



DEVOPS SHACK

50 Complex Kubernetes Scenario-Based Q&A

1. Scenario: Zero-Downtime Deployment for Multiple Services

Question: How do you ensure a zero-downtime deployment for multiple services in a production environment?

Answer: Achieving zero-downtime deployments requires careful use of **rolling updates**, **readiness probes**, and **traffic routing**. Here's how you can implement it:

1. **Rolling Update:** Use rolling updates with a small increment in replicas to ensure that only a portion of the pods are updated at a time, reducing the risk of downtime:

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: multi-service-deployment
spec:
  replicas: 4
  strategy:
    type: RollingUpdate
    rollingUpdate:
      maxUnavailable: 1
      maxSurge: 1
```

2. **Readiness Probes:** Define readiness probes to ensure that the new pod version is ready to serve traffic before it's added to the load balancer:

readinessProbe:

httpGet:

path: /health

port: 8080

initialDelaySeconds: 10

periodSeconds: 5

3. **Traffic Routing:** Use an **Ingress** or **Istio Gateway** to route traffic based on header/cookie values for canary testing:

apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3

kind: VirtualService

metadata:

name: multi-service-route

spec:

hosts:

- multi-service.example.com

http:

- route:

- destination:

host: multi-service

subset: v2

weight: 10

- destination:

host: multi-service

subset: v1

weight: 90

2. Scenario: Blue-Green Deployment with Rollback Option

Question: How do you implement a blue-green deployment strategy with an easy rollback option?

Answer: In a **blue-green deployment**, two identical environments (blue and green) are maintained. Traffic is shifted between them without downtime, allowing easy rollbacks.

1. **Create Two Deployments (blue and green):** Define two separate deployments for the blue and green environments.

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: Deployment

metadata:

name: myapp-blue

spec:

replicas: 5

template:

spec:

containers:

- name: myapp-container

image: myapp:v1

2. **Update the Ingress:** Modify the Ingress (or Istio Gateway) to point to the green deployment when ready:

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

kind: Ingress

metadata:

name: myapp-ingress

spec:

rules:

- host: myapp.example.com

http:

paths:

- backend:

serviceName: myapp-green

servicePort: 80

3. **Rolling Back:** If the green deployment has issues, switch back to blue by modifying the Ingress to point to myapp-blue again. This ensures that users always hit a stable environment.

3. Scenario: Custom Metrics for Autoscaling

Question: How do you autoscale pods based on custom application metrics, such as requests per second (RPS)?

Answer: To autoscale based on custom metrics, integrate a **custom metrics API** (such as Prometheus Adapter) with the Horizontal Pod Autoscaler (HPA).

1. **Expose Custom Metrics:** Use a monitoring tool like Prometheus to export custom metrics (e.g., RPS). Example metric:

http_requests_total{job="myapp"}

2. **Create a Custom Metrics API Adapter:** Deploy a custom metrics API adapter (e.g., **k8s-prometheus-adapter**). This adapter translates Prometheus metrics into a format Kubernetes understands.
3. **Create an HPA for Custom Metrics:** Define an HPA to autoscale based on the custom RPS metric:

apiVersion: autoscaling/v2beta2

kind: HorizontalPodAutoscaler

metadata:

name: myapp-hpa

spec:

scaleTargetRef:

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: Deployment

name: myapp

minReplicas: 2

maxReplicas: 10

metrics:

- type: Pods

pods:

metric:

name: http_requests_total

target:

type: AverageValue

averageValue: "100"

This setup ensures that Kubernetes scales the number of pods based on application RPS.

4. Scenario: Multi-Cluster Kubernetes Management

Question: How do you manage workloads in multiple Kubernetes clusters efficiently?

Answer: Managing workloads across multiple clusters requires the use of **multi-cluster tools** such as **KubeFed** (Kubernetes Federation) or **Rancher**.

1. **Install KubeFed:** Install KubeFed to manage multiple clusters as a single entity:

kubectll apply -f <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-sigs/kubefed/master/charts/kubefed/README.md>

2. **Federated Resources:** With KubeFed, you can create **federated deployments** that are automatically deployed to all member clusters:

apiVersion: types.kubefed.io/v1beta1

kind: FederatedDeployment

metadata:

name: myapp

spec:

template:

spec:

replicas: 3

selector:

matchLabels:

app: myapp

template:

metadata:

labels:

app: myapp

spec:

containers:

- name: myapp-container

image: myapp:v1

3. **Rancher for Multi-Cluster Management:** Alternatively, use **Rancher** to manage clusters through a centralized dashboard. Rancher integrates with CI/CD tools and provides RBAC controls across multiple clusters.

5. Scenario: Handling Node Failures

Question: What happens when a node fails, and how do you recover pods on that node?

Answer: Kubernetes automatically reschedules pods on healthy nodes when a node becomes unavailable.

1. **Pod Eviction:** If a node fails, the **Node Controller** detects the failure after a default timeout of 5 minutes. Pods on the failed node are marked as "Terminating" or "Unknown," and Kubernetes attempts to reschedule them on a healthy node.
2. **Node Termination Grace Period:** You can configure the node termination grace period to a lower value if you want faster eviction:

```
kubectl edit no <node-name>
```

```
# Set grace period in the taint
```

3. **Pod Disruption Budgets:** Use **PodDisruptionBudget (PDB)** to ensure that critical workloads maintain minimum availability during node failures:

```
apiVersion: policy/v1beta1
```

```
kind: PodDisruptionBudget
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp-pdb
```

```
spec:
```

```
  minAvailable: 80%
```

```
  selector:
```

```
    matchLabels:
```

```
      app: myapp
```

6. Scenario: Handling Kubernetes Version Upgrades

Question: How do you safely upgrade a Kubernetes cluster without affecting running workloads?

Answer: The safest approach to upgrading a Kubernetes cluster involves the following steps:

1. **Back Up Cluster Data:** Use tools like **etcd-backup** or **Velero** to back up your etcd database and resources:

```
velero backup create cluster-backup --include-cluster-resources
```

2. **Drain Nodes:** Drain and upgrade one node at a time:

```
kubectl drain <node-name> --ignore-daemonsets
```

3. **Upgrade Control Plane:** Upgrade the control plane first. If you are using a managed Kubernetes service (like GKE, EKS, or AKS), this is usually automated. For self-hosted clusters, you can use **kubeadm**:

```
kubeadm upgrade plan
```

```
kubeadm upgrade apply v1.21.1
```

4. **Upgrade Worker Nodes:** Once the control plane is upgraded, upgrade worker nodes. First, drain a node, upgrade it, and uncordon it:

```
kubectl uncordon <node-name>
```

5. **Monitor Cluster Health:** Ensure that all nodes are running the upgraded version and that workloads are stable by monitoring pod and node statuses.
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7. Scenario: Logging and Monitoring in Kubernetes

Question: How do you centralize logs and monitor applications in a Kubernetes cluster?

Answer: Use the **EFK (Elasticsearch, Fluentd, Kibana)** stack or **Prometheus + Grafana** for centralized logging and monitoring.

1. Centralized Logging with EFK:

- **Fluentd** collects logs from all nodes and forwards them to **Elasticsearch**.
- **Kibana** provides a UI to view and query logs.

2. Deploy Fluentd:

```
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/fluent/fluentd-kubernetes-daemonset/master/fluentd-daemonset-elasticsearch-rbac.yaml
```

3. Monitoring with Prometheus: Use **Prometheus** to collect metrics from Kubernetes components (e.g., API server, nodes, etcd) and application metrics.

```
helm install prometheus stable/prometheus
```

4. Visualize Metrics with Grafana: Grafana integrates with Prometheus to visualize real-time cluster metrics like CPU, memory, and request rates.

```
helm install grafana stable/grafana
```

8. Scenario: Network Policies for Pod Security

Question: How do you restrict network traffic between pods in Kubernetes?

Answer: Use **NetworkPolicies** to control pod-to-pod communication based on labels and namespaces.

1. Allow Traffic Only From Certain Pods: Define a NetworkPolicy that allows traffic only from pods labeled as frontend to a backend service:

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
```

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: allow-frontend
```

```
spec:
```

```
  podSelector:
```

```
    matchLabels:
```

```
      app: backend
```

```
  ingress:
```

```
    - from:
```

- podSelector:

matchLabels:

role: frontend

2. **Default Deny Policy:** To deny all ingress traffic except for explicitly allowed rules, create a default deny policy:

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

kind: NetworkPolicy

metadata:

name: default-deny

spec:

podSelector: {}

policyTypes:

- Ingress

9. Scenario: Resource Quotas in Multi-Tenant Clusters

Question: How do you enforce resource limits in a multi-tenant cluster?

Answer: Use **ResourceQuota** to limit the amount of CPU, memory, or storage that each namespace can use.

1. **Create a ResourceQuota:**

apiVersion: v1

kind: ResourceQuota

metadata:

name: compute-resources

spec:

hard:

requests.cpu: "10"

requests.memory: 64Gi

limits.cpu: "20"

limits.memory: 128Gi

2. **Enforce Quotas for Pods and PVCs:** You can also apply quotas to the number of pods, services, and persistent volume claims (PVCs):


```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ResourceQuota
metadata:
  name: pod-pvc-quota
spec:
  hard:
    pods: "100"
    persistentvolumeclaims: "20"
```

10. Scenario: Handling Cluster Autoscaling

Question: How do you automatically scale the number of nodes in a cluster based on resource demands?

Answer: Use **Cluster Autoscaler** to dynamically add or remove nodes based on pending pod resource requests.

1. **Install Cluster Autoscaler:** For a cloud provider (e.g., GKE), use the provider's CLI to enable autoscaling:

```
gcloud container clusters update my-cluster --enable-autoscaling --min-nodes=3 --max-nodes=10
```

For custom clusters, deploy the Cluster Autoscaler:

```
kubectl apply -f https://github.com/kubernetes/autoscaler/releases/download/cluster-autoscaler-1.21.0/cluster-autoscaler-autodiscover.yaml
```

2. **Autoscaler Configuration:** The autoscaler monitors pods' resource requests and increases or decreases the node count accordingly.
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11. Scenario: Securing Sensitive Data with Kubernetes Secrets

Question: How do you securely handle sensitive data such as API keys or passwords in Kubernetes?

Answer: Use **Secrets** to store sensitive data, and ensure it is encrypted at rest.

1. **Create a Secret:**

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: db-credentials
type: Opaque
data:
```

username: YWRtaW4= # Base64 encoded

password: cGFzc3dvcmQ=

2. **Use Secret in a Pod:** Refer to the secret in the pod's environment variables:

env:

- name: DB_USERNAME

valueFrom:

secretKeyRef:

name: db-credentials

key: username

- name: DB_PASSWORD

valueFrom:

secretKeyRef:

name: db-credentials

key: password

3. **Encrypt Secrets at Rest:** In Kubernetes, enable encryption at rest for secrets by setting up an **EncryptionConfiguration**.

12. Scenario: Pod Priority and Preemption

Question: How do you ensure that critical workloads are not starved of resources in a Kubernetes cluster?

Answer: Use **Pod Priority and Preemption** to ensure that high-priority pods can evict lower-priority pods when resources are constrained.

1. **Create a PriorityClass:**

apiVersion: scheduling.k8s.io/v1

kind: PriorityClass

metadata:

name: high-priority

value: 1000

preemptionPolicy: PreemptLowerPriority

2. **Assign Priority to Pods:** Assign the priority to critical pods:

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: critical-workload
spec:
  template:
    spec:
      priorityClassName: high-priority
      containers:
      - name: critical-container
        image: myapp:latest
```

Pods with higher priorities will preempt (evict) lower-priority pods if resources are insufficient.

13. Scenario: Continuous Deployment with GitOps

Question: How do you implement a GitOps workflow for continuous deployment in Kubernetes?

Answer: Use **ArgoCD** or **Flux** for GitOps-based continuous deployment, where the Git repository serves as the single source of truth for cluster configuration.

1. Install ArgoCD:

```
kubectl create namespace argocd
```

```
kubectl apply -n argocd -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/argoproj/argo-cd/stable/manifests/install.yaml
```

2. Configure Application in ArgoCD: Define an application in ArgoCD that syncs your Kubernetes manifests from a Git repository:

```
apiVersion: argoproj.io/v1alpha1
kind: Application
metadata:
  name: myapp
spec:
  destination:
    namespace: default
    server: https://kubernetes.default.svc
  source:
```

repoURL: https://github.com/example/repo.git

targetRevision: HEAD

path: manifests

ArgoCD will automatically sync and apply changes whenever commits are pushed to the Git repository.

14. Scenario: Kubernetes Multi-Tenancy with Namespaces

Question: How do you implement multi-tenancy in Kubernetes using namespaces?

Answer: Use **Namespaces** to isolate tenants within a shared Kubernetes cluster. Additionally, apply **RBAC (Role-Based Access Control)** and **NetworkPolicies** to further enforce isolation.

1. **Create Tenant-Specific Namespaces:**

```
kubectl create namespace tenant-a
```

```
kubectl create namespace tenant-b
```

2. **Create RBAC for Namespaces:** Define roles and role bindings to limit access to specific namespaces:

```
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
```

```
kind: Role
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  namespace: tenant-a
```

```
  name: tenant-admin
```

```
rules:
```

```
- apiGroups: [""]
```

```
  resources: ["pods", "services"]
```

```
  verbs: ["get", "list", "create", "delete"]
```

3. **Use NetworkPolicies for Isolation:** Prevent pods in one namespace from communicating with another:

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
```

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: deny-other-namespaces
```

```
  namespace: tenant-a
```

```
spec:
```

```
podSelector: {}

ingress:
- from:
  - namespaceSelector:
      matchLabels:
        name: tenant-a
```

15. Scenario: Implementing Service Mesh for Microservices

Question: How do you implement a service mesh for managing microservices communication in Kubernetes?

Answer: Use **Istio** to implement a service mesh. Istio provides traffic management, security, and observability for microservices.

1. Install Istio:

```
istioctl install --set profile=demo -y
```

2. Enable Automatic Sidecar Injection: Label your namespace to inject Istio's Envoy sidecar automatically:

```
kubectl label namespace default istio-injection=enabled
```

3. Configure Traffic Routing: Use **VirtualService** and **DestinationRule** resources to manage traffic between microservices:

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
```

```
kind: VirtualService
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp
```

```
spec:
```

```
  hosts:
```

```
  - myapp.example.com
```

```
  http:
```

```
  - route:
```

```
    - destination:
```

```
      host: myapp
```

```
      subset: v1
```

```
      weight: 90
```

- destination:

host: myapp

subset: v2

weight: 10

4. **Visualize Traffic with Kiali:** Kiali provides a visual representation of traffic between services:

istioctl dashboard kiali

16. Scenario: Kubernetes Pod Security Policies (PSP)

Question: How do you enforce security policies to control pod permissions in Kubernetes?

Answer: Use **Pod Security Policies (PSP)** to restrict the actions that pods can perform (e.g., disallow privileged containers).

1. **Enable Pod Security Policies:** Pod Security Policies must be enabled on the API server by adding the following flags:

--enable-admission-plugins=PodSecurityPolicy

2. **Define a Pod Security Policy:** Create a PSP that restricts privilege escalation and limits container capabilities:

apiVersion: policy/v1beta1

kind: PodSecurityPolicy

metadata:

name: restricted-psp

spec:

privileged: false

allowPrivilegeEscalation: false

runAsUser:

rule: MustRunAsNonRoot

seLinux:

rule: RunAsAny

fsGroup:

rule: MustRunAs

3. **Apply PSP with RBAC:** Use RBAC to assign the PSP to specific roles:

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1

kind: RoleBinding

metadata:
 name: restricted-psp-role
subjects:
- kind: ServiceAccount
 name: default
 namespace: my-namespace
roleRef:
 kind: Role
 name: restricted-psp
 apiGroup: policy/v1beta1

17. Scenario: Managing Multiple Environments in Kubernetes

Question: How do you manage multiple environments (e.g., dev, staging, prod) in a single Kubernetes cluster?

Answer: Use **Namespaces** to separate environments and define environment-specific configurations using **ConfigMaps** and **Secrets**.

1. Create Namespaces for Each Environment:

```
kubectl create namespace dev  
kubectl create namespace staging  
kubectl create namespace prod
```

2. Use Environment-Specific ConfigMaps and Secrets: Define environment-specific settings using ConfigMaps:

```
apiVersion: v1  
kind: ConfigMap  
metadata:  
  name: myapp-config  
  namespace: dev  
data:  
  DATABASE_URL: "postgres://dev-db"
```

3. Apply Environment-Specific RBAC: Ensure developers have access only to the appropriate environment using **RoleBindings**:

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1

kind: RoleBinding

metadata:

name: dev-access

namespace: dev

subjects:

- kind: User

name: developer

roleRef:

kind: Role

name: dev-role

apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io

18. Scenario: Immutable Container Images in Kubernetes

Question: How do you ensure that containers running in Kubernetes are immutable and that no changes are made post-deployment?

Answer: To ensure immutability, follow these practices:

1. **Use Read-Only Root Filesystem:** Set the readOnlyRootFilesystem field to true in your pod's security context:

securityContext:

readOnlyRootFilesystem: true

2. **Use Image SHA Digest for Deployments:** Reference the immutable image by its SHA digest instead of using a tag like latest:

containers:

- name: my-container

image: myapp@sha256:dbbc1c5ff...

3. **Prevent Privileged Escalation:** Use Pod Security Policies or container runtime policies to prevent privilege escalation:

securityContext:

allowPrivilegeEscalation: false

19. Scenario: Pod Eviction Policies in Overcommitted Clusters

Question: How do you ensure critical pods are not evicted when a node is under resource pressure?

Answer: Use **Pod Priority and Preemption** to ensure that critical workloads are not evicted during resource contention.

1. **Assign Priority Classes:** Create a **PriorityClass** for critical pods:

```
apiVersion: scheduling.k8s.io/v1
```

```
kind: PriorityClass
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: high-priority
```

```
value: 1000
```

2. **Assign Critical Workloads to High Priority:** Assign the priority to the pod's specification:

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
```

```
kind: Deployment
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: critical-service
```

```
spec:
```

```
  template:
```

```
    spec:
```

```
      priorityClassName: high-priority
```

3. **Preempt Low-Priority Pods:** Pods with higher priorities will preempt lower-priority pods if resources become constrained, ensuring that critical pods continue running.

20. Scenario: Kubernetes Cluster Expansion with Helm

Question: How do you scale Kubernetes resources using Helm?

Answer: Use **Helm** to package and deploy Kubernetes manifests. Helm supports versioning and templating, making it easy to scale resources.

1. **Install Helm Chart:** Install a Helm chart with scalable resource configuration:

```
helm install myapp ./myapp-chart --set replicaCount=3
```

2. **Modify Values for Scaling:** Change the replicaCount in the values.yaml file:

```
replicaCount: 5
```

3. **Upgrade Helm Release:** Apply the scaling changes using helm upgrade:

```
helm upgrade myapp ./myapp-chart
```

Helm will manage the deployment, ensuring that the desired number of replicas is created.

21. Scenario: Helm Hooks for Pre/Post-Deployment Actions

Question: How do you execute custom commands or scripts before or after a Helm deployment?

Answer: Use **Helm hooks** to run custom actions before or after a Helm release. Helm hooks can trigger jobs, config updates, or custom resource creations during specific lifecycle events (e.g., pre-install, post-install).

1. **Define a Helm Hook:** You can define hooks in your Helm templates:

```
apiVersion: batch/v1
```

```
kind: Job
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: my-pre-install-job
```

```
  annotations:
```

```
    "helm.sh/hook": "pre-install"
```

```
spec:
```

```
  template:
```

```
    spec:
```

```
      containers:
```

```
        - name: pre-install
```

```
          image: busybox
```

```
          command: ['sh', '-c', 'echo "Running pre-install job"']
```

2. **Trigger the Hook:** When you run the Helm install command, the pre-install job runs before the actual resources are applied.

22. Scenario: Implementing Multi-Tenancy with RBAC and PSP

Question: How do you implement multi-tenancy in Kubernetes using RBAC and Pod Security Policies (PSP)?

Answer: For multi-tenancy, you can use **Namespaces**, **RBAC**, and **Pod Security Policies** to isolate different tenants and control access.

1. **Namespace Isolation:** Each tenant should have their own namespace:

kubectl create namespace tenant1

2. **RBAC for Access Control:** Use **RoleBindings** to grant users access only to their tenant's namespace:

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1

kind: RoleBinding

metadata:

name: tenant1-admin

namespace: tenant1

subjects:

- kind: User

name: tenant1-user

roleRef:

kind: Role

name: admin

apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io

3. **Pod Security Policies:** Use **Pod Security Policies (PSP)** to restrict which types of pods can be deployed in each tenant's namespace:

apiVersion: policy/v1beta1

kind: PodSecurityPolicy

metadata:

name: restricted

spec:

privileged: false

allowPrivilegeEscalation: false

runAsUser:

rule: MustRunAsNonRoot

23. Scenario: Scaling Stateful Workloads

Question: How do you scale a stateful application (e.g., a database) in Kubernetes while maintaining data consistency?

Answer: Use **StatefulSets** to scale stateful applications like databases. StatefulSets provide stable network identities and persistent storage for each pod.

1. **Deploy a StatefulSet:** Define a StatefulSet for a database (e.g., Cassandra):

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: StatefulSet

metadata:

name: cassandra

spec:

serviceName: "cassandra"

replicas: 3

selector:

matchLabels:

app: cassandra

template:

metadata:

labels:

app: cassandra

spec:

containers:

- name: cassandra

image: cassandra:latest

ports:

- containerPort: 9042

volumeMounts:

- name: cassandra-data

mountPath: /var/lib/cassandra

volumeClaimTemplates:

- metadata:

name: cassandra-data

spec:

accessModes: ["ReadWriteOnce"]

resources:

requests:

storage: 10Gi

2. **Scaling a StatefulSet:** Scale the StatefulSet by increasing the number of replicas:

```
kubectl scale statefulset cassandra --replicas=5
```

StatefulSets ensure that each pod gets a unique network identity and persistent volume.

24. Scenario: Canary Deployment with Istio and Kubernetes

Question: How do you implement a canary deployment strategy in Kubernetes using Istio?

Answer: Use **Istio VirtualServices** to route a small percentage of traffic to a new version of your service while keeping most traffic on the stable version.

1. **Define Two Service Versions:** Deploy two versions of the service (v1 and v2):

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
```

```
kind: Deployment
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp-v1
```

```
spec:
```

```
  template:
```

```
    spec:
```

```
      containers:
```

```
        - name: myapp-container
```

```
          image: myapp:v1
```

```
yaml
```

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```
apiVersion: apps/v1
```

```
kind: Deployment
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp-v2
```

```
spec:
```

```
  template:
```

```
    spec:
```

```
      containers:
```

```
        - name: myapp-container
```

image: myapp:v2

2. **Create an Istio VirtualService:** Define an Istio VirtualService to split traffic between the two versions:

apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3

kind: VirtualService

metadata:

name: myapp

spec:

hosts:

- myapp.example.com

http:

- route:

- destination:

host: myapp

subset: v1

weight: 90

- destination:

host: myapp

subset: v2

weight: 10

3. **Gradually Shift Traffic:** As you gain confidence in v2, increase the traffic percentage to the new version by adjusting the weights.

25. Scenario: Persistent Volumes in a Multi-Zone Kubernetes Cluster

Question: How do you ensure that persistent storage works correctly across multiple zones in a Kubernetes cluster?

Answer: Use **StorageClasses** with **zone-aware scheduling** and dynamic provisioning to ensure that persistent volumes are created in the same zone as the pods.

1. **Create a StorageClass with Zone-Awareness:** Use a cloud provider's storage class that supports zone-awareness (e.g., for AWS EBS):

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

kind: StorageClass

metadata:

```
name: fast-storage
provisioner: kubernetes.io/aws-ebs
parameters:
  type: gp2
  zones: "us-east-1a,us-east-1b"
```

2. **Define a PersistentVolumeClaim:** Create a PVC that uses the zone-aware StorageClass:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: pvc-zone-aware
spec:
  storageClassName: fast-storage
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 10Gi
```

3. **Ensure Pods and PVCs Are Scheduled in the Same Zone:** Kubernetes will automatically schedule the pod in the same zone as the dynamically provisioned volume, ensuring optimal performance and availability.

26. Scenario: Kubernetes Backup and Disaster Recovery

Question: How do you back up and restore a Kubernetes cluster in case of disaster recovery?

Answer: Use tools like **Velero** to back up cluster resources and persistent volumes.

1. **Install Velero:** Install Velero to manage backups:

```
velero install \
  --provider aws \
  --bucket <BUCKET_NAME> \
  --backup-location-config region=<REGION> \
  --use-restic
```

2. **Create a Backup:** Backup all cluster resources and volumes:

```
velero backup create my-cluster-backup --include-cluster-resources
```

3. **Restore from Backup:** Restore the cluster from the backup:

```
velero restore create --from-backup my-cluster-backup
```

Velero can back up entire namespaces, workloads, and persistent volumes, making disaster recovery easier.

27. Scenario: CI/CD Pipeline Integration with Kubernetes

Question: How do you integrate a CI/CD pipeline with Kubernetes to automatically deploy code changes?

Answer: Use **Jenkins** or **GitLab CI** with **Kubernetes plugins** to automate deployments on code changes.

1. **Configure Jenkins with Kubernetes Plugin:** Install the Kubernetes plugin in Jenkins and configure it to deploy to your cluster:

```
kubectl apply -f jenkins-deployment.yaml
```

2. **Define a Jenkins Pipeline:** Create a pipeline script that builds the code, builds the container image, and deploys the image to Kubernetes:

```
pipeline {
  agent any
  stages {
    stage('Build') {
      steps {
        sh 'docker build -t myapp:v1 .'
      }
    }
    stage('Deploy') {
      steps {
        sh 'kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml'
      }
    }
  }
}
```

3. **Automate Deployments:** Set up webhooks from your Git repository to trigger the pipeline on code changes.

28. Scenario: Enforcing Resource Limits on Pods

Question: How do you enforce strict CPU and memory limits on pods to prevent resource exhaustion?

Answer: Use **resource requests and limits** to enforce CPU and memory constraints on pods.

1. **Define CPU and Memory Requests and Limits:** Set requests and limits in your pod spec to ensure that no pod exceeds its resource allocation:

resources:

requests:

memory: "64Mi"

cpu: "250m"

limits:

memory: "128Mi"

cpu: "500m"

2. **Resource Quotas:** Use **ResourceQuotas** to enforce limits at the namespace level to prevent one tenant from consuming too many cluster resources:

apiVersion: v1

kind: ResourceQuota

metadata:

name: cpu-mem-quota

namespace: my-namespace

spec:

hard:

requests.cpu: "10"

requests.memory: "20Gi"

limits.cpu: "20"

limits.memory: "40Gi"

29. Scenario: Horizontal Pod Autoscaling with Custom Metrics

Question: How do you scale Kubernetes pods horizontally based on custom metrics, such as requests per second (RPS)?

Answer: Use the **Horizontal Pod Autoscaler (HPA)** with custom metrics to scale based on application-specific metrics.

1. **Expose Custom Metrics:** Use **Prometheus** to expose custom metrics (e.g., RPS):

```
http_requests_total{job="myapp"}
```

2. **Install Custom Metrics Adapter:** Install a custom metrics adapter (e.g., **Prometheus Adapter**) to expose metrics to Kubernetes.
3. **Configure HPA with Custom Metrics:** Define an HPA that scales based on the custom RPS metric:

```
apiVersion: autoscaling/v2beta2
```

```
kind: HorizontalPodAutoscaler
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp-hpa
```

```
spec:
```

```
  scaleTargetRef:
```

```
    apiVersion: apps/v1
```

```
    kind: Deployment
```

```
    name: myapp
```

```
  minReplicas: 2
```

```
  maxReplicas: 10
```

```
  metrics:
```

```
  - type: Pods
```

```
    pods:
```

```
      metric:
```

```
        name: http_requests_total
```

```
      target:
```

```
        type: AverageValue
```

```
        averageValue: "100"
```

Kubernetes will now scale the number of pods based on the number of HTTP requests per second.

30. Scenario: Monitoring and Alerting for Kubernetes Workloads

Question: How do you monitor Kubernetes workloads and set up alerts based on application performance?

Answer: Use **Prometheus** and **Grafana** to monitor Kubernetes metrics and set up alerts based on custom thresholds.

1. **Install Prometheus:** Deploy Prometheus in your Kubernetes cluster:

helm install prometheus stable/prometheus

2. **Configure Grafana Dashboards:** Use Grafana to visualize the metrics collected by Prometheus. Import dashboards for Kubernetes metrics such as CPU, memory usage, and pod health.
3. **Set Up Alerts in Prometheus:** Define alert rules to trigger notifications based on certain conditions (e.g., high memory usage):

groups:

- name: example-alert

rules:

- alert: HighMemoryUsage

expr: node_memory_MemAvailable_bytes < 500000000

for: 5m

labels:

severity: warning

annotations:

summary: "Node memory is running low"

4. **Integrate with Alertmanager:** Use **Alertmanager** to send alerts to Slack, PagerDuty, or email when thresholds are breached.

31. Scenario: RBAC for Fine-Grained Access Control

Question: How do you enforce fine-grained access control for different teams in a Kubernetes cluster?

Answer: Use **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** to restrict access to resources based on user roles.

1. **Create Roles and RoleBindings:** Define roles for different teams and bind them to users or groups:

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1

kind: Role

metadata:

namespace: dev-team

name: developer-role

rules:

- apiGroups: [""]

```
resources: ["pods", "services"]  
verbs: ["get", "list", "create", "delete"]
```

```
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
```

```
kind: RoleBinding
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: developer-binding
```

```
  namespace: dev-team
```

```
subjects:
```

```
- kind: User
```

```
  name: alice
```

```
roleRef:
```

```
  kind: Role
```

```
  name: developer-role
```

```
apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```

2. **ClusterRole and ClusterRoleBindings:** For cluster-wide access, use **ClusterRoles** and **ClusterRoleBindings**.

32. Scenario: Kubernetes Multi-Cluster Management with KubeFed

Question: How do you manage multiple Kubernetes clusters using a single control plane?

Answer: Use **KubeFed** (Kubernetes Federation) to manage multiple clusters as a single entity.

1. **Install KubeFed:** Install KubeFed to manage multiple clusters from a central control plane:

```
kubectl apply -f https://github.com/kubernetes-  
sigs/kubefed/releases/download/v0.1.0/kubefed.yaml
```

2. **Join Clusters:** Add clusters to the federation:

```
kubefedctl join cluster-name --host-cluster-context=<context>
```

3. **Deploy Federated Resources:** Use **FederatedDeployments** to manage workloads across multiple clusters:

apiVersion: types.kubefed.io/v1beta1

kind: FederatedDeployment

metadata:

name: myapp

spec:

template:

spec:

replicas: 3

selector:

matchLabels:

app: myapp

template:

metadata:

labels:

app: myapp

spec:

containers:

- name: myapp-container

image: myapp:v1

Federated resources are automatically synchronized across all member clusters.

33. Scenario: Canary Release with Helm and Kubernetes

Question: How do you deploy a new version of an application using a canary release strategy with Helm?

Answer: Use **Helm** to package and deploy new versions of your application and leverage **Istio** or **Kubernetes Ingress** to route traffic.

1. **Create Helm Chart for Application:** Define the Helm chart with support for multiple versions (e.g., v1 and v2):

replicas: 3

image:

repository: myapp

tag: v1

2. **Deploy Canary Release:** Use Helm to deploy the new version (v2) as a canary:

```
helm install myapp ./myapp-chart --set image.tag=v2
```

3. **Route Canary Traffic:** Use Istio or Kubernetes Ingress to route a small percentage of traffic to the canary version:

apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3

kind: VirtualService

metadata:

name: myapp

spec:

hosts:

- myapp.example.com

http:

- route:

- destination:

- host: myapp

- subset: v1

- weight: 90

- destination:

- host: myapp

- subset: v2

- weight: 10

Gradually increase the traffic to v2 and monitor performance.

34. Scenario: Handling Node Failures in a Multi-Zone Kubernetes Cluster

Question: How does Kubernetes handle node failures in a multi-zone cluster, and how do you ensure pod rescheduling?

Answer: In a multi-zone cluster, Kubernetes ensures high availability by rescheduling pods to nodes in healthy zones.

1. **Enable Pod Anti-Affinity:** Use **podAntiAffinity** to ensure that pods are spread across different zones:

podAntiAffinity:

requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:

- labelSelector:

matchExpressions:

- key: app

operator: In

values:

- myapp

topologyKey: "failure-domain.beta.kubernetes.io/zone"

2. **Check Node Health:** When a node in one zone fails, Kubernetes automatically evicts the pods and reschedules them on healthy nodes in other zones.
3. **Ensure Persistent Storage with Zone-Aware Scheduling:** Use zone-aware StorageClasses (e.g., for AWS EBS or GCP PD) to ensure that persistent volumes are provisioned in the same zone as the pods.

35. Scenario: Immutable Infrastructure with Kubernetes

Question: How do you implement immutable infrastructure principles in Kubernetes to ensure consistency across deployments?

Answer: To implement immutability, avoid making changes to running infrastructure. Instead, deploy new versions of applications and recreate environments from scratch.

1. **Use Immutable Container Images:** Reference images by their SHA digest to ensure consistency:

containers:

- name: myapp

image: myapp@sha256:e12345abcde...

2. **Prevent Configuration Changes:** Use **ConfigMaps** and **Secrets** to externalize configurations, ensuring that the application remains immutable.
3. **Read-Only File Systems:** Set the root filesystem of your containers to be read-only:

securityContext:

readOnlyRootFilesystem: true

This ensures that your infrastructure remains immutable and consistent across environments.

36. Scenario: Deploying Stateful Applications in Kubernetes

Question: How do you deploy and scale a stateful application like Kafka in Kubernetes?

Answer: Use **StatefulSets** to deploy and manage stateful applications. StatefulSets provide stable network identities, persistent storage, and ordered scaling.

1. **Deploy Kafka StatefulSet:** Define a StatefulSet for Kafka:

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: StatefulSet

metadata:

name: kafka

spec:

serviceName: "kafka"

replicas: 3

selector:

matchLabels:

app: kafka

template:

metadata:

labels:

app: kafka

spec:

containers:

- name: kafka

image: wurstmeister/kafka:latest

ports:

- containerPort: 9092

volumeMounts:

- name: kafka-data

mountPath: /var/lib/kafka

volumeClaimTemplates:

- metadata:

name: kafka-data

spec:

accessModes: ["ReadWriteOnce"]

resources:

requests:

storage: 20Gi

2. **Expose Kafka as a Headless Service:** Use a headless service to manage stateful communication between Kafka brokers:

apiVersion: v1

kind: Service

metadata:

name: kafka

spec:

clusterIP: None

selector:

app: kafka

3. **Scaling Kafka:** StatefulSets ensure that each broker has a unique identity and persistent volume. Scale Kafka by increasing the number of replicas:

kubectl scale statefulset kafka --replicas=5

37. Scenario: Kubernetes RBAC for Fine-Grained Access Control

Question: How do you enforce fine-grained access control in Kubernetes to restrict access to certain resources for specific users?

Answer: Use **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** to enforce fine-grained access controls, limiting access to resources based on user roles and permissions.

1. **Create Roles for Specific Resources:** Define roles that grant specific permissions (e.g., access to pods and services) within a namespace:

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1

kind: Role

metadata:

name: developer-role

namespace: dev

rules:

- apiGroups: [""]

resources: ["pods", "services"]

verbs: ["get", "list", "create", "delete"]

2. **Bind Roles to Users:** Use **RoleBindings** to associate users with specific roles:

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1

kind: RoleBinding

metadata:

name: developer-binding

namespace: dev

subjects:

- kind: User

name: alice

roleRef:

kind: Role

name: developer-role

apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io

3. **Cluster-Wide Roles:** Use **ClusterRoles** for cluster-wide access across namespaces:

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1

kind: ClusterRole

metadata:

name: admin-role

rules:

- apiGroups: [""]

resources: ["nodes", "pods"]

verbs: ["get", "list"]

38. Scenario: Multi-Cluster Kubernetes Management with Rancher

Question: How do you manage multiple Kubernetes clusters across different environments using Rancher?

Answer: Use **Rancher** to manage multiple clusters across different cloud environments or on-premise infrastructure.

1. **Install Rancher:** Deploy Rancher to manage clusters:

```
helm repo add rancher-latest https://releases.rancher.com/server-charts/latest
```

```
helm install rancher rancher-latest/rancher --namespace cattle-system
```

2. **Add Clusters to Rancher:** Use Rancher's UI to add clusters (e.g., GKE, EKS, on-prem) for centralized management.
3. **RBAC Across Clusters:** Rancher allows you to define global RBAC policies that apply across multiple clusters, ensuring consistent access control.

39. Scenario: Deploying Multi-Tier Applications in Kubernetes

Question: How do you deploy a multi-tier application (e.g., frontend, backend, database) in Kubernetes with proper isolation?

Answer: Use **Namespaces** to isolate different tiers and **NetworkPolicies** to control traffic flow between them.

1. **Deploy Frontend, Backend, and Database:** Define separate deployments for each tier (e.g., frontend, backend, and database):

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
```

```
kind: Deployment
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: frontend
```

```
spec:
```

```
  replicas: 3
```

```
  template:
```

```
    spec:
```

```
      containers:
```

```
        - name: frontend
```

```
          image: nginx
```

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: Deployment

metadata:

name: backend

spec:

replicas: 3

template:

spec:

containers:

- name: backend

image: my-backend

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: Deployment

metadata:

name: database

spec:

replicas: 1

template:

spec:

containers:

- name: database

image: mysql

2. **Use Namespaces for Isolation:** Create separate namespaces for each tier (frontend, backend, database):

kubectl create namespace frontend

kubectl create namespace backend

kubectl create namespace database

3. **NetworkPolicies for Security:** Use **NetworkPolicies** to restrict traffic between tiers. For example, only allow traffic from the frontend to the backend:

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

kind: NetworkPolicy

metadata:

name: allow-frontend-backend

namespace: backend

spec:

podSelector:

matchLabels:

app: backend

ingress:

- from:

- namespaceSelector:

matchLabels:

name: frontend

40. Scenario: Kubernetes Ingress for Multi-Domain Applications

Question: How do you configure Ingress to route traffic to multiple applications using different domains or subdomains?

Answer: Use **Ingress** resources to route traffic to different services based on hostnames or paths.

1. **Create Ingress Rules:** Define Ingress rules for multiple domains or subdomains:

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

kind: Ingress

metadata:

name: multi-domain-ingress

spec:

rules:

- host: app1.example.com

http:

paths:

- backend:

service:

name: app1-service

port:

number: 80

- host: app2.example.com

http:

paths:

- backend:

service:

name: app2-service

port:

number: 80

2. **Use a TLS Certificate:** Secure traffic to your applications by adding a TLS certificate for the domains:

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

kind: Ingress

metadata:

name: secure-ingress

spec:

tls:

- hosts:

- app1.example.com

- app2.example.com

secretName: tls-secret

rules:

- host: app1.example.com

http:

paths:

- backend:

service:

name: app1-service

port:

number: 80

- host: app2.example.com

http:

paths:

- backend:

service:

name: app2-service

port:

number: 80

3. **Automatic Certificate Management:** Use **cert-manager** to automatically issue and renew TLS certificates for your Ingress:

```
kubectl apply -f https://github.com/jetstack/cert-manager/releases/download/v1.4.0/cert-manager.yaml
```

41. Scenario: Kubernetes Pod Priority and Preemption

Question: How do you ensure that critical workloads are not preempted or starved for resources in a Kubernetes cluster under heavy load?

Answer: Use **Pod Priority and Preemption** to ensure that high-priority pods can evict lower-priority pods when resources are scarce.

1. **Define Priority Classes:** Create a **PriorityClass** for critical workloads:

```
apiVersion: scheduling.k8s.io/v1
```

```
kind: PriorityClass
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: high-priority
```

```
value: 1000
```

```
preemptionPolicy: PreemptLowerPriority
```

2. **Assign Priority to Pods:** Assign the priority to the pod's specification:

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
```

```
kind: Deployment
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: critical-app
```

```
spec:
```

template:

spec:

priorityClassName: high-priority

containers:

- name: myapp-container

image: myapp:latest

3. **Preempt Low-Priority Pods:** Kubernetes will preempt lower-priority pods to free up resources for high-priority pods during resource contention.

42. Scenario: Debugging and Troubleshooting Pods

Question: A pod is stuck in a CrashLoopBackOff state. How do you debug and troubleshoot the issue?

Answer: Follow these steps to troubleshoot the issue:

1. **Check Pod Logs:** View the pod's logs to understand why it's crashing:

kubectl logs <pod-name>

2. **Describe the Pod:** Use the kubectl describe command to get detailed information about the pod's status, events, and failure reasons:

kubectl describe pod <pod-name>

3. **Execute a Shell in the Pod:** If the container starts but crashes quickly, you can use kubectl exec to access the pod and debug:

kubectl exec -it <pod-name> -- /bin/bash

4. **Check Resource Limits:** Ensure that the pod isn't being killed due to exceeding CPU or memory limits.
5. **Investigate Readiness and Liveness Probes:** Misconfigured probes can cause a pod to be restarted or marked as unhealthy.

43. Scenario: Kubernetes Cluster Autoscaler

Question: How do you automatically scale the number of nodes in a Kubernetes cluster based on resource demand?

Answer: Use the **Cluster Autoscaler** to dynamically adjust the number of nodes in the cluster based on pod resource requests.

1. **Install Cluster Autoscaler:** Install the Cluster Autoscaler for your cloud provider (e.g., GKE, AWS, or Azure). For GKE:

gcloud container clusters update my-cluster --enable-autoscaling --min-nodes=3 --max-nodes=10

2. **Configure Autoscaler:** The autoscaler monitors pending pods that cannot be scheduled due to resource constraints and scales the cluster accordingly.
 3. **Ensure Pod Scheduling:** Pods with unsatisfied resource requests trigger the autoscaler to add new nodes.
-

44. Scenario: Managing Application Configuration Across Environments

Question: How do you manage application configuration for multiple environments (e.g., dev, staging, prod) in Kubernetes?

Answer: Use **ConfigMaps** and **Secrets** to manage environment-specific configurations.

1. **Create Environment-Specific ConfigMaps:** Define a ConfigMap for each environment (e.g., dev, staging, prod):

apiVersion: v1

kind: ConfigMap

metadata:

name: app-config

namespace: dev

data:

DATABASE_URL: "postgres://dev-db"

2. **Use the ConfigMap in Pods:** Mount the ConfigMap as environment variables in the pod spec:

containers:

- name: myapp-container

envFrom:

- configMapRef:

name: app-config

3. **Separate Namespaces for Environments:** Create separate namespaces for each environment to isolate configurations and resources:

kubectl create namespace dev

kubectl create namespace staging

kubectl create namespace prod

45. Scenario: High Availability for Kubernetes Control Plane

Question: How do you set up a highly available Kubernetes control plane?

Answer: To ensure high availability (HA) of the Kubernetes control plane, deploy multiple API server instances and use etcd clusters with multiple members.

1. **Deploy Multiple API Servers:** For an HA setup, deploy multiple instances of the Kubernetes API server across different nodes or zones.
2. **Use a Load Balancer:** Place a load balancer in front of the API servers to distribute traffic.
3. **Deploy an HA etcd Cluster:** Use an odd number of etcd members (e.g., 3 or 5) to form a quorum-based consensus:

```
etcd --name infra0 --initial-advertise-peer-urls http://infra0:2380 \
--listen-peer-urls http://infra0:2380 \
--initial-cluster-token etcd-cluster-1 \
--initial-cluster infra0=http://infra0:2380,infra1=http://infra1:2380,infra2=http://infra2:2380 \
--initial-cluster-state new
```

4. **Ensure Redundancy for Controller Manager and Scheduler:** Deploy multiple instances of the controller manager and scheduler, with leader election enabled to ensure one active instance.

46. Scenario: CI/CD Pipeline for Kubernetes Using GitLab

Question: How do you set up a CI/CD pipeline in GitLab for deploying applications to Kubernetes?

Answer: Use GitLab CI's **Kubernetes integration** to build, test, and deploy your applications automatically.

1. **Configure Kubernetes Integration:** In GitLab, go to your project's settings and configure Kubernetes integration by providing the cluster credentials (API server URL, CA certificate, and token).
2. **Define a GitLab CI Pipeline:** Create a .gitlab-ci.yml file that builds the application, builds a Docker image, and deploys it to Kubernetes:

stages:

- build
- deploy

build:

stage: build

script:

- docker build -t registry.gitlab.com/myapp:v1 .

tags:

- docker

deploy:

```
stage: deploy
script:
  - kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
environment:
  name: production
```

3. **Set Up Deployment Webhooks:** GitLab CI automatically triggers the pipeline on code pushes, builds the application, and deploys it to Kubernetes.

47. Scenario: Immutable Infrastructure in Kubernetes

Question: How do you ensure immutability for your Kubernetes workloads to prevent configuration drift?

Answer: To ensure immutability, follow these practices:

1. **Use Immutable Container Images:** Reference images by their SHA digest to ensure consistency across environments:

containers:

- name: myapp

image: myapp@sha256:e12345abcde...

2. **Read-Only File Systems:** Set the root filesystem of your containers to read-only to prevent accidental changes to the infrastructure:

securityContext:

readOnlyRootFilesystem: true

3. **Externalize Configuration:** Use ConfigMaps and Secrets for configuration, and avoid hardcoding environment-specific settings in your containers.
4. **Use Declarative Infrastructure:** Use tools like **Helm**, **Kustomize**, or **Terraform** to manage infrastructure as code (IaC), ensuring that changes are applied in a controlled, repeatable manner.

48. Scenario: Logging and Monitoring in Kubernetes

Question: How do you implement centralized logging and monitoring in a Kubernetes cluster?

Answer: Use the **EFK (Elasticsearch, Fluentd, Kibana)** stack for centralized logging and **Prometheus** and **Grafana** for monitoring.

1. **Deploy Fluentd for Log Aggregation:** Fluentd collects logs from all nodes and forwards them to Elasticsearch:

`kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/fluent/fluentd-kubernetes-daemonset/master/fluentd-daemonset-elasticsearch-rbac.yaml`

2. **Use Kibana for Log Analysis:** Kibana provides a UI for searching and analyzing logs stored in Elasticsearch.
3. **Monitoring with Prometheus:** Deploy Prometheus to collect metrics from Kubernetes components (e.g., API server, nodes, etcd) and application metrics:

`helm install prometheus stable/prometheus`

4. **Visualize Metrics with Grafana:** Grafana integrates with Prometheus to provide dashboards for real-time metrics visualization.

49. Scenario: Kubernetes Cluster Autoscaler for Cloud Providers

Question: How do you automatically scale the number of nodes in a Kubernetes cluster based on resource demand?

Answer: Use the **Cluster Autoscaler** to automatically scale the number of nodes in a cluster based on pod resource requests.

1. **Install Cluster Autoscaler:** For cloud providers, such as GKE or EKS, enable autoscaling:

`gcloud container clusters update my-cluster --enable-autoscaling --min-nodes=3 --max-nodes=10`

2. **Configure Autoscaler:** The Cluster Autoscaler monitors pod resource requests and scales the cluster by adding or removing nodes to meet demand.
3. **Ensure Resource Requests for Pods:** Ensure that pods have defined CPU and memory requests, so the autoscaler knows when to trigger scaling actions.

50. Scenario: Kubernetes Multi-Cluster Deployment Using KubeFed

Question: How do you manage workloads across multiple Kubernetes clusters using Kubernetes Federation (KubeFed)?

Answer: Use **KubeFed** to manage multiple clusters from a centralized control plane, ensuring consistent deployment and configuration across clusters.

1. **Install KubeFed:** Install KubeFed to manage multiple clusters:

`kubectl apply -f https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs/kubefed/releases/download/v0.1.0/kubefed.yaml`

2. **Join Clusters:** Use `kubefedctl` to join member clusters:

`kubefedctl join my-cluster --host-cluster-context=my-host-cluster`

3. **Deploy Federated Resources:** Deploy federated resources across all member clusters:

apiVersion: types.kubefed.io/v1beta1

kind: FederatedDeployment

metadata:

name: myapp

spec:

template:

spec:

replicas: 3

selector:

matchLabels:

app: myapp

template:

metadata:

labels:

app: myapp

spec:

containers:

- name: myapp-container

image: myapp:v1

KubeFed ensures that deployments are synchronized across all clusters in the federation.