

□ Step-by-Step: Creating a Web Application using Kubernetes

◆ Step 1: Install Required Software

Software	Purpose	Download/Command
1. Docker	To build and run container images	🔗 https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop
2. kubectl	CLI tool to interact with Kubernetes clusters	🔗 https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/tools/
3. Minikube	Local Kubernetes cluster for testing	🔗 https://minikube.sigs.k8s.io/docs/start/
4. VS Code / IDE	To write and manage code	🔗 https://code.visualstudio.com/
5. Web Browser	To access your running web app	Chrome / Edge / Firefox

◆ Step 2: Verify Installation

Open your terminal (or PowerShell on Windows) and check:

docker --version

kubectl version --client

minikube version

◆ Step 3: Start a Local Kubernetes Cluster

minikube start

This command creates a local Kubernetes cluster using Docker as the driver.

Check cluster status:

kubectl get nodes

You should see one node named something like minikube.

◆ Step 4: Create a Simple Web Application

Example: Python Flask App (app.py)

```
from flask import Flask  
app = Flask(__name__)  
  
@app.route('/')  
def home():  
    return "Hello from Kubernetes!"  
  
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=5000)
```

Create a requirements.txt

flask

◆ Step 5: Create a Dockerfile

```
FROM python:3.9-slim  
WORKDIR /app  
COPY . /app  
RUN pip install -r requirements.txt  
CMD ["python", "app.py"]
```

◆ Step 6: Build and Run Docker Image

```
docker build -t flask-k8s-app .  
docker run -p 5000:5000 flask-k8s-app  
 Open browser → http://localhost:5000 → You should see  
“Hello from Kubernetes!”
```

◆ Step 7: Create Kubernetes Deployment and Service Files

deployment.yaml

```
apiVersion: apps/v1  
kind: Deployment  
metadata:  
  name: flask-deployment
```

```
spec:  
  replicas: 2  
  selector:  
    matchLabels:  
      app: flask-app  
  template:  
    metadata:  
      labels:  
        app: flask-app  
    spec:  
      containers:  
        - name: flask-container  
          image: flask-k8s-app  
      ports:  
        - containerPort: 5000
```

service.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1  
kind: Service  
metadata:  
  name: flask-service  
spec:  
  type: NodePort  
  selector:  
    app: flask-app  
  ports:  
    - port: 5000  
      targetPort: 5000  
      nodePort: 30007
```

Step 8: Apply Deployment and Service

```
kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
```

```
kubectl apply -f service.yaml
```

Check status:

```
kubectl get pods
```

```
kubectl get svc
```

◆ Step 9: Access the Web App

Start Minikube tunnel or get the URL:

```
minikube service flask-service
```

It will open your web app in the browser — running inside Kubernetes!

◆ Step 10: Manage Your Cluster

Command	Description
kubectl get pods	Lists running pods
kubectl logs <pod-name>	Shows app logs
kubectl delete -f deployment.yaml	Deletes deployment
minikube stop	Stops cluster
minikube delete	Removes cluster

□ Optional (For Production)

If deploying to a cloud platform:

- Use **Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE)**, **AWS EKS**, or **Azure AKS**
- Push your image to **Docker Hub** or **Google Container Registry**
- Update the image path in your deployment YAML file.