# 2) Kubernetes Pods: The "RunContainerError/CreateContainerConfigError”

#### What Does “RunContainerError” Mean?

The RunContainerError message will appear if the container is unable to start. When you receive the "RunContainerError" message, the application within the container hasn't even attempted to load, since the container itself has failed.

#### What Causes a Pod to Be In the “RunContainerError” State?

You will encounter the "RunContainerError" message if you attempt to mount a volume ([usually ConfigMap or Secrets](https://kukulinski.com/10-most-common-reasons-kubernetes-deployments-fail-part-1/)) that doesn't exist, or if you attempt to mount a read-only volume as read-write.