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Introduction to Containers and Kubernetes with IBM Cloud Private (ICP)

Hands-on Workshop

Lab Guide

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Section 1: Container Basics

Purpose:	Throughout this lab, we will be using a sample application, a variation of the mobile game 2048. You will see how we create a Docker image from this application and run it as a container. In later sections of this lab, you will learn how to deploy this container into a Kubernetes cluster on IBM Cloud Private. This section introduces container basics. You will learn how to create, run, inspect and manage containers. Also, you will work through establishing console access within the container. Your lab instructor will assign you a unique username. When you see ***<your username>*** in the instructions, please substitute with your assigned username.

Tasks:	Tasks you will complete in this lab exercise include: • Connect to the Docker environment • Creating a Docker Image for an Application • Running containers • Inspecting containers • Container process monitoring • Container shell access

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Section 1: Lab Workflow Overview

1. Connecting to the Docker Environment
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4. Stop/Delete a Container
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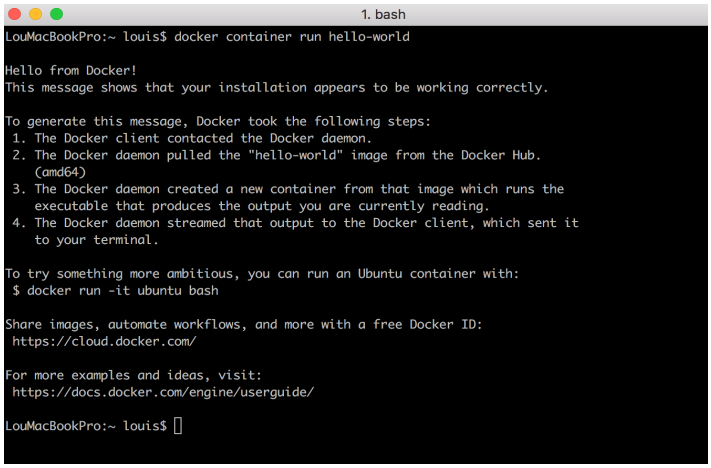
Section 1: Lab Instructions

Step	Action
1	**Login to the Docker Environment** a. Our Docker environment is on a cloud hosted Linux server. In order to access this server, you will need to open an **ssh** session using either Putty (on Windows) or a terminal window (Mac or Linux) to the following address, port number, and user: Server IP Address- 169.46.99.30 Port= 2222 Username= <your username> (e.g., user01 (if your number is 01)) Password= passw0rd b. Once logged in, confirm that you can access Docker by running the following command: ~$ docker container run hello-world Verify that the output is similar to the following: 
2	**Build a Docker Image for an Application** a. Before we can work with a container, we will need to first build an image for our 2048 application. First, we will make of copy of the application code to your home directory: ~$ cp -R /labs/2048_master . (don't forget the "." at the end) ~$ cd 2048_master

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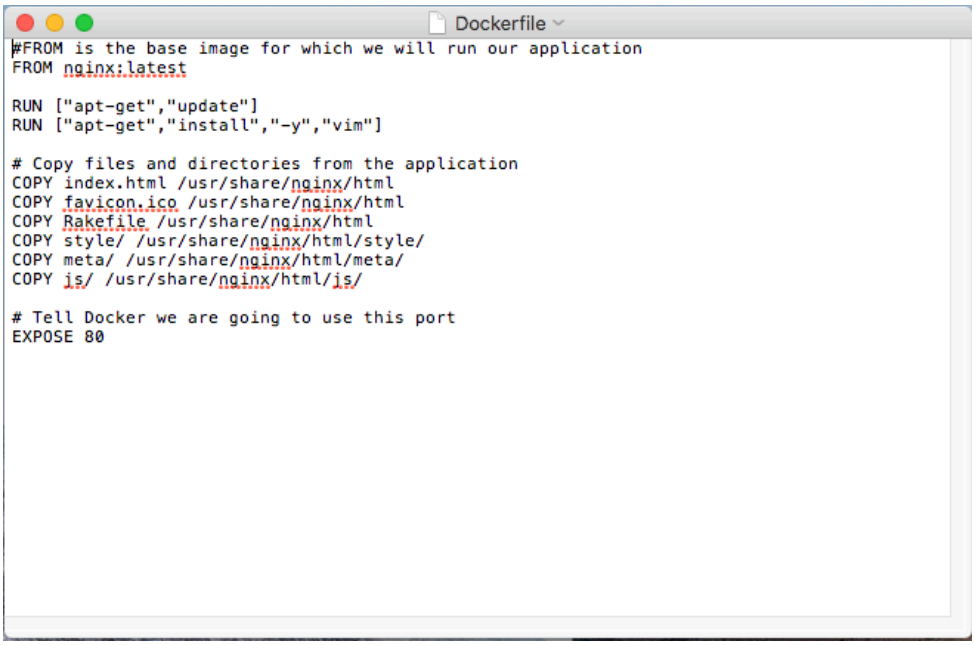
Step	Action
	b. These files are the application code required to run the game. Notice there is a file called "Dockerfile" in the top directory of the unzipped files. The Dockerfile is the file you create that instructs Docker how to create and package the application into a Docker image. In this case, the file has already been created for you. Open the file and browse its contents. It will look similar to the figure below:



The commands in this file instruct Docker to use a simple web service (nginx) as a base image (nginx is automatically pulled from Docker Hub when the image is built. The file then copies the application code into a directory structure within the image (in /usr/share). Finally, port 80 is exposed in order to enable access to the game from our Web Browser.

c. Now you can build the image by running the following command:

~ $ docker build -t <your username>_image . *(don't forget the "." at the end)*

d. Docker will now build the image. You can confirm this by running the following command and observing that an image named "<*your username*>_*image*" is listed:

~$ docker images

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Step	Action
	[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ docker images REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED SIZE user01_image latest 56156c8f775e About a minute ago 155MB <none> <none> 0f16eb39c0f6 3 hours ago 155MB nginx latest 3f8a4339aadd 5 weeks ago 108MB hello-world latest f2a91732366c 2 months ago 1.85kB You have now successfully taken an existing application and created a Docker image from it.
3	**Run a Container** a. Now that you have an image, we will now run the 2048 application as a container. To do this, run the following command: ***Your instructor will assign you a port a unique port number to use for the remained of the lab.*** ~$ docker container run --name <*your username*>*_container* -p <*your port*>:80 <your username>*_image* The container you just created is an instance of your image running as a process. There is no limit to the number of containers that can be run from an image. Commands: **--name** – Specify a unique name for the container service. If omitted Docker will create a random, human readable name. **-p** – Specify that the container internal port (80) be exposed to <your port> on the host. b. Open a browser and navigate to: 169.46.99.30:<your port>. A page will open with the game, as shown below:

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Step	Action
	 You have now successfully run your first container!!

3	**Stop/Delete a Container**
	
	a. You can stop the container by typing cntrl-c
	~$ <Cntrl-c>
	
	b. Verify that the container is no longer running:
	~$ docker container ps
	
	c. Although the container is not running it still exists:
	~$ docker container ps -a
	
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ docker ps -a`
	`CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES`
	`6fec536a73eb user01_image "nginx -g 'daemon ..." About a minute ago Exited (0) 5 seconds ago user01_container`
	
	-a, --all: Show all containers (default shows just running)
	
	d. Remove the container:
	~$ docker container rm *<your username>_container*
	
	Containers can be removed either by their name or container id

4	**Inspect a Running Container** a. Run a new Docker container for the game: ~$ docker run --publish <your port>:80 --detach --name <your username>_container <your username>_image

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Step	Action
	You should be brought back to the terminal prompt (the “detach” option runs the container as a background process) b. Open a browser and navigate to “169.46.99.30:<your port>”. You should be prompted with the game again. c. You can run a variety of commands to get information on the status of a running container. These commands. can be useful when troubleshoot an environment or application. For example, inspecting the meta-data for running container: ~$ docker container inspect <your username>_container and, Stream live performance container metrics: ~$ docker container stats <your username>_container d. Clean up ~$ docker container rm -f <your username>_container Commands: **-d, --detach** - Run the container in the background.
5	**Run Shell Inside a Container** a. We can also directly access a container via a command shell. It allows you to directly login to the container’s command prompt; enabling you to troubleshoot application issues or update the content of a running container. First run the container again: ~$ docker container run --name <your username>_container -d -p <your port>:80 <your username>_image b. Next, we will use the following command to open a shell prompt into the container: ~$ docker exec -it <your username>_container bash

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Step	Action
	c. Run Linux commands in container: For example, # ls -tal // List directories and files. # exit // Exit shell d. Delete the container: ~$ docker rm -f <your username>_container Commands: -i - Run interactively -t - Create pseudo tty -a - Attach to STDIN, STDOUT or STDERR exec - Run a command in a running container run - Run a command in a new container

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Section 1: Lab Summary

In this section you learned how to create new containers based on images stored in Docker Hub. You also learned how to interact with containers both from the outside (top, inspect, stats, …), and from the inside (docker exec and run). Access to the Docker service via tty was demonstrated and you learned how to run Linux commands inside the container just as if you were working with a Linux OS.

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Section 2: Data Persistence in Docker

Purpose:	In this section, you will see one method of how data from a container can be persisted, even after a container is removed. Unless such persistence is established, any changes made to a container's data are deleted once the container is deleted. The method we will use below is Docker Volumes. With Volumes, Docker controls a location for persistent storage on your local machine that persists once a container is deleted.

Tasks:	Tasks you will complete in this lab exercise include: • Create and work with Docker volumes

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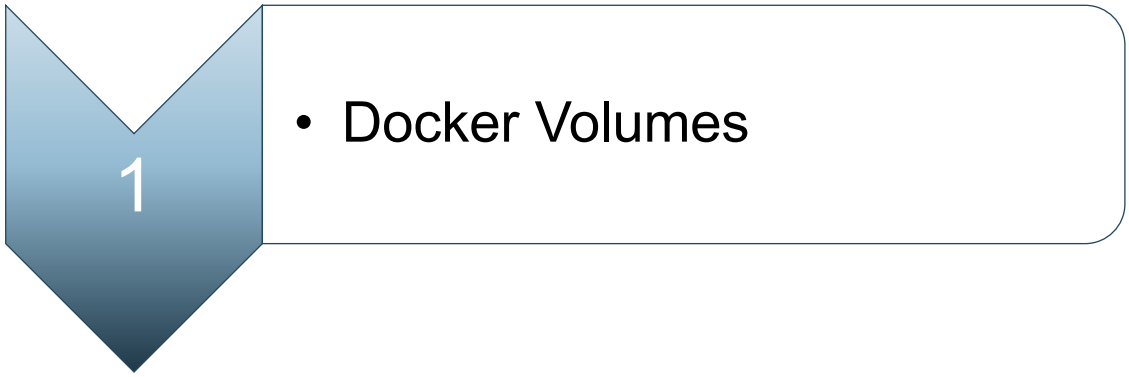
Section 2: Lab Workflow Overview



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Section 2: Lab Instructions

Step	Action
1	**Docker Volumes** a. Let's run our game application in a new container, except this time we will include an option (-v (or volume)) to instruct Docker to persist the content of a specific directory on your local machine: ~$ docker container run -d --name <your username>_container -p <your port>:80 -v myvol:/usr/share/nginx/html <your username>_image b. Open bash shell on container and navigate the /usr/share/nginx/html directory: ~$ docker container exec -it <your username>_container bash # cd /usr/share/nginx/html c. Create a new file in the html folder containing the phrase, "This is my file". # echo "This is my file" > myfile Confirm the file "myfile" is listed in the directory and exit the container. # ls root@1f5d5f84c4a4:/usr/share/nginx/html# ls 50x.html Rakefile favicon.ico index.html js meta myfile style root@1f5d5f84c4a4:/usr/share/nginx/html# # exit d. We will now remove the container using the command: ~$ docker rm -f <your username>_container e. Now, we can create a new container, referencing the persistent volume and confirm that our file is still present: ~$ docker container run -d --name <your username>_container -p 8080:80 -v myvol:/usr/share/nginx/html <your username>_image ~$ docker container exec -it <your username>_container bash

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Step	Action
	# cd /usr/share/nginx/html # ls root@1f5d5f84c4a4:/usr/share/nginx/html# ls 50x.html Rakefile favicon.ico index.html js meta myfile style root@1f5d5f84c4a4:/usr/share/nginx/html# # cat myfile root@a9703c89b049:/usr/share/nginx/html# cat myfile This is my file root@a9703c89b049:/usr/share/nginx/html# Volumes are extremely useful for local development projects. You can maintain several volumes to which you can attach a new directory or database that fits a specific purpose.

Section 2: Lab Summary

In this lab you were introduced to one way to persist data on the host file system. With volumes the container references a volume object on the local file system.

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Section 3: Getting Started with Kubernetes in IBM Cloud Private

Purpose:	In this lab you will learn how to configure your environment to work with a Kubernetes cluster within IBM Cloud Private (ICP)

Tasks:	Tasks you will complete in this lab exercise include: • Access the IBM Cloud Private Dashboard • Access the ICP Kubernetes configuration settings • Configure your environment to use the ICP cluster

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1. Launch the ICP Dashboard
2. Configure your Environment for ICP

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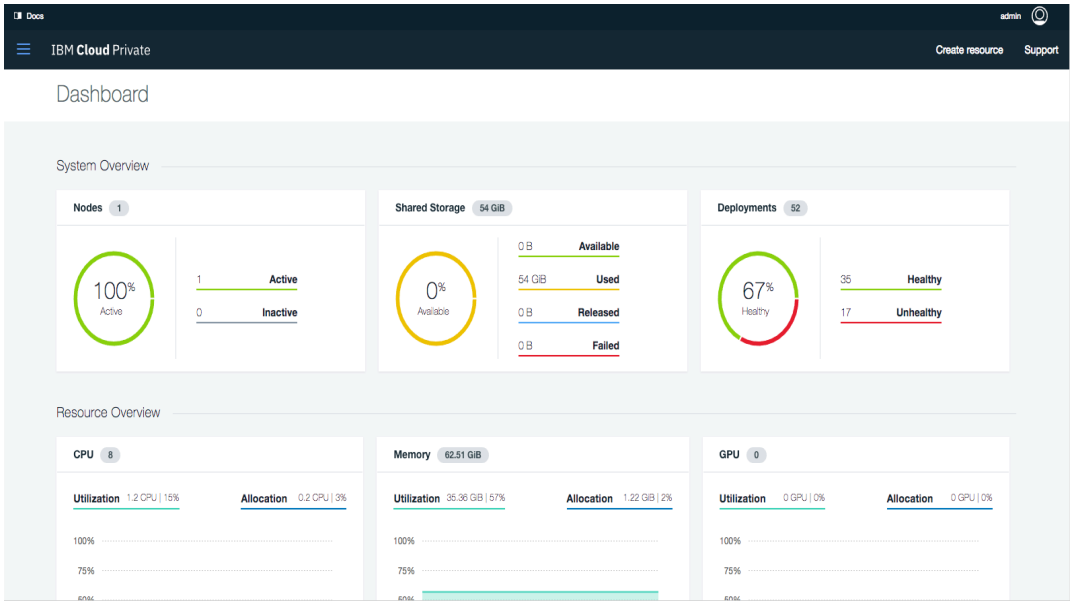
Section 3: Lab Instructions

Step	Action
1	**Launch the ICP Dashboard** a. ICP has a centralized dashboard and control center. This dashboard is similar to the classic Kubernetes dashboard but provides additional enterprise services and features (e.g, data science, security). Open a browser and navigate to the following URL to open the dashboard: https://169.46.33.190:8443/ Login with username: admin/ password: admin. Your will then be brought to the main ICP overview page, as shown below:  You will notice that this ICP instance is a basic 1-node Kubernetes cluster.
2	**Configure your Environment for ICP** a. In order to interact with and control the ICP cluster remotely using kubectl, you will need to first configure your environment to direct all kubectl commands to the ICP cluster. Fortunately, ICP helps with this by quickly providing the appropriate configuration settings for the cluster.

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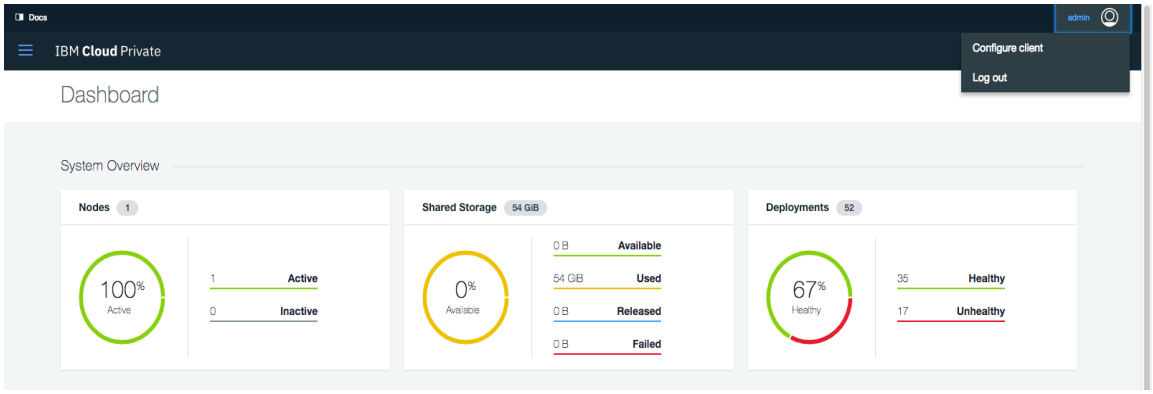
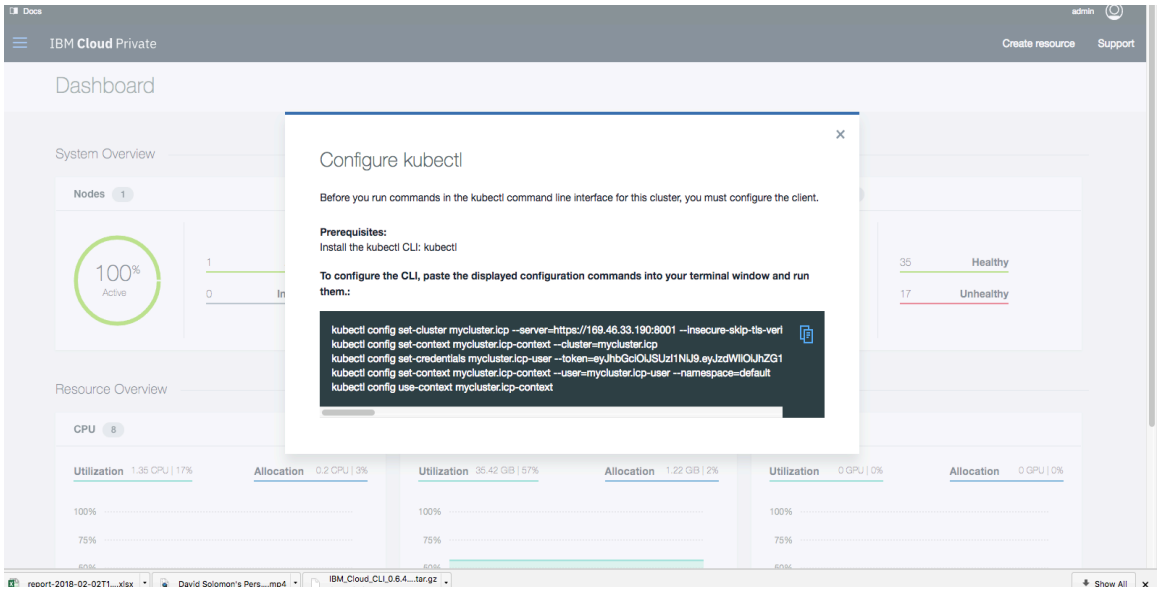
Step	Action
	On the ICP Dashboard, click on the word “admin” at the top left of the page next to the  symbol. You will then see two options, “Configure Client” and “Logout”. Select “Configure Client”.



Once selected, a dialog box called “Configure kubectl” will appear. This box contains the commands that need to be run in your local environment (the Linux environment we used for the Docker portion of this Lab) in order to properly configure kubectl to interact with the ICP cluster.



Now, copy these commands (either manually or using the blue copy symbol in the dialog box).

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Step	Action

	b. Now, copy these commands (either manually or using the blue copy symbol on the upper right of the dialog box).
	
	c. Return to your terminal session to our Linux server and paste these commands at a command prompt (you may need to press Return for the last command to run).
	
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ kubectl config set-cluster mycluster.icp --server=https://169.46.33.190:8001 --insecure-skip-tls-verify=true`
	`Cluster "mycluster.icp" set.`
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ kubectl config set-context mycluster.icp-context --cluster=mycluster.icp`
	`Context "mycluster.icp-context" created.`
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ kubectl config set-credentials mycluster.icp-user --token=eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdWIiOiJhZG1pbiIsImF0X2hhc2giOiJFdVVuWi1fNERUdm1GSEZZcU`
	`5CUW13IiwiaXNzIjoiaHR0cHM6Ly9teWNsdXN0ZXIuaWNwOjk0NDMvb2lkYy9lbmRwb2ludC9PUCIsImF1ZCI6IjAwMWFhNzQ3ZDZkZDIxYzMwNmRlZmQyMTYxZDdiZWM0IiwiZXhwIjoxNTE3NjI3NzY3LCJpYXQiOjE1MTc1ODQ1N`
	`jd9.jYnI7XgIzD2Jj7Gx5cccPjSGd7CAVDe2e6PP4kCnJwVLADSx42RAMPxKVEMvKK0hUdecVUU4pS8cI-Sx6-zms12koOxQWqIn_caB6liKhkYvoqX-2mVRWbxcc7XmBAMVAM3K8HYgKn-dLgzDFBt-H-ipb7s4gMklz9aZdaeobH9`
	`qA7Z7PS53aRjL4ZWIosynDycugbsVKLoysdU_IJAIZeWg14mPP4wl2JTohd73IEM5GLKaA65upwRyVz9OB_c7p0LGtB2FTS62WeCdwUvN3lVHOsUynA1dv6xuT9YJYajTb0Ulb8Oo8f0jeY5oxugHObmj5Ihwit2DvSe1Vw2oOQ`
	`User "mycluster.icp-user" set.`
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ kubectl config set-context mycluster.icp-context --user=mycluster.icp-user --namespace=default`
	`Context "mycluster.icp-context" modified.`
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ kubectl config use-context mycluster.icp-context`
	`Switched to context "mycluster.icp-context".`
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$`
	
	You have now successfully configured your environment to start working with Kubernetes and IBM Cloud Private.

Section 3: Lab Summary

In this section, you learned how to access the ICP Dashboard and setup a your environment to interact with a Kubernetes cluster on ICP.

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Section 4: Deploy your Application to Kubernetes

Purpose:	In this lab you will learn how to deploy an application to Kubernetes.

Tasks:	Tasks you will complete in this lab exercise include: • Deploy a Docker application to Kubernetes • Expose the application through a service • Access the running application

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Section 4: Deploy an Application to Kubernetes

1. Deploy a Docker application to Kubernetes
2. Expose Application through Service
3. Access the Running Application

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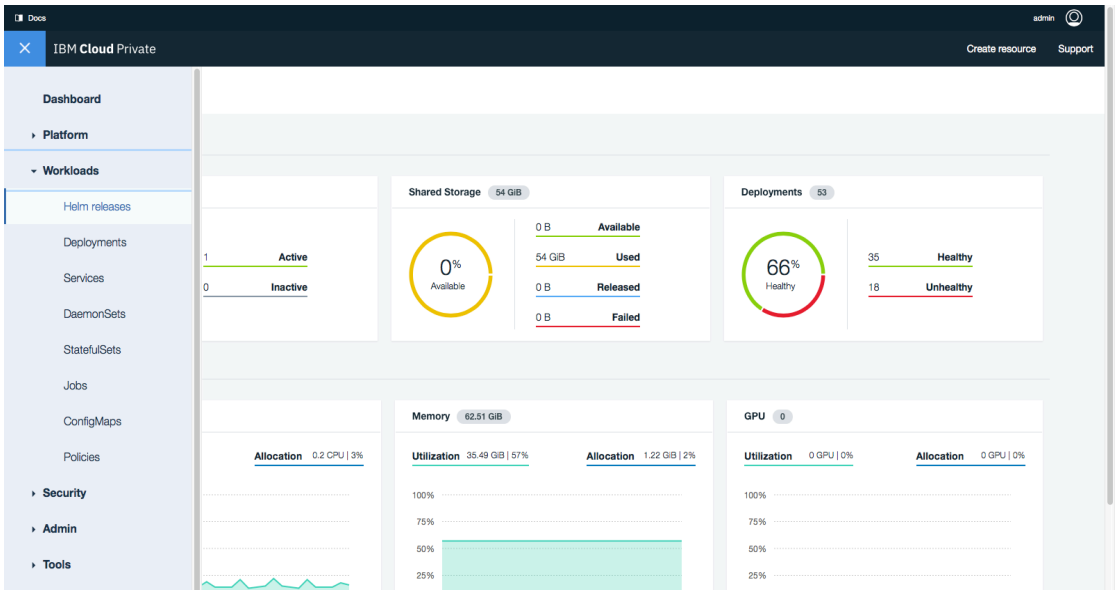
Section 4: Lab Instructions

Step	Action

1	**<u>Deploy a Docker application to the Kubernetes cluster</u>**
	
	a. We will now deploy the same 2048 game application to your cluster. To do this, enter the following command to create a new deployment, using the you previously built.
	
	~$ kubectl run <your username>-deployment --image=<your username>_image --port=80
	
	b. Confirm the output is as shown below:
	
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ kubectl run user01-deployment --image=user01_image --port=80`
	`deployment "user01-deployment" created`
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$`
	
	c. Return to the ICP dashboard. Select the menu icon on the upper left of the screen. Go to “Workloads” and select “Deployments”.
	
	 
	
	d. Find your deployment in the list of Deployments and select it (you may need to navigate to page 3). This will bring up details about your deployment; including the associated Pod and ReplicaSet.

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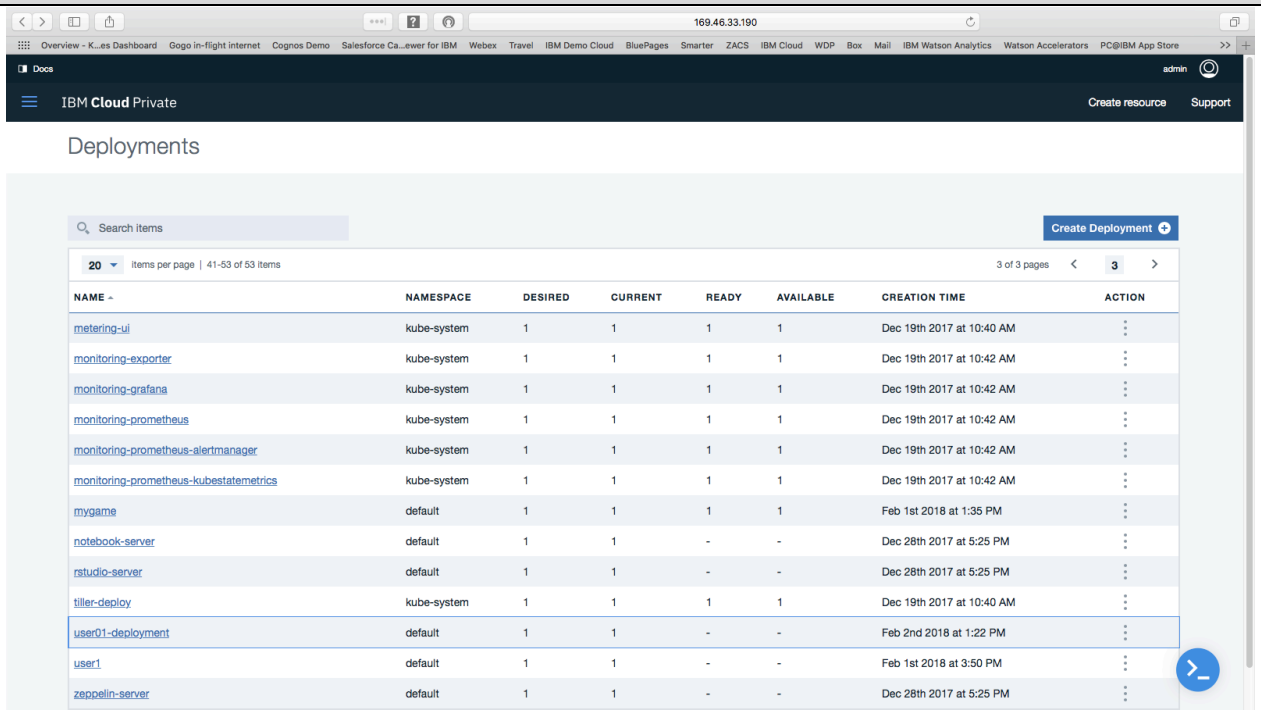
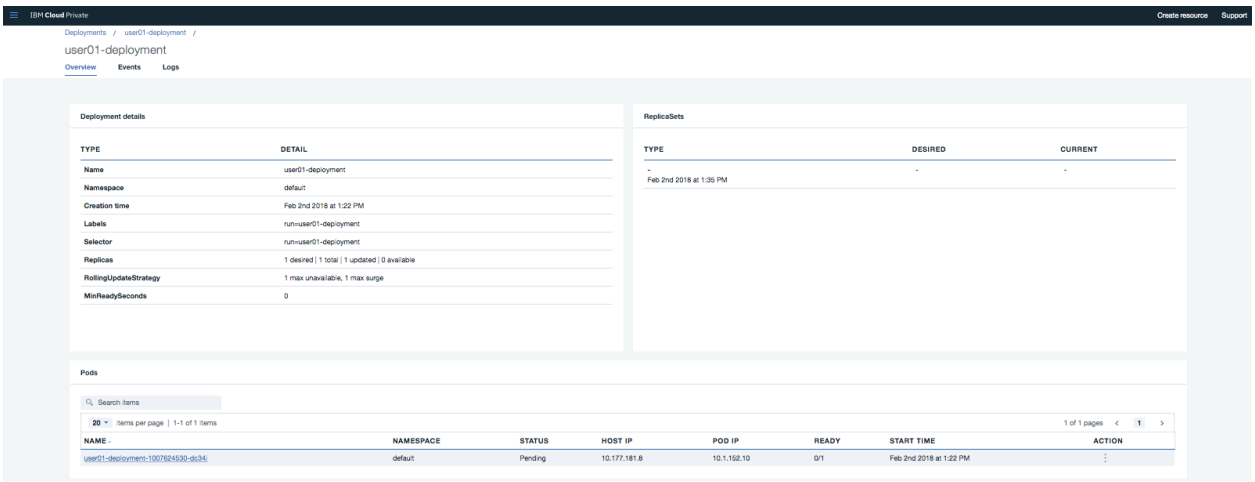
Step	Action
	 
2	**<u>Exposing the application through a service</u>** a. In order to interact with your application from outside the cluster, you wll need to create a service which provide an endpoint to expose the application. To do this, enter the following command to create a new service. ~$ kubectl expose deployment <your username>-deployment --type=NodePort --name *<your username>-service*

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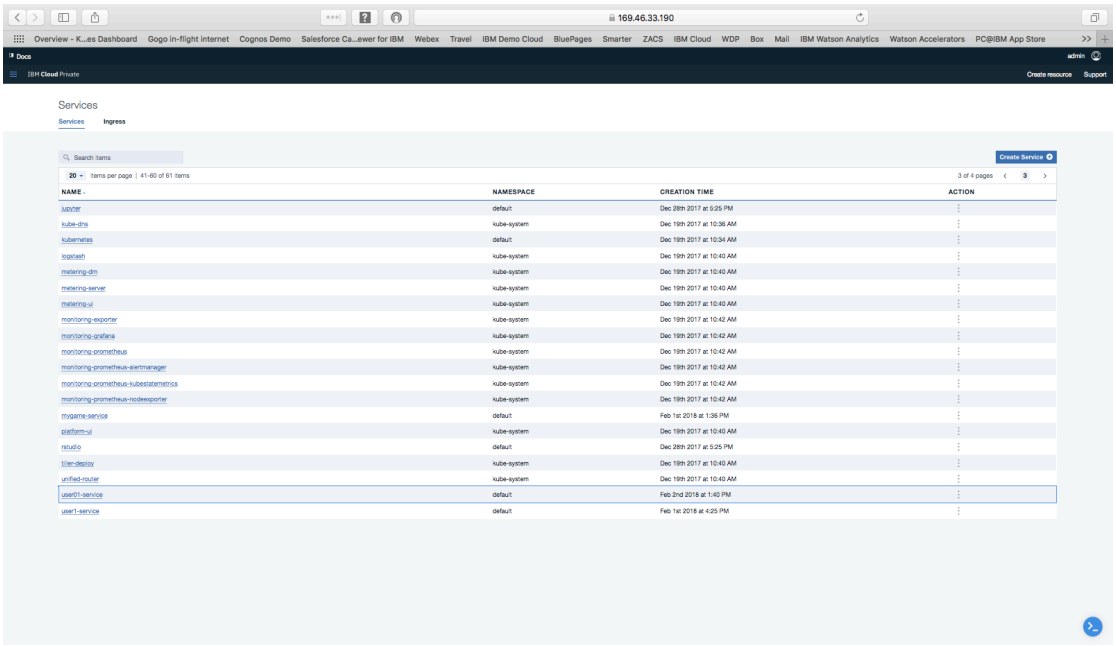
Step	Action

	b. Confirm the output is as shown below:
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$ kubectl expose deployment user01-deployment --type=NodePort --name user01-service`
	`service "user01-service" exposed`
	`[user01@dlsol0129163851 2048_master]$`

c. Return to the ICP dashboard. Under the “Workloads” menu option, select “Services”. The list of services will appear. Confirm your service (you may have to navigate to the 3rd or 4th page) is listed.



d. When you expose a service, Kubernetes automatically assigns a unique IP address that the cluster will listen to on behalf of your application. This address is typically in the 30000-32000 range. However, due to some of the open port limitations in our Data Center (nothing to do with ICP itself), we need to manually replace this with a new port. To do this, select the “Action” menu on the right side of your service’s listing in the screen shown above and select “Edit, as shown below.

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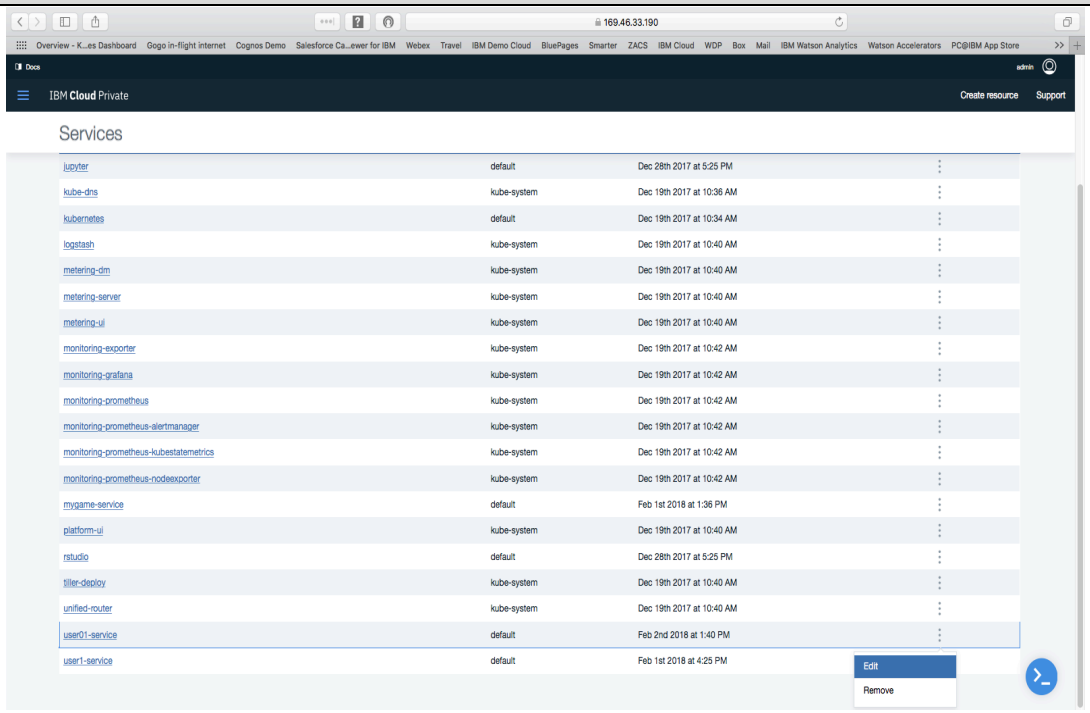
Step	Action
	

e. An editing window will appear that will allow you to edit the YAML code that defines the service. Locate the “NodePort” field and replace the port number with the <your port> used previously, as shown below.

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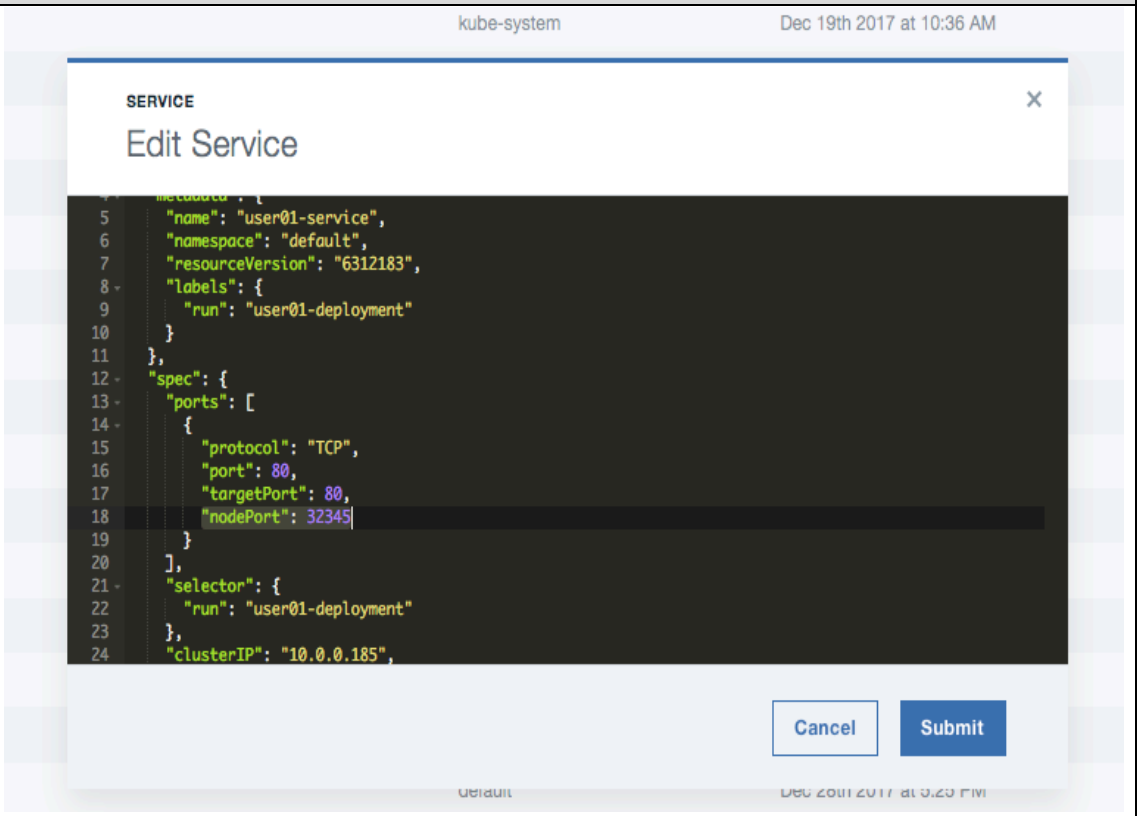
Step	Action
	 f. Click Submit. You have not successfully enabled your application running in the Kubernetes cluster to be accessed from the outside.
3	**<u>Access the Running Application</u>** a. To access the application, go to your browser and enter the following URL and verify that you can access the application, as shown below: 169.46.33.190:<*your port* >

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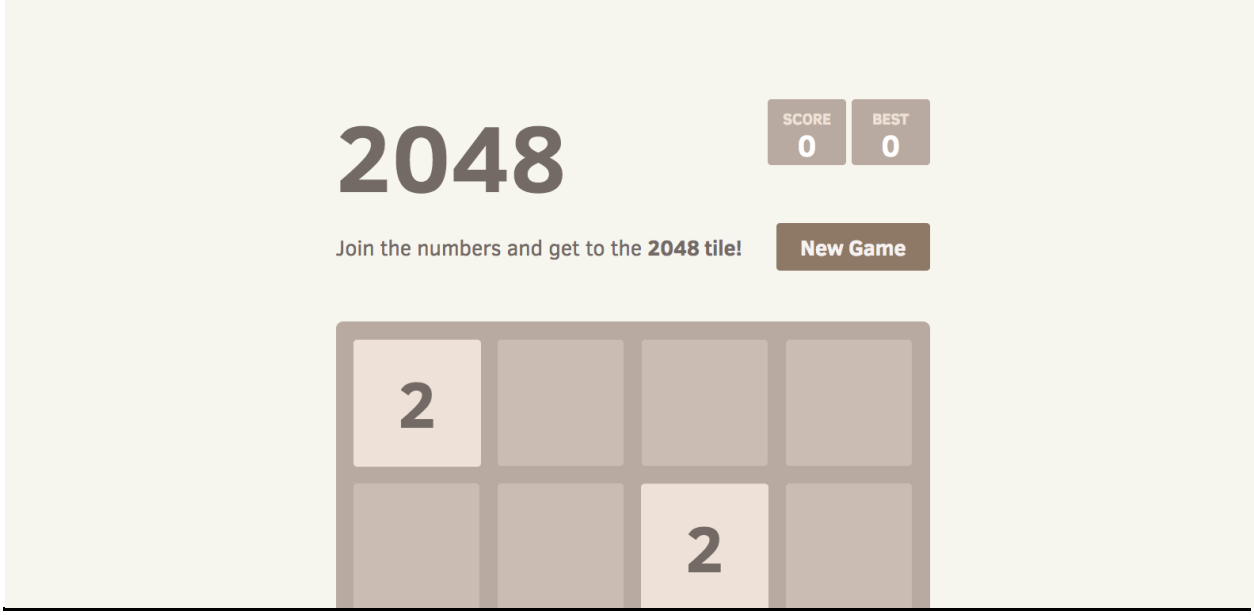
Step	Action
	 b. Delete the deployment and the service, using the following commands: ~$ kubectl delete deployment <your username>-deployment ~$ kubectl delete service <your username>-service

Section 4: Lab Summary

In this section, you learned how to deploy an Docker application to Kubernetes, how to enable it to be access from the outside world, and how to access it.

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Section 5: Observing Kubernetes Resiliency

Purpose:	In this lab, you will learn how Kubernetes recovers from a container failure.

Tasks:	Tasks you will complete in this lab exercise include: • Create a new deployment with multiple Pods • Explore the ReplicaSet policy • Simulate a pod failure • Observer how the cluster quickly recovers from the failure to retain the number of available pods

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Section 5: Observing Kubernetes Resiliency

1. Create a new deployment with multipe Pods
2. Explore the ReplicaSet Policy
3. Simulate a Pod Failure
4. Observe that the Cluster Recovers from the Failure

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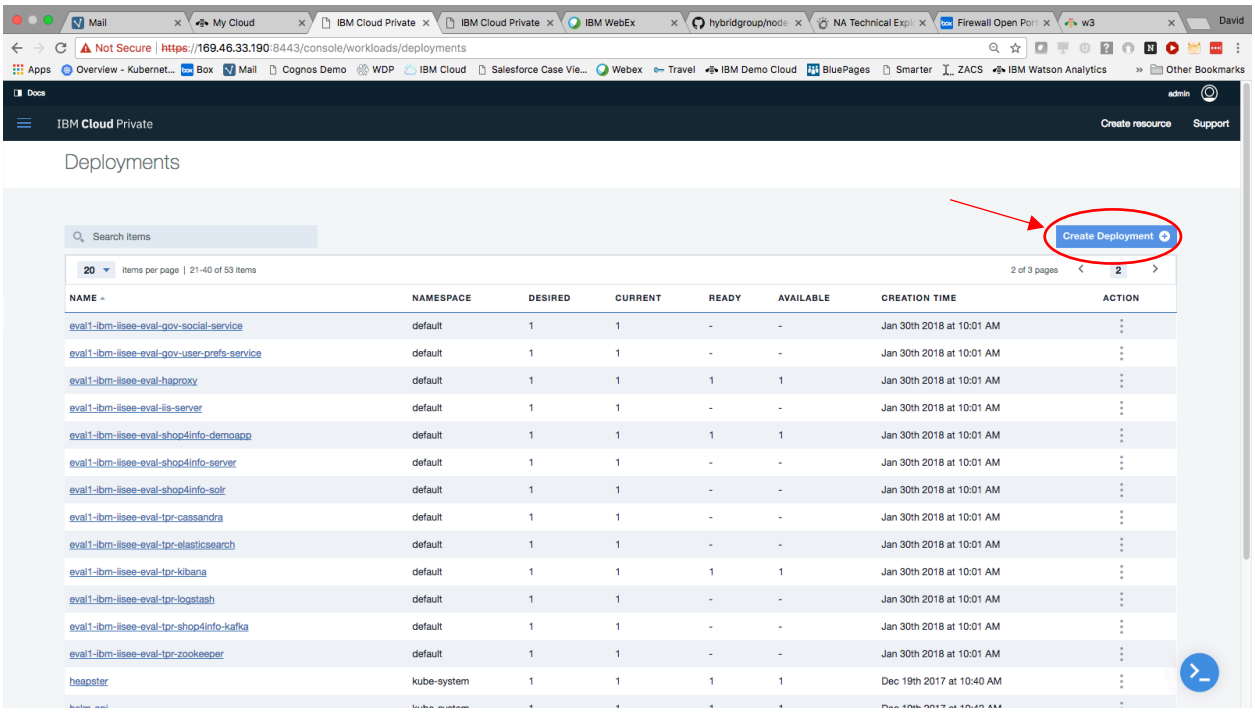
Section 5: Lab Instructions

Step	Action
1	**Create a new deployment** a. We will now create a new deployment using the ICP web GUI interface. This time, however, we will specify the use of 2 Pods. Access the ICP Dashboard and select “Workloads” and then “Deployment” in the menu on the left. b. Select the “Create Deployment” button on the upper right of the page:  c. A create deployment form will appear. Complete the form using the following settings; as shown below and click “Create”. This will create a deployment with 2 Pods: In the “General” tab: Name= <your username>-deployment Replicas= 2

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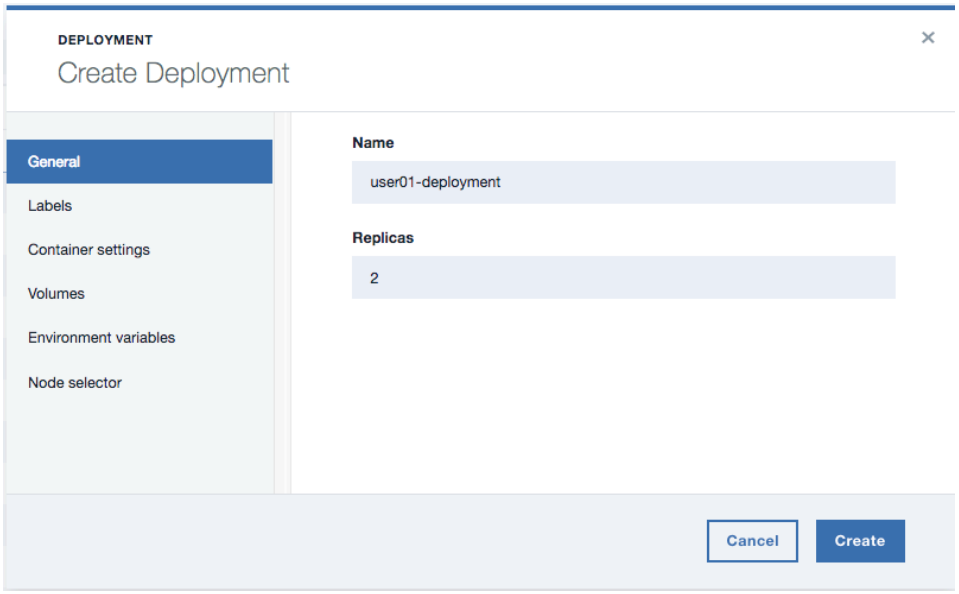
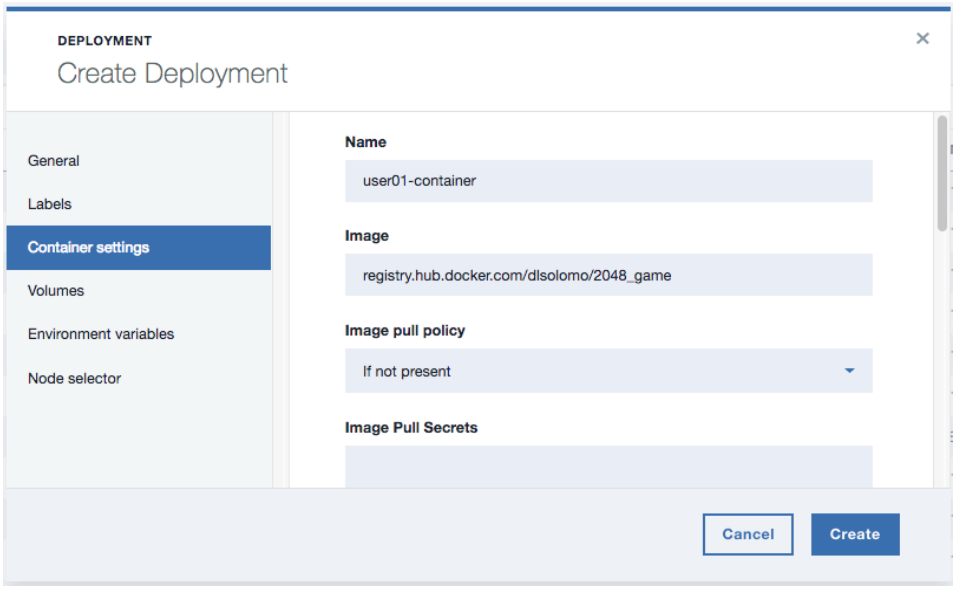
Step	Action
	In the “Container settings” tab: Name=<your username>-container Image= registry.hub.docker.com/dlsolomo/2048_game  Click “Create”. 

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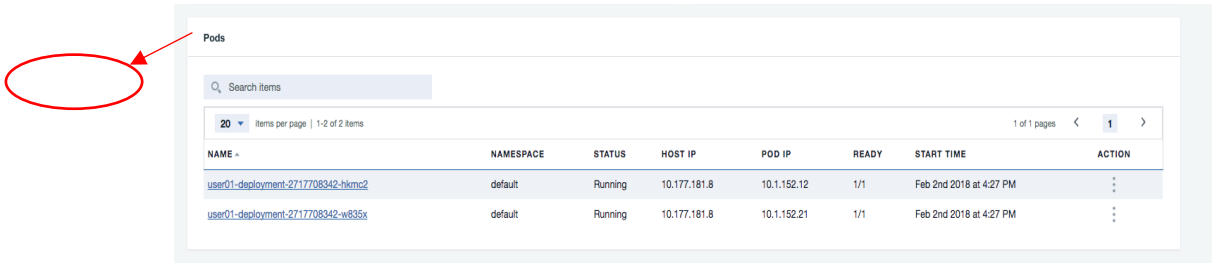
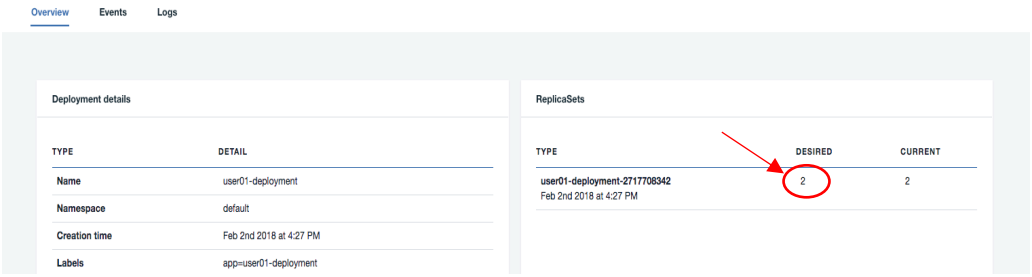
Step	Action
2	**Explore the ReplicaSet Policy** a. We will now examine the ReplicaSet in more detail. As you may recall, a ReplicaSet manages a policy that governs the how and when Pods are deployed, including the recovery of a failed Pod. This recovery is based a policy established during or after a deployment. Return to the ICP Dashboard. Go to the deployment list under “Workloads” and then “Deployments” and select the deployment you just created. Note that there are now 2 PODs for this deployment.  Also note under the “ReplicaSets” section that the desired number of pods is set to 2. This means that the RepliSet will always attempt to maintain 2 pods up and running to service this application. 
3	**Simulate a Pod Failure** a. We will now use a kubectl command to simulate the failure of a pod. To do this, find the Pod IDs for the running Pods using the following command: ~$ kubectl get pods

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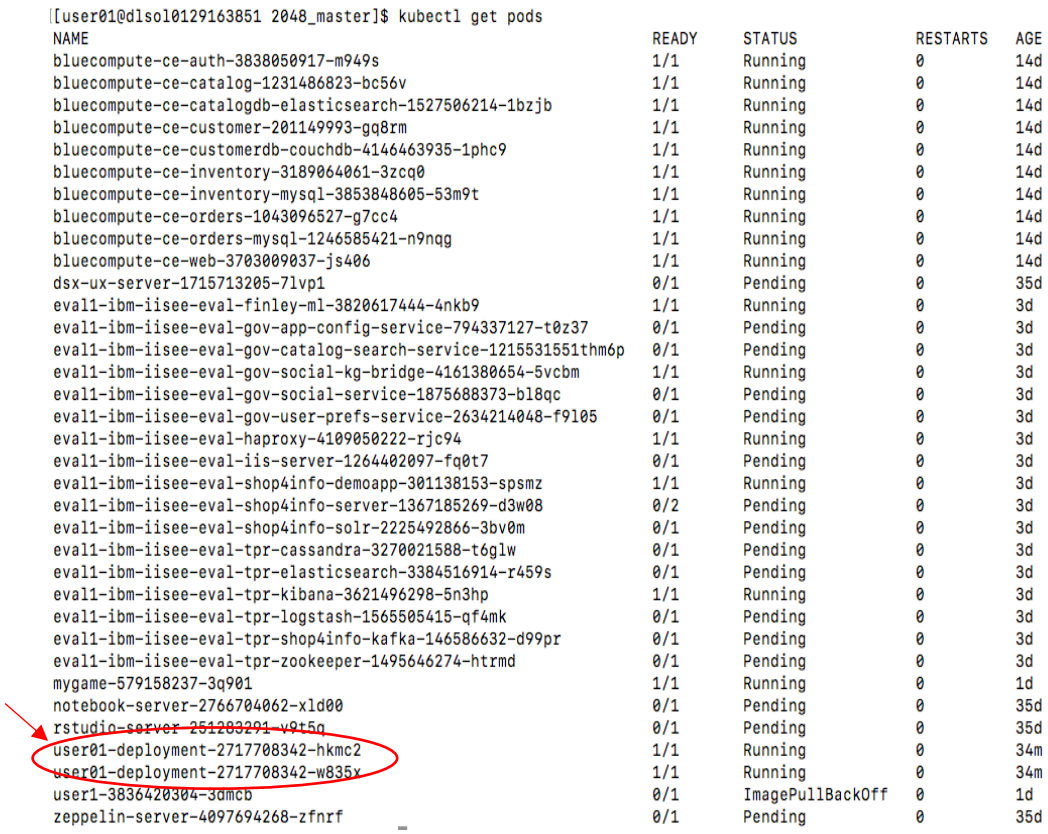
	The command will list all the running pods and their names. Identify the 2 pods associated with your application, as shown below:  b. Enter the following command to delete one of the Pods (it does not matter which one). Copy the name from the output of the previous step. ~$ kubectl delete pods <*the name of one of your Pods*>.
4	**<u>Observe that the Cluster Recovers from the Failure</u>** a. Wait approximately 30 seconds and run the following command again and notice that one of the pods now has a different name. This is because when we deleted the other pod, the ReplicaSet rules immediately ensured that a new pod was created to ensure continuity, reliability, and quality of servicing the application. ~$ kubectl get pods

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Step	Action
	user01-deployment-2717708342-hkmc2 1/1 Running 0 42m user01-deployment-2717708342-zn4qn 1/1 Running 0 12s

Section 5: Lab Summary

In this section, you learned how Kubernetes can quickly recover from a Pod failure.

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