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General availability of Meshery v1.0 arrives as AI-generated infrastructure configurations accelerate faster than human teams can reason about them.

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, March 23, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- At KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2026, the maintainers of Meshery today announced the general availability of Meshery v1.0, the extensible cloud native management platform now recognized as the governance layer the cloud native stack

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has long been missing. The release arrives at an inflection point: as AI-generated infrastructure configurations proliferate across Kubernetes clusters, multi-cloud environments, and GitOps pipelines, the cost of misconfiguration, configuration drift, and invisible change has never been higher.

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Meshery v1.0 answers that moment. It introduces a governance-first architecture that makes infrastructure visible, verifiable, and collaborative - establishing what the project calls Infrastructure as Design as the new operational paradigm for engineering teams navigating the AI era.

The Governance Layer Cloud Native Has Been Missing

For years, cloud native teams have assembled formidable toolchains - Kubernetes, Helm, Terraform, AWS, observability stacks - yet lacked a unified layer to govern how those components relate, change, and interact across organizational boundaries. YAML files proliferated. PR diffs grew inscrutable. Tribal knowledge calcified in the minds of
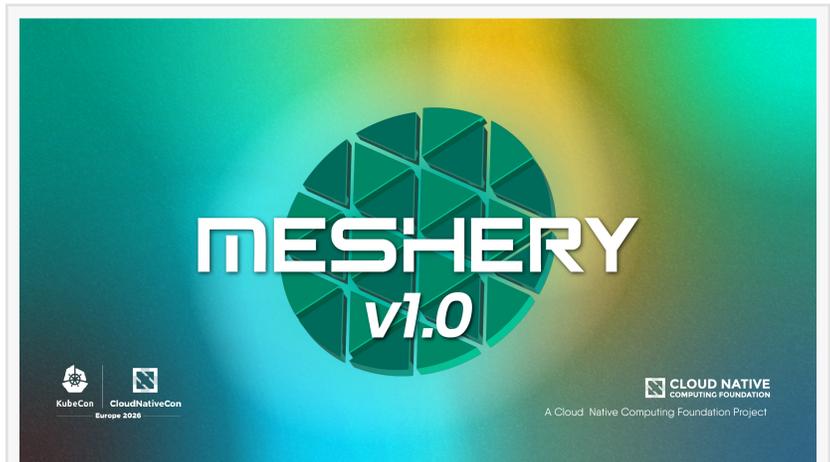
individuals rather than systems.

AI has accelerated the crisis. LLM-generated configurations can produce syntactically valid but semantically dangerous infrastructure changes at machine speed, outpacing the ability of any engineering team to perform meaningful review. The industry is not lacking automation. It is lacking oversight.

Meshery v1.0 is that oversight layer. Its visual, collaborative design surfaces make infrastructure changes - whether authored by humans or generated by AI - legible, reviewable, and governable before they reach production.
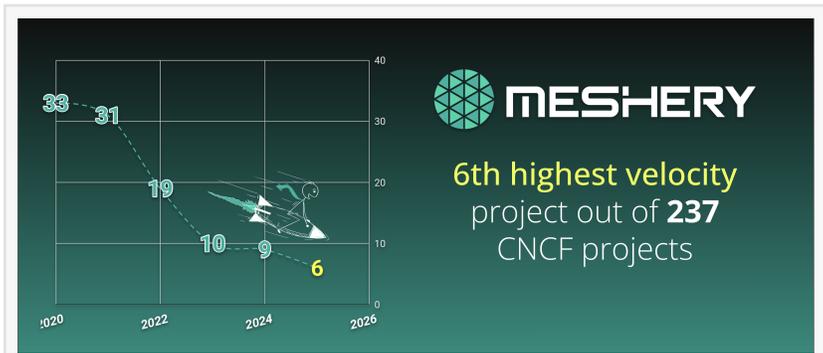
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- Lee Calcote, Meshery Creator and Maintainer

Infrastructure as Design: A New Paradigm for the AI Era

Rocket ship sandbox project, Meshery, with 3,000 open source contributors.

Platform engineers to curate a catalog of design patterns. Solution architects to design multi-cloud infrastructure.
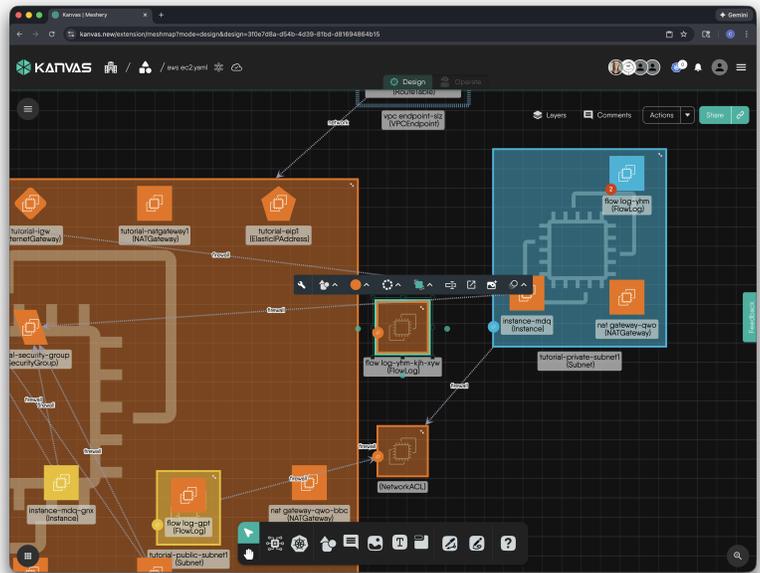
At the core of Meshery v1.0 is the Infrastructure as Design model: a shift from managing infrastructure as disconnected text files to operating it as a shared, visual, living artifact - where teams can see the blast radius of a change, review AI-suggested configurations the way they review code, and collaborate in real time across organizational boundaries.

This model is operationalized through two complementary surfaces:

1. Kanvas Designer (GA): A declarative, drag-and-drop visual design interface - "diagram as code" - where infrastructure is designed, versioned, and diff'ed as a visual artifact rather than a wall of YAML.
2. Kanvas Operator (Beta): A real-time operations surface providing live resource views and cluster management, giving SRE and platform teams continuous situational awareness across

multi-cluster, multi-cloud deployments.

Together, they deliver what no configuration management tool or cluster visualizer alone provides: a single workspace where infrastructure is designed, understood, and operated as a team sport - with human oversight explicitly built into every step of the AI-assisted workflow.

Velocity That Validates the Moment

The community behind Meshery v1.0 is itself a proof point. Meshery has been formally recognized as the [sixth highest-velocity project in the CNCF](#) - an extraordinary distinction for a project still at the Sandbox maturity level, standing out among 237 CNCF projects. Over the past year, the project recorded a 350% increase in code commits, driven by a global community of more than 3,000 contributors, 10,000 GitHub stars, and 10,000 community members. Meshery is also the #1 most applied-to internship in the Linux Foundation's LFX Mentorship program - with over 10,000 applicants - and continues as a flagship participant in Google Summer of Code. The scale of developer interest in Meshery reflects a broader industry recognition: governance tooling for cloud native infrastructure is not a niche concern. It is the next foundational layer.

Governance by Architecture: The Dual-Org Model

To govern its own explosive growth, Meshery has restructured its GitHub footprint into two distinct organizations:

1. github.com/meshery: The core platform - Meshery Operator, MeshSync, and foundational architecture - governed by core maintainers to ensure absolute v1.0 stability.
2. github.com/meshery-extensions: A community-centric space for the project's 300+ integrations, adapters, and ecosystem tooling - enabling independent teams to innovate rapidly without introducing instability into the core.

The model is itself a statement about governance: that a project serious about production-grade reliability must impose the same rigor on its own development process that it asks engineering teams to apply to their infrastructure.

Certifying the Humans Behind the Platform: The CMC Program

The AI era does not diminish the value of human expertise. It amplifies it. Recognizing this, Meshery v1.0 launches alongside the Certified Meshery Contributor (CMC) program - the [first contributor certification in the CNCF](#) - designed to validate and authenticate the proficiency of developers actively shaping the Meshery ecosystem.

The free certification comprises five exams spanning Meshery's major architectural domains: Server, CLI, UI, Models, and Extensibility. Tailored for practitioners skilled in Go, React, and OpenAPI schemas, the CMC credential formally recognizes the human expertise that keeps AI-

assisted infrastructure management safe, auditable, and correct.

"Meshery v1.0 is the culmination of years of collaborative design, relentless engineering, and a profoundly dedicated global community. Pairing our 1.0 release with a new multi-organization extension model and the CMC program perfectly encapsulates our dual mission: delivering a world-class, extensible cloud native manager, while cultivating the most inclusive, high-velocity open-source community in the CNCF."
- Sangram Rath, Meshery Maintainer

Get Involved at KubeCon EU 2026

Attendees at KubeCon EU 2026 are invited to visit the Meshery booth to experience v1.0 in action, explore the Infrastructure as Design model firsthand, and learn how to earn the Certified Meshery Contributor credential. Project maintainers will be available for briefings and technical deep-dives throughout the conference.

To download Meshery v1.0, explore the extensions ecosystem, or join the community, visit https://meshery.io.

About Meshery

Meshery is the extensible cloud native management platform that enables the collaborative design and operation of cloud native infrastructure. Supporting over 300 CNCF projects and integrations, Meshery empowers DevOps, Platform, SRE, and Application teams to confidently manage performance, configuration, and lifecycle across complex distributed systems - with governance and human oversight built in from the ground up.

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