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

Currently a VMware Cloud Solution Architect - VMC



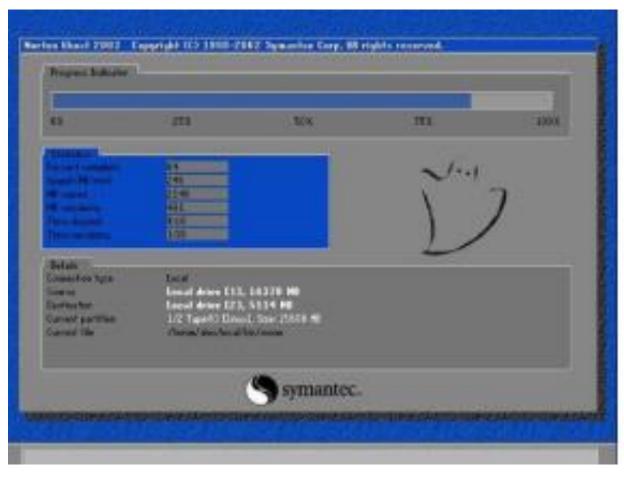
Why Modernize your Skills?



Obsolescence

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





In the beginning













Since 2006

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







Virtual Machines



vSphere



Programming = Scripting

```
$AllClusters = Get-Cluster | where {$_.Name -ne "LabManager" -and $_.Name -ne "Double Take Windows 2000 ONLY" } | Sort-Object
ForEach( $Cluster in $AllClusters)
 $ClusterName = $Cluster.Name
 $AllVMs = get-cluster $ClusterName | Get-VM | Where { $_.Guest.State -ne "NotRunning" -And $_.Description -like "*2015*" } | Sort-Object
 Name
ForEach ($VM in $AllVMs )
                                                  powershell Properties
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   Write-Host $VM.Name
                                                   General
                                                             Sharing
                                                                                Previous Versions
                                                                       Security
                                                                                                   Customize
   Write-Host $VM. Description
                                                                    powershell
                                                                   File folder
                                                     Type:
                                                    Location:
                                                                   C:\Users\pkremer\Personal\Scripts
                                                    Size:
                                                                   31.0 MB (32,511,330 bytes)
                                                    Size on disk:
                                                                   31.5 MB (33,107,968 bytes)
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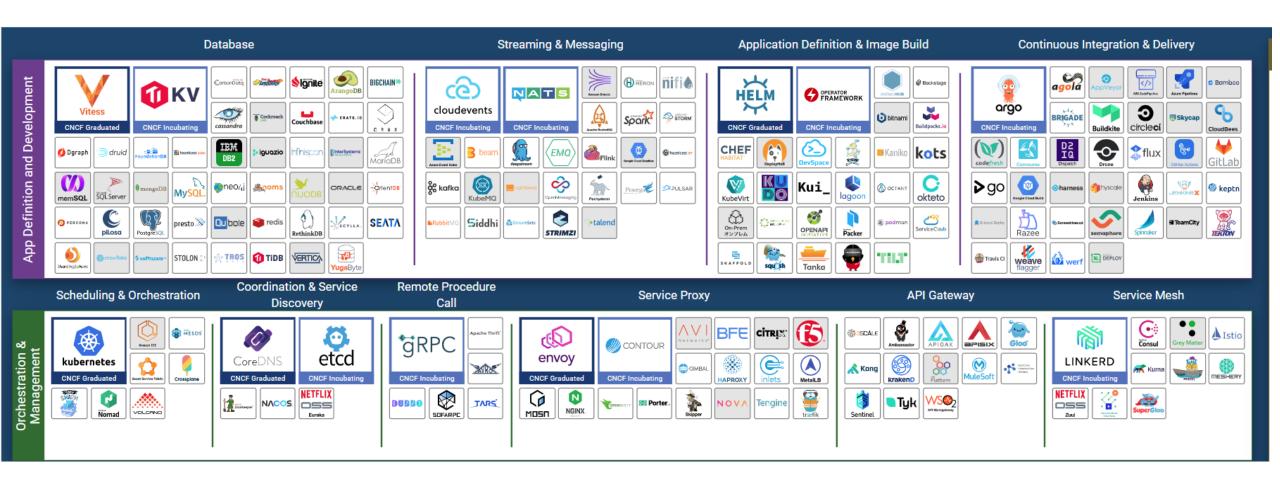








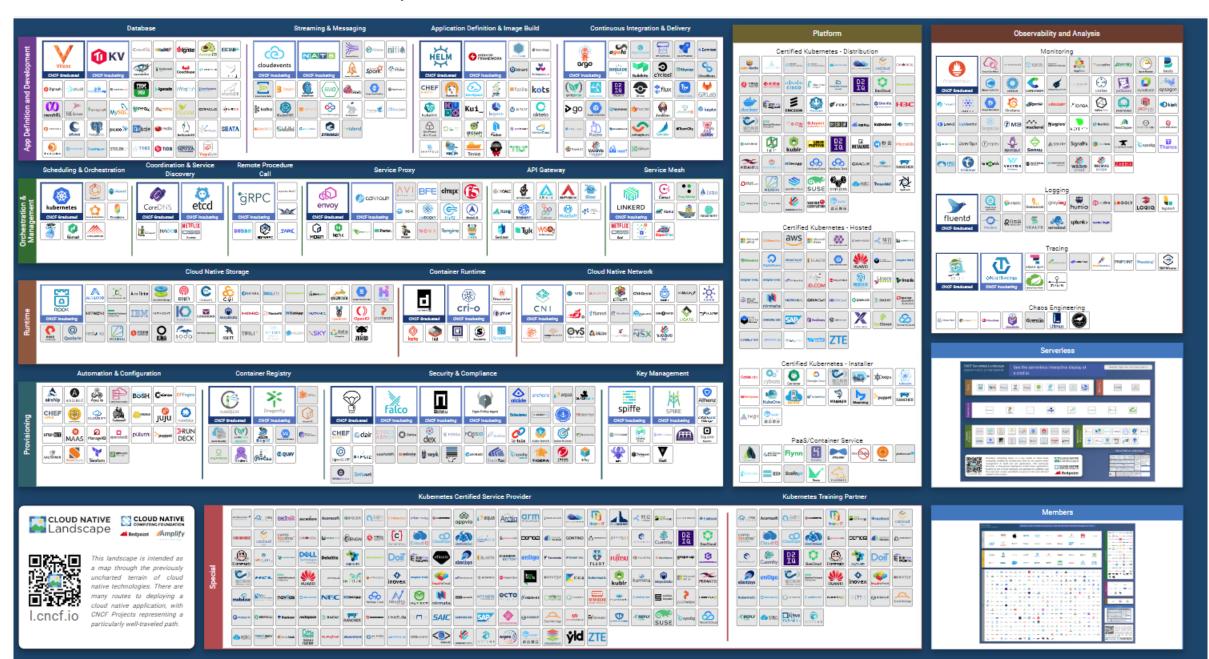
Cloud Native Landscape



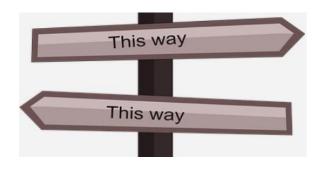


Cloud Native Landscape

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

DOWNLOAD & INSTALL

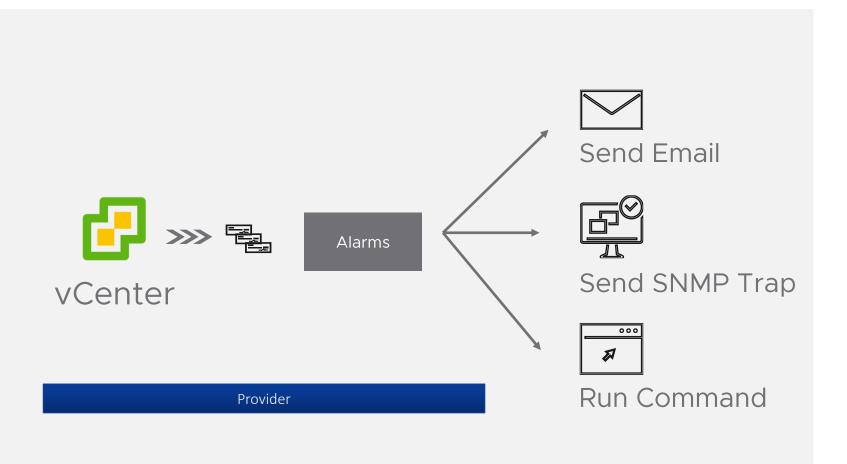
DEPLOY FUNCTIONS





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

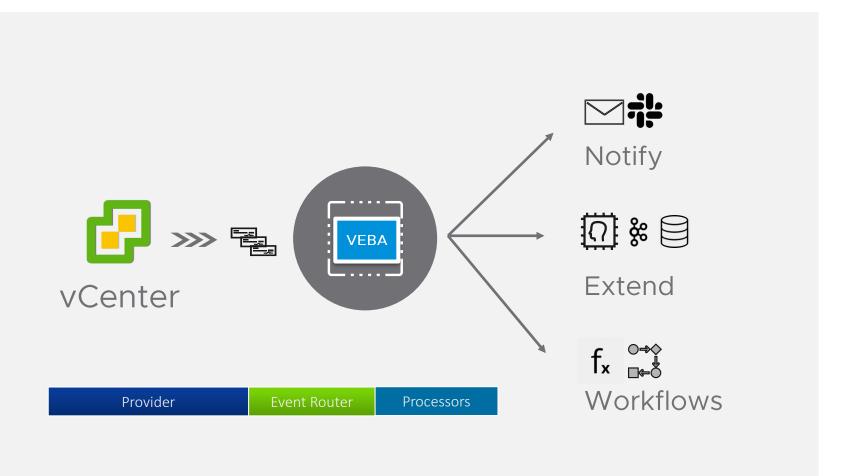
This limits innovation as this functionality needs

- 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

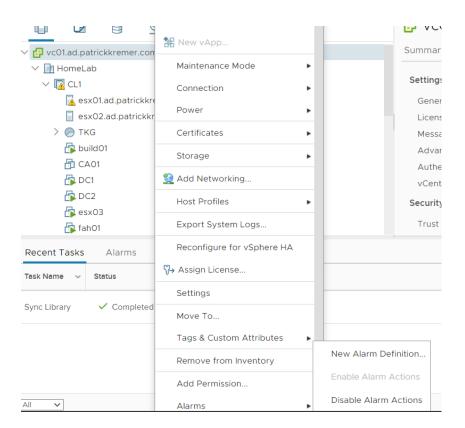
Function as a Service - Write and Execute code written in any language

Get started quickly with prebuilt functions maintained by the community.



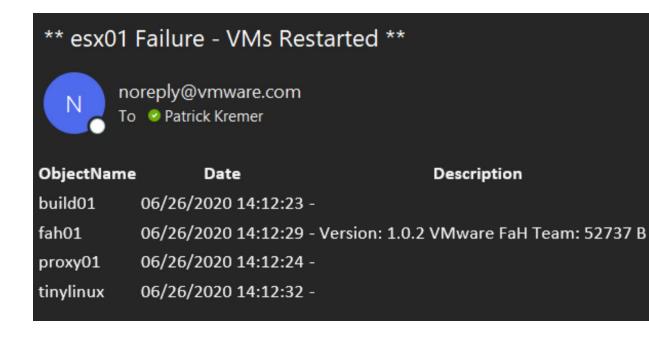
Two examples of VEBA functions - PowerCLI

Maintenance Mode Alarms



HA Event Notification

vsish -e set /reliability/crashMe/Panic 1





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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.

- - > In HomeLab



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 reach 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 X
examples > powercli > datastore-usage-email > ! stack.yml
       William Lam, 5 months ago | 1 author (William Lam)
       provider:
         name: openfaas
         gateway: https://veba.primp-industries.com
       functions:
         powershell-datastore-usage:
           lang: powercli
           handler: ./handler
           image: vmware/veba-powercli-datastore-notification:latest
           environment:
             write debug: true
             read debug: true
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             function debug: false
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           secrets:
             - vc-datastore-config
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           annotations:
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             topic: AlarmStatusChangedEvent
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root@veba	102 [~	1# ^0					

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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				

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



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.

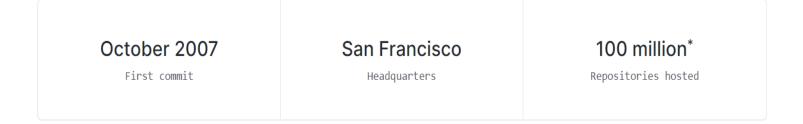


What is Github?



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.





What is a repository (repo)

vmc-onboarding

Forked from bohleadam/vmc-onboarding

An example documentation site using the Docsy Hugo theme

vcenter-event-broker-appliance

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

The vCenter Event Broker Appliance enables customers to easily create eventdriven automation based on vCenter Server Events





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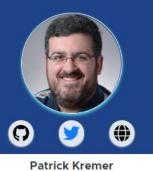
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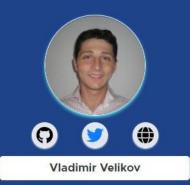


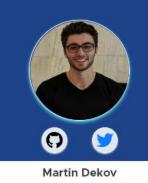
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Robert Guske







Here's them

374 contributions in the last year





258 contributions in the last year



242 contributions in the last year

88 contributions in the last year



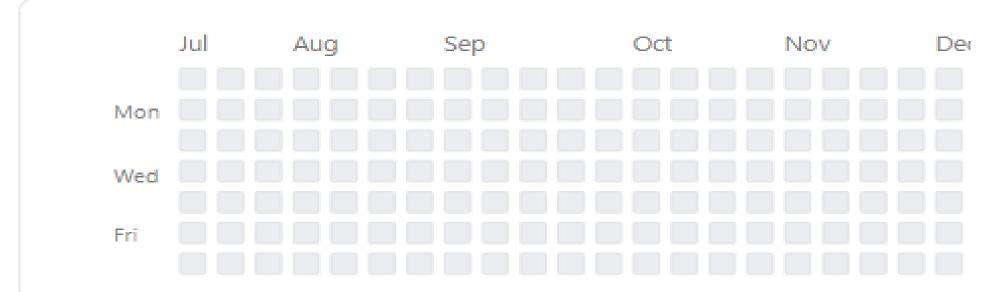
413 contributions in the last year





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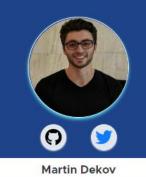
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Using the right tools

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-679dcccd74-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
openfaas	basic-auth-plugin-dd49cd66b-lmnj2	1/1	Running	6	119d
openfaas	faas-idler-59ff9778fd-q68k8	1/1	Running	14	119d
openfaas	gateway-74f6f9489b-br5gz	2/2	Running	20	119d
openfaas	nats-6dfbf45d77-bblgf	1/1	Running	6	119d
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
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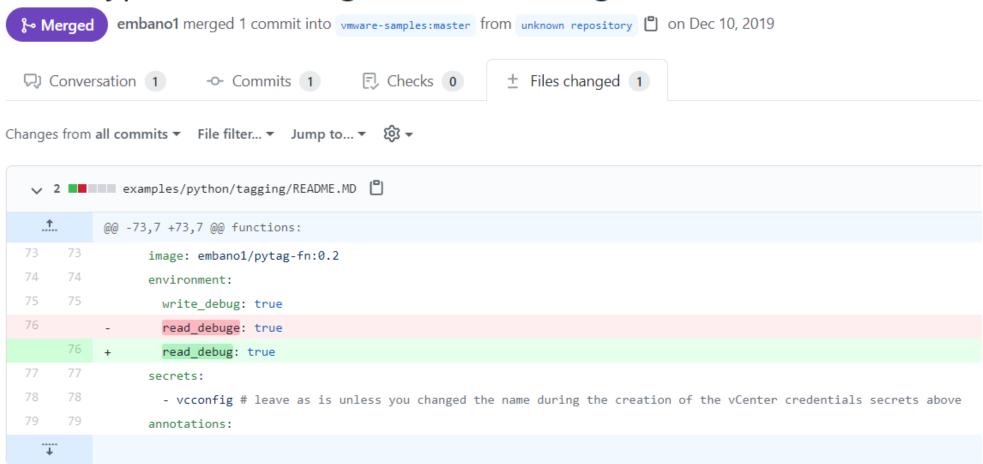
Using the right tools

Pods have logs!



I fixed a typo in Github

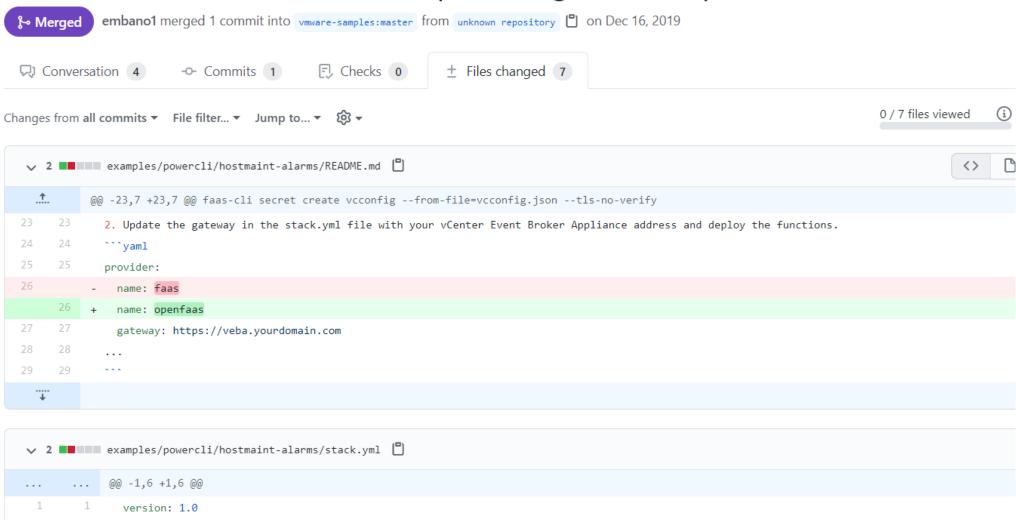
Fixed typo 'read_debuge -> read_debug' #15





I fixed documentation

Fixes to documentation and sample config files for openfaas #18



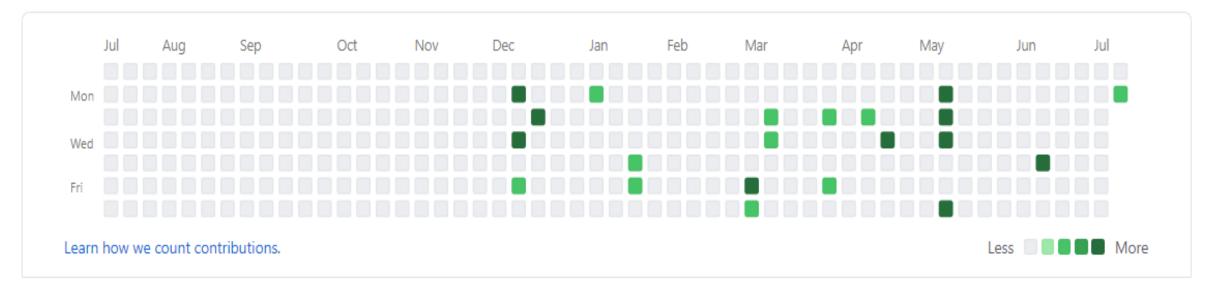


Contributing to open source

Github contributions

34 contributions in the last year

Contribution settings ▼





Expanding my knowledge over time

Part I - VMware Event Broker Appliance - Deployment

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Part III – VMware Event Broker Appliance – Tags and Clones

Part IV – VMware Event Broker Appliance – Deploying the First Sample Function

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Part VIII - VMware Event Broker Appliance - Basic Troubleshooting Techniques

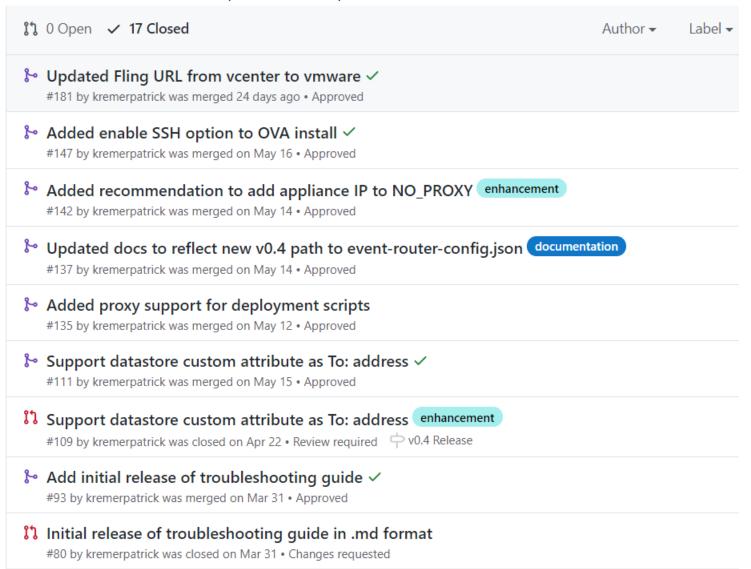
Part IX – Deploying the Datastore Sample Email Script in VMC

Part X – Building the Appliance OVA from source code

Part XI – Changing options in the OVA installer



Documentation, code, and more





My checkbox

∨ OS Credentials	2 settings		
Root Password	Password to login in as root. Please use a secure password		
	Password		
	Confirm Password		
Enable SSH	Automatically start SSH daemon		



My checkbox

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- systemctl disable sshd
- systemctl stop sshd

- systemctl stop sshd

- systemctl stop sshd
- systemctl enable sshd
- systemctl start sshd
- systemctl start sshd
- systemctl disable sshd
- systemctl disable sshd
- systemctl stop sshd
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```
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:]' '

23 VCENTER_SERVER=$(vmtoolsd --cmd "info-get guestinfo.ovfEnv" | grep "guestinfo.vcenter_server" | awk -F 'oe:value="' '{print $2}' | awk -F '"' '{print $1}')
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Create your own checkbox

https://vmweventbroker.io/

https://flings.vmware.com/vmware-event-broker-appliance

http://patrickkremer.com/veba

https://vmwarecode.slack.com/archives/CQLT9B5AA





Thank You

