

Introduction to Kubernetes

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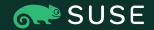


For today's session

- **1**. Introduction to Kubernetes.
- 2. Kubectl and the K8s API.
- 3. Deploying apps on K8s: Pods and Deployments.
- 4. Accessing to our apps: Services.

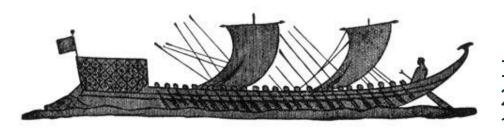


Introduction to Kubernetes



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kube...what?



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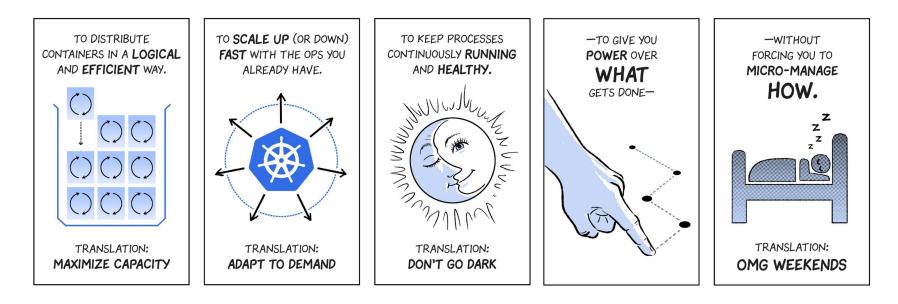


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Why do I need Kubernetes?





What is Kubernetes

- <u>Kubernetes</u> is an open-source software for automating **deployment**, **scaling**, and **management** of **containerized** applications.
- Provides a powerful API to manage distributed applications.
- Built on 15 years of experience at **Google.**
- Apache Software License.
- Now governed by the **CNCF** (Cloud Native Computing Foundation) at the **Linux Foundation**.
 - <u>landscape.cncf.io</u>
- Several Special Interest Groups (SIG).
- Open to everyone.
- Weekly hangouts.

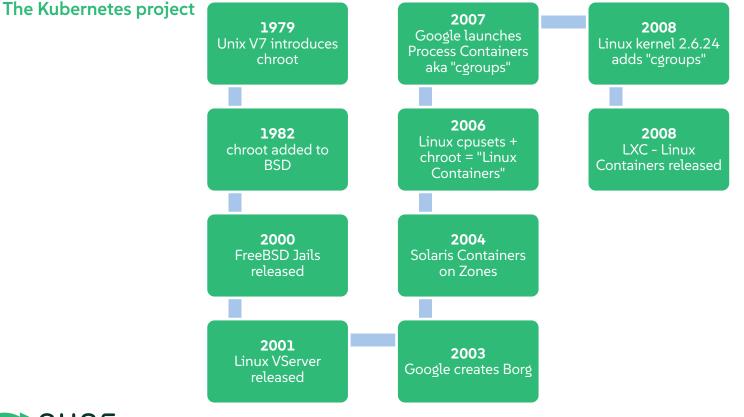


The Kubernetes project

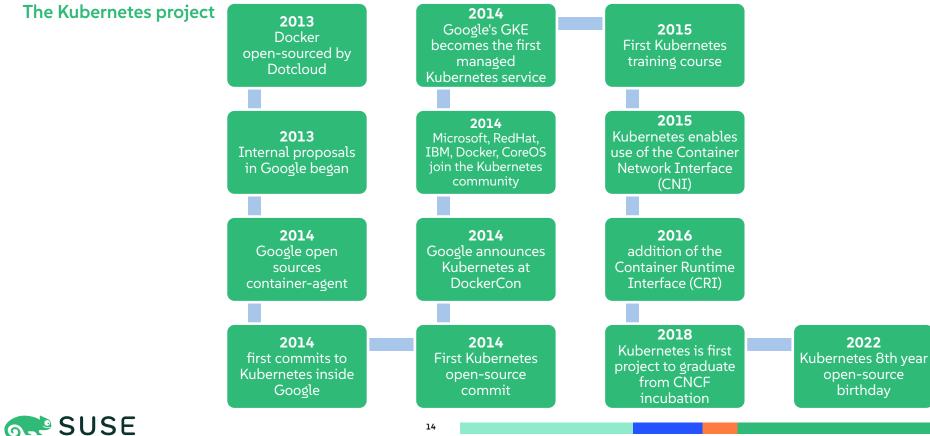
- Open-sourced in June 2014 (10 years old).
- +3.7K <u>contributors</u>.
- ~126K <u>commits</u>.
- Google and other companies are lead contributors
 - Check <u>contributions by company</u>.
 - SUSE has +150 commits in the project
- +203K **people** on Slack (<u>kubernetes.slack.com</u>).
- 1 major release every 3 months (<u>currently 1.31</u>).



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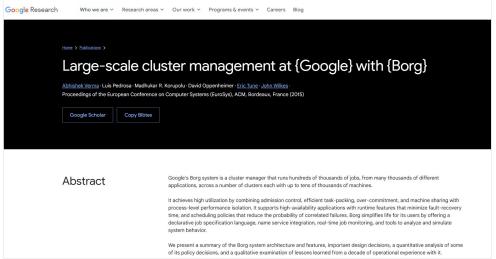


Should I learn Kubernetes?

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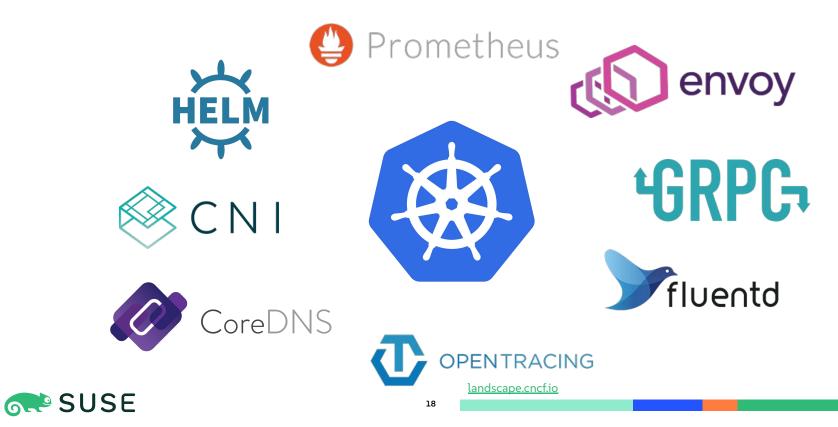
Origin of K8s: Borg

- **Borg** was a **Google** secret for a long time.
- Orchestration system to **manage all Google applications** at scale.
- Finally described publicly in **2015**.
- **Paper** explaining ideas behind Kubernetes.

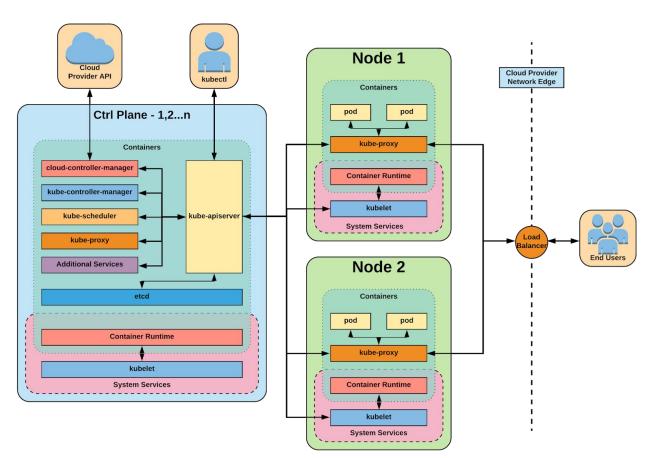




Kubernetes lineage



Architectural overview



Picture from Introduction to Kubernetes



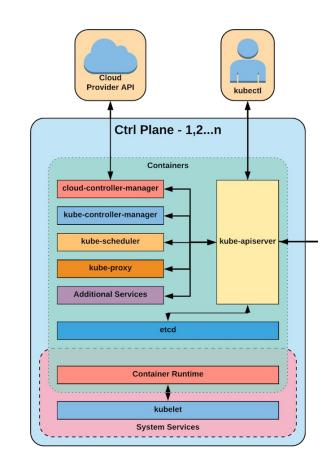
Inside a control plane

• kube-apiserver:

• It is where the cluster is **administered**, it implements a **REST API** (*kubectl* talks to this API).

• etcd:

- Lightweight and distributed **key-value storage**.
- kube-controller-manager:
 - Monitors the **cluster state** and steers the cluster towards the **desired state**.
- kube-scheduler:
 - **Assigns workloads** to each node, selecting the best one.

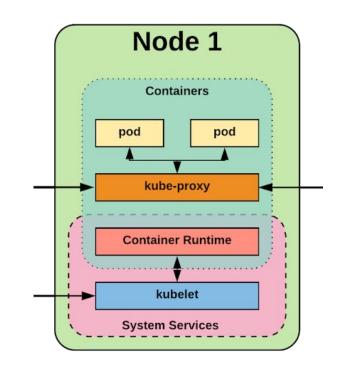


Picture from Introduction to Kubernetes



Inside a node

- kubelet:
 - Interacts with the control plane and **etcd** and receives **workloads**.
- kube-proxy:
 - Forward the workloads to the container.
- Container Runtime Engine:
 - It is the container runtime, such as Containerd (~Docker), Rkt, CRI-o, Kata, Virtlet, etc...





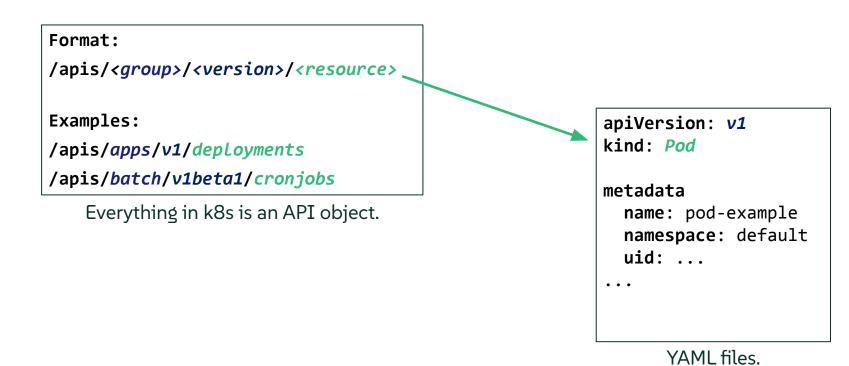
A tour of web resources

- <u>Kubernetes Documentation</u>.
- <u>Cloud Native Computing Foundation</u>.
- <u>Kubernetes · GitHub</u>.
- <u>Rancher Academy</u>.





API overview: everything is an API object





API overview: kubectl

• **kubectl** is the way to interact with the k8s API:



- **command** operation to execute.
- type k8s API resource.
- **name** name of the resource.
- **flags** optional arguments.



Install kubectl

• Install the **kubectl** binary:

```
# Linux
> curl -Lo "https://dl.k8s.io/release/$(curl -L -s
https://dl.k8s.io/release/stable.txt)/bin/linux/amd64/kubectl"
> chmod +x ./kubectl
# MacOS
> curl -Lo "https://dl.k8s.io/release/$(curl -L -s
https://dl.k8s.io/release/stable.txt)/bin/darwin/amd64/kubectl"
> chmod +x ./kubectl
> sudo mv ./kubectl /usr/local/bin/kubectl
```

Find detailed instructions to install it on Linux, MacOS or Windows on the <u>Kubernetes documentation</u>.



But... I need a k8s cluster!

- For learning and developing:
 - <u>Killercoda</u>
 - o <u>Kind</u>
 - o <u>Minikube</u>
 - o <u>Kubeadm</u>
 - o <u>Microk8s</u>
 - o <u>K3s</u>
 - o <u>k3d</u>

- **Production-grade** Kubernetes distributions:
 - On-premise k8s (~private cloud)
 - Bare-metal deployment
 - RKE2
 - Managed-clusters on public clouds
 - <u>GKE, EKS, AKS,</u>...
- Managing multiple Kubernetes clusters in a consolidated way:





Bootstrapping a simple cluster: k3d

- k3d is a lightweight wrapper to **run a Kubernetes cluster** (k3s) in a **container**.
 - Can create single and multi node clusters.
- **Prerequisite**: <u>install Docker</u>.
 - Or any container management tool, like <u>Podman</u> (<u>extra configuration required</u>)





Using k3d: installing the binary and creating a cluster

• Install the **k3d binary** and create a **cluster**:

```
# Linux
> curl -s
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/k3d-io/k3d/main/install.sh"| bash
# Create/delete a cluster
> k3d cluster create
> k3d cluster delete
```

Find detailed instructions to install it on Linux, MacOS or Windows on the $\underline{k3d \ website}$.



Using k3d: installing the binary and creating a cluster (with custom config)

- If you want to use **NodePort** or **Ingress** services,
 - the k3d cluster must be created with:

Exposing NodePort 30000 in the host system, port 30000
> k3d cluster create -p "30000:30000@agent:0" --agents 1

Exposing Ingress controller in the host system, port 8080
> k3d cluster create -p "8080:80@loadbalancer" --agents 1

Find detailed instructions on how to expose services on the <u>k3d documentation</u>.



Inspect the cluster

• Check the Kubernetes cluster is **up and running**:

```
> kubect1 cluster-info
Kubernetes control plane is running at https://0.0.0.0:65392
CoreDNS is running at
https://0.0.0.0:65392/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/kube-d
ns:dns/proxy
Metrics-server is running at
https://0.0.0.0:65392/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/https:
metrics-server:https/proxy
> kubectl get nodes
NAME
                    STATUS
                             ROLES
                                                    AGE
                                                          VERSION
k3d-k3s-cl-agent-0
                     Ready <none>
                                                     9h
                                                          v1.30.4
k3d-k3s-cl-server-0
                     Ready
                              control-plane,master
                                                     9h
                                                          v1.30.4
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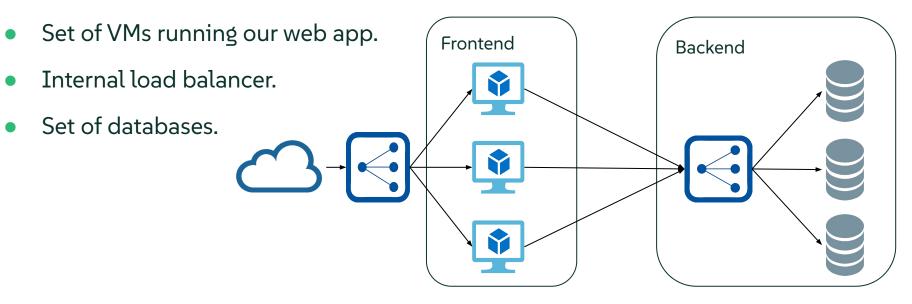
3.Deployingapps on K8s:Pods andDeployments



Application Deployment

A common scenario: web application (frontend) using a database (backend)

• External load balancer.

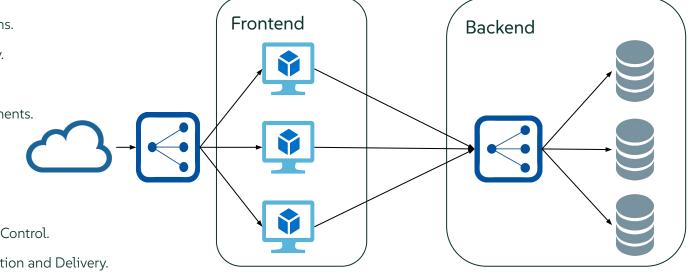




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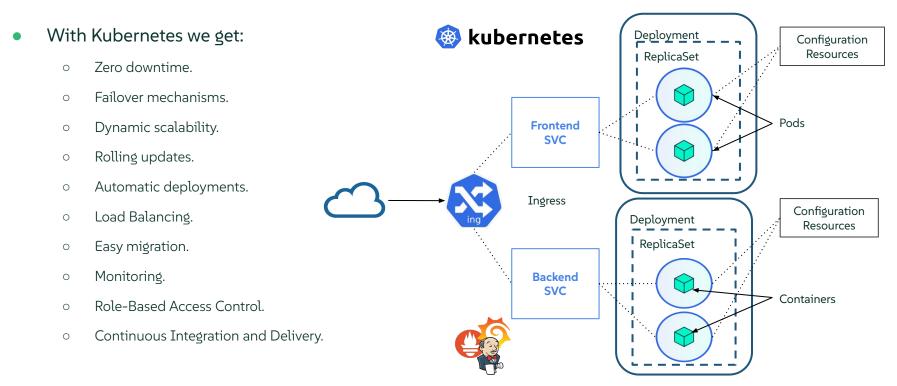
- However, this is not enough, we want:
 - Zero downtime.
 - Failover mechanisms.
 - Dynamic scalability.
 - Rolling updates.
 - Automatic deployments.
 - Load Balancing.
 - Easy migration.
 - Monitoring.
 - Role-Based Access Control.
 - Continuous Integration and Delivery.





Application Deployment

A common scenario: web application (frontend) using a database (backend)



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Pets vs Cattle

A different approach for your servers

- Pets:
 - Treated as unique.
 - Typically, manually built managed and updated.
 - Indispensable, can't be down.



• Cattle:

- Treated as "just one more".
- Automatically built.
- Designed for failure.



Read more at The History of Pets vs Cattle and How to Use the Analogy Properly

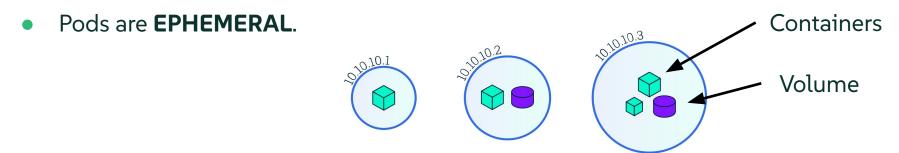


Basic Objects: Pod



What is a Pod?

- **Smallest** compute unit in Kubernetes.
 - Top level API object to run containers.
- Represents a **group** of collocated <u>containers</u> sharing **storage** resources and **IP**.
 - Pod's containers get restarted if they fail.





Basic Objects: Pod

Why pods?



- K8s is supposed to **manage containers**, but pods are the basic building block...
 - "one process, one container" principle.
 - No more VMs with dozens of applications. Use **a container per process**.
 - But... I need more than one app/process cooperating to run my service:
 - more than one container **sharing storage** and **IP** ensuring efficient communication between them.



Basic Objects: Pod



Why pods?

• Pods as a **new layer of abstraction**:

- A **container** can not only be a Docker container, but also a *Rocket container* or a *VM managed by Virtlet*. Each solution has different requirements/specifications.
- K8s needs **additional information** that a sole container doesn't have:
 - Restart policies.
 - Readiness/Liveness probes.



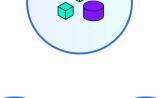
Question: multi-container or multiple pods?

NGINX and its PHP-FPM module.

Wordpress and its MariaDB database.

MongoDB primary and secondaries nodes.

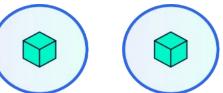


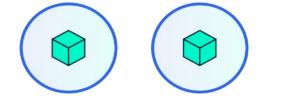


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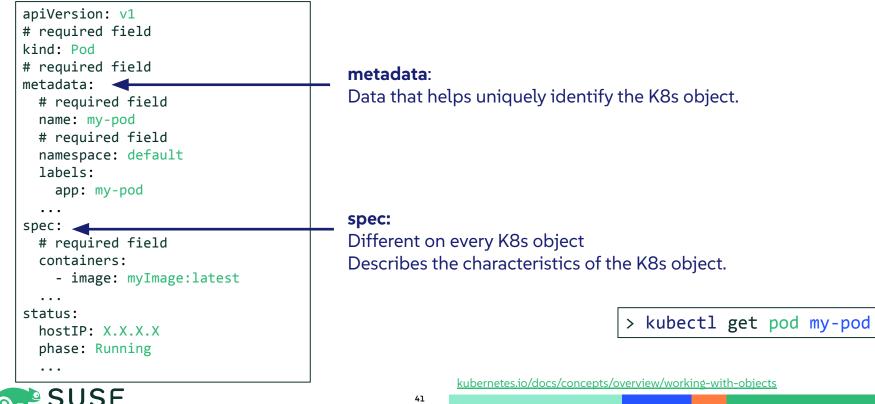






Describing K8s objects

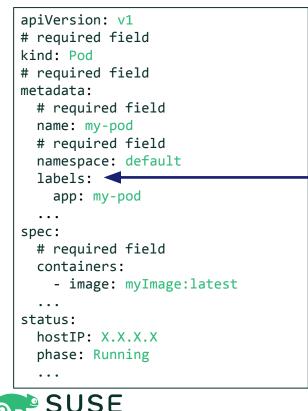
How does a K8s object look like? - Metadata and Spec





Describing K8s objects

How does a K8s object look like? - Labels





labels:

You can define your labels in the object specifications.

Labels are **key/value pairs** that are attached to objects, such as pods.

> kubectl get pod my-pod

kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/overview/working-with-objects/labels

Creating a pod



Have a look at the Pod specification.

Create your first Pod:

<pre>> kubectl create -f mongo-pod.yaml pod/mongo created</pre>				
> kube NAME mongo	ctl get READY 1/1	ood mongo STATUS Running	RESTARTS Ø	AGE 9s

kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/workloads/pod





Managing labels

<pre># Create a new label on-the-fly > kubectl label pods mongo my-label=my-value pod/mongo-labels labeled</pre>					
# Show label	s in the c	output			
> kubectl ge	et podss	how-labels	5		
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE	LABELS
mongo	1/1	Running	0	9m	my-label=my-value
<pre># Find pods > kubectl ge</pre>	-		-	to "my	y-value"
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE	
mongo	1/1	Running	0	9m	
<pre># List pods > kubectl ge</pre>			nowing the I	label	value "my-label"
-		-	RESTARTS	AGE	MY-LABEL
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• Why use labels?

- For querying and selecting resources
- e.g., force the scheduling of a Pod on a specific Node (using nodeSelector in a Pod definition).

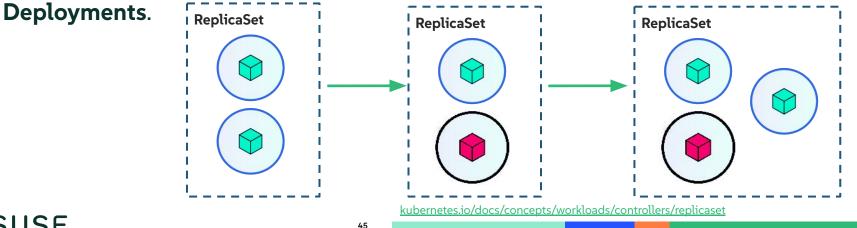


Basic Objects: ReplicaSet

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What it is?

- A **ReplicaSet** ensures that a specified number of **pod "replicas"** are running at any one time.
 - The replication controller ensures that a pod(s) are always up and available.
- We usually don't interact with a ReplicaSet, but with a higher-level object:



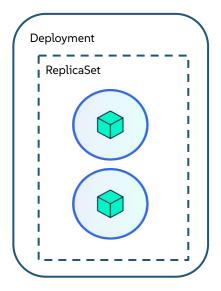


Basic Objects: Deployment

What it is?

- A **Deployment** is a higher-level concept that **manages ReplicaSets**.
- It allows several management operations like:
 - Replica management.
 - Pod scaling.
 - Rolling updates.
 - Rollback to a previous version.
 - Clean-up policies.
- Extra! StatefulSet: like a Deployment, but...
 - provides guarantees about the **ordering** and **uniqueness** of the Pods.
 - offers **stable network identities** (even if the pod is rescheduled) headless service required.
 - also offers **persistent storage** (PVC) for each Pod.

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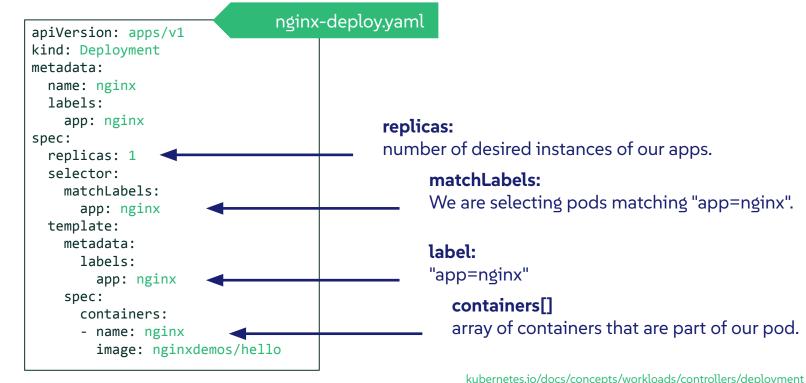






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Creating our first deployment: a simple web server with nginx



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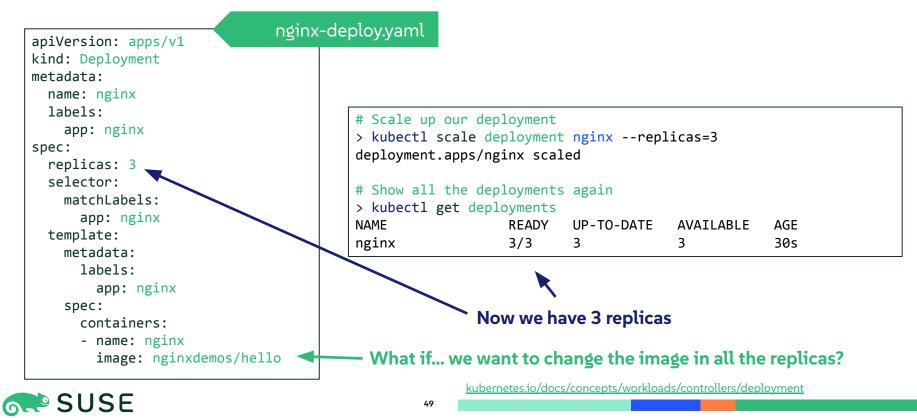
Creating our first deployment: a simple web server with nginx

apiVersion: apps/v1	ginx-deploy.yaml
<pre>kind: Deployment metadata: name: nginx labels: app: nginx spec: replicas: 1 selector: matchLabels: app: nginx template: metadata:</pre>	<pre># Create a new deployment > kubectl apply -f nginx-deploy.yaml deployment.apps/nginx # Show all the deployments > kubectl get deployments NAME READY UP-TO-DATE AVAILABLE AGE nginx 1/1 1 1 30s</pre>
<pre>labels: app: nginx spec: containers: name: nginx image: nginxdemos/hello</pre>	What if we want more replicas?

kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/workloads/controllers/deployment



Modifying the deployment replicas





Changing the image used in our deployment

<pre>kind: Deployment metadata: name: nginx labels: app: nginx spec: replicas: 3 selector:</pre>	<pre># Replace the image used in the container "nginx" > kubectl set image deployment nginx nginx=nginx:1.26-bookwormall deployment.apps/nginx image updated # Describe the deployment > kubectl describe deployment nginx Pod Template:</pre>
<pre>matchLabels: app: nginx template: metadata: labels:</pre>	Labels: app=nginx Containers: nginx: Image: nginx:1.26-bookworm
app: nginx spec:	<pre># Get all replicasets > kubectl get replicasets A new ReplicaSet is created</pre>
containers:	NAME DESIRED CURRENT READY AGE
- name: nginx	nginx-67c9d5bc66 3 3 3 30s 🗡
<pre>image: nginx:1.26-bookworu</pre>	nginx-6c46465cc6 0 0 0 9m



Rolling back a deployment

<pre># Create a deployment without writing any YAML file :) > kubectl create deployment bad-nginximage=nginx deployment.apps/bad-nginx created</pre>				
<pre># But everything is a YAML > kubectl get deployment/bad-nginx -o yaml</pre>				
<pre># Replace the image with a non-existent one and record the changes in log > kubectl set image deployment bad-nginx nginx=nginx:badallrecord deployment.apps/nginx image updated</pre>				
# The pod will be in "ErrImagePull" since the image does not exist > kubectl get pods -l app=bad-nginx				
NAME bad-nginx-69cbfbf986-4754v bad-nginx-8ff678449-vsd4l		RESTARTS 0 0	AGE 9s 49s	





Rolling back a deployment

	deployment rollou		-			
> kubectl	rollout history d	eploymen	t/bad-ngir	ıx		
REVISION	CHANGE-CAUSE					
1	<none></none>					
2	kubectl set image	deploym	ent bad-ng	ginx nginx=r	<pre>k=nginx:badall=truerecord=true</pre>	
> kubectl	ndo and come back rollout undo depl .apps/bad-nginx r	oyment/b	ad-nginx	evision		
<pre># Get the > kubectl</pre>	pods again, now i get pods	t is wor	king agair	1		
NAME		READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	5 AGE	
bad-nginx-	8ff678449-vsd41	1/1	Running	0	6m22s	



Kubectl Tips and Tricks

Mastering kubectl

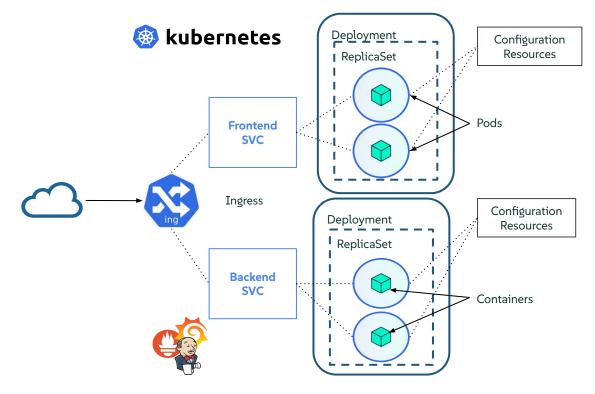
- A few things to remember about **kubectl**.
 - And if you don't, check the <u>cheat sheet</u>.

```
> kubectl config view
> kubectl config use-context
> kubectl annotate
> kubectl label
> kubectl create -f ./<DIR>
> kubectl create -f <URL>
> kubectl edit ...
> kubectl proxy ...
> kubectl exec ...
> kubectl logs ...
> kubectl get pods, deployments, services
> kubectl --v=99 ...
> kubectl describe ...
```





Kubernetes - Kubectl - Pods - Deployments





Hands on!

Guestbook – Part I

- 1. Create the **frontend** deployment.
- 2. Access the frontend using "kubectl port forward". What do you see?
- 3. Create the **backend** deployment. What now?



4. Accessing to our apps: Services



Basic Objects: Services

What it is?



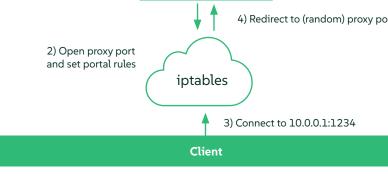
- The key question is: how do you **access your applications**?
- The answer is **Services**, yet another Kubernetes object.
 - An abstract way to **expose an application** running on a set of Pods as a network service.
 - They provide a **stable virtual endpoint** for **ephemeral Pods** in the cluster.
 - This way, other Services can target them and will be redirected to the endpoints matching the service Pod selection.



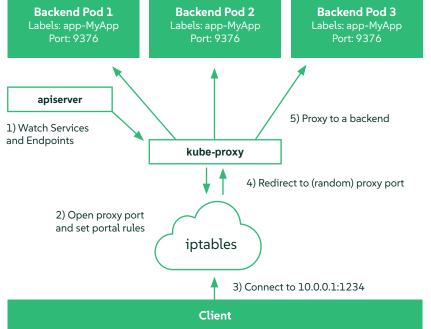
Basic Objects: Services

What it is?

- Implemented via **iptables**.
- **kube-proxy** watches K8s API for new Services and Endpoints being created.
- It opens random ports on Nodes listening on ClusterIP:Port.
 - Then forwards to a random* service 0 endpoints.
 - * defaults to round-robin in userspace.









kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/service

Basic Objects: Services

Different types of Services

ClusterIP

- Exposes the Service on a cluster-internal IP.
- It is the **default** type.
- Only provides access internally.
 - except if manually creating an external endpoint.
 - To access, run "kubectl proxy".
- Great for development.

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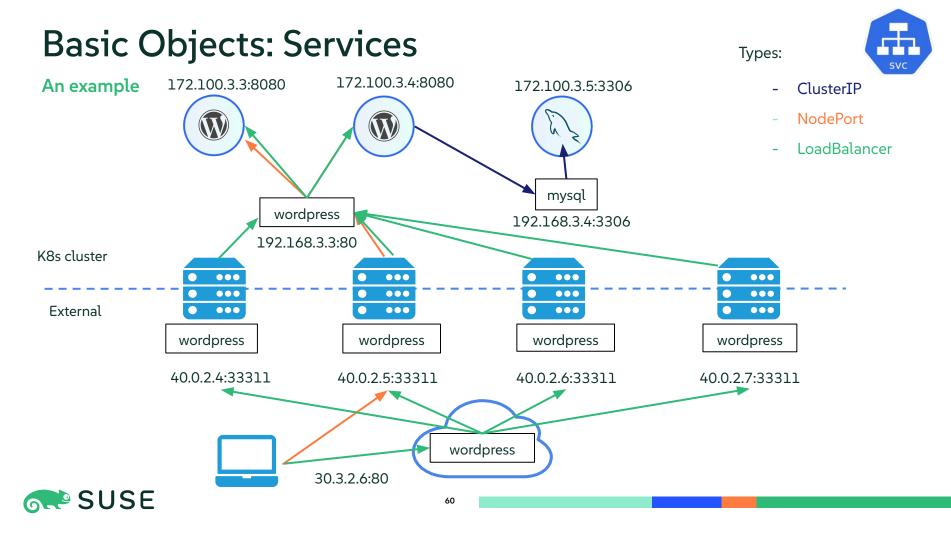
NodePort

- Exposes the Service on each Node's IP at a static port.
 - Defaults ports: 30000-32767.
 - The port may have to be open in the firewall.
- Great for debugging.
- Used for manually creating load balancers.

LoadBalancer

- Exposes the Service externally using a cloud provider's load balancer (like GKE, AKS, AWS, ...).
 - Usually add extra charges for its usage.
- Private clouds may also implement it with a Cloud Provider Plugin.
 - e.g., <u>Kind + Metalib</u> or <u>k3s's klipper-lb</u>.







Creating a service: ClusterIP + port-forwarding

Create a new deployment (or use an existent one)
> kubectl create deployment nginx-exposed --image=nginxdemos/hello
deployment.apps/nginx-exposed created
Create a service with a command
The service listens on :8080, but the container (our app) does on :80
> kubectl expose deployment/nginx-exposed --name nginx-clusterip --port=8080 --target-port=80
--type=ClusterIP
service/nginx-clusterip exposed
Local port forwarding (the service is still internal, though)
The service listened on :8080, but we will port-forward it through the :7777
> kubectl port-forward service/nginx-clusterip 7777:8080

http://localhost:7777



Creating a service

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apiVersion: v1 kind: Service metadata: name: nginx-nodeport	# Create a service # The service listens on :30000, but the container does on :80
<pre>spec: selector: app: nginx-exposed type: NodePort ports: - protocol: TCP port: 80 nodePort: 30000</pre>	<pre>> kubectl apply -f nginx-svc.yaml service/nginx-nodeport created # Get all the services > kubectl get services NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S) nginx-clusterip ClusterIP 10.96.45.45 <none> 8080/TCP nginx-nodeport NodePort 10.96.161.114 <none> 80:30000/TCP</none></none></pre>
ort: if none, it will be auto-generated.	
ontainer is listening to.	kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/service



Basic Objects: Services

Extra: DNS



- A **DNS service** is provided as a Kubernetes add-on in clusters.
 - On many distributions, this DNS service is provided **by default**.
- When a **Service** is created it **gets registered** in the DNS.
 - The DNS lookup will direct traffic to **one of the matching Pods** via the ClusterIP of the Service.
- Interesting read about Headless services.
 - Services **without a Cluster IP** will resolve to a **set of IPs** (round-robin).





Accessing a ClusterIP service from inside!

```
# Get the service "nginx-clusterip", note that it listens on :8080
> kubectl get service nginx-clusterip
NAME
                TYPE
                           CLUSTER-IP
                                          EXTERNAL-IP
                                                       PORT(S)
nginx-clusterip ClusterIP 10.96.45.45 <none>
                                                        8080/TCP
. . .
# Run curl inside a Pod that will get deleted after running the command
> kubectl run -it --rm --restart=Never busybox --image=busybox wget http://nginx-clusterip:8080
Connecting to nginx-clusterip:8080 (10.96.45.45:8080)
saving to 'index.html'
index.html
                   100% |************************
                                                           7237 0:00:00 ETA
'index.html' saved
pod "busybox" deleted
```



That is just the beginning...

Welcome to the cloud!

Much more to know about...

- Ingress.
- Persistence.
- Jobs, CronJobs and initContainers.
- Configuring your applications.
- Pod patterns.
- Packaging applications: Helm.
- Extra: multi-cluster management with Rancher.

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CKAD Curriculum

20% - Application Design and Build

- Define, build and modify container images
- Understand Jobs and CronJobs
- Understand multi-container Pod design patterns (e.g. sidecar, init and others)
- Utilize persistent and ephemeral volumes

20% - Application Deployment

- Use Kubernetes primitives to implement common deployment strategies (e.g. blue/ green or canary)
- Understand Deployments and how to perform rolling updates
- Use the Helm package manager to deploy existing packages
- 15% Application observability and maintenance
- Understand API deprecations
- Implement probes and health checks
- Use provided tools to monitor Kubernetes
 applications
- Utilize container logs
- Debugging in Kubernetes

- 25% Application Environment, Configuration and Security
 - Discover and use resources that extend Kubernetes (CRD)
 - Understand authentication, authorization and admission control
 - Understanding and defining resource requirements, limits and quotas
- Understand ConfigMaps
- Create & consume Secrets
- Understand ServiceAccounts
- Understand SecurityContexts

20% - Services & Networking

- Demonstrate basic understanding of NetworkPolicies
- Provide and troubleshoot access to applications via services
- Use Ingress rules to expose applications



Hands on!

Guestbook – Part II

- 1. Add a **Service** to the backend. What changed?
- 2. Add a **Service** for the frontend.



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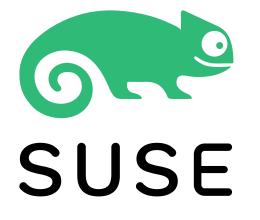
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