

Skills modernization for the Virtual Infrastructure Admin

Take the first step using VEBA

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About Me

VMware Employee since
2014 – Presales SE

Started working with
VMware in 2006 - ESX 3.0

Primarily a sysadmin

Limited programming
background

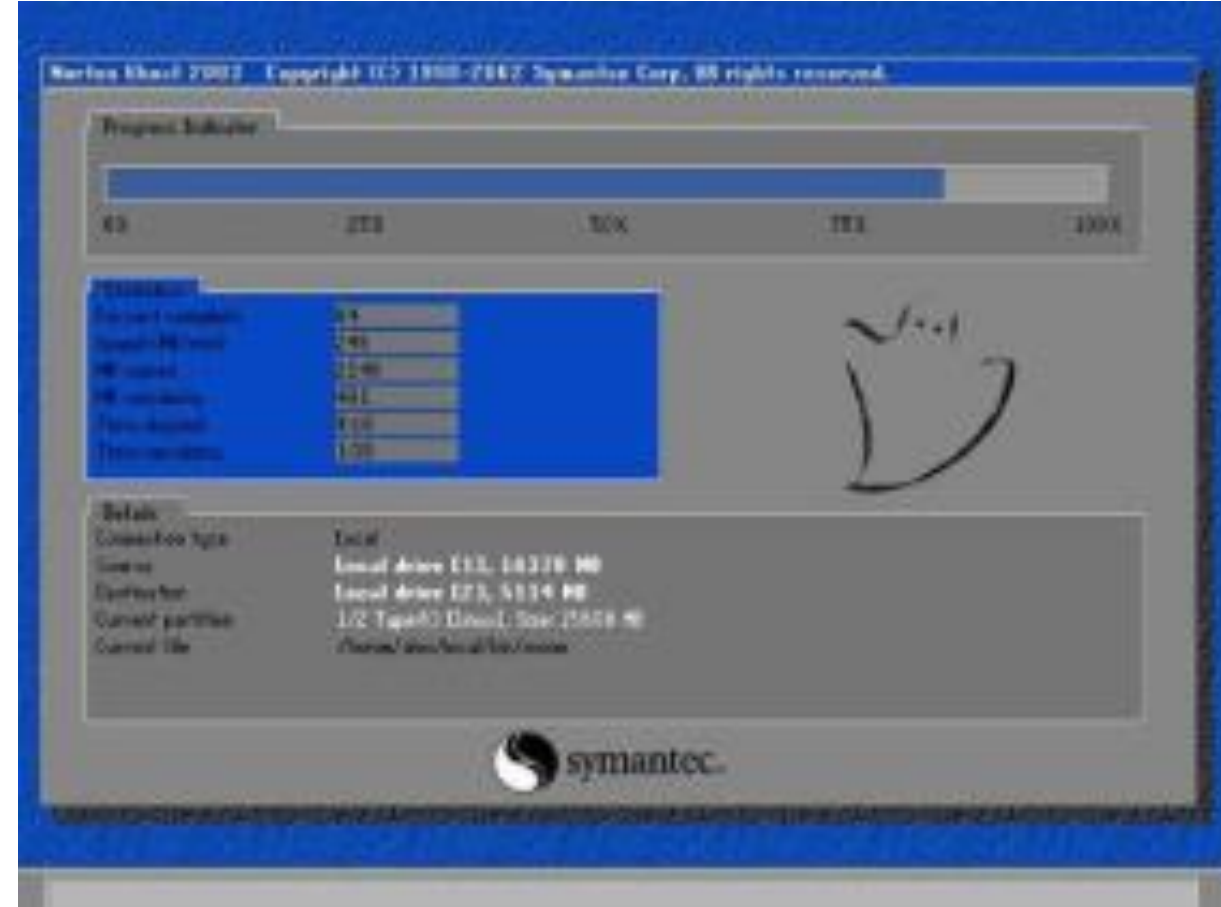
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Solution Architect - VMC



Why Modernize your Skills?

Obsolescence

Having no development skills will soon be equal to having no virtualization skills today.



In the beginning



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Since 2006

All system administration, all VMs, all 3-tier apps, all the time



Three Tier Apps



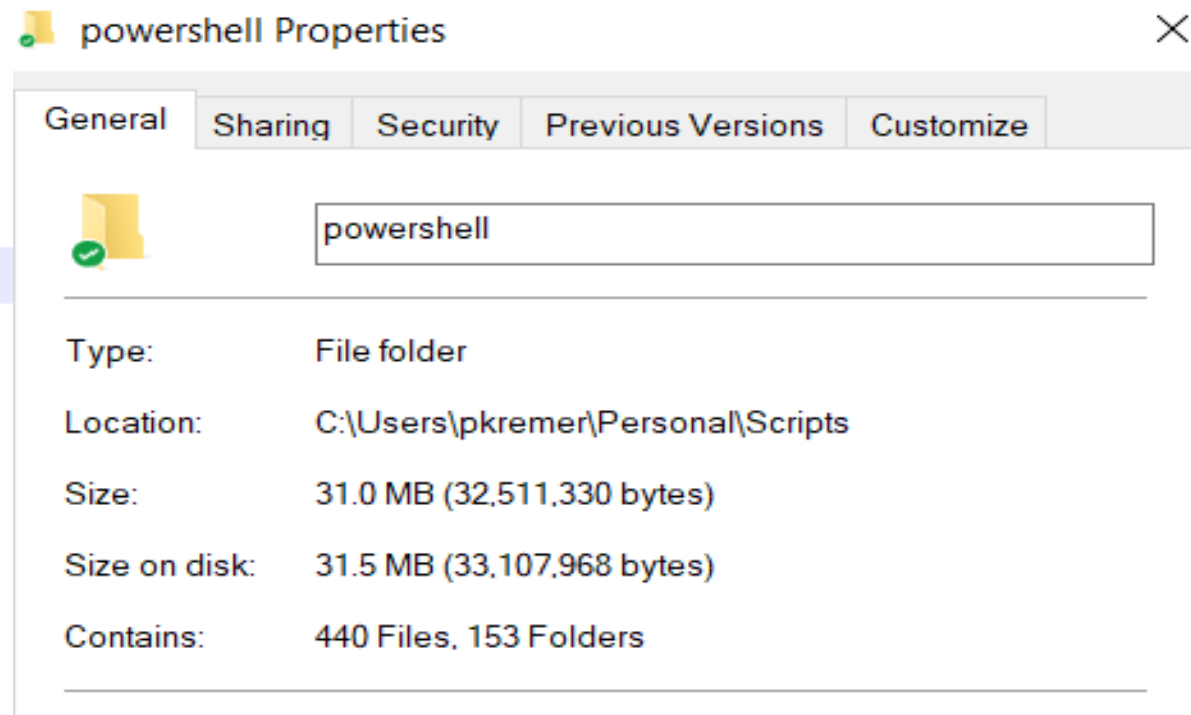
Virtual Machines



vSphere

Programming = Scripting

```
1 $AllClusters = Get-Cluster | where {$_.Name -ne "LabManager" -and $_.Name -ne "Double Take Windows 2000 ONLY" } | Sort-Object "Name"
2 ForEach( $Cluster in $AllClusters)
3 {
4     $ClusterName = $Cluster.Name
5     $AllVMs = get-cluster $ClusterName | Get-VM | Where { $_.Guest.State -ne "NotRunning" -And $_.Description -like "*2015*" } | Sort-Object
6     Name
7     ForEach ($VM in $AllVMs )
8     {
9         Write-Host $VM.Name
10        Write-Host $VM.Description
11    }
```



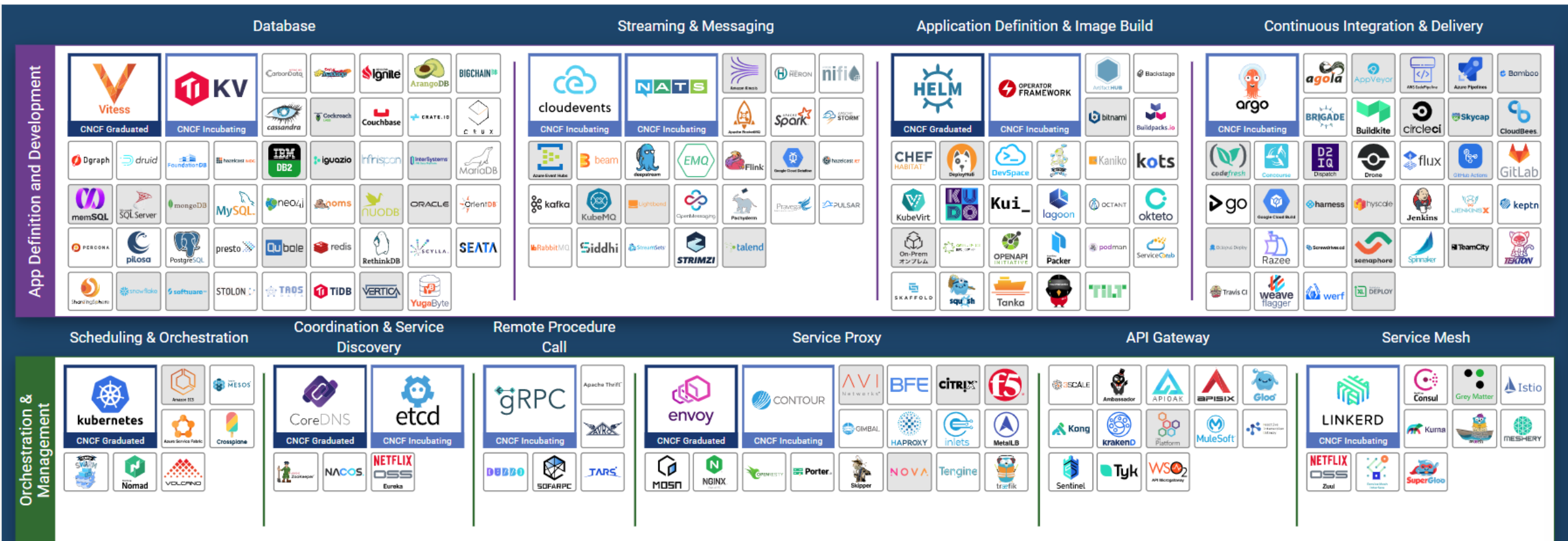
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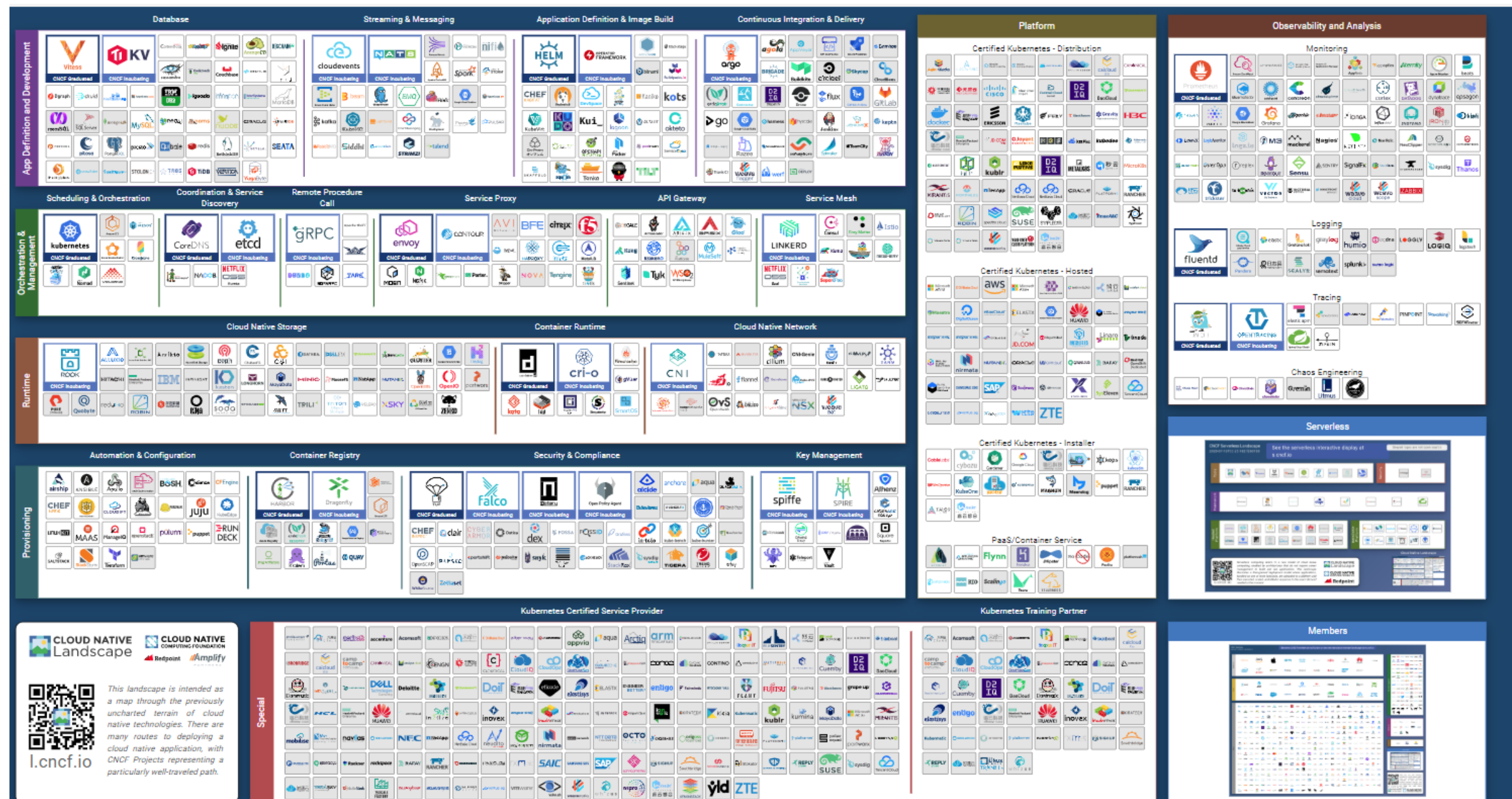
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Cloud Native Landscape

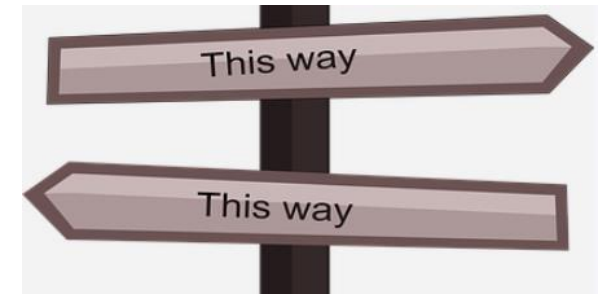


Cloud Native Landscape

Source: <https://landscape.cncf.io/>



Where to start?



VMware Event Broker Appliance

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Unlocking the Hidden Potential of Events in the VMware SDDC

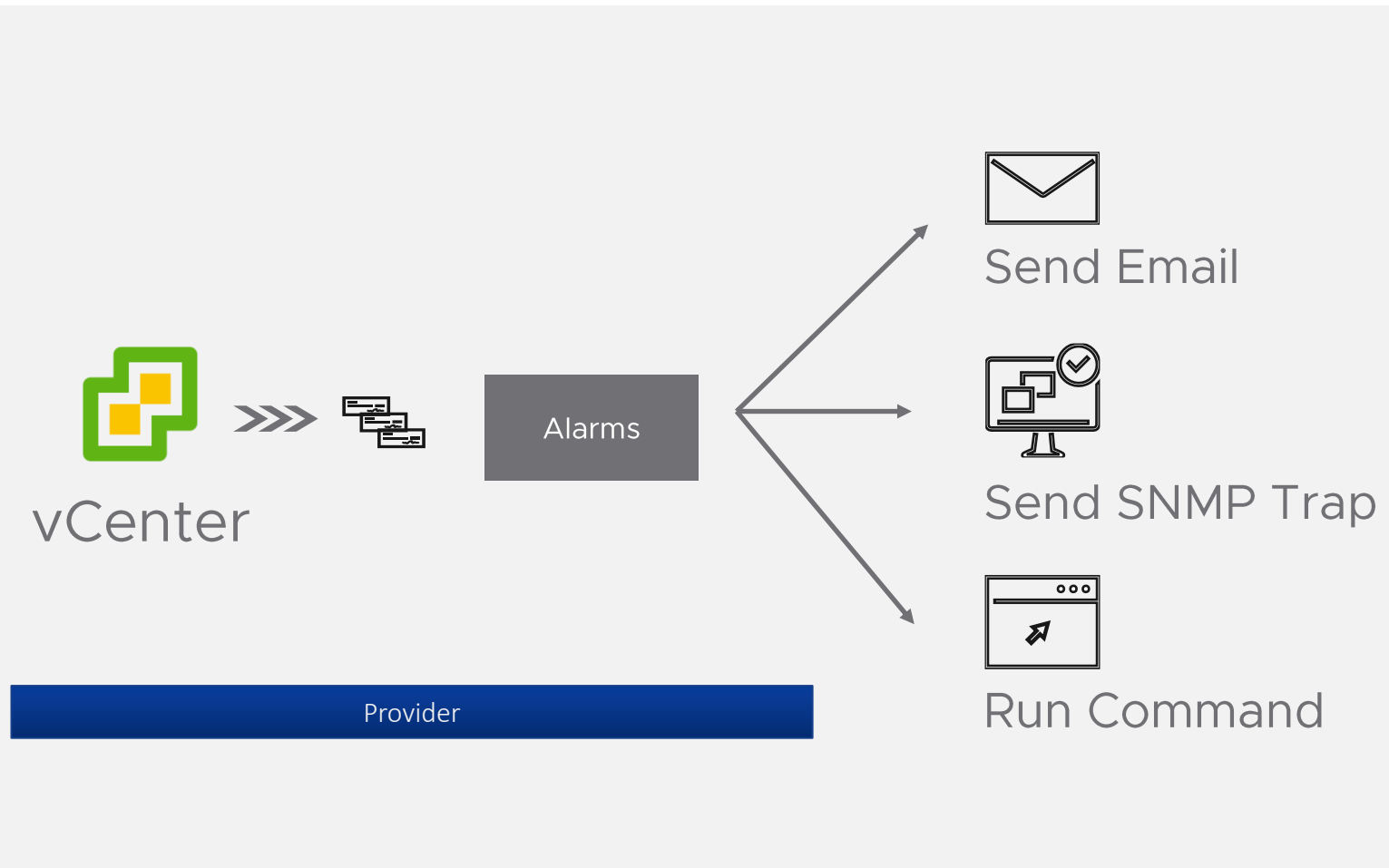
Use event-driven automation and take your vSphere Events to the next level! Easily trigger custom or pre-built actions to deliver powerful integrations within your datacenter but also across public cloud services. Integrations like Slack, Pager Duty, Service Now, etc. has never been easier before

#VEBA brings a Day  Night of difference to your SDDC

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vCenter Event Driven Automation

Trigger Actions based on vCenter Events



Alarms allows limited and structured workflow capability

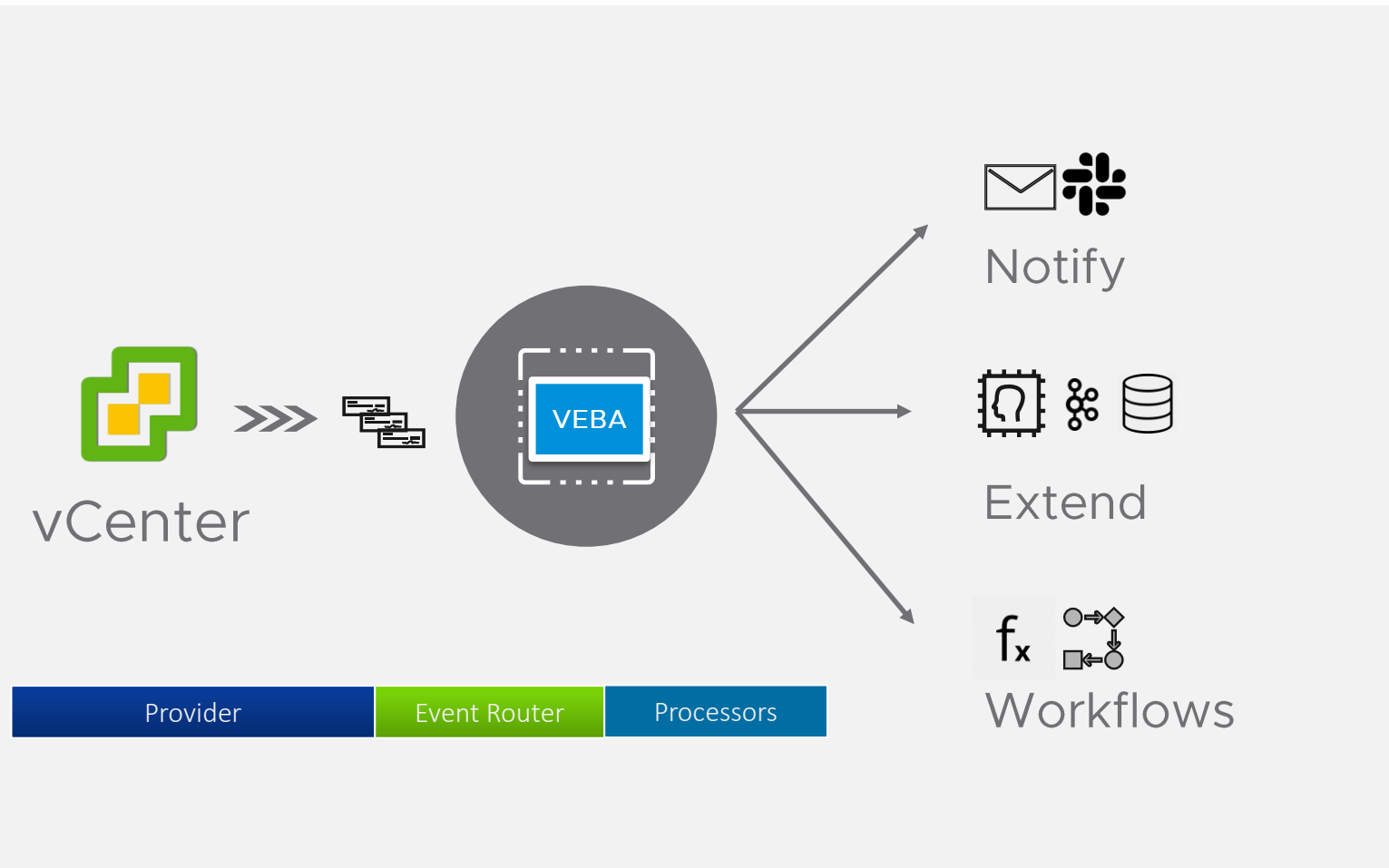
- Send Email
- Send SNMP traps
- Run Commands or Scripts

This limits innovation as this functionality needs

- vCenter access to setup Alarms
- Learning curve to implement and deploy code
- Redundant connectivity or platform code
- Added overhead on vCenter.

vCenter Event Driven Automation with VEBA

Trigger Actions based on vCenter Events



VMware Event Broker Appliance allows seamless extension of the vCenter platform

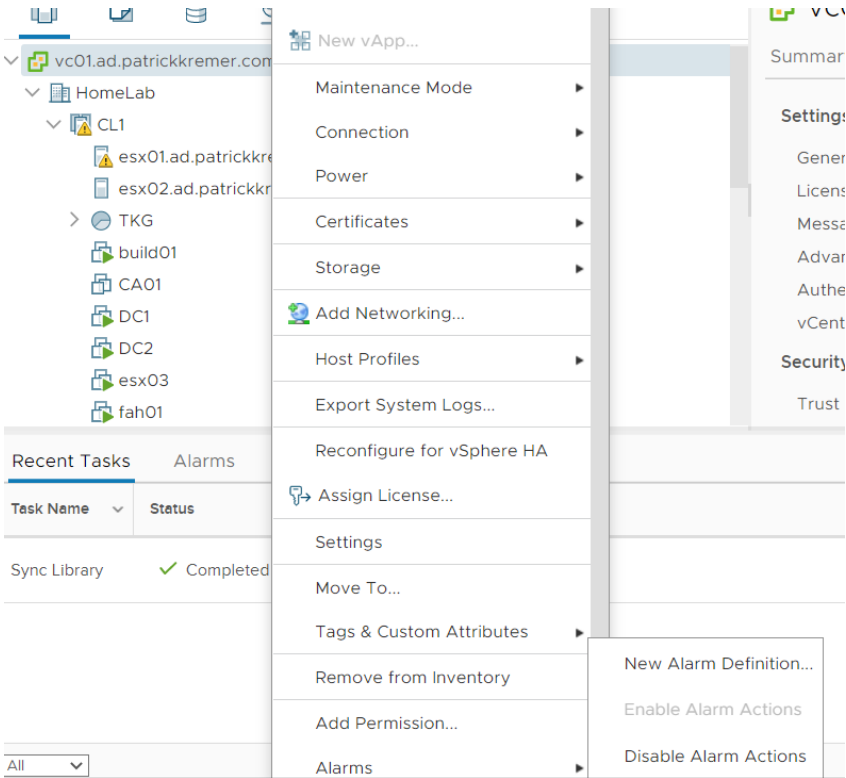
- Deployed as an appliance
- Enables innovation without requiring vCenter UI access
- Can enable fan-out messaging patterns

Function as a Service - Write and Execute code written in any language

Get started quickly with prebuilt functions maintained by the community.

Two examples of VEBA functions - PowerCLI



Maintenance Mode Alarms



HA Event Notification

vsish -e set /reliability/crashMe/Panic 1

**** esx01 Failure - VMs Restarted ****

 noreply@vmware.com
To  Patrick Kremer

ObjectName	Date	Description
build01	06/26/2020 14:12:23 -	
fah01	06/26/2020 14:12:29 -	Version: 1.0.2 VMware FaH Team: 52737 B
proxy01	06/26/2020 14:12:24 -	
tinylinux	06/26/2020 14:12:32 -	

Other VEBA functions



Tag a VM based
on a vCenter
event



Send a Slack
message when a
VM is
reconfigured



Notify Pagerduty
when a disk alarm
is tripped

November 2019 - VEBA can do that

Deploy OVF Template

✓ 1 Select an OVF template

2 Select a name and folder

3 Select a compute resource

4 Review details

5 Select storage

6 Ready to complete

Select a name and folder

Specify a unique name and target location

Virtual machine name: veba01

Select a location for the virtual machine.

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VEBA Function Documentation

Do what with the what?

vSphere Datastore Usage Email Notification

Description

This function demonstrates using PowerShell to send an email notification when warning/error threshold is reached for Datastore Usage Alarm in vSphere

Consume Function Instruction

Step 1 - Clone repo

```
git clone https://github.com/vmware-samples/vcenter-event-broker-appliance
cd vcenter-event-broker-appliance/examples/powercli/datastore-usage-email
git checkout master
```

Step 2 - Update `stack.yml` and `vc-datastore-config.json` with your environment information

Stack.yml

Oh, and you need Docker too

```
! stack.yml ×
examples > powercli > datastore-usage-email > ! stack.yml
William Lam, 5 months ago | 1 author (William Lam)
1 provider:
2   name: openfaas
3   gateway: https://veba.primp-industries.com
4 functions:
5   powershell-datastore-usage:
6     lang: powercli
7     handler: ./handler
8     image: vmware/veba-powercli-datastore-notification:latest
9     environment:
10      write_debug: true
11      read_debug: true
12      function_debug: false
13     secrets:
14      - vc-datastore-config
15     annotations:
16      topic: AlarmStatusChangedEvent
17
```


Appliance Processes

```

root      5865    0.0    0.1 109004    8524 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:09 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/8d7b8ffdf3c9e7d5cf35bc033e3
root      5890    0.0    0.1 109004    8524 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:09 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/9627bde0be3a40678758bd78f0b
root      5896    0.0    0.1 109004    8580 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:08 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/a31268d3d8314f594a220201169
root      5909    0.0    0.1 109004    8580 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:08 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/eeec9af97b4823d25b269113e8c
root      5923    0.0    0.0    1024      4 ?        Ss   Jul07    0:00 /pause
root      5941    0.0    0.0    1024      4 ?        Ss   Jul07    0:00 /pause
root      5968    0.0    0.0    1024      4 ?        Ss   Jul07    0:00 /pause
root      5982    0.0    0.0    1024      4 ?        Ss   Jul07    0:00 /pause
root      6189    0.0    0.1 109004   10580 ?        Ssl  Jul11    0:03 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/b50fc08d06ea774fc38d5df47a5
root      6206    0.5    1.2 216496  101572 ?       Ssl  Jul11   19:52 kube-controller-manager --authentication-kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/controller-manager.conf --authorization-kubeconfig=/etc/
root      6300    0.0    0.1 109004    8588 ?        Ssl  Jul11    0:03 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/ae37aa9d28e21a38f3beec37118
root      6311    0.0    0.1 107596    8532 ?        Ssl  Jul11    0:03 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/3320cdb04bc2f9b36177975f89c
root      6328    0.0    0.4 137624  37944 ?        Ssl  Jul11    1:29 contour serve --incluster --xds-address=0.0.0.0 --xds-port=8001 --envoy-service-http-port=80 --envoy-service-https-port=443
root      6340    0.0    0.5 141516  41956 ?        Ssl  Jul11    2:16 kube-scheduler --bind-address=127.0.0.1 --kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/scheduler.conf --leader-elect=true
root      6391    0.0    0.0 109004    8124 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:09 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/892eb859f87fd9b58cc1290f40c
nobody    6429    0.0    0.0 106724    7900 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:00 /usr/sbin/tinywww
root      6499    0.0    0.1 107596    8580 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:09 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/d61aacca1669ecd1958951b422e
root      6531    0.0    0.0   12368    5024 ?        Ssl  Jul07    2:26 fwatcdog
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100       7155    0.0    0.0 109252    8092 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:22 ./app
root      7535    0.0    0.1 109004    8464 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:18 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/b689c13c0673d3dba80d12d627d
10001     7553    0.0    0.2 110904   18616 ?        Ssl  Jul07    6:37 ./gateway
root      8024    0.0    0.1 107596    8524 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:10 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/202d100329a095b7dd5826810f0
100       8043    0.0    0.1 111784   10288 ?        Ssl  Jul07    0:10 /home/app/faas-idler -dry-run=true
root     19990    0.0    0.0      0      0 ?        I    22:55    0:00 [kworker/0:1-ata_sff]
root     22049    0.0    0.0      0      0 ?        I    23:00    0:00 [kworker/0:0-ata_sff]
root     23408    0.0    0.0      0      0 ?        I    05:52    0:00 [kworker/u4:0-events_unbound]
root     24023    0.0    0.0      0      0 ?        I    23:05    0:00 [kworker/1:0-cgroup_pidlist_destroy]
root     24024    0.0    0.0      0      0 ?        I    23:05    0:00 [kworker/1:1-events]
root     24155    0.0    0.0      0      0 ?        I    23:05    0:00 [kworker/0:2-events_power_efficient]
root     25015    0.3    0.0   11780    6484 ?        Ss   23:08    0:00 sshd: root@pts/0
root     25024    0.3    0.0    7900    4740 pts/0    Ss   23:08    0:00 -bash
root     25099    0.0    0.0    6072    2280 pts/0    R+   23:08    0:00 ps aux
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root     25367    1.3    3.5 475412  286392 ?       Ssl  Jul11   49:04 kube-apiserver --advertise-address=192.168.203.39 --allow-privileged=true --authorization-mode=Node,RBAC --client-ca-file=/e
root     25404    0.0    0.1 107596    8472 ?        Ssl  Jul11    0:03 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/bd5be0ea5fcc5f4fc46082f00fc
root     25422    0.1    0.4 142288   35784 ?        Ssl  Jul11    5:04 /coredns -conf /etc/coredns/Corefile
root     25429    0.0    0.1 107596    8472 ?        Ssl  Jul11    0:03 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/37e587b1709661c193c02f2967d
root     25453    0.1    0.4 142288   35520 ?        Ssl  Jul11    4:37 /coredns -conf /etc/coredns/Corefile
root     25727    0.0    0.1 107596    8588 ?        Ssl  Jul11    0:05 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/8a6e4619ac89e5ea9b913582b48
61000     25745    0.0    0.2 809624   17516 ?        Ssl  Jul11    1:12 ./vmware-event-router -config /etc/vmware-event-router/event-router-config.json -verbose
root     25836    0.0    0.1 109004   12864 ?        Ssl  Jul11    0:03 containerd-shim -namespace moby -workdir /var/lib/containerd/io.containerd.runtime.v1.linux/moby/c840d8364ed64cc251ed285983d
root     25860    0.0    0.4 137624   38548 ?        Ssl  Jul11    2:35 contour serve --incluster --xds-address=0.0.0.0 --xds-port=8001 --envoy-service-http-port=80 --envoy-service-https-port=443

```

root@veba02: ~# ^C



VEBA is currently a developer's tool.

Me, November 26, 2019

VEBA is actually targeted at VI Admins

William Lam, November 27, 2019




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Timelines





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Re:invent 2019				
+6	+4	+5	+7	+9

December 5th, 2019 ▾

**Patrick Kremer** 10:58 AM
This place is nuts. I'm in the bakery right next door for the moment

**William Lam** 11:00 AM
walking over in a second

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December 2019

Deploying VEBA

<http://www.patrickkremer.com/veba>

Edit

VMware Event Broker Appliance – Part I – Deployment

Introduction

I became aware of the [VMware Event Broker Appliance Fling](#) (VEBA) in December, 2019. The VEBA fling is open source code released by VMware which allows customers to easily create event-driven automation based on vCenter Server Events. You can think of it as a way to run scripts based on alarm events – but you're not limited to only the alarm events exposed in the vCenter GUI. Instead, you have the ability to respond to ANY event in vCenter.

What is Github?



GitHub is how people build software

We're supporting a community where more than 50 million* people learn, share, and work together to build software.

October 2007 First commit	San Francisco Headquarters	100 million* Repositories hosted
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What is a repository (repo)

vmc-onboarding

Forked from bohleadam/vmc-onboarding

An example documentation site using the Docsy Hugo theme

● HTML 🍴 242 ⚖ Apache License 2.0 Updated 3 days ago

vcenter-event-broker-appliance

Forked from vmware-samples/vcenter-event-broker-appliance

The vCenter Event Broker Appliance enables customers to easily create event-driven automation based on vCenter Server Events

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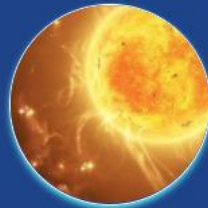
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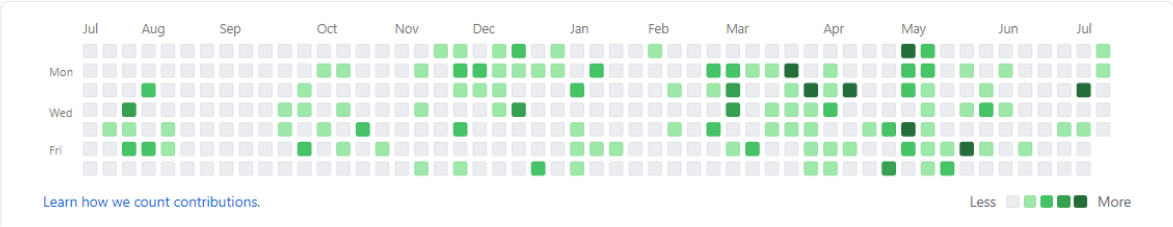
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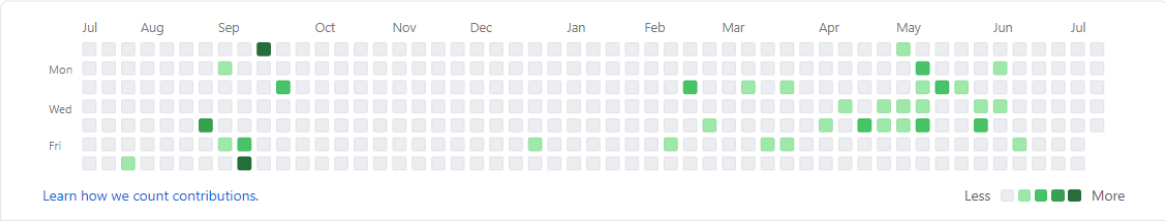
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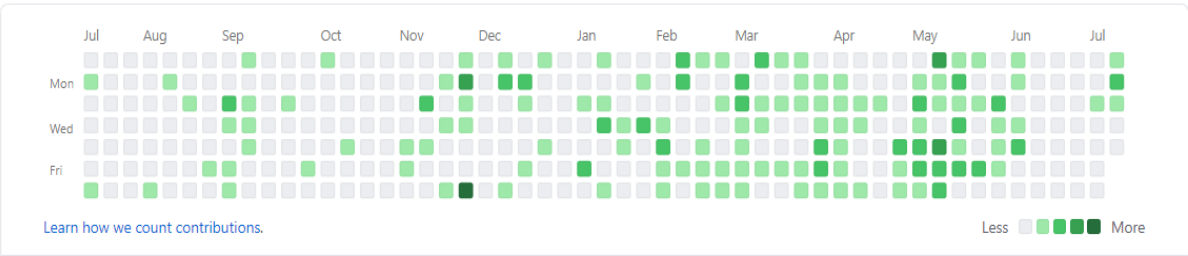
374 contributions in the last year



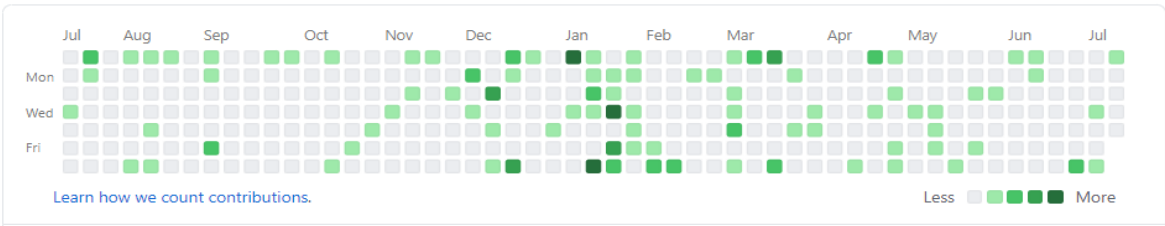
88 contributions in the last year



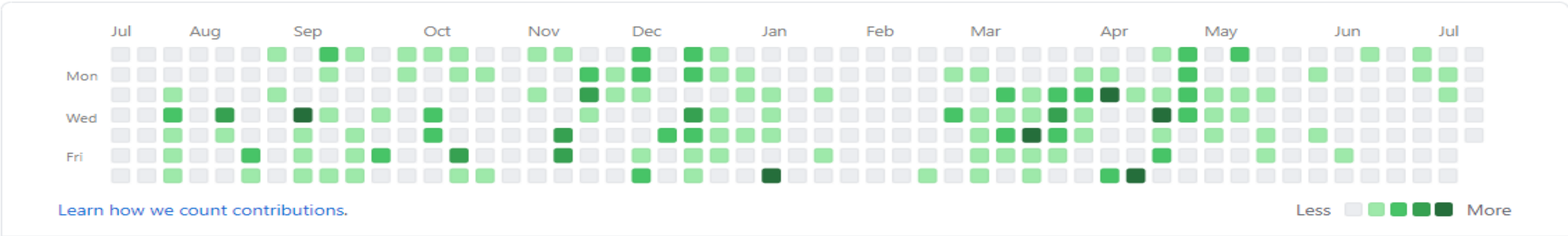
258 contributions in the last year



242 contributions in the last year



413 contributions in the last year



Here's me

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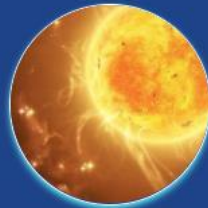
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Using the right tools

Containers run code

Pods are a group of containers

Pods are organized into namespaces

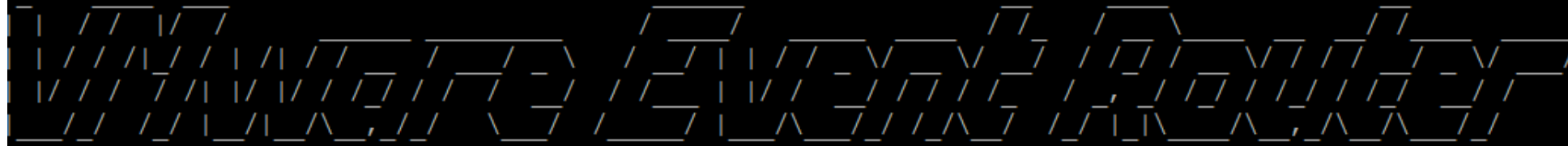
```
root@veba02 [ ~ ]# kubectl get pods -A
```

NAMESPACE	NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
kube-system	coredns-584795fc57-4slh7	1/1	Running	19	119d
kube-system	coredns-584795fc57-5md8p	1/1	Running	18	119d
kube-system	etcd-veba02	1/1	Running	6	119d
kube-system	kube-apiserver-veba02	1/1	Running	16	119d
kube-system	kube-controller-manager-veba02	1/1	Running	108	119d
kube-system	kube-proxy-tsw54	1/1	Running	6	119d
kube-system	kube-scheduler-veba02	1/1	Running	105	119d
kube-system	weave-net-fkk7d	2/2	Running	18	119d
openfaas-fn	powercli-entermaint-794f6c66bf-s9gzk	1/1	Running	5	102d
openfaas-fn	powercli-ha-restarted-vms-679dccccd74-x2c5p	1/1	Running	1	17d
openfaas-fn	powershell-datastore-usage-597c96b584-bcfs8	1/1	Running	5	83d
openfaas	alertmanager-58f8d787d9-fmmn7	1/1	Running	6	119d
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openfaas	faas-idler-59ff9778fd-q68k8	1/1	Running	14	119d
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openfaas	prometheus-5f5494b54f-hxfjt	1/1	Running	6	119d
openfaas	queue-worker-59b67bf4-rpqf9	1/1	Running	14	119d
projectcontour	contour-5cddfc8f6-57hhp	1/1	Running	68	119d
projectcontour	contour-5cddfc8f6-r2mxj	1/1	Running	78	119d
projectcontour	contour-certgen-7r9dl	0/1	Completed	0	119d
projectcontour	envoy-htrwv	1/1	Running	6	119d
vmware	tinywww-7fcfc6fb94-tv98j	1/1	Running	6	119d
vmware	vmware-event-router-5dd9c8f858-n9pg6	1/1	Running	53	96d

Using the right tools

Pods have logs!

```
root@veba02 [ ~ ]# kubectl logs vmware-event-router-5dd9c8f858-pcq2v -n vmware
```




```
[VMware Event Router] 2020/03/03 17:15:09 connecting to vCenter https://vc01.ad.patrickkremer.com/sdk
[VMware Event Router] 2020/03/03 17:15:09 connecting to OpenFaaS gateway http://gateway.openfaas:8080 (async mode: false)
[VMware Event Router] 2020/03/03 17:15:09 exposing metrics server on 0.0.0.0:8080 (auth: basic_auth)
[Metrics Server] 2020/03/03 17:15:09 starting metrics server and listening on "http://0.0.0.0:8080/stats"
2020/03/03 17:15:09 Syncing topic map
of topics: [][OpenFaaS] 2020/03/03 17:15:09 processing event [0] of type *types.UserLogoutSessionEvent from source https://vc01.
```


I fixed a typo in Github



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Fixed typo 'read_debuge -> read_debug' #15

 Merged embano1 merged 1 commit into `vmware-samples:master` from `unknown repository` on Dec 10, 2019

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2  examples/python/tagging/README.MD 	
↑	@@ -73,7 +73,7 @@ functions:
73	73 image: embano1/pytag-fn:0.2
74	74 environment:
75	75 write_debug: true
76	- read_debuge: true
76	+ read_debug: true
77	77 secrets:
78	78 - vcconfig # leave as is unless you changed the name during the creation of the vCenter credentials secrets above
79	79 annotations:
↓	

I fixed documentation

Fixes to documentation and sample config files for openfaas #18

Merged embano1 merged 1 commit into `vmware-samples:master` from `unknown repository` on Dec 16, 2019

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2 examples/powercli/hostmaint-alarms/README.md

@@ -23,7 +23,7 @@ faas-cli secret create vcconfig --from-file=vcconfig.json --tls-no-verify

23 23 2. Update the gateway in the stack.yml file with your vCenter Event Broker Appliance address and deploy the functions.

24 24 ```yaml

25 25 provider:

26 - name: faas

26 + name: openfaas

27 27 gateway: https://veba.yourdomain.com

28 28 ...

29 29 ```

2 examples/powercli/hostmaint-alarms/stack.yml

@@ -1,6 +1,6 @@

1 1 version: 1.0

Expanding my knowledge over time

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Installation

▼ vSphere	4 settings
vCenter Server	IP Address or Hostname of vCenter Server <u>vc01.ad.patrickkremer.c</u>
vCenter Username	Username to login to vCenter Server <u>administrator@vsphere.</u>

This is what the VEBA looks like during first boot

```
Configuring Static IP Address ...
Configuring NTP ...
Configuring hostname ...
Restarting Network ...
Restarting Timesync ...
Configuring root password ...
Retrieving vSphere & OpenFaaS Variables ...
Starting Docker ...
Disabling/Stopping IP Tables ...
Setting up k8s ...
```

If you end up with this, [IP] in brackets instead of your hostname, something has failed. Did you use a subnet mask instead of CIDR? Did you put comma-separated DNS instead of space? Did you put in the incorrect gateway? If you enabled debugging at deploy time, you can look at `/var/log/bootstrap-debug.log` for detailed debug logs to help you pinpoint the error. If not, see what you can find in `/var/log/bootstrap.log`

```
Welcome to the vCenter Event Broker Appliance
```

```
Appliance Status: https://veba02/status
Install Logs: https://veba02/bootstrap
Appliance Statistics: https://veba02/stats
OpenFaaS UI: https://veba02
```

Troubleshooting

PROTIP: `kubectl get pods -A` gives you all the pods and their associated namespaces in one command.

```
vmcveba01 - PuTTY
root@vmcveba01 [ ~ ]# kubectl get pods -A
NAMESPACE      NAME                                     READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
kube-system     coredns-584795fc57-4bdgl               1/1     Running   0          31h
kube-system     coredns-584795fc57-4q5gp               1/1     Running   0          31h
kube-system     etcd-vmcveba01                         1/1     Running   0          31h
kube-system     kube-apiserver-vmcveba01                1/1     Running   0          31h
kube-system     kube-controller-manager-vmcveba01       1/1     Running   0          31h
kube-system     kube-proxy-k86vw                       1/1     Running   0          31h
kube-system     kube-scheduler-vmcveba01                1/1     Running   0          31h
kube-system     weave-net-km5zx                         2/2     Running   1          31h
openfaas-fn     powershell-datastore-usage-847d5c7875-286hv 1/1     Running   0          24h
openfaas        alertmanager-58f8d787d9-47zsj           1/1     Running   0          31h
openfaas        basic-auth-plugin-dd49cd66b-dw5lj        1/1     Running   0          31h
openfaas        faas-idler-59ff9778fd-krrnk              1/1     Running   2          31h
openfaas        gateway-74f6f9489b-tf4hm                2/2     Running   2          31h
openfaas        nats-6dfbf45d77-9dd8r                   1/1     Running   0          31h
openfaas        prometheus-5f5494b54f-zqzm7              1/1     Running   0          31h
openfaas        queue-worker-59b67bf4-crplq              1/1     Running   2          31h
projectcontour  contour-5cddfc8f6-24jbk                 1/1     Running   0          31h
projectcontour  contour-5cddfc8f6-69zmv                  1/1     Running   0          31h
projectcontour  contour-certgen-nkv9d                    0/1     Completed 0          31h
projectcontour  envoy-hk8q6                              1/1     Running   0          31h
vmware          tinywww-7fcfc6fb94-6vtl7                 1/1     Running   0          31h
vmware          vmware-event-router-5dd9c8f858-nph7k      1/1     Running   0          31h
```

Git commands

```
pkremer@pkremer-w02 MINGW64 ~/OneDrive - VMware, Inc/VMware/git/vcenter-event-broker-appliance4 (master)
$ git diff
diff --git a/getting-started.md b/getting-started.md
index fbf9808..fe9f834 100644
--- a/getting-started.md
+++ b/getting-started.md
@@ -139,7 +139,7 @@ Lastly, define the vCenter event which will trigger this function. Such function
```yaml
provider:
- name: faas
+ name: openfaas
 gateway: https://VEBA_FQDN_OR_IP # replace with your vCenter Event Broker Appliance environment
functions:
 pytag-fn:
@@ -148,7 +148,7 @@ functions:
 image: embano1/pytag-fn:0.2
 environment:
 write_debug: true
- read_debug: true
+ read_debug: true
 secrets:
 - vcconfig # leave as is unless you change it
 annotations:
@@ -163,7 +163,7 @@ After you've performed the above steps, you can deploy the function using the following command:
```bash
faas-cli template pull # only required during first deployment
-faas deploy -f stack.yml --tls-no-verify
+faas-cli deploy -f stack.yml --tls-no-verify
```

Everything looks good in the diff. Time to commit the code. I issue the command
git commit -a -s

-a stands for “all”, meaning we want to commit all changed files. I only changed one in this case, but if you changed multiple files, the -a switch is one way to commit all of them.

-s means that I’m signing the file with the user.name and user.email variables that we populated above.

When I issue the command, git pops open my text editor of choice. I need to write a comment documenting my changes. I write it, save it, then close the text editor.

Documentation, code, and more

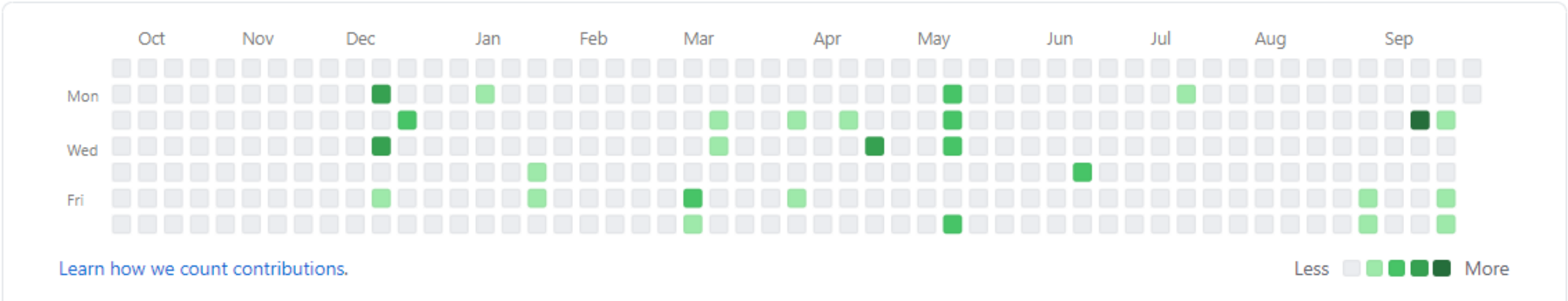
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🔗	Updated Fling URL from vcenter to vmware ✓	
#181 by kremerpatrick was merged on Jun 19 • Approved		
🔗	Added enable SSH option to OVA install ✓	
#147 by kremerpatrick was merged on May 16 • Approved		
🔗	Added recommendation to add appliance IP to NO_PROXY	enhancement
#142 by kremerpatrick was merged on May 14 • Approved		
🔗	Updated docs to reflect new v0.4 path to event-router-config.json	documentation
#137 by kremerpatrick was merged on May 14 • Approved		
🔗	Added proxy support for deployment scripts	
#135 by kremerpatrick was merged on May 12 • Approved		
🔗	Support datastore custom attribute as To: address ✓	
#111 by kremerpatrick was merged on May 15 • Approved		
🔗	Add initial release of troubleshooting guide ✓	
#93 by kremerpatrick was merged on Mar 31 • Approved		
🔗	Added unauthenticated SMTP and green status emails	
#72 by kremerpatrick was merged on Mar 7 • Changes requested 🔄 v0.4 Release		
🔗	Fixed provider name, read_debug, and faas-cli typo	
#24 by kremerpatrick was merged on Dec 18, 2019		

Contributing to open source

Github contributions

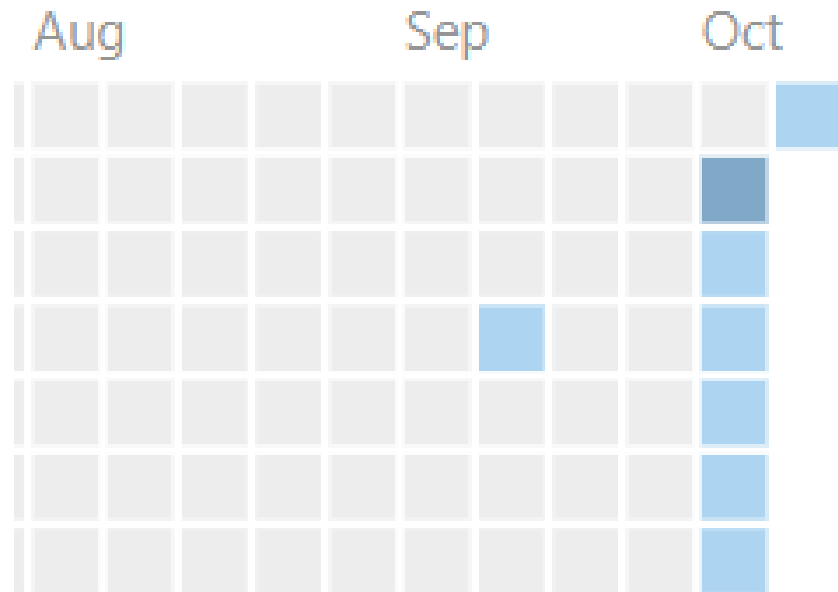
43 contributions in the last year

Contribution settings ▼



Contributing to internal projects

Expanded visibility and opportunity with VMware



Activity

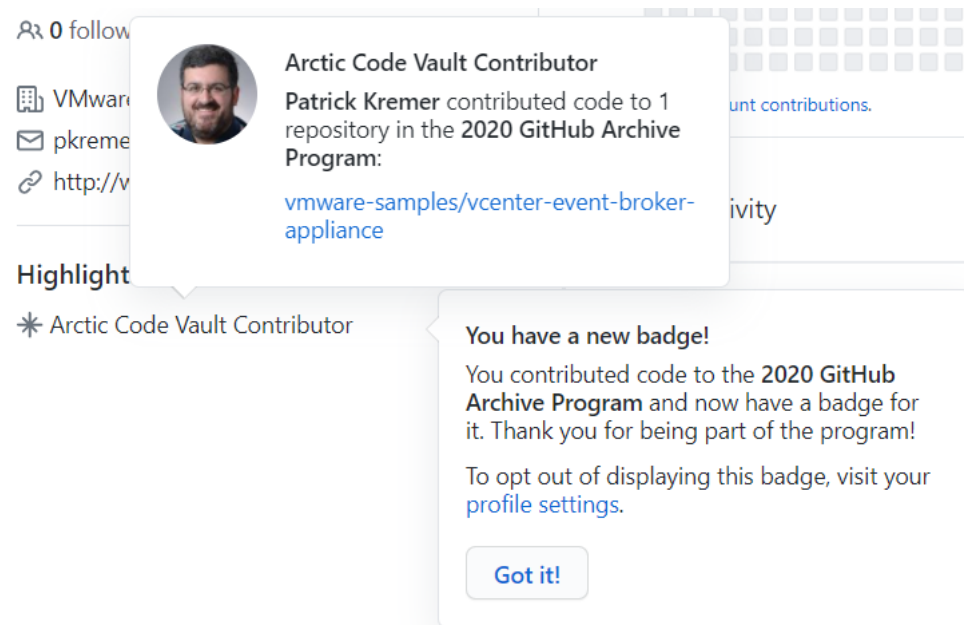
- Patrick Kremer @pkremer
Pushed to branch `master` at [HackerVMware/vmware-import-report](#)
`c8002e96` · Delete `config.ini`
- Patrick Kremer @pkremer
Pushed to branch `master` at [HackerVMware/vmware-import-report](#)
`0f543879` · Split `VMware-ImportReport.xlsx` into two new files
- Patrick Kremer @pkremer
Pushed to branch `master` at [HackerVMware/vmware-import-report](#)
`e1f690e2` · Added `example` of `data` commands
- Patrick Kremer @pkremer
Pushed to branch `master` at [HackerVMware/vmware-import-report](#)
`5b498db6` · Cleaning `up` commented out code.

Contributing to open source

<https://archiveprogram.github.com/>

The GitHub Arctic Code Vault

The GitHub Arctic Code Vault is a data repository preserved in the Arctic World Archive (AWA), a very-long-term archival facility 250 meters deep in the permafrost of an Arctic mountain. The archive is located in a decommissioned coal mine in the Svalbard archipelago, closer to the North Pole than the Arctic Circle. GitHub will capture a snapshot of every active public repository on 02/02/2020 and preserve that data in the Arctic Code Vault.



The screenshot shows a GitHub notification for the Arctic Code Vault Contributor badge. The notification is a white box with a light blue border. It features a circular profile picture of Patrick Kremer, a man with a beard and glasses. To the right of the profile picture, the text reads: "Arctic Code Vault Contributor", "Patrick Kremer contributed code to 1 repository in the 2020 GitHub Archive Program:", and a link to "vmware-samples/vcenter-event-broker-appliance". Below this, there is a "Highlight" section with a star icon and the text "Arctic Code Vault Contributor". To the right of the notification, a larger white box with a light blue border contains the text: "You have a new badge!", "You contributed code to the 2020 GitHub Archive Program and now have a badge for it. Thank you for being part of the program!", and "To opt out of displaying this badge, visit your profile settings." with a link to "profile settings". At the bottom of this box is a blue button with the text "Got it!".

xargs – Everything old is new again

✓ 2  examples/powercli/hostmaint-alarms/template/powercli/template.yml

... .. @@ -1,3 +1,3 @@

1 1 language: powercli

2 - fprocess: xargs pwsh ./function/script.ps1

+ fprocess: xargs -0 -I '{}' pwsh ./function/script.ps1 '{}'

3 3

How old is xargs? At least 40 years.

UNIX User's Manual

Release 3.0

T. A. Dolotta
S. B. Olsson
A. G. Petrucci
Editors

June 1980

Not for use or disclosure outside the
Bell System except under written agreement.

XARGS(1)

XARGS(1)

NAME

xargs — construct argument list(s) and execute command

SYNOPSIS

xargs [flags] [command [initial-arguments]]

DESCRIPTION

Xargs combines the fixed *initial-arguments* with arguments read from standard input to execute the specified *command* one or more times. The number of arguments read for each *command* invocation and the manner in which they are combined are determined by the flags specified.

Command, which may be a shell file, is searched for, using one's **\$PATH**. If *command* is omitted, **/bin/echo** is used.

Arguments read in from standard input are defined to be contiguous strings of characters delimited by one or more blanks, tabs, or new-lines; empty lines are always discarded. Blanks and tabs may be embedded as part of an argument if escaped or quoted: Characters enclosed in quotes (single or double) are taken literally, and the delimiting quotes are removed. Outside of quoted strings a backslash (\) will escape the next character.

Each argument list is constructed starting with the *initial-arguments*, followed by some number of arguments read from standard input (Exception: see **-i** flag). Flags **-i**, **-l**, and **-n** determine how arguments are selected for each command invocation. When none of these flags are coded, the *initial-arguments* are followed by arguments read continuously from stan-

Source: https://archive.org/details/bitsavers_attunixSysalRelease3Jun80_33886798

My checkbox

▼ OS Credentials	2 settings
Root Password	Password to login in as root. Please use a secure password
	Password <input type="password"/>
	Confirm Password <input type="password"/>
Enable SSH	Automatically start SSH daemon
	<input type="checkbox"/>

My checkbox

```
9      - systemctl disable sshd
10     - systemctl stop sshd

9 + if [ "${ENABLE_SSH}" == "true" ]; then
10 +     systemctl enable sshd
11 +     systemctl start sshd
12 + else
13 +     systemctl disable sshd
14 +     systemctl stop sshd
15 + fi
```

```
21 21  ROOT_PASSWORD=$(vmtoolsd --cmd "info-get guestinfo.ovfEnv" | grep "guestinfo.root_password" | awk -F 'oe:value=' '{print $2}' | awk -F '"' '{print $1}')
22 + ENABLE_SSH=$(vmtoolsd --cmd "info-get guestinfo.ovfEnv" | grep "guestinfo.enable_ssh" | awk -F 'oe:value=' '{print $2}' | awk -F '"' '{print $1}' | tr '[:upper:]' ' '
22 23  VCENTER_SERVER=$(vmtoolsd --cmd "info-get guestinfo.ovfEnv" | grep "guestinfo.vcenter_server" | awk -F 'oe:value=' '{print $2}' | awk -F '"' '{print $1}')
```

```
62 62      </Property>
63 +      <Property ovf:key="guestinfo.enable_ssh" ovf:type="boolean" ovf:userConfigurable="true" ovf:value="false">
64 +          <Label>Enable SSH</Label>
65 +          <Description>Automatically start SSH daemon</Description>
66 +      </Property>
```

Create your own checkbox

VEBA Docs: <https://vmweventbroker.io/>

VEBA download: <https://vmware.com/go/veba>

My VEBA Blog: <http://patrickkremer.com/veba>

Public VEBA Slack:
<https://vmwarecode.slack.com/archives/CQLT9B5AA>





Thank You