

# Scaling Applications With Deployments

## Relevant Documentation

- [Scaling a Deployment](#)

## Lesson Reference

Log in to your Control Plane server.

Edit a deployment spec, changing the number of replicas to scale the deployment up.

```
vi my-deployment.yml
```

```
...  
spec:  
  replicas: 5  
...
```

Update the deployment.

```
kubectl apply -f my-deployment.yml
```

Examine the deployment and its pods to see it scale up.

```
kubectl get deployments  
kubectl get pods
```

Scale the deployment back down to 3 replicas. This time, use the `kubectl scale` method.

```
kubectl scale deployment.v1.apps/my-deployment --replicas=3
```

Check the status of the deployment and its pods again.

```
kubectl get deployment  
kubectl get pods
```