Blueprint: KubeEdge Edge Service Family (Type 1: ML Inference Offloading)

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General Blueprint Introduction

- The KubeEdge Edge Service blueprint family introduces Edge Services built on KubeEdge for various applications in mobile edge environment. The service is to enable application developers reach optimal latency/energy/performance/cost via balancing computation loads among device/edge/central DC(Cloud).
- ☐ Type I of KubeEdge Edge Service family focuses on ML Inference Offloading.
- □ Future types of this blueprint family will provide variations of end-to-end solution components around KubeEdge. E.g. hardware platform; additional service stack on top of KubeEdge



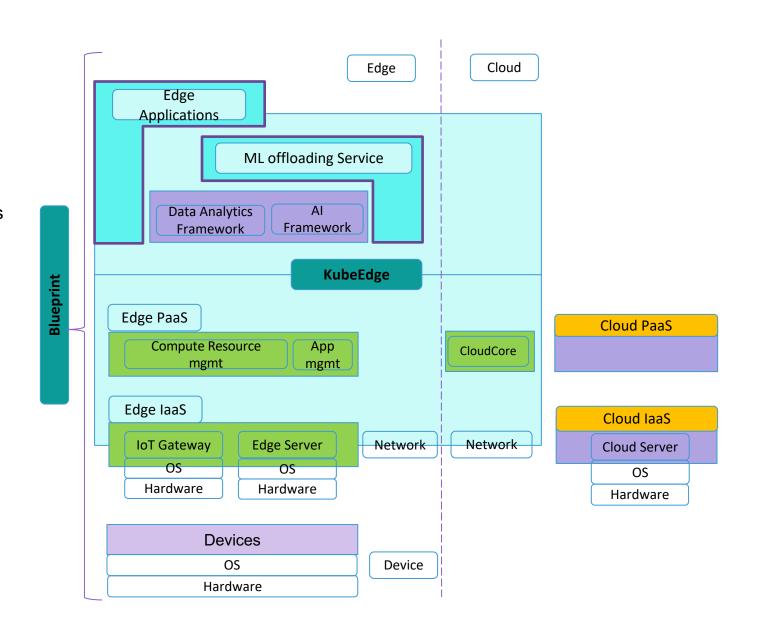
The ML Inference Offloading Blueprint Criteria

| Case Attributes | Description | Informational |
|------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Туре | New | |
| Blueprint Family | Edge offloading | |
| Use Case | Facial expression task offloading to edge node | |
| Blueprint proposed Name | The Device/Edge ML Offloading | |
| Initial POD Cost (capex) | Less than 100KUSD | |
| Scale & Type | Up to 1 servers, x86 server With nVIDIA Tesla P4/T4 GPUs | |
| Applications | Deep learning models (facial expression) offload from mobile device to Edge | |
| Power Restrictions | Less than 10Kw | |
| Infrastructure orchestration | Docker 18.09 OS – Ubuntu18.04 Python 3.5 ~3.7 CUDA>10.1 GPU driver release 19.03 | |
| PaaS | Kubedge | |
| SDN | | |
| Workload Type | Containers | |
| Additional Details | | |

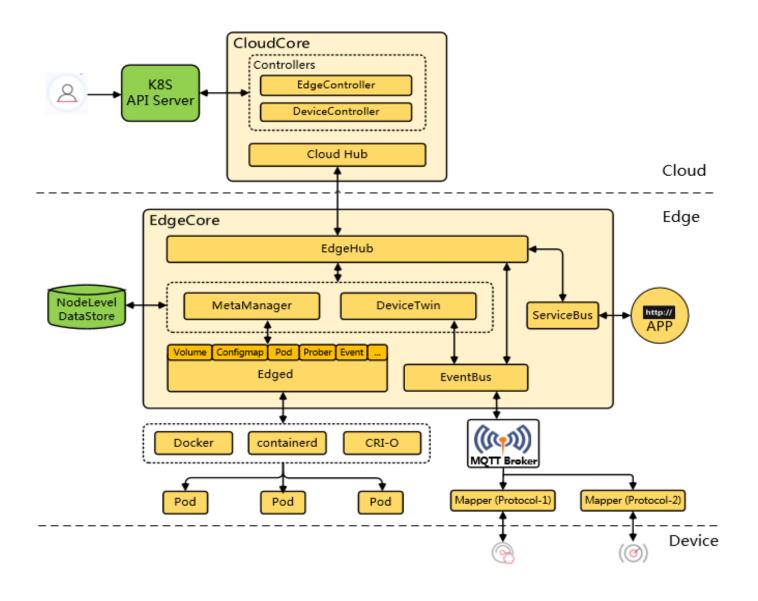


Project Background

- 1. KubeEdge is a CNCF sandbox project led by Futurewei, targeting at cloud/edge computing and networking.
- Akraino is a LF Edge open source project promoting end-to-end solutions via blueprint projects. Akraino API sub-committee releases API whitepaper to market edge stacks introduced through blueprints.



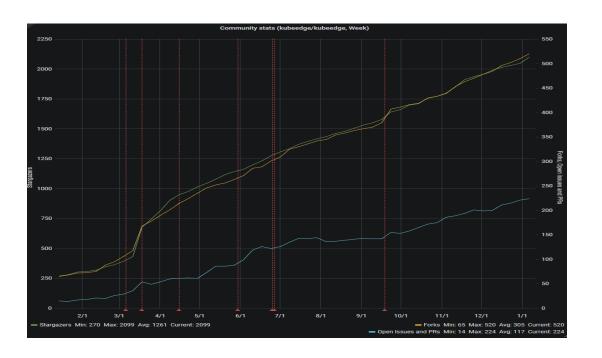
KubeEdge Infrastructure



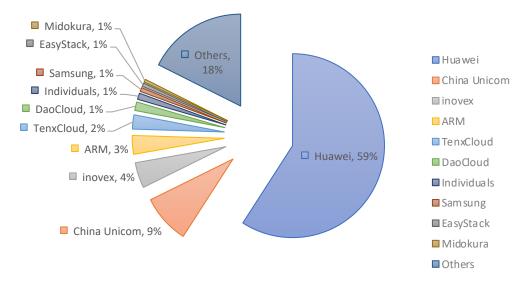
- Cloud/Edge Nodes
 Unified management
- Device and Edge Application Unified Management
- Simplified development:
 Developers can write applications, containerize them, and run them anywhere either at the Edge or in the Cloud whichever is more appropriate.
- Cloud-Native,
 Kubernetes-native
 support: Users can
 orchestrate apps, manage
 devices and monitor app
 and device status on Edge
 nodes just like a traditional
 Kubernetes cluster in the
 Cloud. Locations of edge
 nodes are transparent to
 customers. Extend K8s To
 Edge.

KubeEdge Status

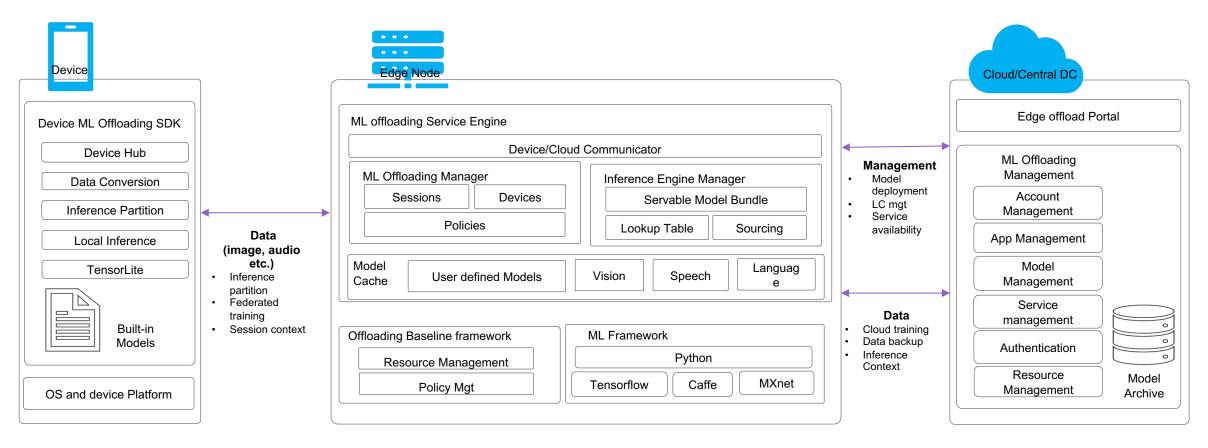
- 2019 Mar entered CNCF Sandbox
- 5 minor(feature) releases, v1.2 released 2020.2
- 2.1k+ Star, 500+ Fork on Github, 1k+ wechat members
- 250+ Contributors (90 submitted code);
 - > 10 Approvers (1 Infoblox, 1 HP, 1 Microsoft)
 - > 14 Reviewers (1 China Unicom, 1 ARM, 1 Infoblox,1 Inovex, 1 HP, 1 Microsoft)
- Over 40% PR made by non-huawei contributors in 2019







Edge ML Offloading Architecture Diagram



Device/Edge/Cloud Collaborated

ML Offloading architecture. It consists of Device(SDK), Edge offloading Service and Central management service.

Edge platform agnostic

The Edge offloading service can be deployed in any container based platforms. There is no dependency on special services from platforms. It can leverage partner services for advanced features. However those are not offloading core functions.

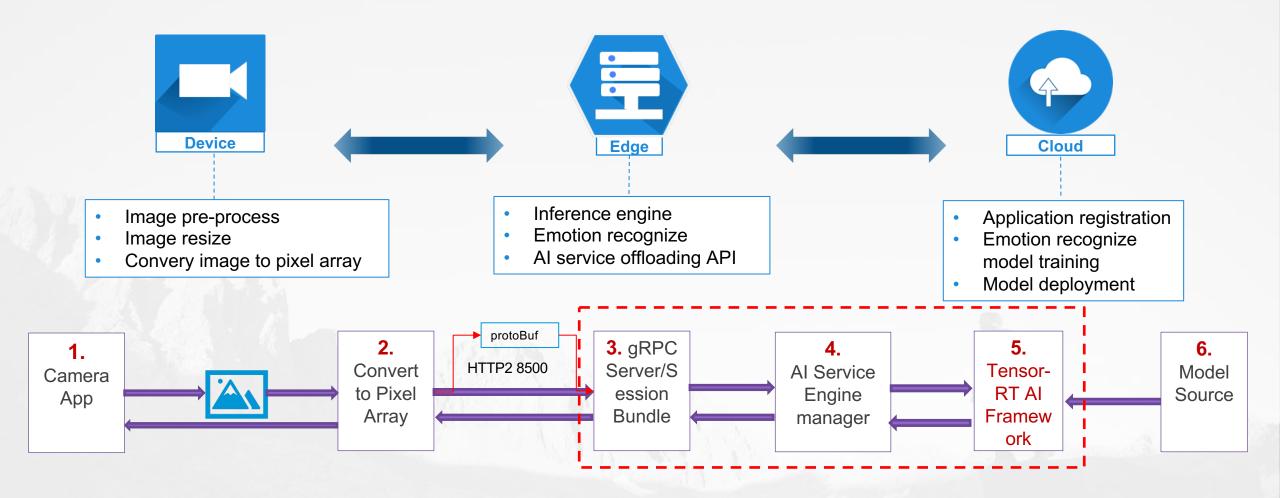
Offloading as a Service (OaaS)

OaaS can be offered to any applications which needs edge capabilities. It serves as a SaaS on top of Edge PaaS layer.

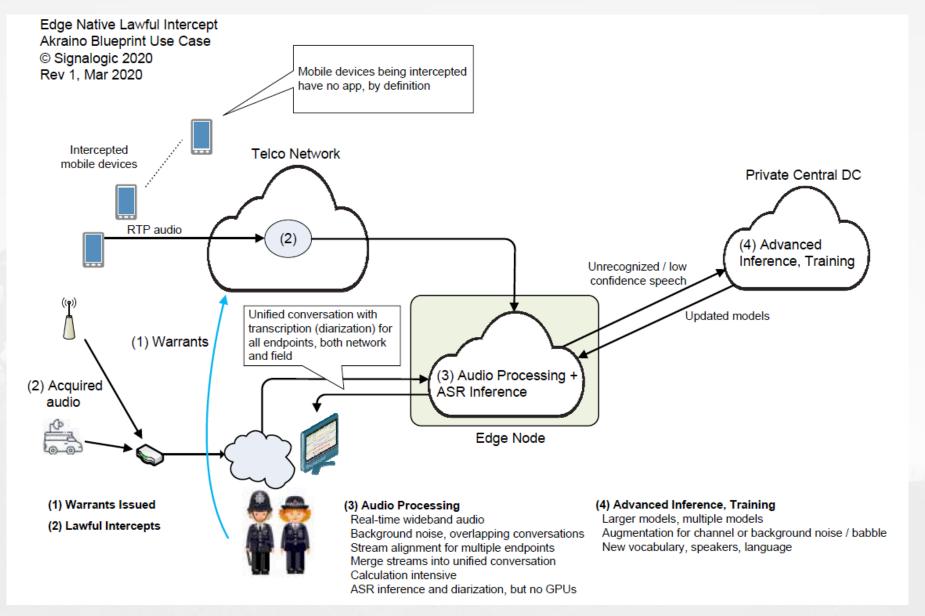
Open and Expandable Architecture

This diagram focuses on ML inference edge offloading use case. The overall architecture can be expanded to support various other ML offloading services including federated training.

Use Case 1: Device App AI model inference offloading workflow



Use Case 2: Edge Offloading Speech Recognition in Operation Field



Appendix: Assessment Criteria

| Criteria | This BP | Criteria | This BP |
|---|---|--|--|
| Each initial blueprint is encouraged to take on at least two committers from different companies | Futurewei, ARM, CMCC | Project contact name, company, and email are defined and documents | Yin.ding@futurewei.com |
| Complete all templates outlined in this documents | Detailed in this slide | Description of the project goal and its purpose are defined | A neutral Kubernetes Edge platform |
| A lab with exact configuration required by the blueprint to connect with Akraino CI and demonstrate | Validation lab hosted by | Scope and project plan are well defined | Targeting R4 |
| CD. User should demonstrate either an existing lab or the funding and commitment to build the needed configuration. | Futurewei | Resource committed and available | Yes |
| Blueprint is aligned with the Akraino Edge Stack Charter | Yes | Contributors identified | Futurewei, ARM, CMCC |
| Blueprint is code that will be developed and used with Akraino repository should use only open source software components either from upstream or Akraino projects. | Yes | Initial list of committers identified (elected/proposed by initial contributors) | Futurewei, ARM |
| For new blueprints submission, the submitter should review existing blueprints and ensure it is not a duplicate blueprint and explain how the submission differs. The functional fit of an existing blueprint for a | Yes, KubeEdge focused blueprint is new to the community | Meets Akraino TSC policies | Yes. The project will operate in an open, collaborative and ethical manner |
| use case does not prevent an additional blueprint | | Proposal has been socialized with potentially interested or affected projects and/or parties | Yes |
| Name of the project is appropriate(no trademark issues etc.); Proposed repository name is all lower-case without any special characters. | KubeEdge Edge Services | Cross Project Dependencies | KubeEdge framework |



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