



# Kubermatic Developer Platform (KDP)

**Empower Developers and Accelerate Innovation** 





# Introduction

Internal Developer Platforms (IDPs) have emerged as a critical tool for organizations aiming to enhance developer productivity, streamline operations, and foster innovation. These platforms provide a unified environment where developers can easily access and deploy services, enabling faster time-to-market and reducing the complexity of managing infrastructure. IDPs are particularly beneficial to three key roles within an organization:

#### **Service Owners**

Provide and operate value adding services.

Responsible for providing and operating value-adding services, service owners benefit from IDPs by having a centralized platform that simplifies service management, reduces manual processes, and ensures consistency across deployments.

#### **Platform Teams**

Keeps the platform running and onboards users.

Tasked with keeping the platform running and onboarding users, platform teams leverage IDPs to automate workflows, improve scalability, and ensure that the underlying infrastructure is abstracted in a way that is accessible and usable by developers.

## **Developers**

Consume services to deploy business apps.

As the primary consumers of the services provided by the platform, developers gain significant advantages from IDPs by having immediate access to the resources they need to build and deploy applications, reducing downtime and allowing them to focus on innovation.

The Kubermatic Developer Platform (KDP) is a next-generation IDP that leverages Kubernetes APIs to offer a robust, scalable, and customizable solution designed to meet the unique needs of organizations of all sizes.



# The Value of Internal Developer Platforms

IDPs are designed to abstract the complexities of infrastructure management, providing developers with a simplified, self-service interface for deploying and managing applications. This abstraction is crucial in today's fast-paced development environments, where the ability to quickly and efficiently deploy services can provide a significant competitive advantage.

### Key benefits of IDPs include



## **Centralized Service Management**

IDPs provide a unified service catalog, giving developers and platform teams a single control point for managing and deploying services. This centralization reduces the risk of inconsistencies and errors, improves collaboration, and enhances operational efficiency.



# **Automation and Efficiency**

IDPs significantly reduce the time and effort required to manage infrastructure by automating routine tasks such as service instance creation and configuration. This automation improves productivity and frees up resources that can be redirected toward more strategic initiatives.



# Scalability and Flexibility

IDPs are designed to scale with the organization's needs, whether managing a few services or thousands. The flexibility of IDPs allows organizations to tailor the platform to their specific needs, ensuring that it can adapt to changing business requirements.



# **Kubermatic Developer Platform (KDP)**

The Kubermatic Developer Platform (KDP) is a cutting-edge internal developer platform that builds on the strengths of Kubernetes and the **CNCF Sandbox project KCP**. KDP offers a comprehensive solution that integrates seamlessly into existing workflows, providing a unified platform for managing and deploying services across the organization.

#### **Kubernetes-Powered**

At its core, KDP leverages the power of Kubernetes APIs, enabling the platform to provide seamless integration with cloud-native environments. This integration ensures that KDP can support many use cases, from small startups to large enterprises with complex IT infrastructures.

## **Multi-Tenancy and Modularity**

KDP offers unparalleled multi-tenancy, allowing organizations to securely isolate and manage multiple teams or departments within the same platform. Its modular design allows for easy customization, enabling organizations to tailor the platform to their needs and integrate existing tools and services.

# **Centralized Service Catalog**

KDP includes a centralized service catalog that provides a unified view of all available services within the organization. This catalog is easily accessible by development teams, enabling them to quickly identify and deploy the needed services without the delays associated with traditional ticketing systems.



# **Key Features**



#### **Commercial Distribution**

Based on upstream kcp with "batteries included" by Kubermatic.



#### **Native Kubernetes APIs**

Easily intergrate existing operators and Crossplane into the platform.



#### Highly Customizable

Adjusts to your organisation structure and requirements.

#### **Automated Service Instance Creation**

KDP automates the process of service instance creation, reducing the time required to deploy new services from hours or days to mere seconds. This automation eliminates the need for manual intervention, reducing the risk of errors and improving overall efficiency.

#### **Customizable Platform**

KDP is highly customizable, allowing organizations to tailor the platform to fit their internal culture, policies, and governance structures. This flexibility ensures that KDP integrates seamlessly into existing workflows, providing all users a consistent and reliable experience.

## **Seamless Integration with Kubernetes APIs**

KDP's use of Kubernetes APIs ensures the platform can integrate seamlessly with existing cloud-native infrastructures, providing a consistent and reliable service management experience across all environments.

# **Service Management Flexibility**

The platform's modularity allows service owners and platform teams to easily add new services, ensuring the platform can adapt to the organization's evolving needs. This flexibility is particularly beneficial in fast-paced development environments where the ability to deploy new services quickly can provide a significant competitive advantage.



# **Technical Benefits**

#### → Efficiency Gains

By automating service deployment and management, KDP significantly reduces the time and resources required to manage IT infrastructures. This efficiency translates into cost savings and allows development teams to focus on innovation rather than administrative tasks.

## → Improved Collaboration

KDP's centralized service catalog enhances collaboration across development teams by providing a unified platform for service management. This centralization reduces communication barriers and ensures all teams can access the necessary tools and services.

## → Unmatched Multi-Tenancy

KDP allows multiple development teams to securely access and deploy services in isolated environments. Each team operates independently and separately, ensuring security, compliance, and operational efficiency across the organization.

#### → Reduced Downtime

KDP's automation capabilities minimize downtime by ensuring that services are deployed quickly and correctly. This reliability is crucial for organizations that rely on continuous service availability to support their operations.

#### → Enhanced Innovation

By freeing up resources and reducing the time spent on manual tasks, KDP enables development teams to focus on innovative projects that drive business growth. The platform's flexibility and scalability also ensure that it can support new initiatives.



# **Use Cases**





Large enterprises with multiple IT teams can use KDP to centralize and streamline their service management processes, ensuring all teams have access to the necessary resources while maintaining security and compliance.

#### **Tech Startup Ecosystems**



Startups with limited IT resources can leverage KDP to automate service deployment and management, allowing them to focus on product development and innovation without the burden of managing complex infrastructures.

# **Cloud-Native Development**



Organizations transitioning to cloud-native architectures can use KDP to manage their containerized services efficiently, ensuring they can scale their operations while maintaining control over their IT environments.



# Conclusion

The Kubermatic Developer Platform (KDP) represents a significant advancement in service management technology. By leveraging the power of Kubernetes APIs and the flexibility of the CNCF Sandbox project KCP, KDP provides a robust, scalable, and customizable platform that meets the needs of organizations of all sizes. With its automation capabilities, centralized service catalog, and multi-tenancy features, KDP streamlines service deployment and management, reducing costs, improving collaboration, and enabling innovation. As organizations evolve and grow, KDP stands ready to support their journey, providing a future-proof solution for managing complex IT environments.





# **About Kubermatic**

Kubermatic is a leader in Kubernetes and cloud-native technologies, dedicated to empowering organizations with advanced solutions that simplify and optimize IT management. Our products are designed to meet the needs of modern enterprises, providing the tools and support necessary to drive innovation and achieve business success. For more information about KDP and other Kubermatic solutions, please visit our website or contact our sales team.

# Other Resources

**CNCF KCP Project** 

Podcast on CNCF (eng)

project KCP by Marvin Beckers, Kubermatic.

Podcast on CNCF (de)

project KCP by Marvin Beckers, Kubermatic.

**CNCF Platforms White Paper** 

**Kubermatic Developer Platform** (KDP) Solution Brief