Kubernetes Lab Exercise

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Exercise 1: Setting Up Your Kubernetes Cluster

Objective: Set up a local Kubernetes environment using Minikube and kubectl.

minikube start

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> minikube start
ininikube v1.36.0 on Microsoft Windows 11 Home Single Language 10.0.22631.5771 Build 22631.5771
Automatically selected the docker driver
Using Docker Desktop driver with root privileges
Starting "minikube" primary control-plane node in "minikube" cluster
Pulling base image v0.0.47 ...
Downloading Kubernetes v1.33.1 preload ...
> gcr.io/k8s-minikube/kicbase...: 502.26 MiB / 502.26 MiB 100.00% 3.26 Mi
> preloaded-images-k8s-v18-v1...: 347.04 MiB / 347.04 MiB 100.00% 1.35 Mi
Creating docker container (CPUs=2, Memory=2200MB) ...
Failing to connect to https://registry.k8s.io/ from inside the minikube container
To pull new external images, you may need to configure a proxy: https://minikube.sigs.k8s.io/docs/reference/networking/proxy/
Preparing Kubernetes v1.33.1 on Docker 28.1.1 ...
• Generating certificates and keys ...
• Booting up control plane ...
• Configuring RBAC rules ...
Configuring RBAC rules ...

Configuring RBAC rules ...
Verifying Kubernetes components...
• Using image gcr.io/k8s-minikube/storage-provisioner:v5
Enabled addons: storage-provisioner, default-storageclass
Done! kubectl is now configured to use "minikube" cluster and "default" namespace by default
```

kubectl cluster-info

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl cluster-info
Kubernetes control plane is running at https://127.0.0.1:55830
CoreDNS is running at https://127.0.0.1:55830/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/kube-dns:dns/proxy
To further debug and diagnose cluster problems, use 'kubectl cluster-info dump'.
```

kubectl get nodes

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl get nodes
NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION
minikube Ready control-plane 38m v1.33.1
```

Exercise 2: Creating and Managing Pods

Objective: Learn how to create and manage Pods.

kubectl run nginx-pod --image=nginx --restart=Never

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl run nginx-pod --image=nginx --restart=Never
pod/nginx-pod created
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment>
```

kubectl get pods

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl get pods
            READY
NAME
                     STATUS
                                          RESTARTS
                                                      AGE
            0/1
                     ContainerCreating
nginx-pod
                                                      40s
```

kubectl logs nginx-pod

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl logs nginx-pod
/docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh:
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Sourcing /docker-entrypoint.d/15-local-resolvers.envsh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/30-tune-worker-processes.sh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Configuration complete; ready for start up
2025/08/25 17:14:41 [notice] 1#1: using the "epoll" event method
2025/08/25 17:14:41 [notice] 1#1: built by gcc 12.2.0 (Debian 12.2.0-14+deb12u1)
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2025/08/25 17:14:41 [notice] 1#1: getrlimit(RLIMIT_NOFILE): 1048576:1048576
2025/08/25 17:14:41 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 30
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2025/08/25 17:14:41 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 40
2025/08/25 17:14:41 [no
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start worker process
                    2025/08/25 17:14:41 [notice]
```

kubectl expose pod nginx-pod --type=NodePort --port=80

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl expose pod nginx-pod --type=NodePort service/nginx-pod exposed

kubectl delete pod nginx-pod

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl delete pod nginx-pod pod "nginx-pod" deleted

Checkpoint: What happens when you delete a pod?

After a pod is deleted, Kubernetes terminates it, and then it can't be accessed. Since the pod was created directly, it is not automatically recreated. The cluster continues to function, and other resources may remain unless explicitly deleted.

Exercise 3: Working with Deployments

Objective: Use Deployments for managing replicated Pods.

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl create deployment nginx-deployment --image=nginx deployment.apps/nginx-deployment created

kubectl scale deployment nginx-deployment --replicas=3

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl scale deployment nginx-deployment --replicas=3 deployment.apps/nginx-deployment scaled

kubectl get deployments

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl get deployments
NAME READY UP-TO-DATE AVAILABLE AGE
nginx-deployment 3/3 3 2m30s
```

kubectl set image deployment/nginx-deployment nginx=nginx:1.25

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl set image deployment/nginx-deployment nginx=nginx:1.25 deployment.apps/nginx-deployment image updated

kubectl rollout history deployment/nginx-deployment

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl rollout history deployment/nginx-deployment deployment.apps/nginx-deployment
REVISION CHANGE-CAUSE
1 <none>
2 <none>
```

kubectl rollout undo deployment/nginx-deployment

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl rollout undo deployment/nginx-deployment deployment.apps/nginx-deployment rolled back

Checkpoint: What does deployment rollout history show? How would you roll back a deployment?

It shows the record of revisions for a deployment, changes like image updates. To roll back a deployment, we can use kubectl rollout undo deployment/ to revert to the previous revision, or specify a revision with -to-revision=

Exercise 4: Services and Networking

Objective: Expose your app using Kubernetes services

kubectl expose deployment nginx-deployment --type=NodePort --port=80

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectĺ expose deployment nginx-deployment --type=NodePort --port=80 service/nginx-deployment exposed

kubectl get svc

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl get svc
NAME
                    TYPE
                                CLUSTER-IP
                                                EXTERNAL-IP
                                                               PORT(S)
                                                                              AGE
                    ClusterIP
kubernetes
                                10.96.0.1
                                                               443/TCP
                                                                              10h
                                                <none>
nginx-deployment
                    NodePort
                                10.97.217.29
                                                              80:31922/TCP
                                                                              84s
                                                <none>
nginx-pod
                    NodePort
                                10.102.96.2
                                                <none>
                                                               80:32507/TCP
                                                                              9h
```

minikube service nginx-deployment -url

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> minikube service nginx-deployment --url
http://127.0.0.1:64980
! Because you are using a Docker driver on windows, the terminal needs to be open to run it.
```

```
Welcome to nginx!

If you see this page, the nginx web server is successfully installed and working. Further configuration is required.

For online documentation and support please refer to nginx.org.
Commercial support is available at nginx.com.

Thank you for using nginx.
```

Checkpoint: Difference between ClusterIP, NodePort, and LoadBalancer services?

ClusterIP exposes a service internally within the cluster, it is ideal for internal communication. NodePort exposes the service on a specific port of each node, which makes it suitable for external access in development.

LoadBalancer assigns an external IP via a cloud provider, it is best for production-grade external access.

Exercise 5: ConfigMaps and Secrets

Objective: Manage configurations using ConfigMaps and Secrets.

kubectl create configmap my-config --from-literal=key1=value1

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl create configmap my-config --from-literal=key1=value1 configmap/my-config created
```

kubectl create secret generic my-secret --from-literal=password=mohit123

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl create secret generic my-secret --from-literal=password=mohit123 secret/my-secret created
```

kubectl apply -f config-pod.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
     metadata:
      name: config-pod
     spec:
      .
containers:
       - name: nginx
        image: nginx
        env:
        - name: CONFIG_KEY
         valueFrom:
           configMapKeyRef:
            name: my-config
key: key1
         - name: SECRET_PASSWORD
          valueFrom:
17
18
             secretKeyRef:
               name: my-secret
              key: password
```

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl apply -f config-pod.yaml pod/config-pod created

Checkpoint: Accessing ConfigMap or Secret in an application

ConfigMaps and Secrets can be accessed as environment variables (shown in above yaml file) or mounted as volumes in a pod. Applications retrieve these values using standard environment variable access or by reading files in the mounted volume path.

Exercise 6: Persistent Volumes (PVs) and Persistent Volume Claims (PVCs)

Objective: Use PVs and PVCs for persistent data storage.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
  name: my-pv
spec:
 capacity:
    storage: 1Gi
  accessModes:
- ReadWriteOnce
 hostPath:
path: "/mnt/data"
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: my-pvc
  accessModes:
     - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
   requests:
storage: 1Gi
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
name: pv-pod
   containers:
      - name: nginx
    riame: hginx
volumeMounts:
- mountPath: "/data"
| name: storage
  name. storage
volumes:
- name: storage
persistentVolumeClaim:
claimName: my-pvc
```

kubectl apply -f pv-pvc.yaml

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl apply -f pv-pvc.yaml persistentvolume/my-pv created persistentvolumeclaim/my-pvc created pod/pv-pod created
```

kubectl exec pv-pod -- sh -c "echo 'test data' > /data/test.txt"

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl exec pv-pod -- sh -c "echo 'test data' > /data/test.txt"
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment>
```

kubectl delete pod pv-pod

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl delete pod pv-pod pod "pv-pod" deleted
```

kubectl apply -f pv-pvc.yaml

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl apply -f pv-pvc.yaml persistentvolume/my-pv unchanged persistentvolumeclaim/my-pvc unchanged pod/pv-pod created

kubectl exec pv-pod -- cat /data/test.txt

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl exec pv-pod -- cat /data/test.txt 'test data'

Checkpoint: What happens if the PVC is deleted?

When a PVC is deleted, the associated pod loses its binding to the Persistent Volume, and any new pod cannot access the volume, we need to create a new PVC. The underlying Persistent Volume is not deleted unless its reclaim policy is set to "Delete" from the "Released" state.

Exercise 7: StatefulSets

Objective: Use StatefulSets for managing stateful applications.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
∨ metadata:
    name: mysql-service
labels:
      app: mysql
∨ spec:
   ports:
    - port: 3306
| name: mysql
| clusterIP: None
    selector:
app: mysql
 apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: StatefulSet
∨ metadata:
    name: mysql
    serviceName: mysql-service
    selector:
       matchLabels:
    app: mysql
template:
       metadata:
           app: mysql
         containers:
             - name: mysql
image: mysql:8
                - name: MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD
                   value: "rootpassword'
               ports:
                 - containerPort: 3306
```

kubectl apply -f mysql-statefulset.yaml

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl apply -f mysql-statefulset.yaml service/mysql-service created statefulset.apps/mysql created
```

kubectl get statefulset

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl get statefulset
NAME READY AGE
mysql 2/2 4m28s
```

kubectl get svc mysgl-service

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl get svc mysql-service
NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S) AGE
mysql-service ClusterIP None <none> 3306/TCP 5m7s
```

Checkpoint: Differences between StatefulSets and Deployments

StatefulSets provide stable network identities and persistent storage for pods, which helps in ordered deployment and scaling, it is ideal for stateful applications.

Deployments manage stateless applications with identical pods, suitable for web servers. We can use StatefulSets when pod identity and data persistence are critical.

Exercise 8: Horizontal Pod Autoscaling (HPA)

Objective: Scale your application automatically based on metrics.

```
apiVersion: autoscaling/v2
kind: HorizontalPodAutoscaler
metadata:
 name: nginx-hpa
 scaleTargetRef:
   apiVersion: apps/v1
    kind: Deployment
    name: nginx-deployment
 minReplicas: 1
 maxReplicas: 5
  metrics:
    - type: Resource
     resource:
       name: cpu
        target:
          type: Utilization
          averageUtilization: 70
```

minikube addons enable metrics-server

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> minikube addons enable metrics-server

metrics-server is an addon maintained by Kubernetes. For any concerns contact minikube on GitHub.
You can view the list of minikube maintainers at: https://github.com/kubernetes/minikube/blob/master/OWNERS

Using image registry.k8s.io/metrics-server/metrics-server:v0.7.2

The 'metrics-server' addon is enabled

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment>
```

kubectl apply -f hpa.yaml

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl apply -f hpa.yaml horizontalpodautoscaler.autoscaling/nginx-hpa created

kubectl get hpa

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl get hpa
NAME REFERENCE TARGETS MINPODS MAXPODS REPLICAS AGE
nginx-hpa Deployment/nginx-deployment cpu: <unknown>/70% 1 5 3 4m54s
```

Checkpoint: How does the HPA decide when to scale?

HPA decides to scales on the basis of metrics like CPU or memory utilization, defined in the HPA configuration. It monitors metrics via the Metrics Server and adjusts the number of replicas between minReplicas and maxReplicas to meet the requirements.

Exercise 9: Helm Basics

Objective: Use Helm to manage Kubernetes applications.

winget install Helm.Helm

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> winget install Helm.Helm
The 'msstore' source requires that you view the following agreements before using.
Terms of Transaction: https://aka.ms/microsoft-store-terms-of-transaction
The source requires the current machine's 2-letter geographic region to be sent to the backend service to function properly (ex. "Us").

Do you agree to all the source agreements terms?
[Y] Yes [N] No: y
Found Helm [Helm.Helm] Version 3.18.6
This application is licensed to you by its owner.
Microsoft is not responsible for, nor does it grant any licenses to, third-party packages.
Downloading https://get.helm.sh/helm-v3.18.6-windows-amd64.zip

17.5 MB / 17.5 MB
Successfully verified installer hash
Extracting archive...
Successfully extracted archive
Starting package install...
Path environment variable modified; restart your shell to use the new value.
Command line alias added: "helm"
Successfully installed
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> |
```

helm repo add bitnami https://charts.bitnami.com/bitnami

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> helm repo add bitnami https://charts.bitnami.com/bitnami "bitnami" has been added to your repositories

helm install my-nginx bitnami/nginx

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> helm install my-nginx bitnami/nginx
NAME: my-nginx
LAST DEPLOYED: Tue Aug 26 12:44:51 2025
NAMESPACE: default
STATUS: deployed
RESTATUS: deployed
RES
```

helm list

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> helm list
NAME NAMESPACE REVISION UPDATED STATUS CHART APP VERSION
my-nginx default 1 2025-08-26 12:44:51.6227197 +0530 IST deployed nginx-21.1.23 1.29.1
```

Checkpoint: Advantages of using Helm

Helm simplifies Kubernetes resource management by packaging applications into charts, and enabling easy installation, upgrades, and rollbacks. It reduces manual YAML configuration, and it ensures consistency, and supports reusable templates for complex deployments.

Exercise 10: Debugging and Troubleshooting

Objective: Learn how to troubleshoot issues in Kubernetes

kubectl describe pod nginx-deployment-6cfb98644c-dw7r7

kubectl get nodes

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment> kubectl get nodes
NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION
minikube Ready control-plane 14h v1.33.1
```

kubectl get events

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```

kubectl logs nginx-deployment-6cfb98644c-dw7r7

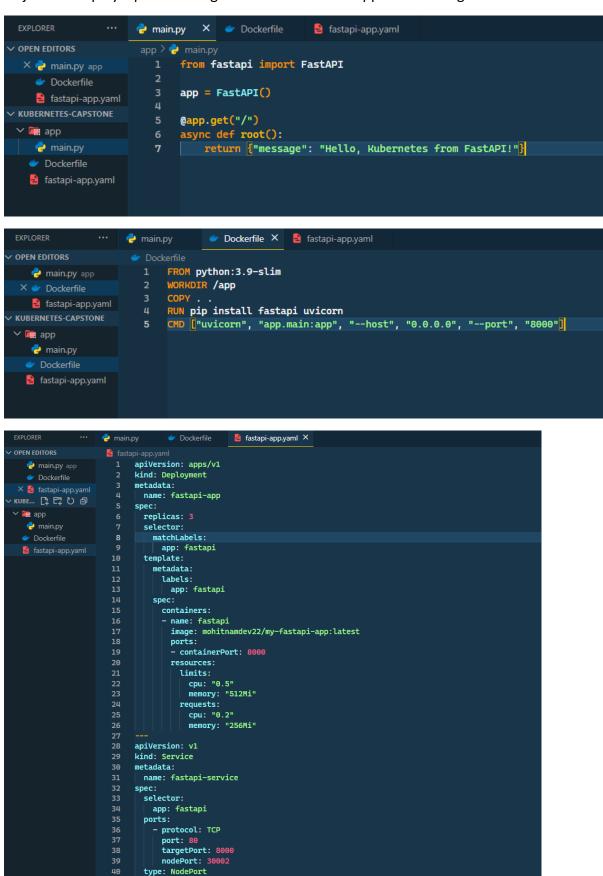
```
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10.244.0.24
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```

Checkpoint: Common reasons for CrashLoopBackOff

CrashLoopBackOff occurs when a pod repeatedly fails to start, it often occurs due to misconfigured environment variables, missing dependencies, incorrect image versions, or application errors. We can diagnose these issues by checking kubectl logs and events (kubectl describe pod).

Capstone Project: Kubernetes Application Deployment

Objective: Deploy a production-grade multi-container application using Kubernetes.



docker build -t my-fastapi-app:latest.

docker push mohitnamdev22/my-fastapi-app:latest

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment\capstone\kubernetes-capstone> docker push mohitnamdev22/my-fastapi-app:latest
The push refers to repository [docker.io/mohitnamdev22/my-fastapi-app]
5ec99fe17015: Pushed
396b1da7636e: Mounted from library/postgres
0219e1e5e6ef: Pushed
770480a1ec4b: Pushed
7493a7aecd6e: Pushed
ea3499df304f: Pushed
23c6b5cea222: Pushed
5a15fe23c360: Pushed
latest: digest: sha256:5991fb17740fc365b02b311e41b3505afe0e96b2bc7331d3e484aee76a6879b3 size: 856
```

kubectl apply -f fastapi-app.yaml

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment\capstone\kubernetes-capstone> kubectl apply -f fastapi-app.yaml deployment.apps/fastapi-app created service/fastapi-service created
```

minikube service fastapi-service --url

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment\capstone\kubernetes-capstone> minikube service fastapi-service --url http://127.0.0.1:62544

Because you are using a Docker driver on windows, the terminal needs to be open to run it.
```

kubectl get pods

```
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment\capstone\kubernetes-capstone> kubectl get pods
NAME
                                      READY
                                              STATUS
                                                         RESTARTS
                                                                          AGE
config-pod
                                              Running
                                      1/1
                                                         0
                                                                          123m
fastapi-app-65fc889b9c-gzm2c
                                      1/1
                                              Running
                                                         0
                                                                          2m58s
fastapi-app-65fc889b9c-rc8j8
                                      1/1
                                                         0
                                              Running
                                                                          2m58s
                                      1/1
fastapi-app-65fc889b9c-v9nsd
                                              Running
                                                         Θ
                                                                          2m57s
                                              Running
                                                           (46m ago)
load-generator
                                      1/1
                                                                          47m
my-nginx-594d78ffc7-qnrw2
                                      1/1
                                              Running
                                                         0
                                                                          36m
                                      1/1
mysql-0
                                              Running
                                                         0
                                                                          64m
mysql-1
                                      1/1
                                              Running
                                                         0
                                                                          62m
nginx-deployment-6cfb98644c-dw7r7
                                      1/1
                                              Running
                                                         1
                                                           (4h35m ago)
                                                                          13h
nginx-deployment-6cfb98644c-g95c7
                                      1/1
                                                         1
                                                           (4h35m ago)
                                                                          13h
                                              Running
                                      1/1
nginx-deployment-6cfb98644c-x65pz
                                              Running
                                                           (4h35m ago)
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                                                                          13h
pv-pod
                                      1/1
                                              Running
                                                         O
                                                                          83m
PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment\capstone\kubernetes-capstone>
```

kubectl get svc

PS M:\Mohit\Kubernetes Assignment\capstone\kubernetes-capstone>				kubectl get svc	
NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
fastapi-service	NodePort	10.99.154.32	<none></none>	80:30002/TCP	11m
kubernetes	ClusterIP	10.96.0.1	<none></none>	443/TCP	15h
my-nginx	LoadBalancer	10.101.92.247	<pending></pending>	80:32028/TCP,443:31127/TCP	38m
mysql-service	ClusterIP	None	<none></none>	3306/TCP	66m
nginx-deployment	NodePort	10.97.217.29	<none></none>	80:31922/TCP	4h31m
nginx-pod	NodePort	10.102.96.2	<none></none>	80:32507/TCP	14h