

Exploring a Kubernetes Cluster with kubectl

You are working for BeeBox, a company that provides regular shipments of bees to customers. The company is in the process of building a Kubernetes-based infrastructure for some of their software.

You have several work tickets that will need to be addressed by using kubectl to interact with the Kubernetes cluster. You will need to collect some information from the cluster and save that information in some files for later review. You will also need to make some changes to the cluster.

*This lab is already build out for us

ssh cloud_user@<PUBLIC_IP_ADDRESS>

1. First command we would use for the persistent volumes

```
kubectl get pv
```

Figure 1-1

NAME	CAPACITY	ACCESS MODES	RECLAIM POLICY	STATUS	CLAIM	STORAGECLASS	REASON	AGE
audit-logs	2Gi	RWO	Retain	Available		manual		65m
pv0002	1Gi	RWO	Retain	Available		manual		65m
pv0003	3Gi	RWO	Retain	Available		manual		65m

```
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$
```

So we have 3 PV, but they are not being sorted by capacity

2. We need to sort by a particular field, so we need to determine the name of the field I want to sort by in yaml format

```
kubectl get pv -o yaml
```

Since we are trying to collect information for customers we can start off by looking at the storage. So look for capacity.

Figure 1-2

```
name: pv0002
resourceVersion: "503"
uid: adbe8bba-7517-4bf1-9604-dac0e7e1
spec:
  accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  capacity:
    storage: 1Gi
  hostPath:
    path: /mnt/data1
```

This is the field we want to sort by

3. To sort a field with the capacity listed above

```
kubectl get pv --sort-by=.spec.capacity.storage
```

Figure 1-3

```
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$ kubectl get pv --sort-by=.spec.capacity.storage
```

NAME	CAPACITY	ACCESS MODES	RECLAIM POLICY	STATUS	CLAIM	STORAGECLASS	REASON	AGE
pv0002	1Gi	RWO	Retain	Available		manual		85m
audit-logs	2Gi	RWO	Retain	Available		manual		85m
pv0003	3Gi	RWO	Retain	Available		manual		85m

```
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$
```

You can see now it is being sorted by the lowest capacity by the largest

4. So we need save this output to a file. So we have to rerun that command and redirect it to a txt file.

```
kubectl get pv --sort-by=.spec.capacity.storage > /home/cloud_user/pv_list.txt
```

5. To verify that the file has been created you would use the cat command

```
cat pv_list.txt
```

Our next objective is to run a command inside the cork pod and retrieve the data that's inside a file inside that pod's file system and save it to another file on the host file system

6. To go in the cork pod and retrieve data that is inside the file.

```
kubectl exec quark -n beebox-mobile -- cat /etc/key/key.txt
```

Figure 1-4

```
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$ kubectl exec quark -n beebox-mobile -- cat /etc/key/key.txt
1267aa45
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$
```

Once we get that output, we need to store it in the appropriate file on the host.

7. To store an output to a file

```
kubectl exec quark -n beebox-mobile -- cat /etc/key/key.txt > /home/cloud_user/key.txt
```

8. Once that is completed verify by using the cat command

```
cat key.txt
```

Next task we need to complete is to create a deployment using this deployment.yml spec file that already exist here on the server. (see below)

Figure 1-5

```
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$ ls
aws-cfn-bootstrap-py3-latest.tar.gz  deployment.yml  key.txt  pv_list.txt
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$
```

9. To create a deployment using the deployment spec found using the kubectl apply -f command

```
kubectl apply -f /home/cloud_user/deployment.yml
```

10. We can view this deployment if we look into the right namespace

```
kubectl get deployments -n beebox-mobile
```

11. Looking into the pods to see if they are running too

```
kubectl get pods -n beebox-mobile
```

Figure 1-6

```
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$ kubectl get deployments -n beebox-mobile
NAME                READY   UP-TO-DATE   AVAILABLE   AGE
nginx-deployment    3/3     3             3           91s
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$ kubectl get pods -n beebox-mobile
NAME                                READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
nginx-deployment-bb94f4979-4dmrc    1/1     Running   0           2m
nginx-deployment-bb94f4979-84xzp    1/1     Running   0           2m
nginx-deployment-bb94f4979-zshz6    1/1     Running   0           2m
quark                               1/1     Running   0          100m
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$
```

So we have successfully created that deployment

Our final task is to delete a service called beebox-auth-svc.

12. To delete the service named above

```
kubectl delete service beebox-auth-svc -n beebox-mobile
```

Figure 1-7

```
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$ kubectl delete service beebox-auth-svc -n beebox-mobile
service "beebox-auth-svc" deleted
cloud_user@k8s-control:~$
```

We have completed the lab