

Kubectl Kubernetes CheatSheet

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1.1 Common Commands

| Name | Command |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Run curl test temporarily | <code>kubectl run --generator=run-pod/v1 --rm mytest --image=yauritux/busybox-curl</code> |
| Run wget test temporarily | <code>kubectl run --generator=run-pod/v1 --rm mytest --image=busybox -it wget</code> |
| Run nginx deployment with 2 replicas | <code>kubectl run my-nginx --image=nginx --replicas=2 --port=80</code> |
| Run nginx pod and expose it | <code>kubectl run my-nginx --restart=Never --image=nginx --port=80 --expose</code> |
| Run nginx deployment and expose it | <code>kubectl run my-nginx --image=nginx --port=80 --expose</code> |
| List authenticated contexts | <code>kubectl config get-contexts, ~/.kube/config</code> |
| Set namespace preference | <code>kubectl config set-context <context_name> --namespace=<ns_name></code> |
| List pods with nodes info | <code>kubectl get pod -o wide</code> |
| List everything | <code>kubectl get all --all-namespaces</code> |
| Get all services | <code>kubectl get service --all-namespaces</code> |
| Get all deployments | <code>kubectl get deployments --all-namespaces</code> |
| Show nodes with labels | <code>kubectl get nodes --show-labels</code> |
| Get resources with json output | <code>kubectl get pods --all-namespaces -o json</code> |
| Validate yaml file with dry run | <code>kubectl create --dry-run --validate -f pod-dummy.yaml</code> |
| Start a temporary pod for testing | <code>kubectl run --rm -i -t --image=alpine test-\$RANDOM -- sh</code> |
| kubectl run shell command | <code>kubectl exec -it mytest -- ls -l /etc/hosts</code> |
| Get system conf via configmap | <code>kubectl -n kube-system get cm kubeadm-config -o yaml</code> |
| Get deployment yaml | <code>kubectl -n denny-websites get deployment mysql -o yaml</code> |
| Explain resource | <code>kubectl explain pods, kubectl explain svc</code> |
| Watch pods | <code>kubectl get pods -n wordpress --watch</code> |
| Query healthcheck endpoint | <code>curl -L http://127.0.0.1:10250/healthz</code> |
| Open a bash terminal in a pod | <code>kubectl exec -it storage sh</code> |
| Check pod environment variables | <code>kubectl exec redis-master-ft9ex env</code> |
| Enable kubectl shell autocompletion | <code>echo "source <(kubectl completion bash)" > ~/.bashrc, and reload</code> |
| Use minikube dockerd in your laptop | <code>eval \$(minikube docker-env), No need to push docker hub any more</code> |
| Kubectl apply a folder of yaml files | <code>kubectl apply -R -f .</code> |
| Get services sorted by name | <code>kubectl get services --sort-by=.metadata.name</code> |
| Get pods sorted by restart count | <code>kubectl get pods --sort-by='.status.containerStatuses[0].restartCount'</code> |
| List pods and images | <code>kubectl get pods -o='custom-columns=PODS:.metadata.name,Images:.spec.containers[*].image'</code> |
| List all container images | <code>list-all-images.sh</code> |
| kubeconfig skip tls verification | <code>skip-tls-verify.md</code> |
| Ubuntu install kubectl | <code>"deb https://apt.kubernetes.io/ kubernetes-xenial main"</code> |
| Reference | GitHub: kubernetes releases |
| Reference | minikube cheatsheet , docker cheatsheet , OpenShift CheatSheet |

1.2 Check Performance

| Name | Command |
|--|---|
| Get node resource usage | <code>kubectl top node</code> |
| Get pod resource usage | <code>kubectl top pod</code> |
| Get resource usage for a given pod | <code>kubectl top <podname> --containers</code> |
| List resource utilization for all containers | <code>kubectl top pod --all-namespaces --containers=true</code> |

1.3 Resources Deletion

| Name | Command |
|---|---|
| Delete pod | <code>kubect1 delete pod/<pod-name> -n <my-namespace></code> |
| Delete pod by force | <code>kubect1 delete pod/<pod-name> --grace-period=0 --force</code> |
| Delete pods by labels | <code>kubect1 delete pod -l env=test</code> |
| Delete deployments by labels | <code>kubect1 delete deployment -l app=wordpress</code> |
| Delete all resources filtered by labels | <code>kubect1 delete pods,services -l name=myLabel</code> |
| Delete resources under a namespace | <code>kubect1 -n my-ns delete po,svc --all</code> |
| Delete persist volumes by labels | <code>kubect1 delete pvc -l app=wordpress</code> |
| Delete state fulset only (not pods) | <code>kubect1 delete sts/<stateful_set_name> --cascade=false</code> |

1.4 Log & Conf Files

| Name | Comment |
|---------------------------|--|
| Config folder | <code>/etc/kubernetes/</code> |
| Certificate files | <code>/etc/kubernetes/pki/</code> |
| Credentials to API server | <code>/etc/kubernetes/kubelet.conf</code> |
| Superuser credentials | <code>/etc/kubernetes/admin.conf</code> |
| kubect1 config file | <code>~/.kube/config</code> |
| Kubernetes working dir | <code>/var/lib/kubelet/</code> |
| Docker working dir | <code>/var/lib/docker/, /var/log/containers/</code> |
| Etd working dir | <code>/var/lib/etcd/</code> |
| Network cni | <code>/etc/cni/net.d/</code> |
| Log files | <code>/var/log/pods/</code> |
| log in worker node | <code>/var/log/kubelet.log, /var/log/kube-proxy.log</code> |
| log in master node | <code>kube-apiserver.log, kube-scheduler.log, kube-controller-manager.log</code> |
| Env | <code>/etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d/10-kubeadm.conf</code> |
| Env | <code>export KUBECONFIG=/etc/kubernetes/admin.conf</code> |

1.5 Pod

| Name | Command |
|------------------------------|--|
| List all pods | <code>kubect1 get pods</code> |
| List pods for all namespace | <code>kubect1 get pods -all-namespaces</code> |
| List all critical pods | <code>kubect1 get -n kube-system pods -a</code> |
| List pods with more info | <code>kubect1 get pod -o wide, kubect1 get pod/<pod-name> -o yaml</code> |
| Get pod info | <code>kubect1 describe pod/srv-mysql-server</code> |
| List all pods with labels | <code>kubect1 get pods --show-labels</code> |
| List all unhealthy pods | <code>kubect1 get pods --field-selector=status.phase!=Running -all-namespaces</code> |
| List running pods | <code>kubect1 get pods --field-selector=status.phase=Running</code> |
| Get Pod initContainer status | <code>kubect1 get pod --template '{{.status.initContainerStatuses}}' <pod-name></code> |
| kubect1 run command | <code>kubect1 exec -it -n "\$ns" "\$podname" - sh -c "echo \$msg »/dev/err.log"</code> |
| Watch pods | <code>kubect1 get pods -n wordpress --watch</code> |
| Get pod by selector | <code>kubect1 get pods --selector="app=syslog" -o jsonpath='{.items[*].metadata.name}'</code> |
| List pods and images | <code>kubect1 get pods -o='custom-columns=PODS:.metadata.name,Images:.spec.containers[*].image'</code> |
| List pods and containers | <code>-o='custom-columns=PODS:.metadata.name,CONTAINERS:.spec.containers[*].name'</code> |
| Reference | Link: kubernetes yaml templates |

1.6 Label & Annotatation

| Name | Command |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Filter pods by label | <code>kubect1 get pods -l owner=denny</code> |
| Manually add label to a pod | <code>kubect1 label pods dummy-input owner=denny</code> |
| Remove label | <code>kubect1 label pods dummy-input owner-</code> |
| Manually add annotation to a pod | <code>kubect1 annotate pods dummy-input my-url=https://dennyzhang.com</code> |

1.7 Deployment & Scale

| Name | Command |
|------------------------------|---|
| Scale out | <code>kubect1 scale --replicas=3 deployment/nginx-app</code> |
| online rolling upgrade | <code>kubect1 rollout app-v1 app-v2 --image=img:v2</code> |
| Roll backup | <code>kubect1 rollout app-v1 app-v2 --rollback</code> |
| List rollout | <code>kubect1 get rs</code> |
| Check update status | <code>kubect1 rollout status deployment/nginx-app</code> |
| Check update history | <code>kubect1 rollout history deployment/nginx-app</code> |
| Pause/Resume | <code>kubect1 rollout pause deployment/nginx-deployment, resume</code> |
| Rollback to previous version | <code>kubect1 rollout undo deployment/nginx-deployment</code> |
| Reference | Link: kubernetes yaml templates , Link: Pausing and Resuming a Deployment |

1.8 Quota & Limits & Resource

| Name | Command |
|-------------------------------|--|
| List Resource Quota | <code>kubect1 get resourcequota</code> |
| List Limit Range | <code>kubect1 get limitrange</code> |
| Customize resource definition | <code>kubect1 set resources deployment nginx -c=nginx --limits=cpu=200m</code> |
| Customize resource definition | <code>kubect1 set resources deployment nginx -c=nginx --limits=memory=512Mi</code> |
| Reference | Link: kubernetes yaml templates |

1.9 Service

| Name | Command |
|---------------------------------|--|
| List all services | <code>kubect1 get services</code> |
| List service endpoints | <code>kubect1 get endpoints</code> |
| Get service detail | <code>kubect1 get service nginx-service -o yaml</code> |
| Get service cluster ip | <code>kubect1 get service nginx-service -o go-template='{{.spec.clusterIP}}'</code> |
| Get service cluster port | <code>kubect1 get service nginx-service -o go-template='{{(index .spec.ports 0).port}}'</code> |
| Expose deployment as lb service | <code>kubect1 expose deployment/my-app --type=LoadBalancer --name=my-service</code> |
| Expose service as lb service | <code>kubect1 expose service/wordpress-1-svc --type=LoadBalancer --name=ns1</code> |
| Reference | Link: kubernetes yaml templates |

1.10 Secrets

| Name | Command |
|----------------------------------|--|
| List secrets | <code>kubect1 get secrets --all-namespaces</code> |
| Generate secret | <code>echo -n 'mypasswd', then redirect to base64 --decode</code> |
| Get secret | <code>kubect1 get secret denny-cluster-kubeconfig</code> |
| Get a specific field of a secret | <code>kubect1 get secret denny-cluster-kubeconfig -o jsonpath="{.data.value}"</code> |
| Create secret from cfg file | <code>kubect1 create secret generic db-user-pass --from-file=./username.txt</code> |
| Reference | Link: kubernetes yaml templates , Link: Secrets |

1.11 StatefulSet

| Name | Command |
|------------------------------------|---|
| List statefulset | <code>kubect1 get sts</code> |
| Delete statefulset only (not pods) | <code>kubect1 delete sts/<stateful_set_name> --cascade=false</code> |
| Scale statefulset | <code>kubect1 scale sts/<stateful_set_name> --replicas=5</code> |
| Reference | Link: kubernetes yaml templates |

1.12 Volumes & Volume Claims

| Name | Command |
|---------------------------|---|
| List storage class | <code>kubectl get storageclass</code> |
| Check the mounted volumes | <code>kubectl exec storage ls /data</code> |
| Check persist volume | <code>kubectl describe pv/pv0001</code> |
| Copy local file to pod | <code>kubectl cp /tmp/my <some-namespace>/<some-pod>:/tmp/server</code> |
| Copy pod file to local | <code>kubectl cp <some-namespace>/<some-pod>:/tmp/server /tmp/my</code> |
| Reference | Link: kubernetes yaml templates |

1.13 Events & Metrics

| Name | Command |
|---------------------------------|---|
| View all events | <code>kubectl get events --all-namespaces</code> |
| List Events sorted by timestamp | <code>kubectl get events --sort-by=.metadata.creationTimestamp</code> |

1.14 Node Maintenance

| Name | Command |
|---|---|
| Mark node as unschedulable | <code>kubectl cordon \$NODE_NAME</code> |
| Mark node as schedulable | <code>kubectl uncordon \$NODE_NAME</code> |
| Drain node in preparation for maintenance | <code>kubectl drain \$NODE_NAME</code> |

1.15 Namespace & Security

| Name | Command |
|-------------------------------|---|
| List authenticated contexts | <code>kubectl config get-contexts, ~/.kube/config</code> |
| Set namespace preference | <code>kubectl config set-context <context_name> --namespace=<ns_name></code> |
| Switch context | <code>kubectl config use-context <cluster-name></code> |
| Load context from config file | <code>kubectl get cs --kubeconfig kube_config.yml</code> |
| Delete the specified context | <code>kubectl config delete-context <cluster-name></code> |
| List all namespaces defined | <code>kubectl get namespaces</code> |
| List certificates | <code>kubectl get csr</code> |
| Check user privilege | <code>kubectl -as=system:serviceaccount:ns-denny:test-privileged-sa -n ns-denny auth can-i use pods/list</code> |
| Check user privilege | <code>kubectl auth can-i use pods/list</code> |
| Reference | Link: kubernetes yaml templates |

1.16 Network

| Name | Command |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Temporarily add a port-forwarding | <code>kubectl port-forward redis-134 6379:6379</code> |
| Add port-forwarding for deployment | <code>kubectl port-forward deployment/redis-master 6379:6379</code> |
| Add port-forwarding for replicaset | <code>kubectl port-forward rs/redis-master 6379:6379</code> |
| Add port-forwarding for service | <code>kubectl port-forward svc/redis-master 6379:6379</code> |
| Get network policy | <code>kubectl get NetworkPolicy</code> |

1.17 Patch

| Name | Summary |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Patch service to loadbalancer | <code>kubectl patch svc \$svc_name -p '{"spec": {"type": "LoadBalancer"}}'</code> |

1.18 Extensions

| Name | Summary |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Enumerates the resource types available | <code>kubectl api-resources</code> |
| List api group | <code>kubectl api-versions</code> |
| List all CRD | <code>kubectl get crd</code> |
| List storageclass | <code>kubectl get storageclass</code> |

1.19 Components & Services

1.19.1 Services on Master Nodes

| Name | Summary |
|--------------------------|--|
| kube-apiserver | API gateway. Exposes the Kubernetes API from master nodes |
| etcd | reliable data store for all k8s cluster data |
| kube-scheduler | schedule pods to run on selected nodes |
| kube-controller-manager | Reconcile the states. node/replication/endpoints/token controller and service account, etc |
| cloud-controller-manager | |

1.19.2 Services on Worker Nodes

| Name | Summary |
|-------------------|--|
| kubelet | A node agent makes sure that containers are running in a pod |
| kube-proxy | Manage network connectivity to the containers. e.g, iptable, ipvs |
| Container Runtime | Kubernetes supported runtimes: dockerd, cri-o, runc and any OCI runtime-spec implementation. |

1.19.3 Addons: pods and services that implement cluster features

| Name | Summary |
|-------------------------------|---|
| DNS | serves DNS records for Kubernetes services |
| Web UI | a general purpose, web-based UI for Kubernetes clusters |
| Container Resource Monitoring | collect, store and serve container metrics |
| Cluster-level Logging | save container logs to a central log store with search/browsing interface |

1.19.4 Tools

| Name | Summary |
|-----------------------|---|
| kubect1 | the command line util to talk to k8s cluster |
| kubeadm | the command to bootstrap the cluster |
| kubefed | the command line to control a Kubernetes Cluster Federation |
| Kubernetes Components | Link: Kubernetes Components |

1.20 More Resources

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<https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/kubect1/cheatsheet/>

<https://codefresh.io/kubernetes-guides/kubernetes-cheat-sheet/>