Simplify your Kubernetes setup through AKS Add-Ons



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Key takeaways

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Enterprise-grade by design

Development tools

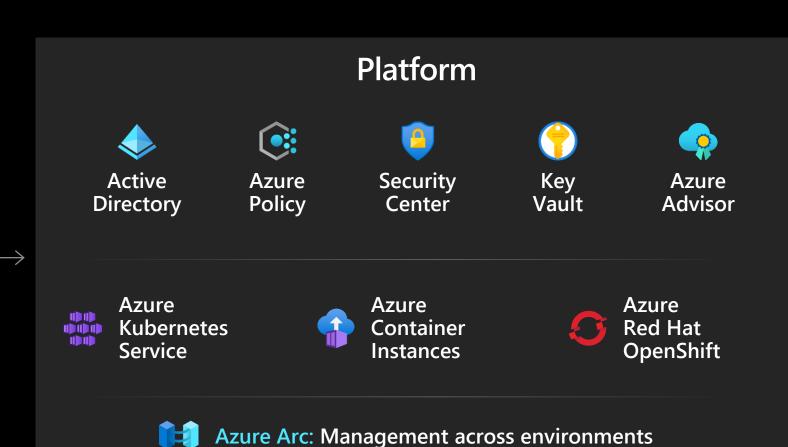


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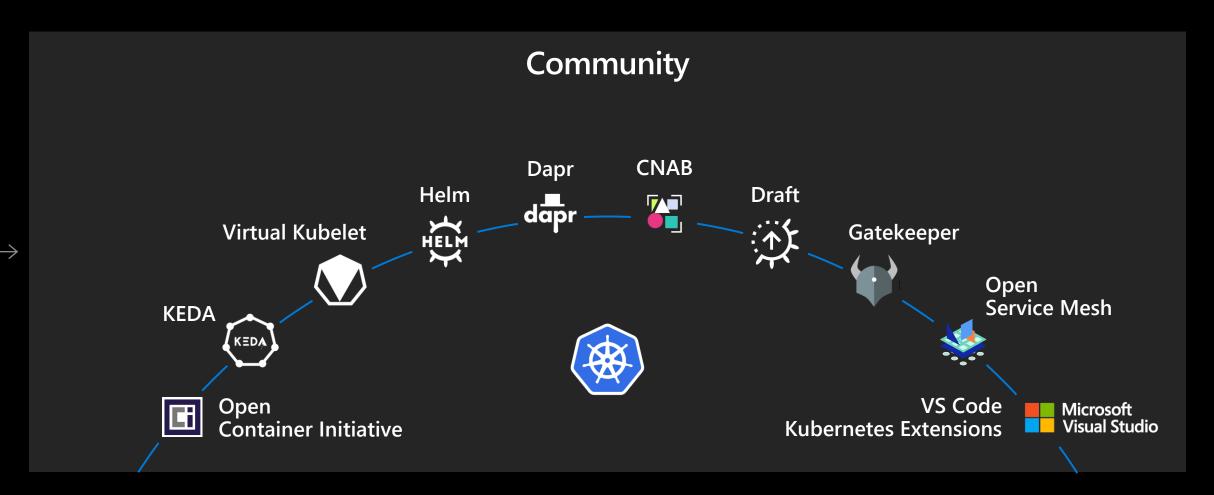






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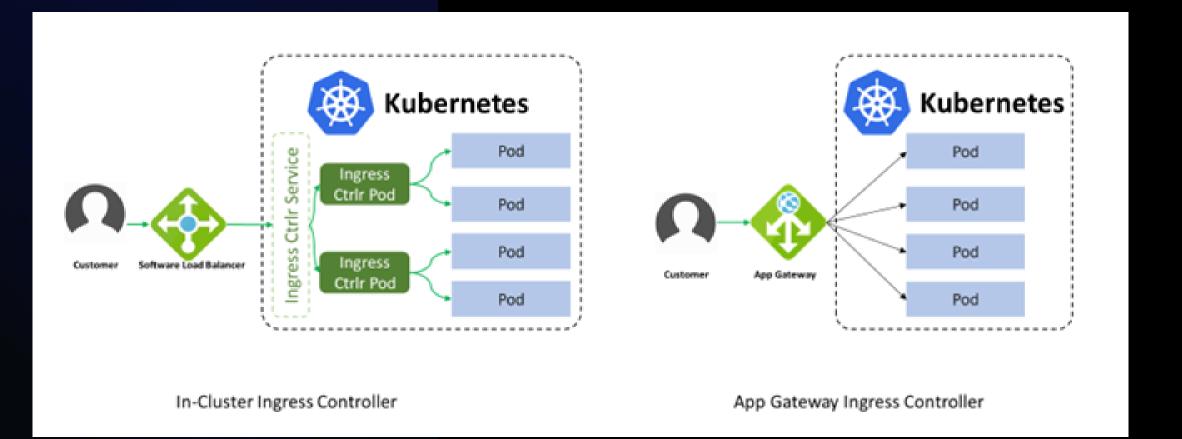
Enterprise-grade by design

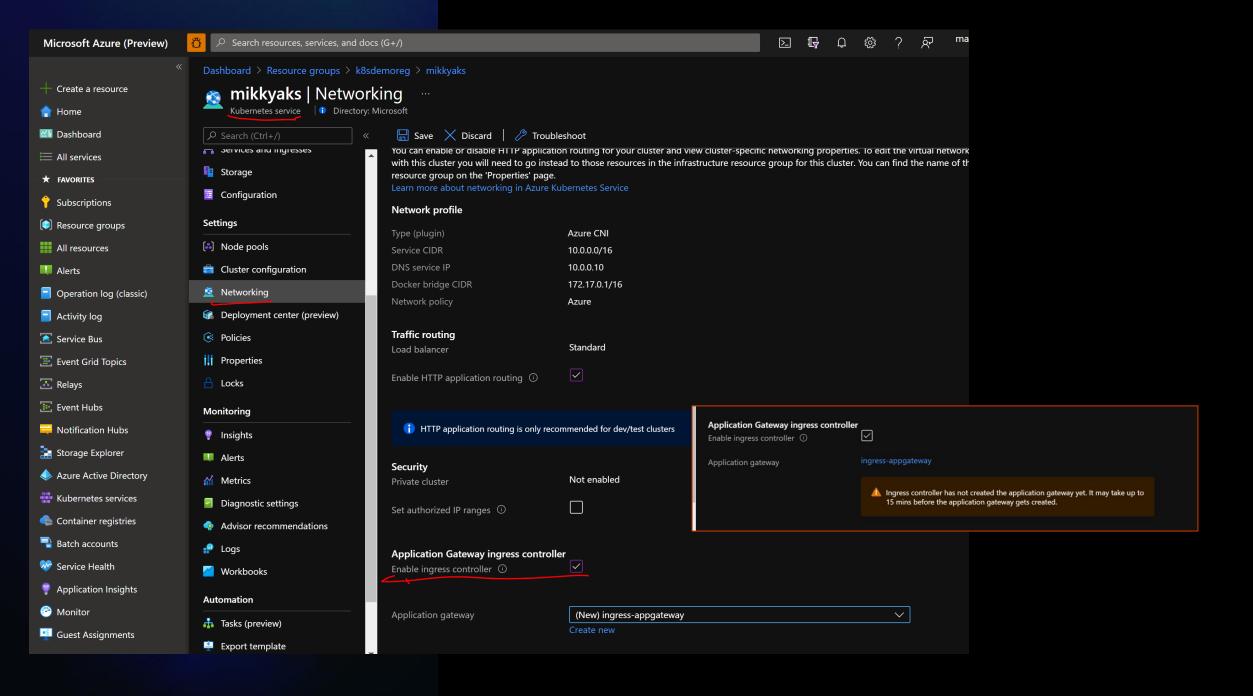


#1 – Application Gateway Ingress Controller add-on (AGIC)

- Configured via the Kubernetes <u>Ingress resource</u>, along with Service and Deployments/Pods.
- Leverages Application Gateway L7 load balancer

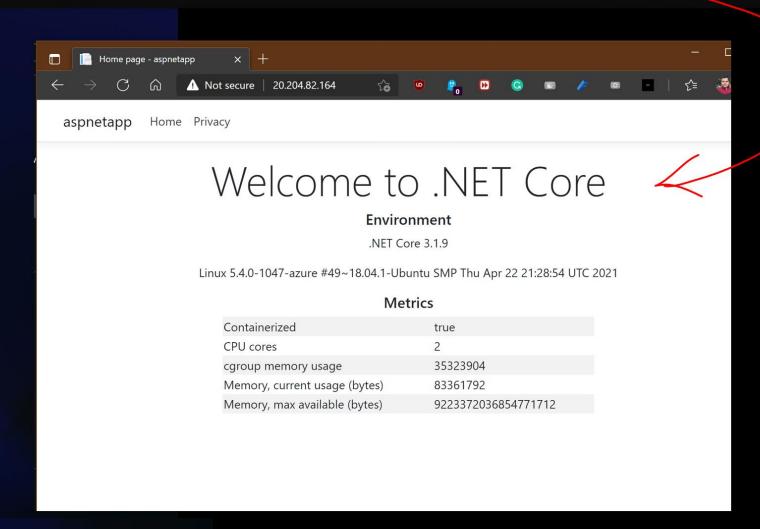
URL routing / Cookie-based affinity / TLS termination / End-to-end TLS Support for public, private, and hybrid web sites / Integrated WAF





```
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  name: aspnetapp
  annotations:
    kubernetes.io/ingress.class: azure/application-gateway
spec:
  rules:
  - http:
      paths:
      - path: /
        backend:
          serviceName: aspnetapp
          servicePort: 80
```

root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis# k get ing Warning: extensions/v1beta1 Ingress is deprecated in v1.14+, unavailable in v1.22+; use networking.k8s.io/v1 Ingress NAME CLASS **ADDRESS** PORTS AGE aks-helloworld aks-helloworld.fc97b331c1a1402e9c3c.centralindia.aksapp.io 20.204.30.160 30m 80 <none> 20.204.82.164 80 2m55s aspnetapp <none> root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis#



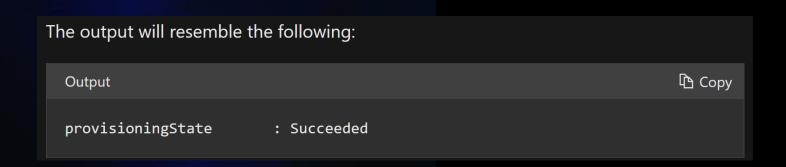
#2 - Monitoring Addon

Helps to enable monitoring of our cluster using Azure CLI

\$ az aks enable-addons -a monitoring -n ExistingManagedCluster -g ExistingManagedClusterRG

\$ az aks enable-addons -a monitoring -n ExistingManagedCluster -g ExistingManagedClusterRG --workspace-resource-id

"/subscriptions/<SubscriptionId>/resourceGroups/<ResourceGroupName>/providers/Microsoft.Operational Insights/workspaces/<WorkspaceName>"



#3 - Virtual Node Add on (based on Virt-Kubelet)

VNodes enable network communication between pods that run in Azure Container Instances (ACI) & AKS

\$ az aks enable-addons --resource-group myResourceGroup --name myAKSCluster --addons virtual-node --subnet-name myVirtualNodeSubnet

Note: \$ az aks install-cli must be installed before running any 'Az AKS' command

```
root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis# kubectl get pod
NAME
                                    READY
                                             STATUS
                                                       RESTARTS
                                                                  AGE
aci-helloworld-59cd44f545-zhw7x
                                    0/1
                                             Pending
                                                                  77s
aks-helloworld-796448fcc4-ffmh4
                                    1/1
                                            Running
                                                                  10h
                                            Running
                                                                  9h
aspnetapp
azure-vote-back-59d587dbb7-gf598
                                    1/1
                                             Running
                                                                  11h
azure-vote-front-78dc4ff55b-s7bbw
                                    1/1
                                             Running
                                                                  11h
```

```
root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis# k get no
NAME
                                              ROLES
                                     STATUS
                                                      AGE
                                                            VERSION
aks-agentpool-22028957-vmss000000
                                    Readv
                                              agent
                                                      12h
                                                            v1.19.11
aks-agentpool-22028957-vmss000001
                                     Readv
                                                      12h
                                                            v1.19.11
                                              agent
aks-agentpool-22028957-vmss000002
                                     Readv
                                                      12h
                                                            v1.19.11
                                              agent
```

#4 - Open Service Mesh (OSM) AKS Addon *preview

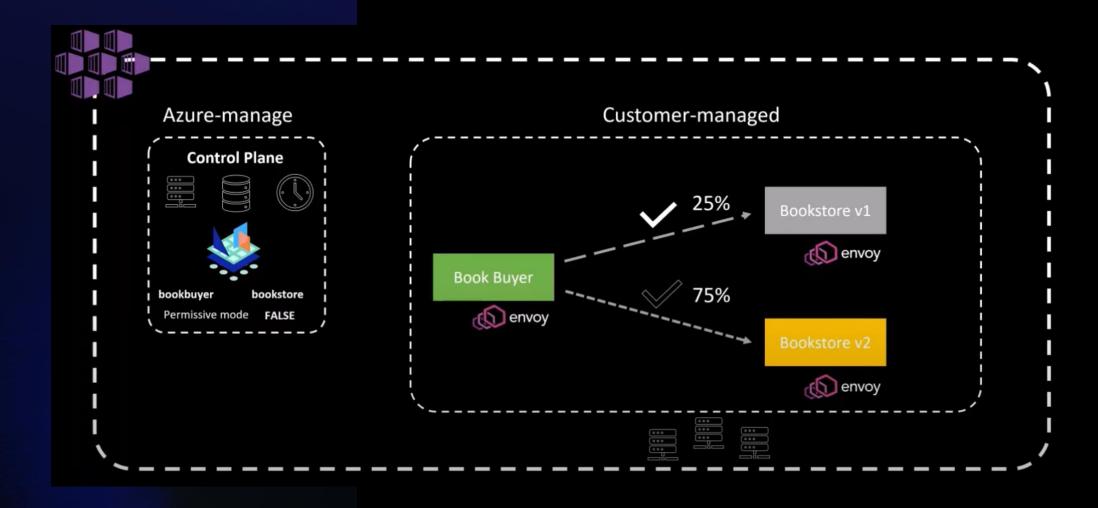
- OSM is a robust service mesh utilizing the Envoy proxy CNCF project.
- lightweight, extensible, Cloud Native service mesh that allows users to uniformly manage, secure
- Uses Service Mesh Interface SMI and works by injecting an Envoy proxy as a sidecar
- Traffic encryption, routing, management, shifting, observability, debugging and monitoring
- secure end to end service to service communication by enabling mTLS



Open Service Mesh is a Cloud Native Computing Foundation sandbox project.

https://docs.openservicemesh.io/

#4 Open Service Mesh (OSM) AKS Addon *preview



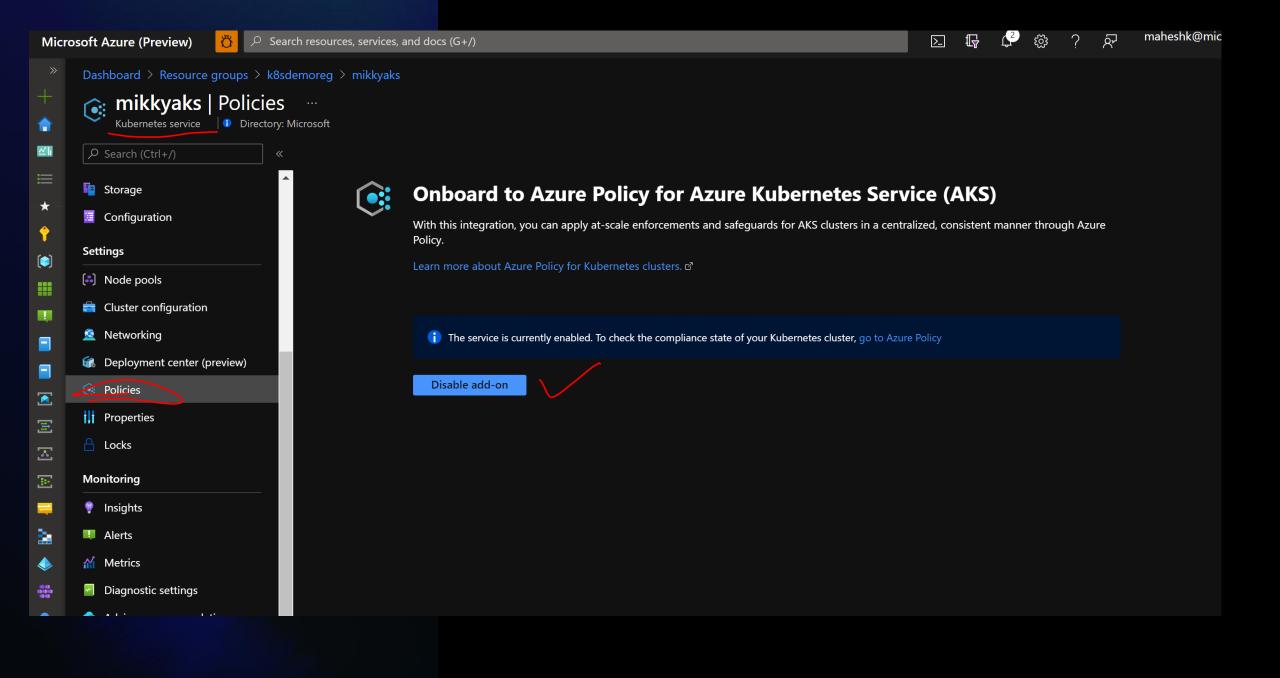
#5 Azure-policy addon

- Azure Policy extends Gatekeeper v3
- Helps to apply at-scale enforcements Safeguards our clusters
- Manage & report the compliance from one place

\$ az aks enable-addons --addons azure-policy --name MyAKSCluster --resource-group MyResourceGroup

```
root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis# az aks enable-addons --addons azure-policy --name mikkyaks --resourc
       The behavior of this command has been altered by the following extension: aks-preview
       {- Finished ..
         "aadProfile": null,
         "addonProfiles": {
           "azurepolicy": {
             "config": null,
             "enabled": true,
             "identity": {
               "clientId": "1a1dc531-edaa-4dbe-b949-d3f75ef7e95d",
               "objectId": "338c7cdd-a69d-42ed-b960-0fcfe7181de5",
               "resourceId": "/subscriptions/38e1b8c4-c5bc-4dd5-a7e0-e909b45f4fad/resourcegroups/MC_k8sdemoreg_mikkyak
       ntity/userAssignedIdentities/azurepolicy-mikkyaks"
           "httpApplicationRouting": {
             "config": {
               "HTTPApplicationRoutingZoneName": "fc97b331c1a1402e9c3c.centralindia.aksapp.io"
root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis# kubectl get pods -n gatekeeper-system
NAME
                                          READY
                                                  STATUS
                                                             RESTARTS
                                                                        AGE
gatekeeper-audit-6dcf64cf84-fqlgr
                                          1/1
                                                  Running
                                                                        51m
                                                                                         egroups/MC k8sdemoreg mikkyak
gatekeeper-controller-6dd6b7f4c9-2tsmr
                                          1/1
                                                  Running
                                                                        51m
gatekeeper-controller-6dd6b7f4c9-bwflf
                                          1/1
                                                  Running
                                                                         51m
root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis#
```

"config":



#6 – HTTP Application routing Addon

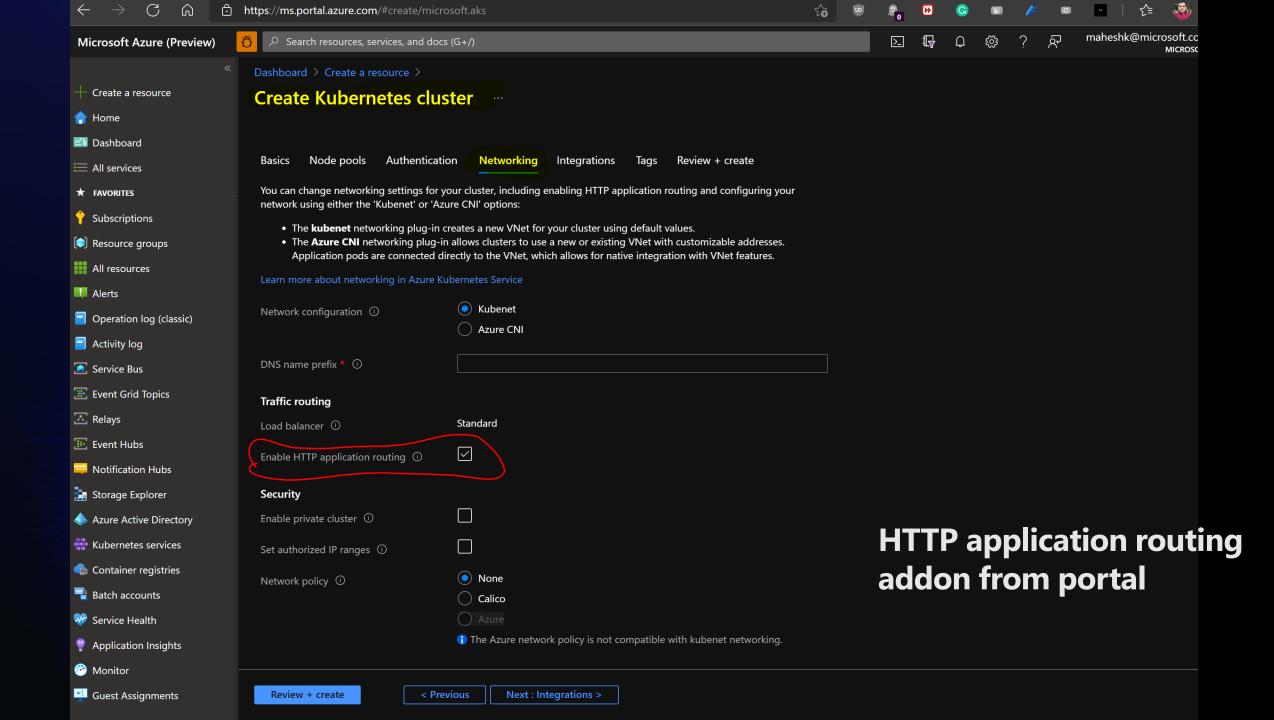
- Help us to create an ingress controller quickly and allow access our applications
- Not designed for production environment

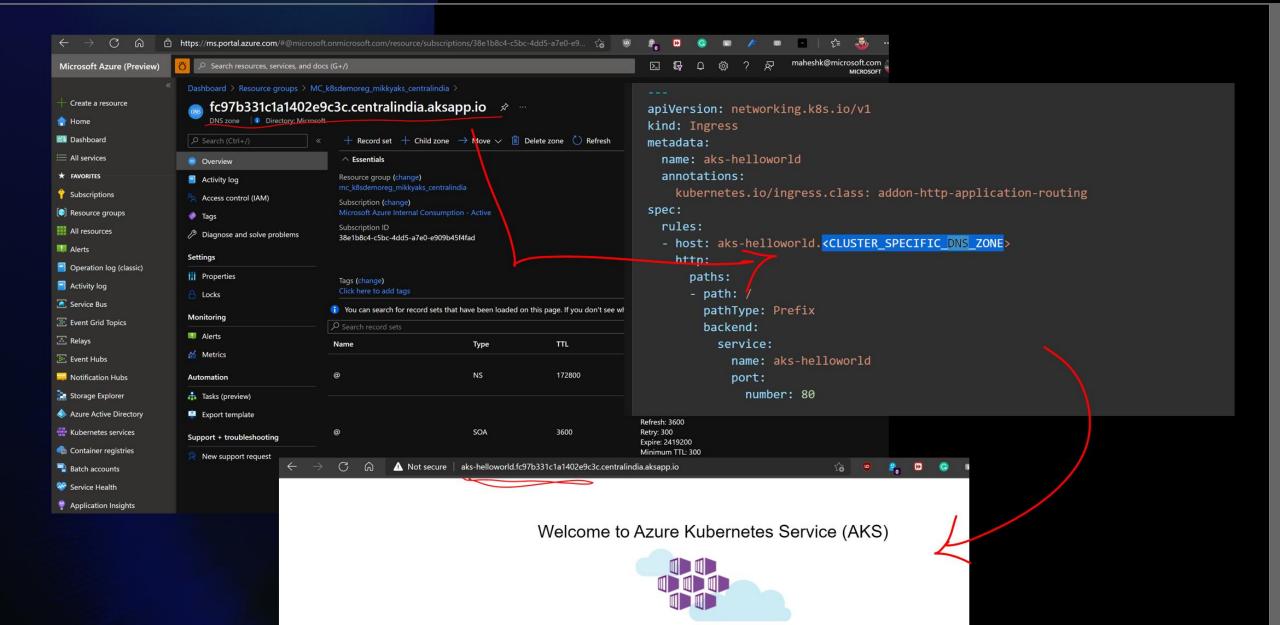
```
$ az aks create --resource-group myResourceGroup --name myAKSCluster --enable-addons http_application_routing
```

```
$ az aks enable-addons --resource-group myResourceGroup--name myAKSCluster --addons http_application_routing
```

\$ az aks disable-addons --addons http_application_routing --name myAKSCluster --resource-group myResourceGroup --no-wait

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oot: /mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis
root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis# az aks show --resource-group k8sdemoreg --name mikkyaks --output table
The behavior of this command has been altered by the following extension: aks-preview
                                                               ProvisioningState
          Location
                        ResourceGroup
                                          KubernetesVersion
Name
                                                                                     Fqdn
mikkyaks centralindia k8sdemoreg
                                          1.19.11
                                                               Succeeded
                                                                                     mikkyaks-dns-12f69bd2.hcp.centralindia.azmk8s.io
root:/mnt/d/k8sday/azure-voting-app-redis#_az_ak<u>s_enable-addons_-</u>-resource-group_k8sdemoreg_--name_mikkyaks_--addons_http_application_routing
The behavior of this command has been altered by the following extension: aks-preview
{- Finished ...
  "aadProfile": null,
  "addonProfiles": {
    "azurepolicy": {
      "config": null,
      "enabled": false,
      "identity": null
    "httpApplicationRouting": {
      "config": -
        "HTTPApplicationRoutingZoneName": "fc97b331c1a1402e9c3c.centralindia.aksapp.io"
      "enabled": true,
      "identity": {
        "clientId": "e6fb13d0-7adb-47ad-9dad-462995785edb",
        "objectId": "396b2d84-33cf-40f0-bcb1-dca909580e95".
        "resourceId": "/subscriptions/38e1b8c4-c5bc-4dd5-a7e0-e909b45f4fad/resourcegroups/MC k8sdemoreg mikkyaks centralindia/providers/Microsoft.ManagedIde
ntity/userAssignedIdentities/httpapplicationrouting-mikkyaks"
    "omsAgent": {
      "config":
        "logAnalyticsWorkspaceResourceID": "/subscriptions/38e1b8c4-c5bc-4dd5-a7e0-e909b45f4fad/resourcegroups/defaultresourcegroup-cin/providers/microsoft.
operationalinsights/workspaces/defaultworkspace-38e1b8c4-c5bc-4dd5-a7e0-e909b45f4fad-cin"
      "enabled": true.
      "identity": {
        "clientId": "91c58769-532a-4bb9-a44b-cc596e135e13",
        "objectId": "8f22f28d-0156-4e8e-9bb9-7e97cc919ede",
        "resourceId": "/subscriptions/38e1b8c4-c5bc-4dd5-a7e0-e909b45f4fad/resourcegroups/MC k8sdemoreg mikkyaks centralindia/providers/Microsoft.ManagedIde
ntity/userAssignedIdentities/omsagent-mikkyaks"
  "agentPoolProfiles": [
      "availabilityZones": null,
```





List of AKS Addons



Add on	Purpose	Production ready?
1. App Gateway Ingress controller (AGIC)	Leverage App Gateway L7 load-balancer to expose cloud software to the Internet	Yes
2. Monitoring	Helps monitor our clusters. It supports Prometheus as well ; turn on Log Analytics monitoring	Yes
3. Virtual Node	Enable AKS Virtual Nodes using container images for POD (based on virtual Kubelet project) https://github.com/virtual-kubelet	Yes
4. Open Service Mesh (OSM)	Allows users to uniformly manage, secure, and get out-of-the- box observability features for highly dynamic microservice environments	In public preview
5. azure-policy	Enables at-scale enforcements and safeguards on your clusters in a centralized, consistent manner. https://aka.ms/aks/policy	Yes
6. HTTP Application routing	Quick Ingress controller for dev environment. It helps to configure ingress with automatic public DNS name creation.	Only for dev/test cluster
7. DAPR	https://dapr.io/ Distributed Application Prog. Runtime https://github.com/Azure/AKS/projects/1	In development
8. kube-dashboard	AKS dashboard add-on. Allows to disable k8s dashboard for older version. Deprecated from 1.19+ onwards	Deprecated

AKS Tools

Built-in best practices

- Azure Advisor recommendations for AKS
- Azure Security Center
- AKS Cluster baseline
- AKS Diagnostics
- AKS Periscope
- Kubernetes and AKS VS Code extension
- AKS best practices



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