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The Chart Template Developer's Guide

This guide provides an introduction to Helm's chart templates, with emphasis on the template language.

Templates generate manifest files, which are YAML-formatted resource descriptions that Kubernetes can understand. We'll look at how templates are structured, how they can be used, how to write Go templates, and how to debug your work.

This guide focuses on the following concepts:

- The Helm template language
- Using values
- Techniques for working with templates

This guide is oriented toward learning the ins and outs of the Helm template language. Other guides provide introductory material, examples, and best practices.



Getting Started

A quick guide on Chart templates.



Built-in Objects

Built-in objects available to templates.



Values Files

Instructions on how to use the --values flag.



Template Functions and Pipelines

Using functions in templates.



Template Function List

A list of template functions available in Helm



Flow Control

A quick overview on the flow structure within templates.



Variables

Using variables in templates.



Named Templates

How to define named templates.



Accessing Files Inside Templates

How to access files from within a template.



Creating a NOTES.txt File

How to provide instructions to your Chart users.



Subcharts and Global Values

Interacting with a subchart's and global values.



The .helmignore file

The `.helmignore` file is used to specify files you don't want to include in your helm chart.



Debugging Templates

Troubleshooting charts that are failing to deploy.



Next Steps

Wrapping up - some useful pointers to other documentation that will help you.



Appendix: YAML Techniques

A closer look at the YAML specification and how it applies to Helm.



Appendix: Go Data Types and Templates

A quick overview on variables in templates.

