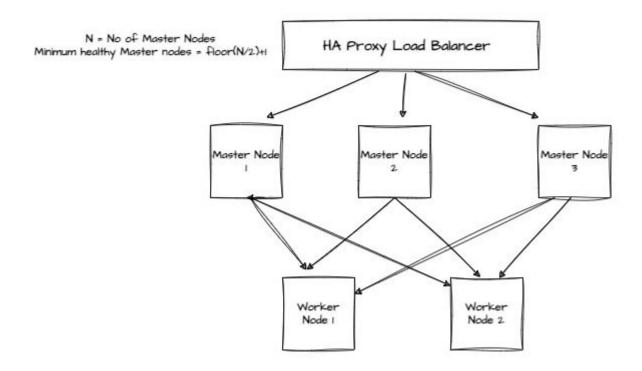
High Availability Kubernetes Cluster



Highly Available K8s Cluster

To set up a highly available Kubernetes cluster with two master nodes and three worker nodes without using a cloud load balancer, you can use a virtual machine to act as a load balancer for the API server. Here are the detailed steps for setting up such a cluster:

Prerequisites

- 3 master nodes
- 3 worker nodes
- 1 load balancer node
- All nodes should be running a Linux distribution like Ubuntu

Step 1: Prepare the Load Balancer Node

1. Install HAProxy:

sudo apt-get update sudo apt-get install -y haproxy

2. Configure HAProxy: Edit the HAProxy configuration file (/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg): sudo nano /etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg

Add the following configuration:

frontend kubernetes-frontend

bind *:6443

option tcplog

mode tcp

default backend kubernetes-backend

backend kubernetes-backend

mode tcp

balance roundrobin

option tcp-check

server master1 < MASTER1 IP>:6443 check

server master2 < MASTER2 IP>:6443 check

3. Restart HAProxy:

sudo systemctl restart haproxy

Step 2: Prepare All Nodes (Masters and Workers)

1. Install Docker, kubeadm, kubelet, and kubectl:

sudo apt-get update

sudo apt install docker.io -y

sudo chmod 666 /var/run/docker.sock

sudo apt-get install -y apt-transport-https ca-certificates curl gnupg

sudo mkdir -p -m 755 /etc/apt/keyrings

curl -fsSL https://pkgs.k8s.io/core:/stable:/v1.30/deb/Release.key | sudo gpg --dearmor -o

/etc/apt/keyrings/kubernetes-apt-keyring.gpg

echo 'deb [signed-by=/etc/apt/keyrings/kubernetes-apt-keyring.gpg]

https://pkgs.k8s.io/core:/stable:/v1.30/deb/ /' | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/kubernetes.list

sudo apt update

sudo apt install -y kubeadm=1.30.0-1.1 kubelet=1.30.0-1.1 kubectl=1.30.0-1.1

Step 3: Initialize the First Master Node

1. Initialize the first master node:

sudo kubeadm init --control-plane-endpoint "LOAD_BALANCER_IP:6443" --upload-certs --pod-network-cidr=10.244.0.0/16

2. Set up kubeconfig for the first master node:

mkdir -p \$HOME/.kube

sudo cp -i /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf \$HOME/.kube/config

sudo chown \$(id -u):\$(id -g) \$HOME/.kube/config

3. Install Calico network plugin:

kubectl apply -f https://docs.projectcalico.org/manifests/calico.yaml

4. Install Ingress-NGINX Controller:

kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes/ingress-nginx/controller-v0.49.0/deploy/static/provider/baremetal/deploy.yaml

Step 4: Join the Second & third Master Node

You can now join any number of the control-plane node running the following command on each as root:

kubeadm join 13.234.120.104:6443 --token bfugml.64jh62uu73814a3s \
--discovery-token-ca-cert-hash sha256:07a6d4a097c1427d541f9f057d7584ec08f49c23859e133883eece6f334ff2b0 \
--control-plane --certificate-key 8a3820db3d4c5342d0a654c9a29ceadc73c79aa8959f5098bc0ea78822878448

Please note that the certificate-key gives access to cluster sensitive data, keep it secret!

2. Set up kubeconfig for the second and third master node:

```
mkdir -p $HOME/.kube
sudo cp -i /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf $HOME/.kube/config
sudo chown $(id -u):$(id -g) $HOME/.kube/config
```

Step 5: Join the Worker Nodes

Step 6: Verify the Cluster

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-37-251:~$ kubectl get nodes
                                              AGE
                                                      VERSION
                   STATUS
                             ROLES
ip-172-31-37-251
                             control-plane
                                              12m
                                                       v1.30.0
                   Ready
                                                      v1.30.0
ip-172-31-40-145
                                              72s
                   Ready
                             <none>
                   Ready
  -172-31-40-188
                             <none>
                                              60s
                                                       v1.30.0
ip-172-31-40-73
                                                      v1.30.0
                   Ready
                             control-plane
                                              6m12s
ip-172-31-42-100
                  Ready
                             control-plane
                                              6m29s
                                                       v1.30.0
ubuntu@ip-172-31-37-251:~$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-37-251:~$
  i-088ff315cc59a1415 (K8s-M1)
 PublicIPs: 3.109.143.146 PrivateIPs: 172.31.37.251
```

By following these steps, you will have a highly available Kubernetes cluster with three master nodes and two worker nodes, and a load balancer distributing traffic between the master nodes.

This setup ensures that if one master node fails, the other will continue to serve the API requests.

Verification

Step 1: Install etcdctl

1. Install etcdctl using apt(On Master-1)

sudo apt-get update sudo apt-get install -y etcd-client

2. Check the health of the etcd cluster:

sudo ETCDCTL_API=3 etcdctl --endpoints=https://127.0.0.1:2379 -cacert=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt --cert=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/peer.crt -key=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/peer.key endpoint health

Step 2: Verify HAProxy Configuration and Functionality

1. Configure HAProxy Stats:

Add the stats configuration to (/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg)

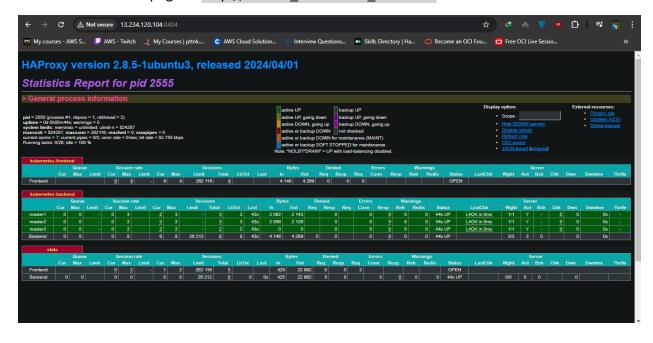
bind *:8404
mode http
stats enable
stats uri /
stats refresh 10s
stats admin if LOCALHOST

2. Restart HAProxy:

sudo systemctl restart haproxy

3. Check HAProxy Stats:

Access the stats page at http://<LOAD_BALANCER_IP>:8404.



Now let's move to Master Node 3 and save any deployment yaml file (Board Game).

You can find this file on github https://github.com/Bijan1235/Boardgame.git

Save this file as ds.yml

And the yaml file is(deployment-service.yaml);

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: Deployment # Kubernetes resource kind we are creating

metadata:

name: boardgame-deployment

spec:

selector:

matchLabels:

app: boardgame

replicas: 2 # Number of replicas that will be created for this deployment

template:

metadata:

labels:

app: boardgame

spec:

containers:

- name: boardgame

image: bijan9438/boardgame:latest # Image that will be used to containers in the cluster

imagePullPolicy: Always

ports:

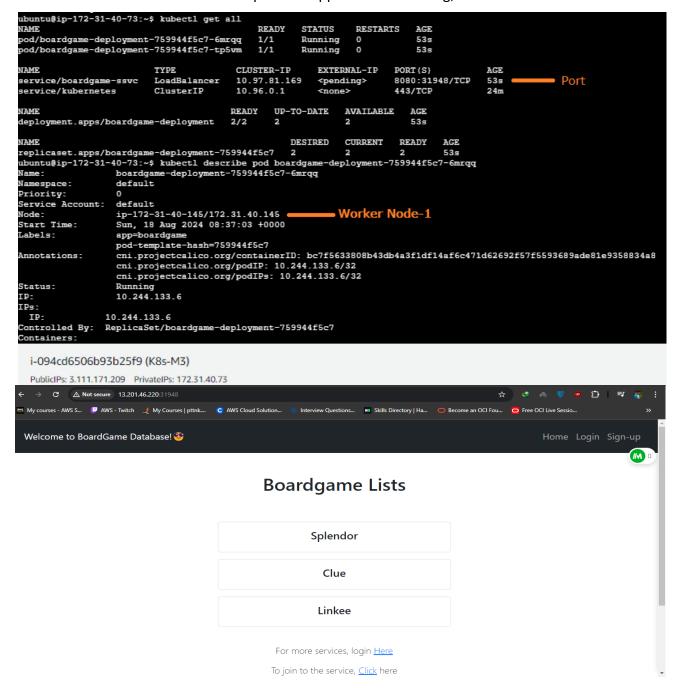
- containerPort: 8080 # The port that the container is running on in the cluster

apiVersion: v1 # Kubernetes API version

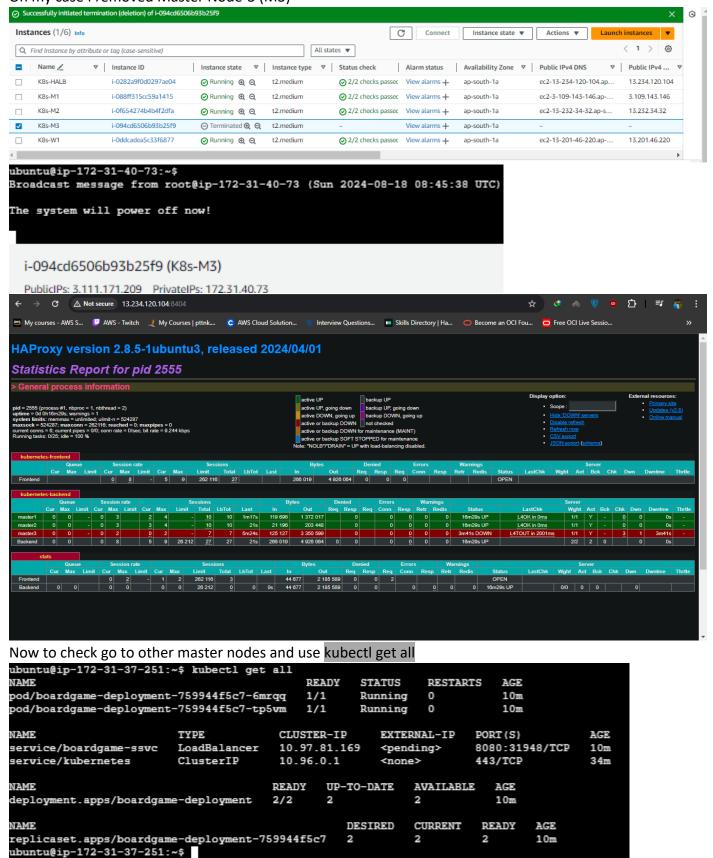
kind: Service # Kubernetes resource kind we are creating

metadata: # Metadata of the resource kind we are creating name: boardgame-ssvc spec: selector: app: boardgame ports: - protocol: "TCP" port: 8080 targetPort: 8080 type: LoadBalancer # type of the service. Now apply it; kubectl apply -f ds.yml ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-73:~\$ vi ds.yml ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-73:~\$ kubectl apply -f ds.yml deployment.apps/boardgame-deployment created service/boardgame-ssvc created ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-73:~\$ i-094cd6506b93b25f9 (K8s-M3) PublicIPs: 3.111.171.209 PrivateIPs: 172.31.40.73

To check on which worker node and port our application is running;



For checking our cluster is Highly Available or not we have to remove one Master Node, On my case I removed Master Node-3 (M3)

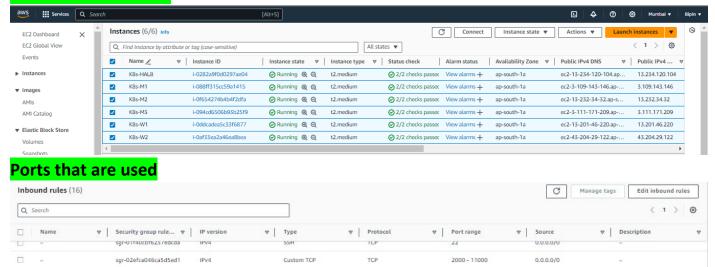


Now refresh the application again and check the status...!!!

i-088ff315cc59a1415 (K8s-M1)

PublicIPs: 3.109.143.146 PrivateIPs: 172.31.37.251

Number of Instances



TCP

TCP

TCP

TCP

TCP

TCP

TCP

TCP

TCP

8080

25

2380

465

27017

80

3000 - 10000

30000 - 32767

0.0.0.0/0

0.0.0.0/0

0.0.0.0/0

0.0.0.0/0

0.0.0.0/0

0.0.0.0/0

0.0.0.0/0

0.0.0.0/0

172.31.0.0/16

172.31.0.0/16

Custom TCP

Custom TCP

Custom TCP

Custom TCP

Custom TCP

SMTP

SMTPS

Custom TCP

Custom TCP

HTTP

Acknowledgment

sgr-0f78a689d6699e3bd

sgr-0bde85a3721c7c3b1

sgr-07e4634b474d64...

sgr-06975cc57d07f191a

sgr-068e603bb9bac0a...

sgr-0cac31347b9321621

sgr-0afccea989108ed3e

sgr-0e1b8f331720178e4

sgr-0807b7126614d2...

sgr-0b1cca1d2ef9f97b9 sgr-0f8c626790cb54e79

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