data preprocessing
 - Apache Spark



What's next topic (which is not covered)?

- Distributed training
 - Polyaxon supports: https://github.com/polyaxon/polyaxonexamples/blob/master/in_cluster/tensorflow/cifar10/ polyaxonfile_distributed.yml
 - Use horovod: https://github.com/horovod/horovod
- Model & Data Versioning
 - https://github.com/iterative/dvc



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