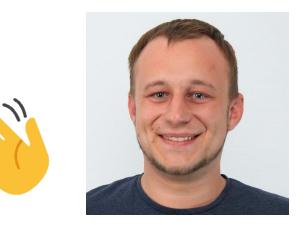
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### About me

- karriere.at
  - Lead DevOps Engineer
  - Journey
    - From Snowflake to Ansible
    - From OnPrem to Cloud
    - Making Laravel Services Cloud Ready
  - Moving from DevOps to Platform Engineering







# karriere.at Group: Unsere Vision



# Purpose



#### Wir verbinden Unternehmen und Talente.

# Mehrals 250 Mitarbeiter innen

#### davon ca. 70 im Technology Bereich





#### Linz und Wien

# DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE: Lessons learned shifting Laravel services to Kubernetes

# Cloud Native Linz, 18.03.2025

# Our Cloud Native Journey

- Started around 2 years ago
- Mainly based on GCP, Kubernetes, Flux and Gitlab
- PHP / Laravel Stack
  - Containerized Deployments can be challenging
  - Many mechanisms to make it stable and secure
  - Many services to be managed
- Transformation from monolith to microservices

# Running Services the Cloud Native Way

- Build ONE container image
- Deploy the image to Kubernetes using a deployment
- Expose it using a service

### PHP is different



#### PHP

- Request based language
- Interpreted language
- No binary, a lot of separate files
- Eventually a frontend in form of html, js and css files

#### $\sim$ LARAVEL-SERVICE

- > app
- > bootstrap
- > config
- > database
- > public
- > resources
- > routes
- > specification
- > storage
- > vendor
- 🗏 artisan
- {} composer.json
- {} composer.lock

# Deployment

- Apache + Mod PHP
- Nginx + PHP-FPM  $\leftarrow$  we are here
- PHP Application Servers
  - FrankenPHP
  - Swoole

#### PHP in a Cloud Native World



# Approach 1 – Two Containers

- One Process per container
  - Nginx container
  - PHP-FPM container
- Issues
  - All files of the PHP application need to be added to both containers
  - Monitoring of the PHP container is not easy
  - Scaling and management of two containers

eploymer	nt	
Repli	icasets	
	Pod	
	Container nginx calls via fastcgi php-fpm Container	

# Approach 2 – One Container

- Most popular approach in the community
- Using supervisord as process manager
- All files of the PHP app in one container
- Monitor Nginx and PHP-FPM combined using http health checks
- Only one container to manage and maintain

Deploym Re	plicasets
	Pod
	Container supervisord minx minx minx minx

### So, are we finished now?!



# Not quite...

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers\Actions;
use App\Jobs\Application\SendCopyToUser;
USE ...
class SendCopyToUserController extends Controller
ł
    public function __invoke(string $applicationUuid): Response
                                                    Async Task
        SendCopyToUser::dispatch(...);
        return response()->noContent();
}
```



# Async Tasks in Laravel

- Laravel uses a queue worker
  - Separate process
  - Uses e.g. Redis as queue for async tasks
- How to deploy this in a cloud native way?

php artisan queue:work



# Approach 1 – supervisord

- Simply add another supervisord process?
- Going rouge? Dying? Unnoticed!
- This approach can impact performance of the webapp
- No supervisord for PHP application servers like FrankenPHP

Repli	Pod Container
	supervisord

# Approach 2 – Sidecar

- Add a sidecar container to the existing deployment in Kubernetes
- Always scaled with webapp
- Scaling requirements for queue worker are different than for webservice

Deployme	nt
Repli	Pod
	Container
	supervisord min nginx php-fpm Container queue:work

# Approach 3 – Separate Deployment

- Components need to be split based on failure and scaling domains
- Use a separate Kubernetes deployment for the queue worker to allow for separate scaling

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Repli	casets
	Pod
	Container
	queue:work

# So, are we finished now?!

Developer 12:49 I want to run tasks every day at 1:00 🚀

> DevOps 19:00 Cool there is a ready to use thing in k8s -> CronJob

Developer 19:01 I implemented that with a CronJob but my Tasks fail shortly after scheduler is executed

> DevOps 19:01 Ahm? 💛

```
apiVersion: batch/v1
kind: CronJob
metadata:
  name: Laravel Scheduler
spec:
  schedule: "* * * * * *
  jobTemplate:
    spec:
      template:
        spec:
          containers:
          - name: hello
            image: laravel-service
            imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
            command:
            - php
            - artisan

    schedule:run

          restartPolicy: OnFailure
```

## Laravel Scheduler

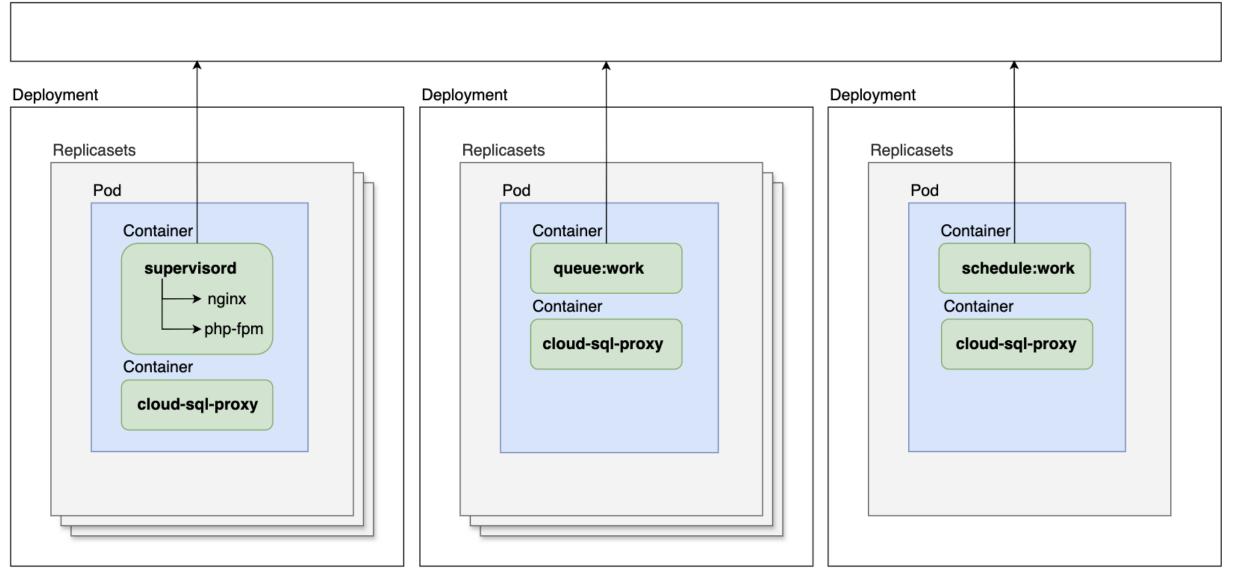
- Laravel scheduler can execute tasks in background and the main process exists within seconds after start
- Laravel scheduler can also be executed as long running process
- We already did that with the queue:worker
- Only difference is scaling Only 1instance

php artisan schedule:work

\$schedule->command(SendJobReminderEmailCommand::class)

- ->runInBackground()
- ->dailyAt('06:00')
- ->onOneServer();

#### ConfigMap



# Outlook FrankenPHP/Swoole

- No supervisord needed
- Performance improvement
- Laravel Octane needed
- Change from request based to long running process
- Issues with Open Telemetry auto instrumentation in FrankenPHP
- Does not solve scheduler and queue worker

# We are hiring







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