

Lab Exercise 9- Managing Namespaces in Kubernetes

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Step 1: Understand Namespaces

Namespaces provide a mechanism for scoping resources in a cluster. Namespaces can be used to:

- Create environments for different applications or teams.
- Apply policies like resource quotas or network policies on a per-namespace basis.
- Separate operational environments (like development and production).

Step 2: List Existing Namespaces

To list all the namespaces in your Kubernetes cluster:

kubectl get namespaces		
adityatomar@Mac ~ % kubectl get namespaces		
NAME	STATUS	AGE
default	Active	20d
kube-node-lease	Active	20d
kube-public	Active	20d
kube-system	Active	20d

You will typically see default namespaces like default, kube-system, and kube-public.

Step 3: Create a Namespace

You can create a namespace using a YAML file or directly with the `kubectl` command.

Using YAML File

Create a file named ***my-namespace.yaml*** with the following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  name: my-namespace
```

```
! my-namespace.yaml
1  apiVersion: v1
2  kind: Namespace
3  metadata:
4    name: my-namespace
5
```

Apply this YAML to create the namespace:

```
kubectl apply -f my-namespace.yaml
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl apply -f my-namespace.yaml
namespace/my-namespace created
```

Verify that the namespace is created:

```
kubectl get namespaces
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl get namespaces
NAME                STATUS    AGE
default             Active    20d
kube-node-lease     Active    20d
kube-public         Active    20d
kube-system         Active    20d
my-namespace        Active    2m20s
```

You should see my-namespace listed in the output.

Step 4: Deploy Resources in a Namespace

Create resources such as Pods, Services, or Deployments within the new namespace.

Deploy a Pod in the Namespace

Create a YAML file named ***nginx-pod.yaml*** with the following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: nginx-pod
  namespace: my-namespace # Specify the namespace for the Pod.
spec:
```

```
containers:
- name: nginx
  image: nginx:latest
  ports:
  - containerPort: 80
```

```
! nginx-pod.yaml
1  apiVersion: v1
2  kind: Pod
3  metadata:
4    name: nginx-pod
5    namespace: my-namespace # Specify the namespace for the Pod.
6  spec:
7    containers:
8      - name: nginx
9        image: nginx:latest
10       ports:
11         - containerPort: 80
12
```

Apply this YAML to create the Pod:

```
kubectl apply -f nginx-pod.yaml
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl apply -f nginx-pod.yaml
pod/nginx-pod created
```

Check the status of the Pod within the namespace:

```
kubectl get pods -n my-namespace
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl get pods -n my-namespace
NAME          READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
nginx-pod     1/1     Running   0           48s
```

To describe the Pod and see detailed information:

```
kubectl describe pod nginx-pod -n my-namespace
```

```
[adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl describe pod nginx-pod -n my-namespace]
Name:          nginx-pod
Namespace:     my-namespace
Priority:       0
Service Account: default
Node:          docker-desktop/192.168.65.3
Start Time:    Mon, 11 Nov 2024 11:39:09 +0530
Labels:        <none>
Annotations:    <none>
Status:        Running
IP:            10.1.0.15
IPs:
  IP: 10.1.0.15
Containers:
  nginx:
    Container ID:  docker://078b4f8ddc238b74ab23cb83cebfd364c6490a0214ff562525d785a98195c1ff
    Image:         nginx:latest
    Image ID:      docker-pullable://nginx@sha256:28402db69fec7c17e179ea87882667f1e054391138f77ffaf0c3eb388efc3ffb
    Port:          80/TCP
    Host Port:     0/TCP
    State:         Running
      Started:     Mon, 11 Nov 2024 11:39:12 +0530
```

Create a Service in the Namespace

Create a YAML file named nginx-service.yaml with the following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: nginx-service
  namespace: my-namespace # Specify the namespace for the Service.
spec:
  selector:
    app: nginx-pod
  ports:
  - protocol: TCP
    port: 80
    targetPort: 80
  type: ClusterIP
```

```
! nginx-service.yaml
1  apiVersion: v1
2  kind: Service
3  metadata:
4    name: nginx-service
5    namespace: my-namespace # Specify the namespace for the Service.
6  spec:
7    selector:
8      app: nginx-pod
9    ports:
10   - protocol: TCP
11     port: 80
12     targetPort: 80
13   type: ClusterIP
14
```

Apply this YAML to create the Service:

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

```
[adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl apply -f nginx-service.yaml]
service/nginx-service created
```

Check the status of the Service within the namespace:

```
kubectl get services -n my-namespace
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl get services -n my-namespace
NAME          TYPE          CLUSTER-IP    EXTERNAL-IP    PORT(S)    AGE
nginx-service ClusterIP      10.109.209.22 <none>         80/TCP     47s
```

To describe the Service and see detailed information:

```
kubectl describe service nginx-service -n my-namespace
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl describe service nginx-service -n my-namespace
Name:          nginx-service
Namespace:     my-namespace
Labels:        <none>
Annotations:   <none>
Selector:      app=nginx-pod
Type:          ClusterIP
IP Family Policy: SingleStack
IP Families:   IPv4
IP:            10.109.209.22
IPs:           10.109.209.22
Port:          <unset> 80/TCP
TargetPort:    80/TCP
Endpoints:     <none>
Session Affinity: None
Events:        <none>
```

Step 5: Switching Context Between Namespaces

When working with multiple namespaces, you can specify the namespace in kubectl commands or switch the default context.

Specify Namespace in Commands

You can specify the namespace directly in kubectl commands using the `-n` or `--namespace` flag:

```
kubectl get pods -n my-namespace
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl get pods -n my-namespace
NAME          READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
nginx-pod     1/1     Running   0           7m1s
```

Set Default Namespace for kubectl Commands

To avoid specifying the namespace every time, you can set the default namespace for the current context:

```
kubectl config set-context --current --namespace=my-namespace
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl config set-context --current --namespace=my-namespace
Context "docker-desktop" modified.
```

Verify the current context's namespace:

```
kubectl config view --minify | grep namespace:
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl config view --minify | grep namespace:
    namespace: my-namespace
```

Step 6: Clean Up Resources

To delete the resources and the namespace you created:

```
kubectl delete -f nginx-pod.yaml
kubectl delete -f nginx-service.yaml
kubectl delete namespace my-namespace
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl delete -f nginx-pod.yaml
kubectl delete -f nginx-service.yaml
kubectl delete namespace my-namespace

error: the path "nginx-pod.yaml" does not exist
service "nginx-service" deleted
namespace "my-namespace" deleted
```

Ensure that the namespace and all its resources are deleted:

```
kubectl get namespaces
```

```
adityatomar@Mac Kubernetes % kubectl get namespaces
NAME                STATUS   AGE
default             Active   20d
kube-node-lease     Active   20d
kube-public         Active   20d
kube-system         Active   20d
```