

# KCL 在工程化配置策略场景的探索和落地使用

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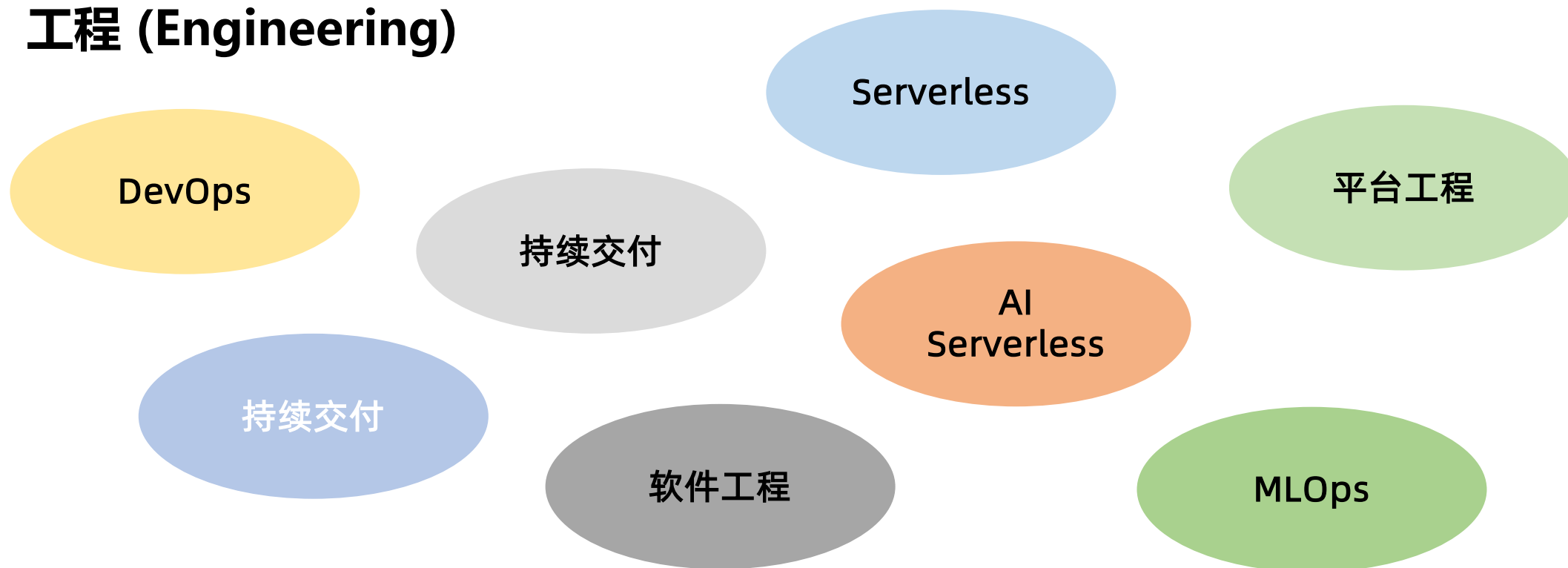
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# 引言

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01

## 工程 (Engineering)



在 Gartner 公司发布的《2022年十二大重要战略技术趋势》中，将 AI 工程 (AI Engineering) 列为未来三到五年企业数字业务创新的加速器。

在 Gartner 发布的《2023 年十大重要战略技术趋势》报告中，平台工程 (Platform Engineering) 位列其中。

# 引言



## 平台工程 & AI 工程



让我们来看看 GPT 怎么说的?



\$ AI 工程指什么

AI工程 (AI Engineering) 是指将人工智能技术和方法应用于实际工程项目中的一种实践。它涉及数据科学、机器学习、深度学习、自然语言处理、计算机视觉等领域的技术和算法,旨在开发和部署能够实现智能决策和自动化任务的系统。



平台汇集的工具、能力和流程均由领域专家精心挑选,并经过封装,以方便终端用户使用,为用户提供正确的能力,帮助其以最少的成本完成重要工作,提高终端用户的生产力,并减少他们的认知负担。平台应能够满足用户团队的一切需求,并以任何可能的形式,完美匹配用户的首选 workflow。

**人工智能三要素: 数据、算法、算力**

数据是 AI 发展的重要基石,是不可或缺的资产和训练样本

我理解的工程化: 方法、工具和实践的集合 - 体验至上, 系统化, 自动化, 智能化, 安全规范, 可度量

## 问题和挑战

### 认知负担

- 应用开发/ML 工程师/数据工程师/科学家需要面对复杂的基础设施和平台概念

### 配置/数据种类繁多

- 结构化数据：其中表格数据类型是常见的数据表示形式
- 非结构化数据：文本，图像，视频，音频等

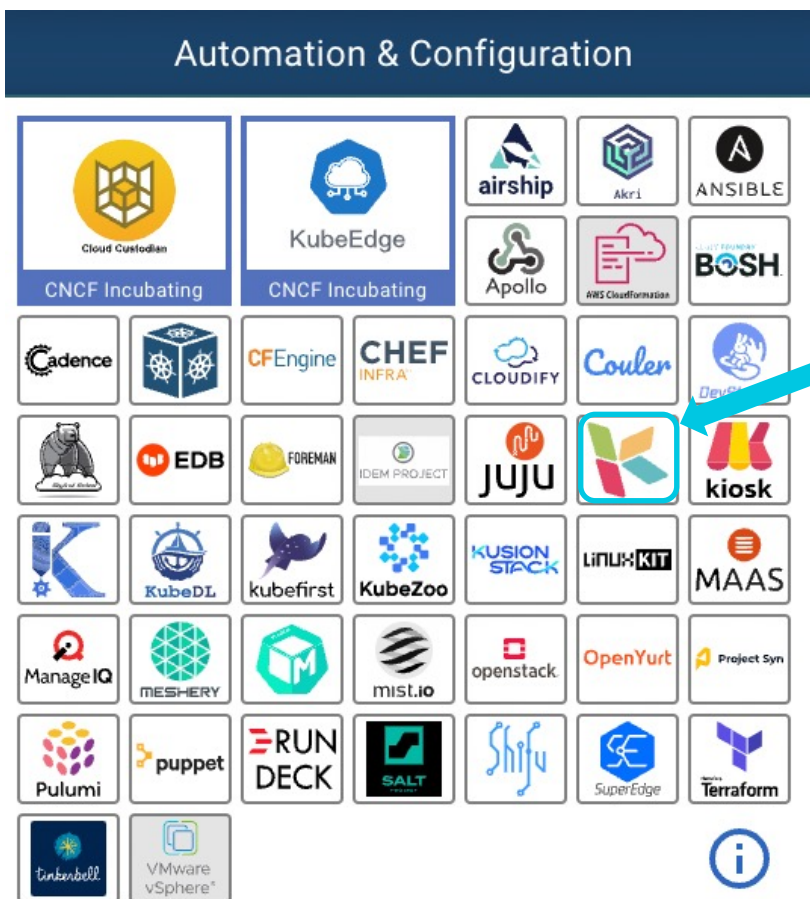
### 配置/数据清洗过程易出错

- 配置/数据值缺失、类型转换、异常值处理、合并/拆分过程缺乏标准且高效的结构定义和约束手段
- 配置/数据集种类繁多，且喂到很多训练系统中需要做格式转换，缺乏有效的自动化和验证手段

### 效率可靠性低

- 缺乏标准的测试验证手段，大多是胶水代码或者脚本的拼盘

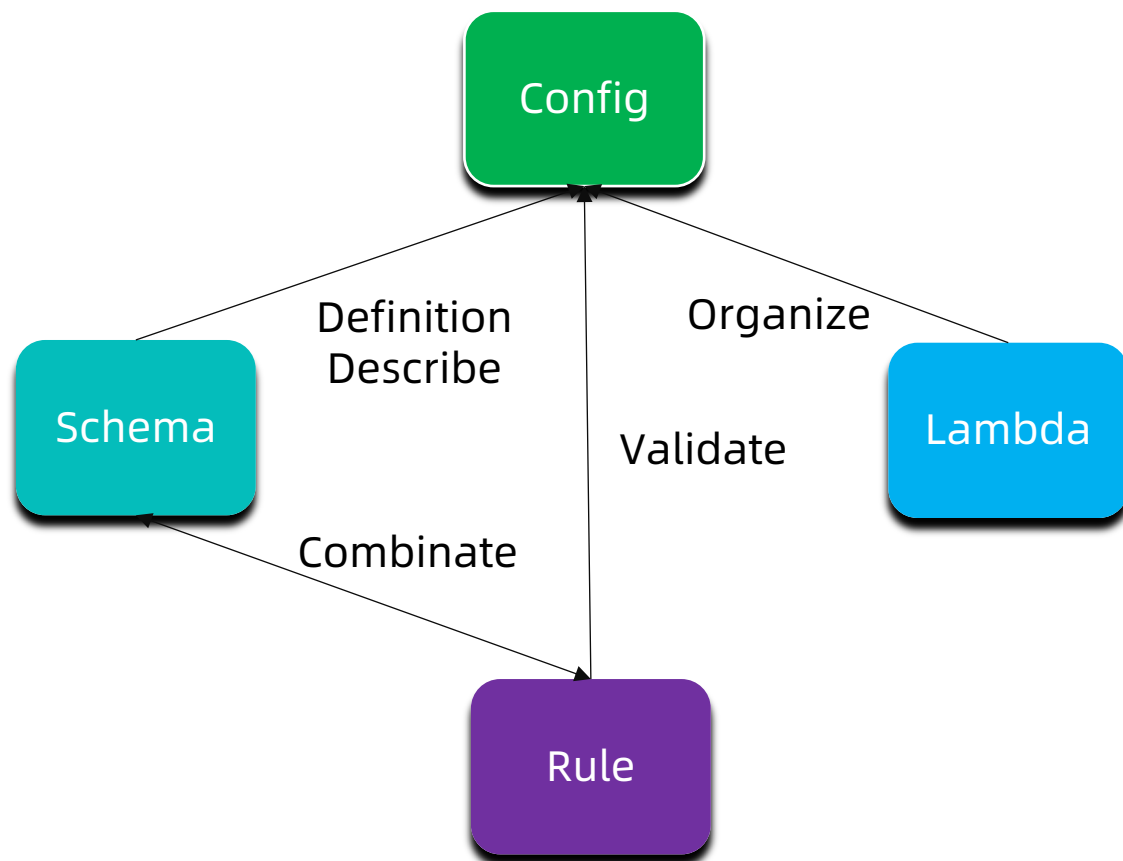
## KCL 专用配置策略语言 (2022.6 开源, 2023.9 成为 CNCF 基金会托管的 Sandbox 项目)



- ✓ **领域特定**: 以收敛的语言和工具集合解决领域问题近乎无限的变化和复杂性, 同时兼顾表达力和易用性
- ✓ **以数据和模型为中心**: 开发者可以理解的声明式 Schema/配置/策略模型用于 AI 工程, 云原生工程等场景
- ✓ **包含结构化定义和约束的核心数据结构 Schema**: 为 AI 数据集或者云原生配置场景提供原生的数据验证和转换能力
- ✓ **可复用扩展**: OCI 等标准软件供应链集成和包管理工具支持, 官方 Registry 提供 200+ 模型包
- ✓ **引擎解耦**: 建立在一个完全开放的世界当中, 几乎不与任何编排/引擎工具或者控制器绑定, 可同时为客户端和运行时场景提供 API 抽象、组合和校验的能力
- ✓ **多语言 SDK**: 轻易集成到不同的业务场景和生态当中, 目前提供了 Rust, Go, Python, Java 等 SDK

## Config + Schema + Rule + Lambda

Pattern:  $k = (T)v$



```
import k8s.core.v1
# Create a Kubernetes Deployment resource.
v1.Deployment {
  metadata.name = "nginx"
  metadata.labels.app = metadata.name
  spec = {
    replicas = 3
    selector.matchLabels.app = metadata.name
    template = {
      metadata.labels.app = metadata.name
      spec.containers = [{
        name = metadata.name
        image = "nginx"
        ports = [{ containerPort = 80 }]
      }]
    }
  }
}
```

可复用可扩展、抽象和组合能力、稳定性、高性能



# 场景功能

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## 表格数据集验证和转换

### pydantic or Pandera Schema

```
from pydantic import BaseModel, validator

class MyModel(BaseModel):
    name: str
    age: int

    @validator('age')
    def validate_age(cls, age):
        if age < 0 or age > 120:
            raise ValueError("Age should be between 0 and 120")
        return age

from pandera.typing import Series

class Config:
    arbitrary_type = class Schema(pa.DataFrameModel):
        column1: int = pa.Field(le=10)
        column2: float = pa.Field(lt=-1.2)
        column3: str = pa.Field(str_startswith="value_")

    @pa.check("column3")
    def column_3_check(cls, series: Series[str]) -> Series[bool]:
        """Check that values have two elements after being split with _"""
        return series.str.split("_", expand=True).shape[1] == 2
```

Schema

### KCL Schema

```
schema MyModel:
    name: str
    age: int

check:
    0 <= age <= 120, "Age should be between 0 and 120"
```

### DataFrame

```
import pandas as pd

data = {
    "name": ["Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"],
    "age": [25, 30, 150]
}

df = pd.DataFrame(data)
```

Data

### YAML

```
data:
  name:
  - Alice
  - Bob
  - Charlie
  age:
  - 25
  - 30
  - 150
```

### JSON

```
{
  "data": {
    "age": [
      25,
      30,
      150
    ],
    "name": [
      "Alice",
      "Bob",
      "Charlie"
    ]
  }
}
```

平替复杂的 Schema 定义格式，类 Python 语法，简洁易读，多种数据验证支持，多语言 SDK 支持

## 云原生配置验证和转换

### • Mutation

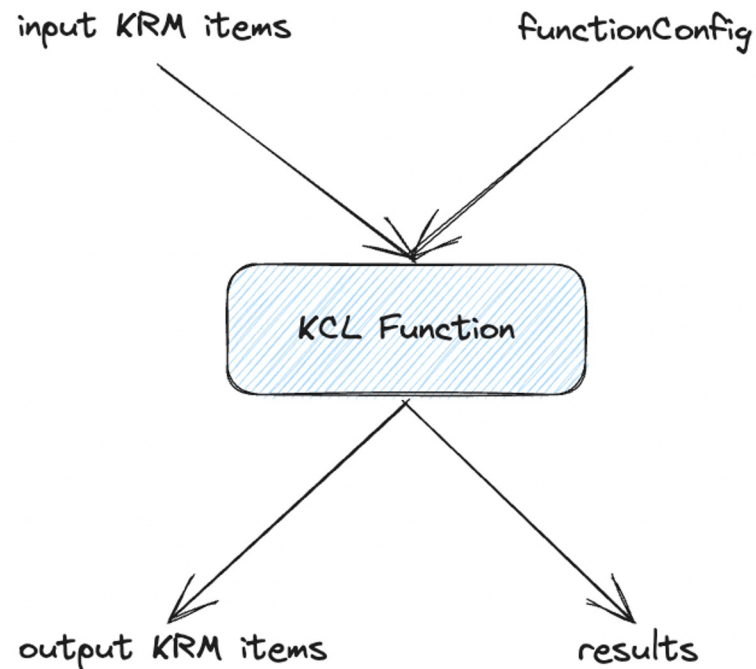
```
apiVersion: krm.kcl.dev/v1alpha1
kind: KCLRun
metadata:
  name: set-annotations
  metadata:
    annotations:
      krm.kcl.dev/version: 0.0.1
      krm.kcl.dev/type: mutation
      documentation: >-
        Add or change annotations
spec:
  params:
    toAdd: addValue
    source: oci://ghcr.io/kcl-lang/set-annotation
```

### • Validation

```
apiVersion: krm.kcl.dev/v1alpha1
kind: KCLRun
metadata:
  name: https-only
  metadata:
    annotations:
      krm.kcl.dev/version: 0.0.1
      krm.kcl.dev/type: validation
      documentation: >-
        Requires Ingress resources to be HTTPS only. Ingress resources must
        include the `kubernetes.io/ingress.allow-http` annotation, set to `false`.
        By default a valid TLS {} configuration is required, this can be made
        optional by setting the `tlsOptional` parameter to `true`.
        More info: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/ingress/#tls
spec:
  source: oci://ghcr.io/kcl-lang/https-only
```

### • Abstraction

```
apiVersion: krm.kcl.dev/v1alpha1
kind: KCLRun
metadata:
  name: web-service
  metadata:
    annotations:
      krm.kcl.dev/version: 0.0.1
      krm.kcl.dev/type: abstraction
      documentation: >-
        Web service application abstraction
spec:
  params:
    name: app
  containers:
    nginx:
      image: nginx
      ports:
        containerPort: 80
  labels:
    name: app
  source: oci://ghcr.io/kcl-lang/web-service
```

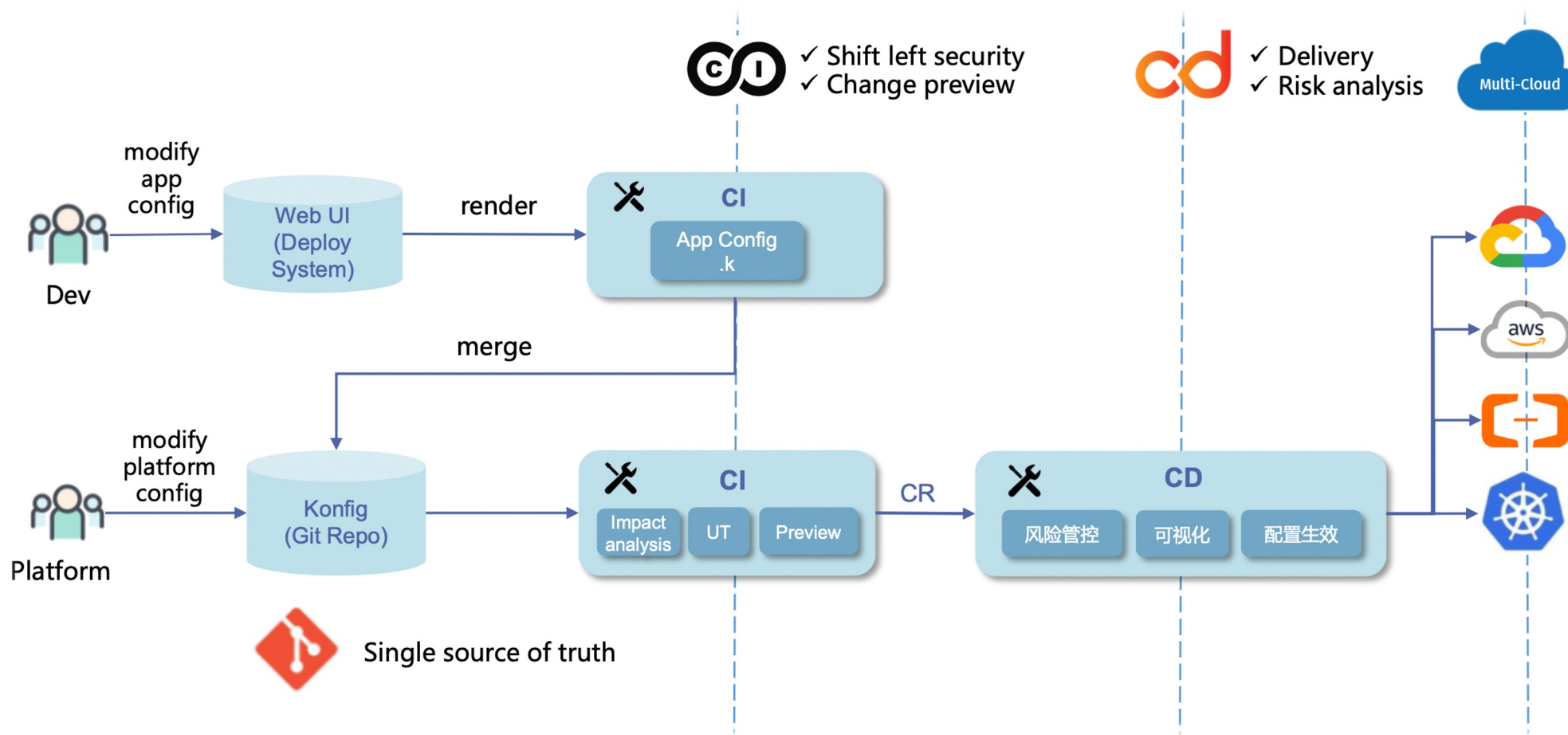


- 遵循统一的 KRM Function 规范
- 多种代码源支持: OCI, Git, Https, Filesystem...
- 可编程可扩展: 使用 KCL 语言简单编写模型

# 场景



## 通过抽象进行应用交付

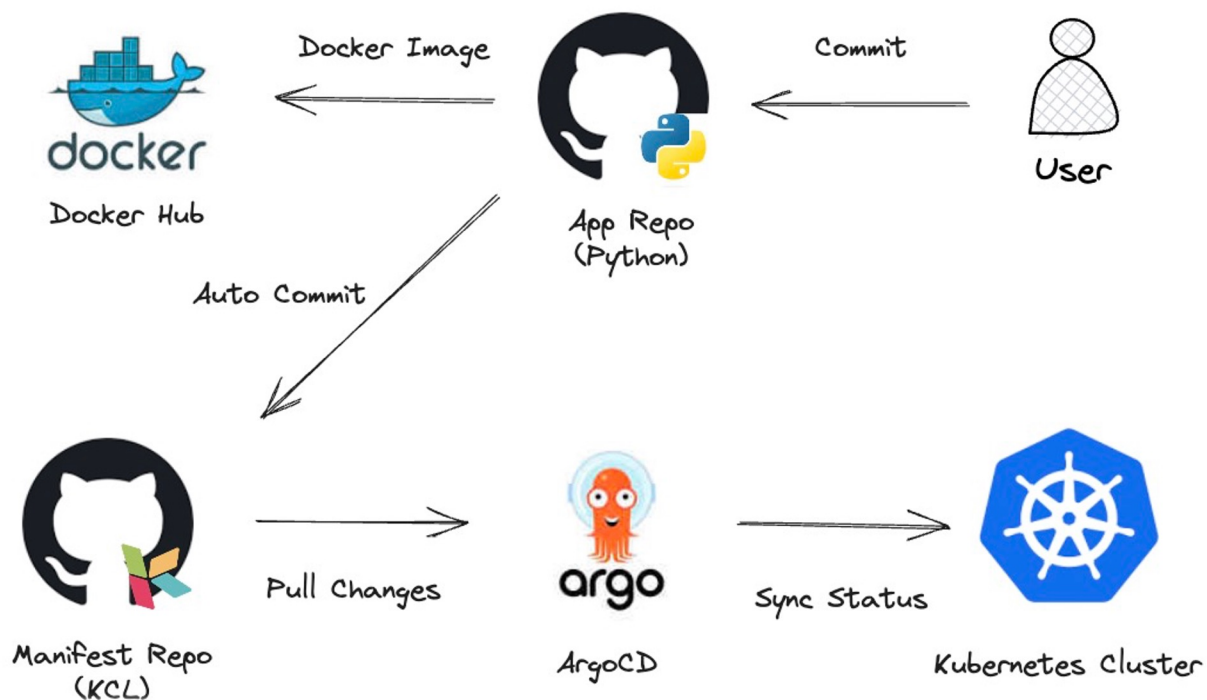


多种交付引擎支持: KusionStack, Kubevela, ...

# 场景



## IaC & GitOps



### Commit

```
kcl code set image to kcclang/flask_demo:6428cff4309afc8c1c40ad180bb9...  
...cfd82546be3e
```

main

github-actions[bot] committed 3 minutes ago

Showing 1 changed file with 1 addition and 1 deletion.

```
@@ -3,7 +3,7 @@ config = app.App {  
 3 3     name = "flask_demo"  
 4 4     containers: {  
 5 5         flask_demo = {  
 6 -         image = "kcclang/flask_demo:f1f2cbc0c4555d141e9f642fbd12edaf34d0b723"  
 6 +         image = "kcclang/flask_demo:6428cff4309afc8c1c40ad180bb9cfd82546be3e"  
 7 7         ports = [{containerPort = 5000}]  
 8 8     }  
 9 9 }
```

配置驱动的工作流：多种 CI/CD 和 GitOps 工具支持 e.g., GitHub Action, ArgoCD

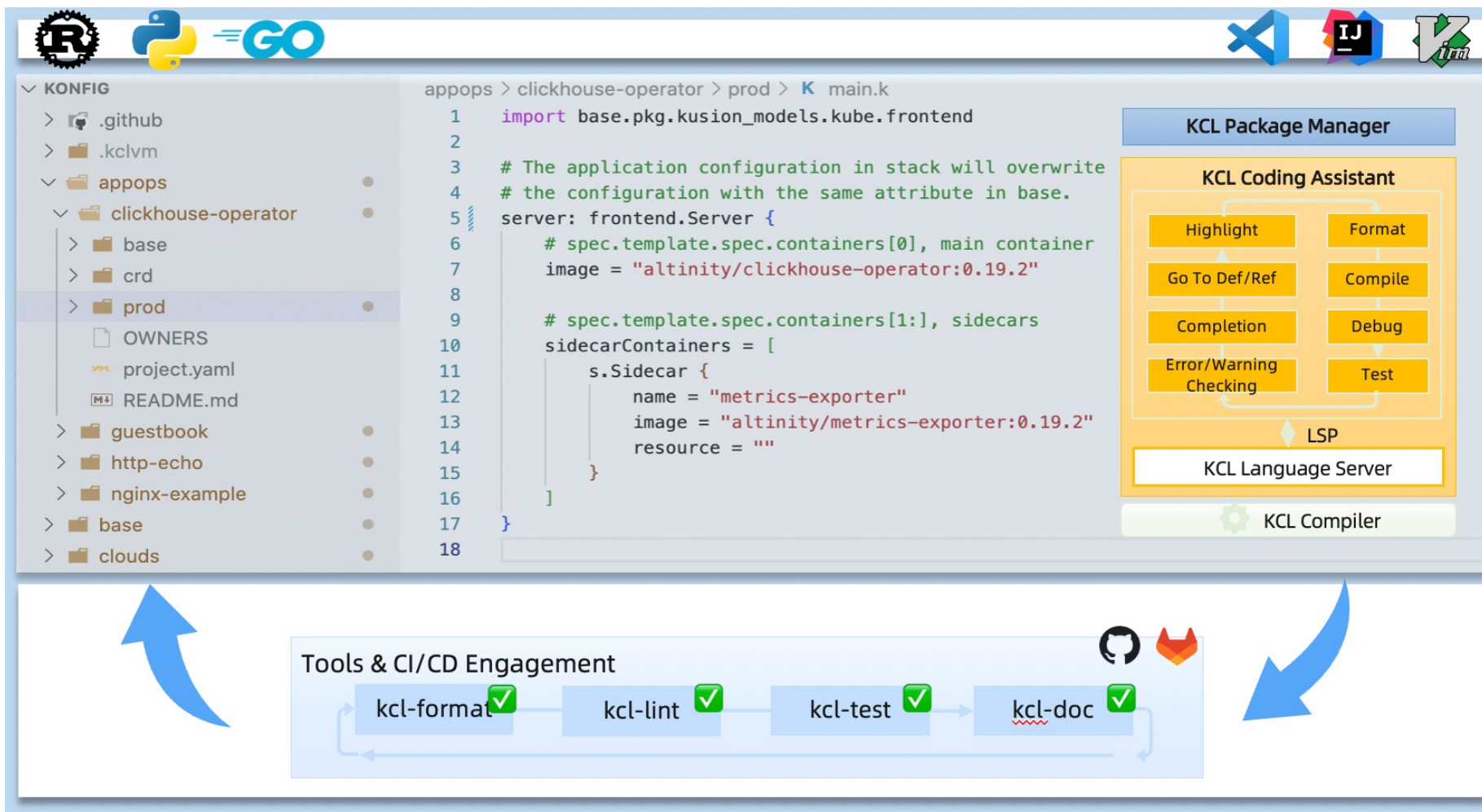
[https://kcl-lang.io/docs/user\\_docs/guides/gitops/gitops-quick-start](https://kcl-lang.io/docs/user_docs/guides/gitops/gitops-quick-start)

# 开发者体验

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## Language + Tools + IDEs + SDKs + Plugins



The image shows a screenshot of an IDE interface. At the top, there are logos for R, Python, and Go on the left, and Visual Studio Code, IntelliJ, and KCL on the right. The main editor area displays a KCL file named `main.k` with the following content:

```
1 import base.pkg.kusion_models.kube.frontend
2
3 # The application configuration in stack will overwrite
4 # the configuration with the same attribute in base.
5 server: frontend.Server {
6     # spec.template.spec.containers[0], main container
7     image = "altinity/clickhouse-operator:0.19.2"
8
9     # spec.template.spec.containers[1:], sidecars
10    sidecarContainers = [
11        s.Sidecar {
12            name = "metrics-exporter"
13            image = "altinity/metrics-exporter:0.19.2"
14            resource = ""
15        }
16    ]
17 }
18
```

On the right side of the IDE, there is a **KCL Package Manager** and a **KCL Coding Assistant** panel. The coding assistant includes buttons for Highlight, Format, Go To Def/Ref, Compile, Completion, Debug, Error/Warning Checking, and Test. Below these is the **LSP** (Language Server Protocol) section, which includes the **KCL Language Server** and the **KCL Compiler**.

At the bottom, a **Tools & CI/CD Engagement** diagram shows a workflow: `kcl-format` → `kcl-lint` → `kcl-test` → `kcl-doc`. Each step has a green checkmark, indicating successful execution. The diagram is flanked by two large blue arrows pointing towards the IDE interface.

# IDE & 工具链



- VS Code

```
main.k — konrig
main.k 3, M x
appops > clickhouse-operator > prod > main.k
1 import base.pkg.kusion_models.kube.frontend
2 import base. expected one of ["identifie
3 examples
4 # The applic pkg
5 # the configuration with the same attribute
6 appConfiguration: frontend.Server {
7   # spec.template.spec.containers[0], mai
8   image = "altinity/clickhouse-operator:0
9
10  # spec.template.spec.containers[1:], si
11  sidecarContainers = [
12    s.Sidecar {
13      name = "metrics-exporter"
14      image = "altinity/metrics-expor
15      resource = ""
16    }
17  ]
18 }
19
```

- Idea

```
hello-kcl — hello.k
import .templates.resources
schema Server:
"""
Server schema describes the de
"""
name: str
# todo: image must be set dyna
image: str
replica: int = 1 # default to
resources: {str:str}
myApp = Server{
  name: "myApp",
  image: "demo/myApp",
  resources: resources.large
}
```

- NeoVim

```
nginx.k x
29 import json Module 'json' imported but unused
28
27 schema Nginx:
26 """Schema for Nginx configuration files"""
25 http: Http name 'Http' is not defined
24
23 # schema Http:
22 # server: Server
21
20
19 schema Server:
18 listen: int | str # The attribute 'listen' can be int type or a string type.
17 location?: Location # Optional, but must be non-empty when specified
16
15 schema Location:
14 root: str
13 index: str
12
11
10 schema Person:
9 name: str
8 age: int
7
6
5 # schema Foo:
4
3
2 x = Person{
1 name: "foo"
30 age: expected one of ["identifier", "literal", "(", "[", "{"] got newline
1 }
2
3 nginx = Nginx {
4 http.server = {
5 listen = 80
6 location = {
7 root = "/var/www/html"
8 index = "index.html"
9 }
10 }
11 }
```

configuration/nginx.k 3


- name 'Http' is not defined (CompileError) [5, 11]
- expected one of ["identifier", "literal", "(", "[", "{"] got newline (InvalidSyntax) [30, 9]
- Module 'json' imported but unused (UnusedImportWarning) [1, 1]

main kcl 17 2 2 1

kclls 30:9 73%



Artifact **HUB**








**kubeblocks**  
kcl

'kubeblocks' is the kubeblocks

**kubeblocks**

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-  **kubeblocks-csi-driver**  
ORG: apecloud REPO: kubeblocks-csi-driver
-  **alertmanager-webhook**  
ORG: apecloud REPO: kubeblocks-alertmanager

See all results

### ClusterDefinition

ClusterDefinition is the Schema for the clusterdefinitions API

#### Attributes

name	type	description	default value
<b>apiVersion</b> required readOnly	"apps.kubeblocks.io/v1alpha1"	APIVersion defines the versioned schema of this representation of an object. Servers should convert recognized schemas to the latest internal value, and may reject unrecognized values. More info: <a href="https://git.k8s.io/community/contributors/devel/sig-architecture/api-conventions.md#resources">https://git.k8s.io/community/contributors/devel/sig-architecture/api-conventions.md#resources</a>	"apps.kubeblocks.io/v1alpha1"
<b>kind</b> required readOnly	"ClusterDefinition"	Kind is a string value representing the REST resource this object represents. Servers may infer this from the endpoint the client submits requests to. Cannot be updated. In CamelCase. More info: <a href="https://git.k8s.io/community/contributors/devel/sig-architecture/api-conventions.md#types-kinds">https://git.k8s.io/community/contributors/devel/sig-architecture/api-conventions.md#types-kinds</a>	"ClusterDefinition"
<b>metadata</b>	ObjectMeta	metadata	
<b>spec</b>	AppsKubeblocksIoV1alpha1ClusterDefinitionSpec	spec	
<b>status</b>	AppsKubeblocksIoV1alpha1ClusterDefinitionStatus	status	

### ClusterVersion

ClusterVersion is the Schema for the ClusterVersions API

# 模型 Registry



The image shows a composite view of a model registry and a code editor. On the left, the Artifact Hub interface displays search results for 'k8s' and 'k8status'. The main part of the image is a code editor window for 'main.k' in a 'kubernetes' directory, showing a KCL script that generates a Kubernetes Deployment manifest. A tooltip is visible over the 'port' field in the manifest, indicating a valid port range.

**Artifact Hub Search Results:**

- k8s** (KCL module): ORG: kcl REPO: kcl-module
- k8status** (Helm chart): ORG: Stenic REPO: k8status
- k8srads** (Helm chart): ORG: YOTRON REPO: k8srads
- Block Wildcard** (Helm chart): ORG: Gatekeeper REPO: block-wildcard
- Container epl** (Helm chart): ORG: Gatekeeper REPO: container-epl

**KCL Code (main.k):**

```
1 import k8s.api
2 import k8s.api
3
4 apps.Deployment {
5   metadata.name = "my-app"
6   metadata.labels = {
7     "app" = "my-app"
8   }
9   replicas = 2
10  selector {
11    matchLabels {
12      "app" = "my-app"
13    }
14  }
15  template {
16    metadata {
17      labels {
18        "app" = "my-app"
19      }
20    }
21    spec {
22      containers {
23        containerPort = 80
24      }
25    }
26  }
27 }
```

**Manifest Snippet:**

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: my-app
  labels:
    app: my-app
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: my-app
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: my-app
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: my-app
          image: my-app:latest
          ports:
            - containerPort: 80
```

# 生态集成

## 云原生工具集成



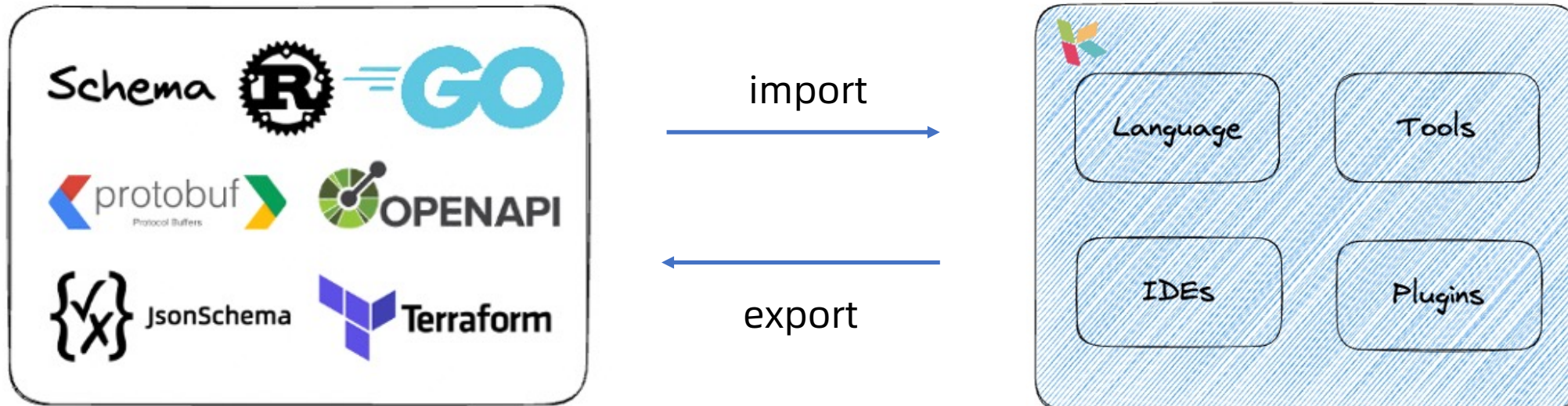
Integrate with Your Favorite Projects



- **KRM 支持:** 统一的规范和插件支持 e.g., kubectl-kcl plugin, helm-kcl plugin, helmfile-kcl plugin, kustomize-kcl plugin, kpt-kcl-plugin, crossplane kcl function, ...
- **运行时集成:** 使用 KCL Operator 而不是重复开发 Kubernetes Admission Webhook

# 生态集成

## Schema 集成

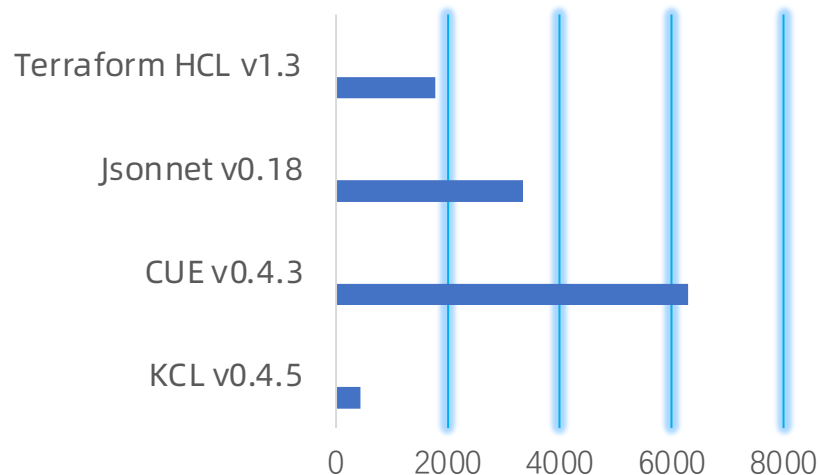


Python App (👷 施工中)



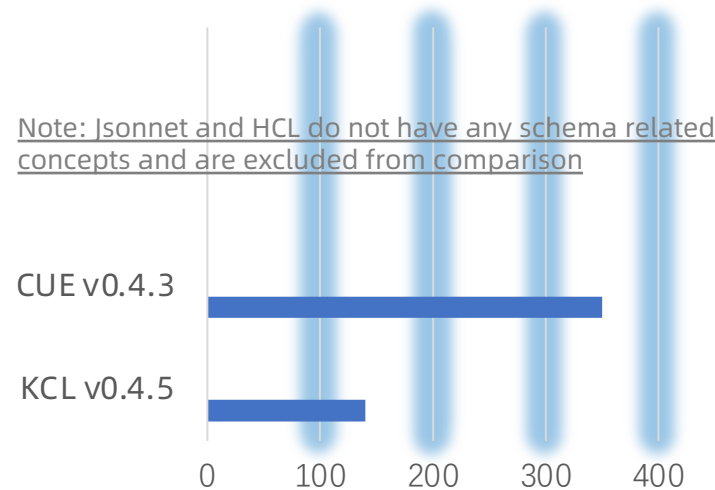
## Loop and Function

```
a = lambda x: int, y: int -> int {  
    max([x, y])  
}  
temp = {"a${i}": a(1, 2) for i in range(10000)}
```



## Kubernetes Configuration

```
import kubernetes.api.apps.v1  
  
deployment = v1.Deployment {}
```



*Test environment: single core macOS 10.15.7 CPU: i7-8850H 2.6GHz 32GB 2400Mhz DDR4 No NUMA, e2e run time (ms)*

# 总结

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04

# Mutation, Validation, Abstraction Production-Ready

KCL is an open-source constraint-based record & functional language mainly used in configuration and policy scenarios.

- 通过工程化方式提供合适配置/数据编辑、校验手段
- 通过定义合适的抽象隐藏基础设施和平台细节，减轻开发人员的负担。
- 通过通过更现代的声明式配置策略语言和工具，KRM KCL 规范, OCI Registry 和 Artifact Hub 等，帮助不同团队/角色之间更轻松地共享、传播和交付模型。（[欢迎共建模型](#)👏）

# 更多资源



- 官方网站

- <https://kcl-lang.io/>

- GitHub

- <https://github.com/kcl-lang>

- Twitter

- [@kcl language](https://twitter.com/kcl_language)

- Slack

- [CNCF KCL Slack Channel: https://cloud-native.slack.com/archives/C05TC96NWN8](https://cloud-native.slack.com/archives/C05TC96NWN8)

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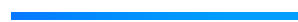


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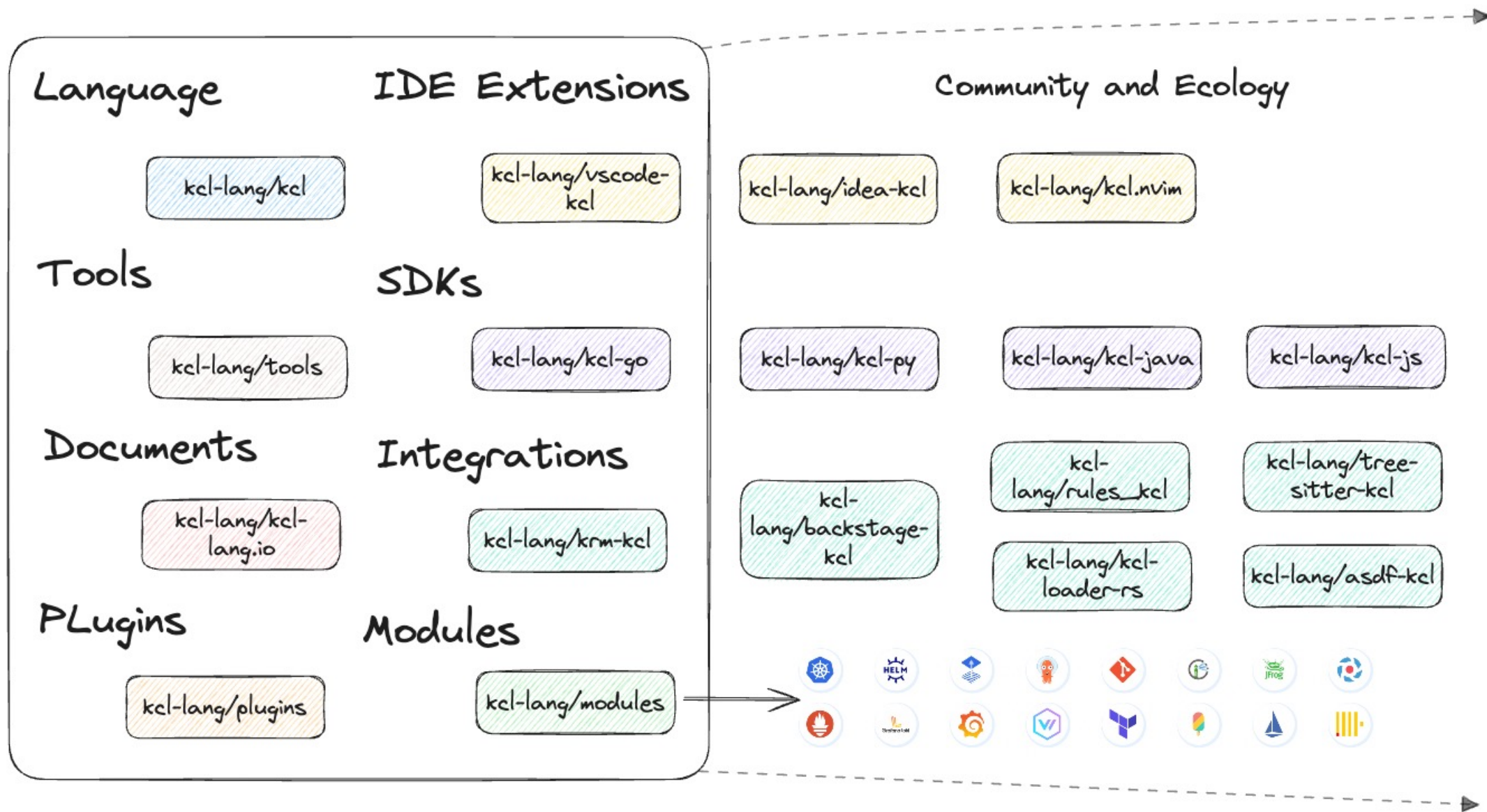


# 附录

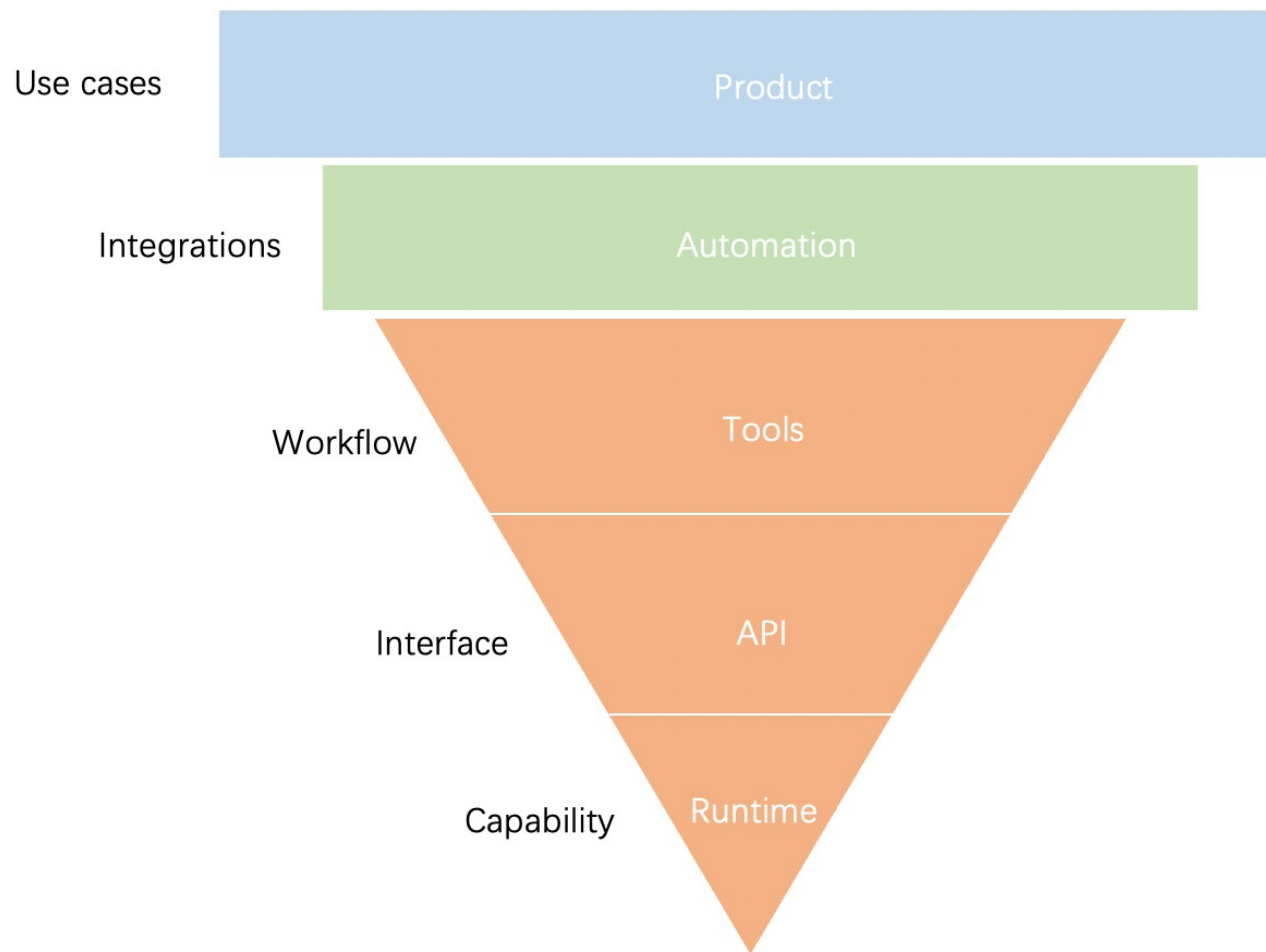


## KCL 社区

# KCL 项目组成



# KCL 技术组件



IaC & PaC Based KCL  
GitOps & GitClickOps Based KCL  
Dynamic Configuration & Package Management for Clouds and Kubernetes

Workflow Integrations (CI & CD Tools & DevOps Tools): KusionStack,  
API Composition Tool Integrations: Crossplane, Kustomize, Helm, ...  
Hub & Registry Integration: Artifact Hub, Docker Hub, Harbor  
Data & Schema Integration: Open API, Terraform, Kubernetes  
Config UI: Backstage Plugin, Form Component Integrations

Tooling: run, mod, registry, vet, plugin, deps, doc, fmt, import, export, test,  
debug, fix, lint

IDEs: UI Extension & Client, Language Server: Definition, Reference,  
Diagnostic, Completion, ...

SDKs: Rust, Go, Python, Java, ...

API: API Server, Lang APIs, Plugin APIs, Tooling APIs, LSP APIs

**Lang UI: Syntax, AST, Data Types.**

Features: query, override, entry, top level arguments, error handling, ...

Plugin: Multilingual or WASM function plugins

**Semantic: Type system, semantic rules.**

Performance: Parse, Resolve, Compile, Evaluation

Cross-platform: macOS, Linux, Windows, WASM

Runtime Capabilities: IR, Profiling, Debugging, System Modules, Memory  
management, Exception handling

Compiler Data Structure and Algorithms

# 社区项目对比



## Pros.

- Easy to write and read
- Rich multi-language API
- Various Path Tools

## Cons.

- Redundant information
- Insufficient functionality e.g. abstraction, constraint, ...

## Tech.

- JSON
- YAML

## Product

- Kustomize
- ...

## Pros.

- Simple config logic support
- Dynamic argument input

## Cons.

- Increase of argument makes it difficult to maintain
- Insufficient functionality e.g. abstraction, constraint, ...

## Tech.

- Velocity
- Go Template

## Product

- Helm
- Helmfile
- ...

## Pros.

- Required programming features
- Code modularity
- Templates & Data abstraction

## Cons.

- Insufficient type constraints
- Insufficient restraint ability
- Runtime error

## Tech.

- GCL
- HCL
- Bicep
- Starlark
- Jsonnet
- CEL
- OPA/Rego
- ...

## Product

- Terraform
- Tanka
- Radius
- ytt
- kpt

## Pros.

- Rich config constraint syntax
- Unified type & value constraint
- Configuration conflict checking

## Cons.

- Difficult to configuration override for multi-environment scenarios
- Runtime checks and limited performance

## Tech.

- CUE
- Nickel
- ...

## Product

- KubeVela
- ...

## Pros.

- Model-centric & constraint-centric
- Scalability on separated block writing with rich merge strategies
- Static type system & analysis
- High Performance

## Cons.

- Expansion of different models requires investment in R&D

## Tech.

- KCL
- ...

## Product

- KusionStack
- KRM-KCL Tools and Operators