



Introduction to Kubernetes

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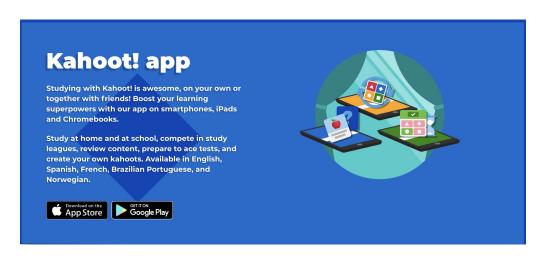


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Stay tuned for the Kahoot

We might have some prizes for you:)

- At the end of the session we will provide a Kahoot PIN
 - Join using the Kahoot app or <u>kahoot.it</u>







Agenda

For today's session

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

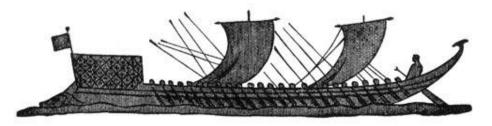


1.Introductionto Kubernetes



κυβερνήτης

kube...what?



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1.governor (leader of a region or state)

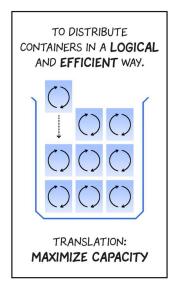
2.(nautical) captain, skipper

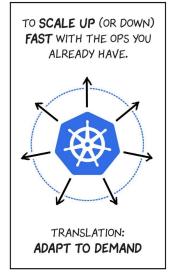
3.pilot (of an aircraft)

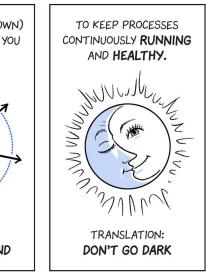


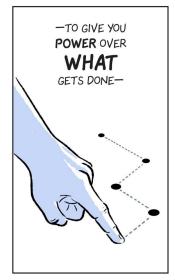


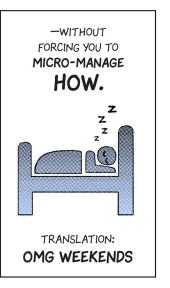
Why do I need Kubernetes?













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 <u>CNCF</u> (Cloud Native Computing Foundation) at the <u>Linux Foundation</u>.
 - o <u>landscape.cncf.io</u>
- Several Special Interest Groups (SIG).
- Open to everyone.
- Weekly hangouts.

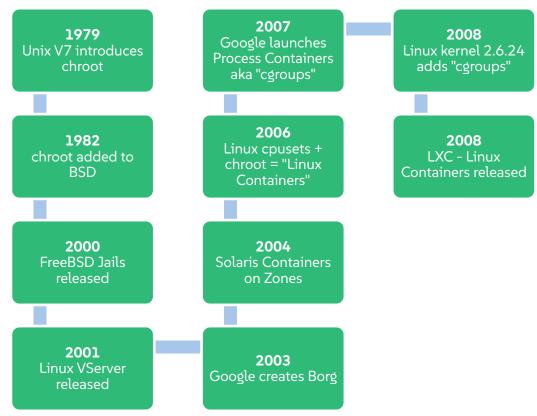


The Kubernetes project

- Open-sourced in June 2014 (11+ years old).
- +3.9K <u>contributors</u>.
- ~134K **commits.**
- Google and other companies are lead contributors
 - Check <u>contributions by company</u>.
 - SUSE has ~150 commits in the project
- +218K people on Slack (<u>kubernetes.slack.com</u>).
- 1 major release every 3 months (<u>currently 1.3</u>4).

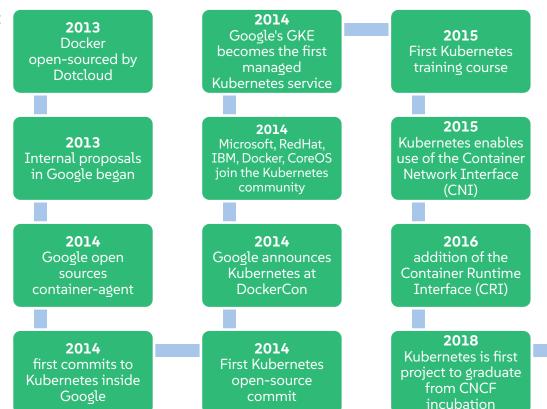


The Kubernetes project





The Kubernetes project



2022

Kubernetes 8th year

open-source

birthday



Used in several projects

















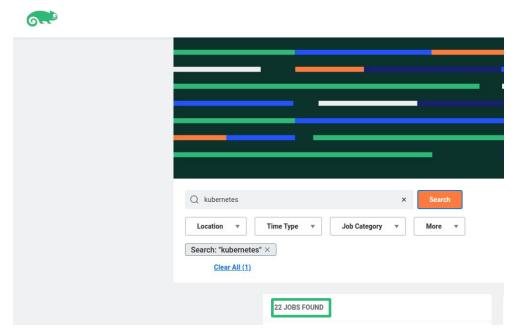


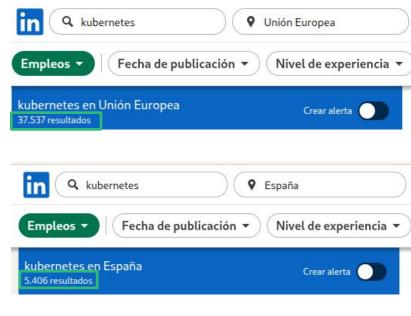


and more...



Should I learn Kubernetes?



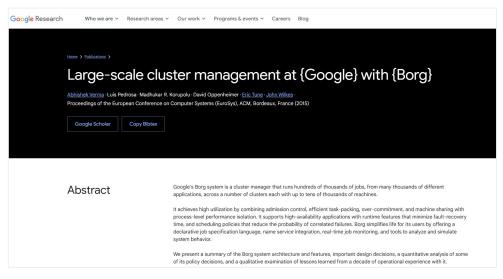


<u>iobs.suse.com</u>



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.
- <u>Paper</u> explaining ideas behind Kubernetes.





Kubernetes lineage













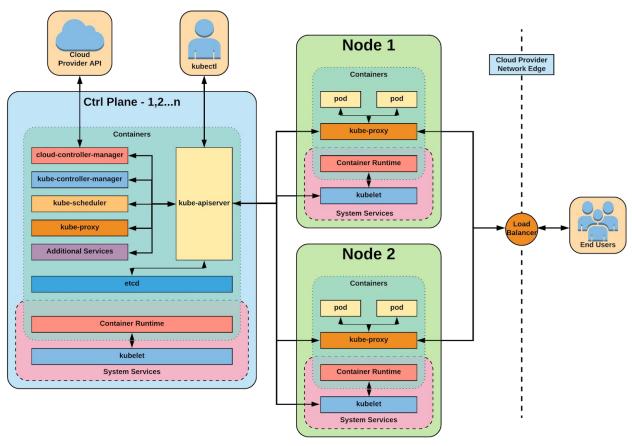








Architectural overview





Inside a control plane

kube-apiserver:

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

etcd:

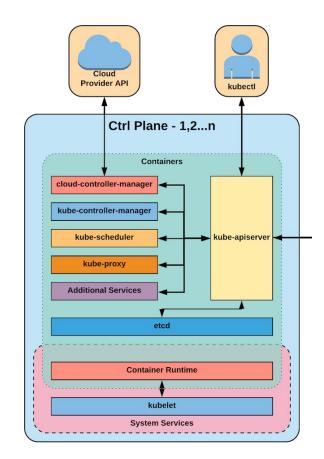
 Lightweight and distributed key-value storage.

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.





Inside a node

kubelet:

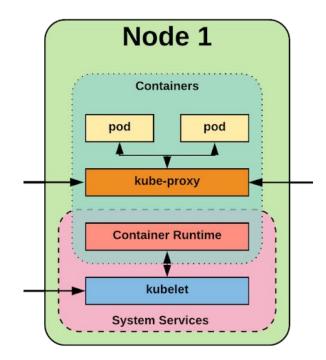
 Interacts with the control plane and etcd and receives workloads.

• 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

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

 RANCHER
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API overview: everything is an API object

Format:

/apis/<group>/<version>/<resource>

Examples:

/apis/apps/v1/deployments
/apis/batch/v1beta1/cronjobs

Everything in k8s is an API object.

apiVersion: v1

kind: Pod

metadata

name: pod-example
namespace: default

uid: ...

. . .

YAML files.



API overview: kubectl

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

- command operation to execute.
- type k8s API resource.
- o name name of the resource.
- o 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
> sudo mv ./kubectl /usr/local/bin/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:
 - o <u>Killercoda</u>
 - o Kind
 - o <u>Minikube</u>
 - o <u>Kubeadm</u>
 - o Microk8s
 - o <u>K3s</u>
 - o **k3d**

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





Bootstrapping a simple cluster: k3d

- k3d is a lightweight wrapper to **run a Kubernetes cluster** (k3s) in a **container**.
 - It's able to 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 k3d website.



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

- If you want to use NodePort or Ingress services,
 - o 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 k3d documentation.



Inspect the cluster

Check the Kubernetes cluster is up and running:

```
> kubectl 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-c1-agent-0
                     Ready <none>
                                                     9h
                                                          v1.30.4
k3d-k3s-cl-server-0
                      Ready
                              control-plane, master
                                                     9h
                                                          v1.30.4
```



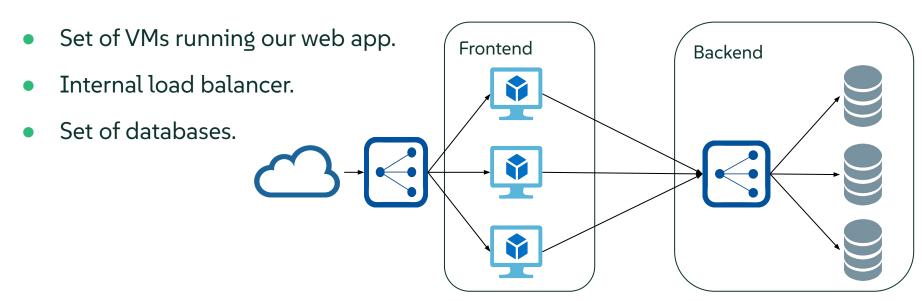
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Deploying
apps on K8s:
Pods and
Deployments



Application Deployment

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

External load balancer.

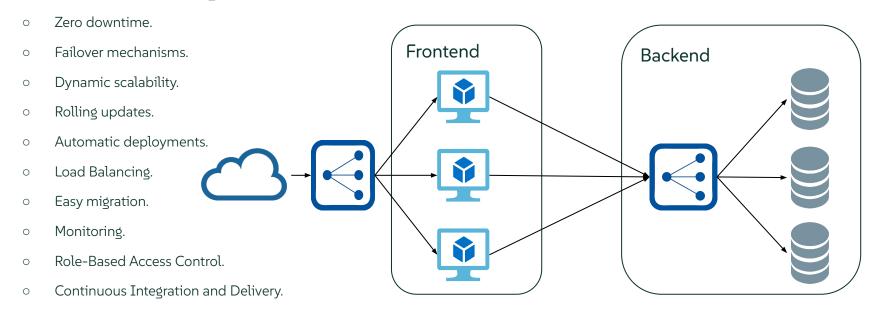




Application Deployment

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

However, this is not enough, we want:



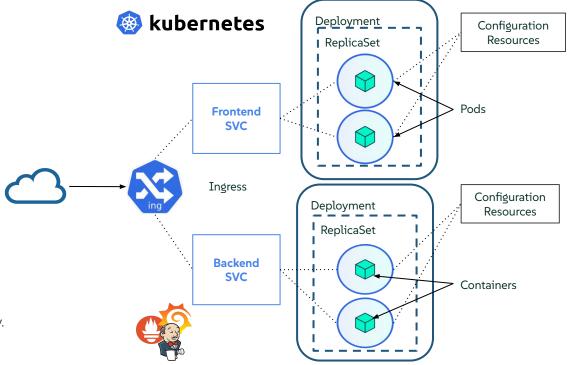


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With Kubernetes we get:

- Zero downtime.
- Failover mechanisms.
- Dynamic scalability.
- Rolling updates.
- Automatic deployments.
- Load Balancing.
- Easy migration.
- Monitoring.
- Role-Based Access Control.
- o Continuous Integration and Delivery.





Pets vs Cattle

A different approach for your servers

Pets:

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



Cattle:

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





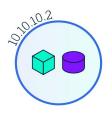
Basic Objects: Pod

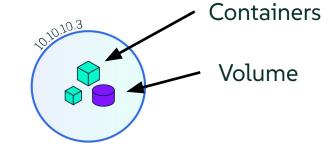


What is a Pod?

- 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.
- Pods are EPHEMERAL.









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?

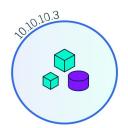
- Pods as a new layer of abstraction:
 - A container can not only be a Docker container, but also a Rocket container or a VM managed by Virtlet. Each solution has different requirements/specifications.
 - K8s needs **additional information** that a sole container doesn't have:
 - **Restart** policies.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







Describing K8s objects



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

```
apiVersion: v1
# required field
kind: Pod
# required field
metadata:
  # required field
  name: my-pod
  # required field
  namespace: default
  labels:
    app: my-pod
spec:
  # required field
  containers:
    - image: myImage:latest
status:
  hostIP: X.X.X.X
  phase: Running
```

metadata:

Data that helps uniquely identify the K8s object.

spec:

Different on every K8s object Describes the characteristics of the K8s object.

> kubectl get pod my-pod



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

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  # required field
  containers:
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status:
  hostIP: X.X.X.X
  phase: Running
```

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

apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 name: mongo
spec:
 containers:
 - image: mongo
 name: mongo

Have a look at the <u>Pod</u> specification.

mongo-pod.yaml

Create your first Pod:

```
> kubectl create -f mongo-pod.yaml
pod/mongo created
```





Managing labels

```
# Create a new label on-the-fly
> kubectl label pods mongo my-label=my-value
pod/mongo-labels labeled
# Show labels in the output
> kubectl get pods --show-labels
NAME
              READY
                      STATUS
                                RESTARTS
                                           AGE
                                                 LABELS
                                                 mv-label=my-value
                      Running
                                           9m
mongo
              1/1
# Find pods having label "my-label" equals to "my-value"
> kubectl get pods -l my-label=foo
NAME
              RFADY
                      STATUS
                                RESTARTS
                                           AGE
mongo
              1/1
                      Running
                                           9m
# List pods with a new column showing the label value "my-label"
> kubectl get pods -L my-label
NAME
              READY
                      STATUS
                                RESTARTS
                                           AGE
                                                 MY-LABEL
                      Running
              1/1
                                           9m
                                                 mv-value
mongo
```

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).



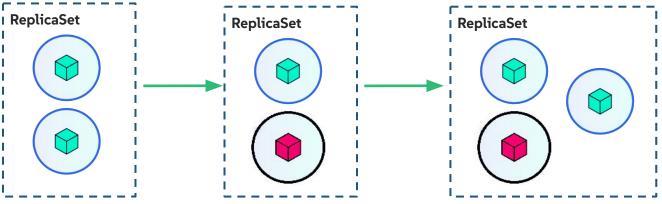
Basic Objects: ReplicaSet



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:

Deployments.





Basic Objects: Deployment

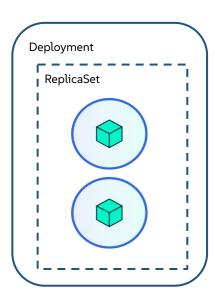


What it is?

- A Deployment is a higher-level concept that manages ReplicaSets.
- It allows several management operations like:
 - o Replica management.
 - Pod scaling.
 - o Rolling updates.
 - Rollback to a previous version.
 - o Clean-up policies.
- Extra! StatefulSet: like a Deployment, but...



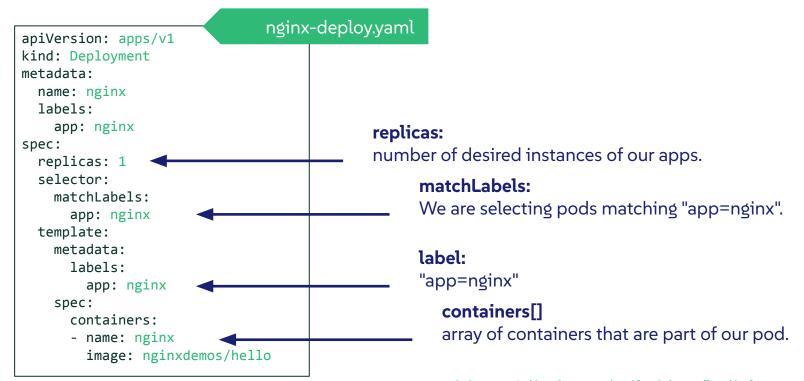
- \circ provides guarantees about the **ordering** and **uniqueness** of the Pods.
- o offers **stable network identities** (even if the pod is rescheduled) headless service required.
- o also offers **persistent storage** (PVC) for each Pod.







Creating our first deployment: a simple web server with nginx







Creating our first deployment: a simple web server with nginx

nginx-deploy.yaml

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: nginx
  labels:
    app: nginx
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: nginx
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: nginx
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: nginx
        image: nginxdemos/hello
```



What if... we want more replicas?





Modifying the deployment replicas

```
nginx-deploy.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: nginx
  labels:
                                        # Scale up our deployment
    app: nginx
                                         > kubectl scale deployment nginx --replicas=3
spec:
                                         deployment.apps/nginx scaled
  replicas: 3
  selector:
                                        # Show all the deployments again
    matchLabels:
                                         > kubectl get deployments
      app: nginx
                                        NAME
                                                            READY
                                                                    UP-TO-DATE
                                                                                 AVAILABLE
                                                                                             AGE
  template:
                                         nginx
                                                            3/3
                                                                                              30s
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: nginx
    spec:
                                                        Now we have 3 replicas
      containers:
      - name: nginx
        image: nginxdemos/hello
                                          What if... we want to change the image in all the replicas?
```





Changing the image used in our deployment

nginx-deploy.yaml apiVersion: apps/v1 kind: Deployment metadata: name: nginx labels: app: nginx spec: replicas: 3 selector: matchLabels: app: nginx template: metadata: labels: app: nginx spec: containers: - name: nginx image: nginx:1.25.5

```
# Replace the image used in the container "nginx"
> kubectl set image deployment nginx nginx=nginx:1.26.2-alpine --all
deployment.apps/nginx image updated
# Describe the deployment
> kubectl describe deployment nginx
Pod Template:
                                          The image has been
  Labels: app=nginx
                                          changed
 Containers:
  nginx:
                nginx: nginx:1.26.2-alpine
    Image:
# Get all replicasets
                                       A new ReplicaSet is created
> kubectl get replicasets
                  DESTRED
                            CURRENT
                                      READY
NAME
                                              AGE
nginx-67c9d5bc66
                                              30s
nginx-6c46465cc6
                                              9m
```





Rolling back a deployment

```
# Create a deployment without writing any YAML file :)
> kubectl create deployment bad-nginx --image=nginx
deployment.apps/bad-nginx created
# But.. everything is a YAML
> kubectl get deployment/bad-nginx -o yaml
# Replace the image with a non-existent one and record the changes in log
> kubectl set image deployment bad-nginx nginx=nginx:bad --all --record
deployment.apps/nginx image updated
# The pod will be in "ErrImagePull" since the image does not exist
> kubectl get pods -l app=bad-nginx
NAME
                            READY
                                    STATUS
                                                   RESTARTS
                                                              AGE
bad-nginx-69cbfbf986-4754v 0/1
                                    ErrImagePull
                                                              95
bad-nginx-8ff678449-vsd4l
                            1/1
                                    Running
                                                              495
```





Rolling back a deployment

```
# Get the deployment rollout history
# In revision 1 we created the deployment
> kubectl rollout history deployment/bad-nginx
REVISION CHANGE-CAUSE
1
          <none>
          kubectl set image deployment bad-nginx nginx=nginx:bad --all=true --record=true
# Let's undo and come back to the previous revision
> kubectl rollout undo deployment/bad-nginx
deployment.apps/bad-nginx rolled back
# Get the pods again, now it is working again
> kubectl get pods
NAME
                            READY
                                    STATUS
                                              RESTARTS
                                                         AGE
bad-nginx-8ff678449-vsd41
                            1/1
                                    Running
                                                         6m22s
```



Kubectl Tips and Tricks

Mastering kubectl

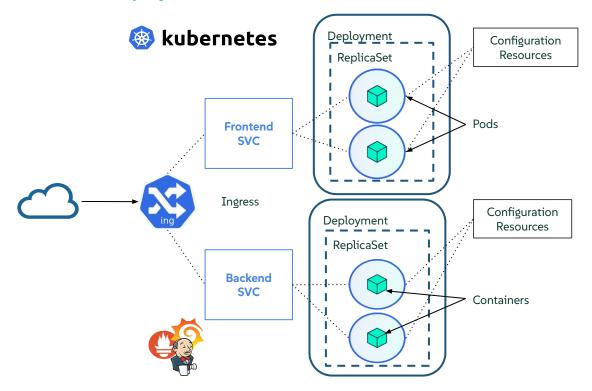
- A few things to remember about kubectl.
 - And if you don't, check the <u>cheat sheet</u>.

```
> 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 ...
```



Quick recap

Kubernetes - Kubectl - Pods - Deployments





4. Accessing to our apps: Services





What it is?

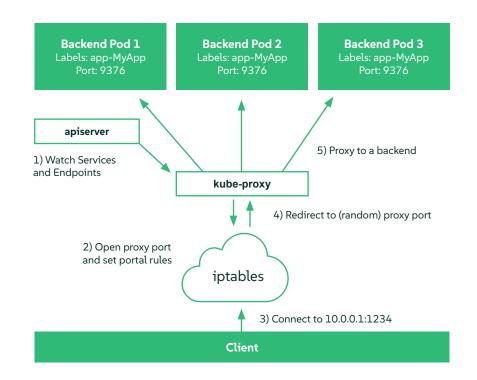
- The key question is: how do you access your applications?
- The answer is Services, yet another Kubernetes object.
 - An abstract way to expose an application running on a set of Pods as a network service.
 - They provide a stable virtual endpoint for ephemeral Pods in the cluster.
 - This way, other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



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 endpoints.
 - * defaults to round-robin in userspace.







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



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.

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>.



Basic Objects: Services Types: 172.100.3.4:8080 172.100.3.3:8080 An example 172.100.3.5:3306 ClusterIP **NodePort** LoadBalancer mysql wordpress 192.168.3.4:3306 192.168.3.3:80 K8s cluster ••• ... ••• ••• ••• ... ••• ... External ••• ••• ••• ••• wordpress wordpress wordpress wordpress 40.0.2.4:33311 40.0.2.5:33311 40.0.2.6:33311 40.0.2.7:33311



30.3.2.6:80

wordpress



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

```
nginx-svc.yaml
   apiVersion: v1
   kind: Service
   metadata:
     name: nginx-nodeport
   spec:
     selector:
         app: nginx-exposed
     type: NodePort
     ports:
       - protocol: TCP
         port: 80
         nodePort: 30000
                      nodePort:
                      if none, it will be
port:
the port that the
                      auto-generated.
```

```
# Create a service
# The service listens on :30000, but the container does on :80
> kubectl apply -f nginx-svc.yaml
service/nginx-nodeport created
# Get all the services
> kubectl get services
NAME
                TYPF
                            CLUSTER-TP
                                            EXTERNAL-IP
                                                          PORT(S)
nginx-clusterip ClusterIP 10.96.45.45
                                            <none>
                                                          8080/TCP
nginx-nodeport NodePort
                            10.96.161.114
                                                      80:30000/TCP
                                            <none>
# Find out which is the IP of our cluster
> kubectl cluster-info
Kubernetes control plane is running at https://127.0.0.1:57589
```

http://127.0.0.1:30000

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

container is listening to.



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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20% - Application Design and Build

- · Define, build and modify container images
- Understand Jobs and CronJobs
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- 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

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- · Implement probes and health checks
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- Utilize container logs
- Debugging in Kubernetes

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- Create & consume Secrets
- Understand ServiceAccounts
- . Understand SecurityContexts

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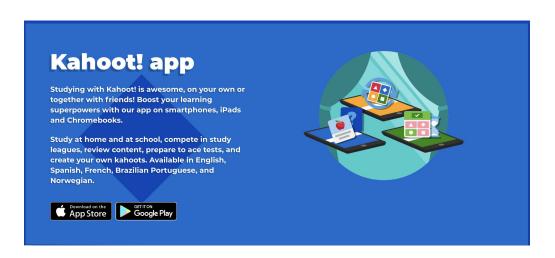
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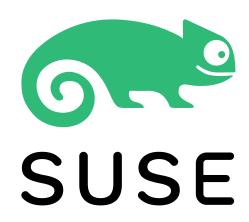
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