Exercise: Kubernetes Storage

Kubernetes is a free and open-source container orchestration platform. It provides services and management capabilities needed to efficiently deploy, operate, and scale containers in a cloud or cluster environment.

When managing containerized environments, Kubernetes storage is useful for storage administrators, because it allows them to maintain multiple forms of persistent and non-persistent data in a Kubernetes cluster. This makes it possible to create dynamic storage resources that can serve different types of applications.

Practice 1: Direct provisioning of Azure File storage

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lyubomir [ ~ ]$ az aks get-credentials --resource-group rg1 --name akc1

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```

2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl get pods
No resources found in default namespace.
```

- 3. In this practice we will directly provision Azure Files to a pod running inside AKS.
- 4. First create the Azure Files share. Run the following commands:

Change these four parameters as needed for your own environment

AKS PERS STORAGE ACCOUNT NAME=lyubostorage

AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP=rg1

AKS_PERS_LOCATION=eastus

AKS PERS SHARE NAME=aksshare

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME=lyubostorage
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP=rg1
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ AKS_PERS_LOCATION=eastus
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ AKS_PERS_SHARE_NAME=aksshare
```

Create a resource group

az group create --name \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP --location \$AKS_PERS_LOCATION

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ az group create --name $AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP --location $AKS_PERS_LOCATION
{
    "id": "/subscriptions/3b42ed89-1120-4053-a858-c2baec72c542/resourceGroups/rg1",
    "location": "eastus",
    "managedBy": null,
    "name": "rg1",
    "properties": {
        "provisioningState": "Succeeded"
    },
    "tags": null,
    "type": "Microsoft.Resources/resourceGroups"
}
```

Create a storage account

az storage account create -n \$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME -g \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP -I \$AKS_PERS_LOCATION --sku Standard_LRS

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ az storage account create -n $AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME -g $AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP -1 $AKS_PERS_LOCATION --sku Standard_LRS
The public access to all blobs or containers in the storage account will be disallowed by default in the future, which means default value for --allow-blob-public-access is still null but will be equivalent to false.

{
    "accessTier": "Hot",
    "allowBlobPublicAccess": true,
    "allowBlobPublicAccess": true,
    "allowSharedKeyAccess": true,
    "allowBlobPublicAccess": true,
    "allowBlobPublicAccess": true,
    "allowSharedKeyAccess": true,
    "allowShare
```

Export the connection string as an environment variable, this is used when creating the Azure file share export AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING=\$(az storage account show-connection-string -n \$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME -g \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP -o tsv)
Create the file share

az storage share create -n \$AKS_PERS_SHARE_NAME --connection-string

\$AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING

```
| Jyubomir [ ~ ]$ az storage account create -n $AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME -g $AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP -1 $AKS_PERS_LOCATION --sku Standard_LBS
The public access to all blobs or containers in the storage account will be disallowed by default in the future, which means default value for --allow-blob-public-access it
still null but will be equivalent to false.

{
    "accessTier": "Hot",
    "allowSloreDublicAccess": true,
    "allowSloreDublicAccess": true,
    "allowSharedKeyAccess": true,
    "allowStoredKeyAccess": true,
    "allowStoredKeyAccess": true,
    "allowStoredKeyAccess": null,
    "azureFilesIdentityBasedAuthentication": null,
    "blobRestoreStatus": null,
    "creationTime": "2023-04-197123:00:44.077168+00:00",
    "unableHttpSTrafficOnUrhAuthentication": false,
    "dnsEndpointType": "Standard",
    "enableHttpSTrafficOnUrhAuthentication": false,
    "enableHttpSTrafficOnUrhAuthentication": false,
    "enableHttpSTrafficOnUrhAuthentication": false,
    "services": "Microsoft.Storage",
    "keyYoultProperties": null,
    "equireInfrastructureEncryption": false,
    "services": "Microsoft.Storage",
    "keyYoultProperties": null,
    "enabled": true,
    "keyType": "Account",
    "lastEnabled": true,
    "keyType": "Account",
    "lastEnabled": true,
    "keyType": "Account",
    "lastEnabled": true,
    "enabled": true,
    "enabled":
```

Get storage account key

STORAGE_KEY=\$(az storage account keys list --resource-group \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP --account-name

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ STORAGE_KEY=$(az storage account keys list --resource-group $AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP --account-name $AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME --query "[0].value" -o t
```

\$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME --query "[0].value" -o tsv)

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl create secret generic azure-secret --from-literal=azurestorageaccountname=$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME --from-literal=azurestorageaccountkey=$STORAGE_KEY error: failed to create secrets "azure-secret" already exists
```

Echo storage account name and key

echo Storage account name: \$AKS PERS STORAGE ACCOUNT NAME

echo Storage account key: \$STORAGE_KEY

5. Make a note of the storage account name and key shown at the end of the script output. These values are

needed when you create the Kubernetes volume in one of the following steps.

6. Now we will need to create a Kubernetes secret that will be used to mount the Az File Share to the pod. You

need to hide this information from the pod's definition and K8S secret is the best way to do it.

7. Run the following (single) command to create the secret:

kubectl create secret generic azure-secret --from-\

literal=azurestorageaccountname=\$AKS PERS STORAGE ACCOUNT NAME \

- --from-literal=azurestorageaccountkey=\$STORAGE KEY
- 8. Check if secret was created. Run kubectl get secret -A.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl get secret -A
NAMESPACE
              NAME
                                        TYPE
                                                                         DATA
                                                                                AGE
default
              azure-secret
                                                                         2
                                                                                 33m
                                        Opaque
kube-system
              ama-logs-secret
                                                                         2
                                                                                 72m
                                        Opaque
kube-system
              bootstrap-token-3qci1f
                                        bootstrap.kubernetes.io/token
                                                                         4
                                                                                 72m
kube-system
              konnectivity-certs
                                                                         3
                                                                                 72m
                                        Opaque
```

9. Now we can create the pod and mount the Azure File. Create a new file named azure-files-pod.yaml with the

following contents:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
  - image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
    name: mypod
    resources:
      requests:
        cpu: 100m
        memory: 128Mi
      limits:
        cpu: 250m
        memory: 256Mi
    volumeMounts:
    - name: azure
      mountPath: /mnt/azure
  - name: azure
    azureFile:
      secretName: azure-secret
      shareName: aksshare
      readOnly: false
```

10. Run kubectl apply -f azure-files-pod.yaml.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl apply -f azure-files-pod.yaml
pod/mypod configured
```

- 11. You now have a running pod with an Azure Files share mounted at /mnt/azure.
- 12. You can use kubectl describe pod mypod to verify the share is mounted successfully. Search for the Volumes

section of the output.

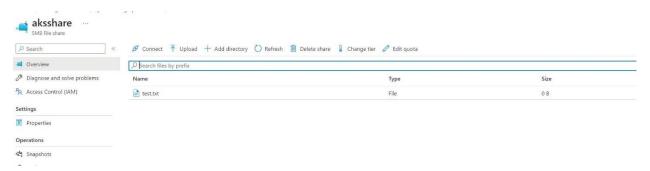
```
yubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl describe pod mypod
                     mypod
default
Name:
Namespace:
Priority:
Service Account: default
                     aks-agentpool-34592492-vmss000001/10.224.0.5
Wed, 19 Apr 2023 23:22:05 +0000
Node:
Start Time:
Labels:
Annotations:
                     <none>
Status:
                     Running
                     10.244.0.14
IP:
  IP: 10.244.0.14
Containers:
  mypod:
Container ID: containerd://484339cec275b4ea8c4bd6048d94f1a0d2ef9dc4a65560eab79097c74fce5486
                       mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx@sha256:f84780a5ad654515bcd9ba2f35e20935e1246799f198683dd2c4f74d19ae9e5e
     Image ID:
     Host Port:
                        Running
     State:
                        Wed, 19 Apr 2023 23:22:08 +0000
      Started:
     Ready:
     Restart Count:
     Limits:
```

13. Now exec to the pod and try to access the mounted file share. Run the following command kubectl exec -it

mypod - bash

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl exec -it mypod -- sh
/ # cd /mnt/azure
/mnt/azure # touch test.txt
```

- 14. Go to /mnt/azure and create a blank file test.txt file.
- 15. Go to the portal and locate your Azure storage provisioned for this practice.
- 16. Under the Files section, check the contents of the Azure file share and check if test.txt file exists.



17. Delete the mypod. What happens to the Azure File share?

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl delete pod mypod
pod "mypod" deleted
```

Practice 2: Provisioning Azure File storage using PVs and PVCs

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1. Login to Azure and connect to your AKS cluster.

```
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Connecting terminal...

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lyubomir [ ~ ]$ az aks get-credentials --resource-group rg1 --name akc1

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```

2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl get pods --namespace=default
No resources found in default namespace.
```

- 3. Now we will provision Azure files storage to a pod using PV and PVC.
- 4. Create a azurefile-mount-options-pv.yaml file with a PersistentVolume like this:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
  name: azurefile
spec:
  capacity:
    storage: 5Gi
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  azureFile:
    secretName: azure-secret
    shareName: aksshare
    readOnly: false
  mountOptions:
    - dir mode=0777
    - file mode=0777
    - uid=1000
    - gid=1000
    - mfsymlinks
    - nobrl
```

- 5. Note the access mode. Can you use other mode with Azure files?
- 6. Now create a azurefile-mount-options-pvc.yaml file with a PersistentVolumeClaim that uses the PersistentVolume like this:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
```

```
metadata:
   name: azurefile
spec:
   accessModes:
   - ReadWriteMany
   storageClassName: ""
   resources:
     requests:
     storage: 5Gi
```

7. Execute kubectl apply -f azurefile-mount-options-pv.yaml and kubectl apply -f azurefile-mount-optionspvc.yaml.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl apply -f azurefile-mount-options-pv.yaml
persistentvolume/azurefile created
```

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl apply -f azurefile-mount-options-pvc.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/azurefile created
```

8. Verify your PersistentVolumeClaim is created and bound to the PersistentVolume. Run kubectl get pvc azurefile.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl get pvc azurefile

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE
azurefile Bound azurefile 5Gi RWX 16s
```

9. Now we can embed the PVC info inside our pod definition. Create the following file azure-files-pod.yaml with

following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
    name: mypod
spec:
    containers:
    - image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
    name: mypod
    resources:
        requests:
        cpu: 100m
        memory: 128Mi
        limits:
        cpu: 250m
        memory: 256Mi
```

```
volumeMounts:
    - name: azure
    mountPath: /mnt/azure
volumes:
    - name: azure
    persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: azurefile
```

10. Run kubectl apply -f azure-files-pod.yaml.

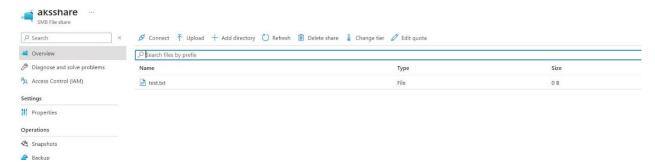
```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl apply -f azure-files-pod.yaml
pod/mypod created
```

- 11. You now have a running pod with an Azure Files share mounted at /mnt/azure.
- 12. You can use kubectl describe pod mypod to verify the share is mounted successfully. Search for the Volumes section of the output.

13. Now exec to the pod and try to access the mounted file share. Run the following command kubectl exec -it mypod – bash

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl exec -it mypod -- sh
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```

- 14. Go to /mnt/azure and create a blank file test.txt file.
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17. Delete the mypod the pv and pvc you have created so far. What happens to the Azure File share?

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl delete pod mypod
pod "mypod" deleted
```

Practice 3: Provisioning Azure file storage using Storage Classes

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```

2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl get pods
No resources found in default namespace.
```

3. Now we will provision file storage using the definition of storage classes. Create a file named azure-file-sc.yaml

and copy in the following example manifest:

kind: StorageClass

```
kind: StorageClass
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
   name: my-azurefile
provisioner: kubernetes.io/azure-file
mountOptions:
```

```
- dir_mode=0777
- file_mode=0777
- uid=0
- gid=0
- mfsymlinks
- cache=strict
- actimeo=30
parameters:
    skuName: Standard_LRS
```

4. Create the storage class with kubectl apply -f azure-file-sc.yaml .

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl apply -f azure-file-sc.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/my-azurefile created
```

5. Now we will create the PVC that will consume the storage class defined previously. Create a file named azurefile-pvc.yaml and copy in the following YAML:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
   name: my-azurefile
spec:
   accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
   storageClassName: my-azurefile
   resources:
     requests:
     storage: 5Gi
```

6. Create the persistent volume claim with the kubectl apply -f azure-file-pvc.yaml

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl apply -f azure-file-pvc.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/my-azurefile created
```

7. Once completed, the file share will be created. A Kubernetes secret is also created that includes connection information and credentials. You can use the kubectl get pvc my-azurefile command to view the status of the PVC.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl get pvc my-azurefile

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE

my-azurefile Pending my-azurefile 13s
```

8. Now we will create the pod that consumes the PVC. Create a file named azure-pvc-files.yaml, and copy in the following YAML. Make sure that the claimName matches the PVC created in the last step:

kind: Pod

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
```

```
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
  - name: mypod
    image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
   resources:
      requests:
        cpu: 100m
       memory: 128Mi
      limits:
        cpu: 250m
       memory: 256Mi
   volumeMounts:
    - mountPath: "/mnt/azure"
      name: volume
  volumes:
  - name: volume
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: my-azurefile
```

9. Create the pod with kubectl apply -f azure-pvc-files.yaml .

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl apply -f azure-pvc-files.yaml
pod/mypod created
```

10. Do a describe on the pod and check the volumes mounted.

```
/olumes:
         volume:
                 Type: Persisten.
ClaimName: my-azurefile
ReadOnly: false
                                                                        PersistentVolumeClaim (a reference to a PersistentVolumeClaim in the same namespace)
          kube-api-access-4n9wv:
                                                                                                                                      Projected (a volume that contains injected data from multiple sources)
                   TokenExpirationSeconds:
                                                                                                                                     3607
                                                                                                                                     kube-root-ca.crt
                 ConfigMapOptional:
DownwardAPI:
                                                                                                                                     <nil>
                                                                                                                                     true
 QoS Class:
                                                                                                                                     Burstable
  Node-Selectors:
                                                                                                                                     <none>
                                                                                                                                    node.kubernetes.io/memory-pressure:NoSchedule op=Exists
node.kubernetes.io/not-ready:NoExecute op=Exists for 300s
node.kubernetes.io/unreachable:NoExecute op=Exists for 300s
 Tolerations:
Events:
        Type
                                                                                                Age
                                                                                                                          From
                                                                                                                         default-scheduler

kubelet

ku
                                            Scheduled 25s
         Normal
                                            Pulled
Created
          Normal
                                                                                                25s
```

11. Delete everything created under this practice including the storage class.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl delete pod mypod
kubectl delete pvc my-azurefile
kubectl delete pv azurefile
kubectl delete sc my-azurefile
pod "mypod" deleted
persistentvolumeclaim "my-azurefile" deleted
Error from server (NotFound): persistentvolumes "azurefile" not found
storageclass.storage.k8s.io "my-azurefile" deleted
lyubomir [ ~ ]$
```

Practice 4: Direct provisioning of Azure Disk storage

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```

2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.

```
lyubomir [ ~ ]$ kubectl get pods
No resources found in default namespace.
```

3. In this practice we will directly provision Azure Disk to a pod running inside AKS.

4. First create the disk in the node resource group. First, get the node resource group name with az aks show --

resource-group myResourceGroup --name myAKSCluster --query nodeResourceGroup -o tsv .

5. Now create a disk using:

```
az disk create \
--resource-group MC_myResourceGroup_myAKSCluster_eastus \
--name myAKSDisk \
--size-gb 20 \
```

--query id --output tsv6. Make a note of the disk resource ID shown at the end of the script output. This value is needed when you

create the Kubernetes volume in one of the following steps.

7. Now we can create the pod and mount the Azure Disk. Create a new file named azure-disk-pod.yaml with the

following contents:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
  - image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
   name: mypod
    resources:
      requests:
       cpu: 100m
       memory: 128Mi
      limits:
        cpu: 250m
        memory: 256Mi
    volumeMounts:
    - name: azure
      mountPath: /mnt/azure
  volumes:
  - name: azure
    azureDisk:
      kind: Managed
     diskName: myAKSDisk
      diskURI: <!!!!!!!!!!! Put the Disk resource id noted before!!!>
```

- 8. Run kubectl apply -f azure-disk-pod.yaml.
- 9. You now have a running pod with an Azure Disk mounted at /mnt/azure.
- 10. You can use kubectl describe pod mypod to verify the share is mounted successfully. Search for the Volumes

section of the output.

11. Now exec to the pod and try to access the mounted volume. Run the following command kubectl exec -it

mypod -- bash

- 12. Go to /mnt/azure and try create a blank file test.txt file.
- 13. Delete everything created by this practice.

Practice 5: Provisioning Azure Disk storage using Storage Classes

Note: Try not to do a copy/paste on commands requests unless you are instructed to do so.

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- 1. Login to Azure and connect to your AKS cluster.
- 2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.
- 3. Now we will provision Azure disk and attach it to a running pod but this time using dynamic provisioning with

storage classes. List the available storage classes, run kubectl get sc.

4. Examine the output. Each AKS cluster includes four pre-created storage classes, two of them configured to

work with Azure disks, default and managed-premium. We will use the managed-premium in our PVC definition since it uses premium type of disks.

5. Now we will create the PVC that will consume the storage class defined previously. Create a file named azure-premium.yaml and copy in the following YAML:

apiVersion: v1

kind: PersistentVolumeClaim

metadata:

name: azure-managed-disk

spec:

```
accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
storageClassName: managed-premium
resources:
    requests:
    storage: 5Gi
```

- 6. Create the persistent volume claim with the kubectl apply -f azure-premium.yaml.
- 7. Check the status of your PVC.
- 8. Now we will create the pod that consumes the PVC. Create a file named azure-pvc-disk.yaml, and copy in the

following YAML. Make sure that the claimName matches the PVC created in the last step:

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
  - name: mypod
    image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
    resources:
     requests:
       cpu: 100m
       memory: 128Mi
      limits:
        cpu: 250m
        memory: 256Mi
    volumeMounts:
    - mountPath: "/mnt/azure"
      name: volume
  - name: volume
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: azure-managed-disk
```

- 9. Create the pod with kubectl apply -f azure-pvc-disk.yaml .
- 10. Do a describe on the pod and check the volumes mounted.

kubectl describe pod mypod

11. Delete everything created under this practice including the storage class.

kubectl delete pod mypod

kubectl delete pvc azure-managed-disk

kubectl delete pv azure-managed-disk kubectl delete sc managed-premium