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Logging and Debugging K8s Cluster



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- Kubernetes doesn't provide native logging solution.
- Depending on what operating system and additional services you're running on your host machine, you may need to take a look at additional logs aggregator.
- In Linux journald logs can be retrieved using the **journalctl** command.

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- Kubernetes Components, which logs are useful in case of **Native K8s Cluster**.
 - **kube-apiserver** – The API server serving as the access point to the cluster.
 - **kube-scheduler** – The element that determines where to run containers.
 - **etcd** – The key-value store used as Kubernetes' cluster configuration storage.
- In K8s some components run in a container, and some run on the **operating system level** (in most cases, a **systemd** service).

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- **Cluster Components:** Ensure all K8s Cluster Components are "Healthy" and "Running" status:
- If Cluster configured with "Kubeadm".

```
kubectl get pods -n kube-system
```

- If Cluster configured manually.

```
systemctl status kube-apiserver  
systemctl status kube-controller-manager  
systemctl status kube-scheduler  
systemctl status docker  
systemctl status kubelet
```

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- **Cluster Components:** Getting all K8s Cluster Components "logs".
- If Cluster configured with "Kubeadm".

```
kubectl logs kube-apiserver-master -n kube-system | more
kubectl logs kube-controller-manager-master -n kube-system
kubectl logs kube-scheduler-master -n kube-system
kubectl logs etcd-master -n kube-system
```

- If Cluster configured manually.

```
journalctl -u kube-apiserver
journalctl -u kube-scheduler
journalctl -u etcd
journalctl -u kube-controller-manager
```

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➤ **System Level logs:** User can use journalctl.

```
# Display All Messages
```

```
journalctl
```

```
# Display newest log entries first (Latest to Old order)
```

```
journalctl -r
```

```
# Display specific number of RECENT log entries
```

```
journalctl -n 5
```

```
# Display specific priority - "info", "warning"
```

```
Journalctl -p err
```

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- **System Level logs:** User can use journalctl.

```
# Display log entries of only specific systemd unit
```

```
journalctl -u docker
```

```
journalctl -u kubelet
```

```
# Format output in "verbose", "short", "json"
```

```
journalctl -o verbose
```

```
journalctl -o json
```

```
# Combining options
```

```
journalctl -n 5 -p err -u docker -o json
```

Thank You...

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