

EKS Configuration & Best Practices

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Table 1. History

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1. Introduction

We configure the cluster from scratch with following steps:

- Provision an Amazon EKS cluster
- Deploy worker nodes (Cloud Formation)
- Connect to EKS (kubectl)
- Run Kubernetes apps on EKS cluster

2. Prerequisite

Have an admin account on AWS.

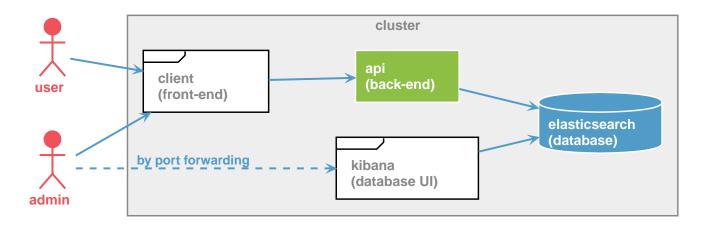


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Follow Getting Started with Amazon EKS of Official documentation to:

- Create your Amazon EKS Service Role
- Create your Amazon EKS Cluster VPC
- Install and Configure kubectl for Amazon EKS
- Download and Install the Latest AWS CLI
- Create Your Amazon EKS Cluster
- Configure kubectl for Amazon EKS
- Launch and Configure Amazon EKS Worker Nodes

3. Target architecture



3.1. environments

The AWS cluster will host multiple environments, so we first create and use a develop namespace :

```
$ kubectl create namespace develop
$ kubectl config current-context
arn:aws:eks:us-east-2:***:cluster/adx-cluster
$ kubectl config set-context arn:aws:eks:us-east-2:***:cluster/adx-cluster --namespace=develop
```

4. Deployments

Kubernetes deployments and services are stored in the same file for each module.

4.1. Elasticsearch

We start with the elasticsearch database.

Some explanation:

- This is the OSS image, simpler, no need for X-Pack
- Note the system command in initContainers section

4.1.1. File

```
# database (elasticsearch) service and deployement
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
 name: elasticsearch
 labels:
   app: db
   tier: backend
   group: adx
spec:
  ports:
    - port: 9200 # External port
     targetPort: http # Port exposed by the pod/container from the deployment
   app: db
   group: adx
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: db-dpl
 labels:
   app: db
   tier: backend
   group: adx
  replicas: 1
  template:
   metadata:
     labels:
        app: db
        tier: backend
        group: adx
   spec:
     initContainers:
      - name: "sysctl"
        image: "busybox"
        imagePullPolicy: "IfNotPresent"
        command: ["sysctl", "-w", "vm.max_map_count=262144"]
        securityContext:
         privileged: true
      containers:
      - name: elasticsearch
        image: docker.elastic.co/elasticsearch/elasticsearch-oss:6.5.4
        imagePullPolicy: "IfNotPresent"
        ports:
        - containerPort: 9200
         name: http
        env:
         - name: ES_JAVA_OPTS
           value: "-Xms512m -Xmx512m"
        resources:
         limits:
           memory: 1024Mi
         requests:
           memory: 512Mi
```

4.1.2. Commands

```
$ kubectl apply -f adx.db.svc-dpl.yml
service/api created
deployment.extensions/api-dpl created
$ kubectl get rs
                      DESIRED CURRENT READY
                                                    AGE
\mathsf{NAME}
db-dpl-5c767f46c7
                                                   32m
                                         1
                               1
$ kubectl get pods
                            READY
                                      STATUS
                                                        RESTARTS AGE
db-dpl-5c767f46c7-tkqkv
                            1/1
                                      Running
                                                                   32m
```

4.2. Kibana

Kibana is included, only for elasticsearch administration in test environements.

Some explanation:

- This is the OSS image, simpler, no need for X-Pack
- This will not be accessible from external network, for security reasons

4.2.1. File

```
# kibana (elastic admin) service and deployement
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
 name: kibana
 labels:
   app: kibana
   tier: backend
   group: adx
spec:
 # pour protéger, pas de type et pas de port + proxy forward
  # type: NodePort # Make the service externally visible via the node
  ports:
    - port: 5601 # External port
     targetPort: http # Port exposed by the pod/container from the deployment
  selector:
   app: kibana
   group: adx
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: kibana-dpl
 labels:
   app: kibana
   tier: backend
   group: adx
spec:
  replicas: 1
  template:
   metadata:
     labels:
       app: kibana
        tier: backend
       group: adx
   spec:
     containers:
      - name: kibana
       image: docker.elastic.co/kibana/kibana-oss:6.5.4
       env:
        - name: ELASTICSEARCH_URL
         value: http://elasticsearch:9200
        resources:
         limits:
           memory: 512Mi
         requests:
           memory: 256Mi
        ports:
        - containerPort: 5601
         name: http
```

4.2.2. Commands

```
$ kubectl apply -f adx.db.svc-dpl.yml
service/api created
deployment.extensions/api-dpl created
$ kubectl get rs
                      DESIRED CURRENT READY
NAME
                                                    AGE
db-dpl-5c767f46c7
                                                    32m
                      1
                               1
                                          1
                                          1
                                                    26m
kibana-dpl-8d76c6dd8 1
                                1
$ kubectl get pods
                            READY
                                      STATUS
                                                         RESTARTS
                                                                   AGE
db-dpl-5c767f46c7-tkqkv
                            1/1
                                      Running
                                                                    32 m
kibana-dpl-8d76c6dd8-cmrvz
                            1/1
                                      Running
                                                                    27m
```

To access the UI, we use port forwarding in a dedicated shell:

```
$ kubectl port-forward svc/kibana 5601:5601
```

4.3. Api / backend

Some explanation:

The backend is pulled from AWS/ECR registry

4.3.1. Prerequisites

- Get the full image name in EKR
 - · Got to AWS Admin UI
 - Choose the zone containing your registry
 - [Services] \rightarrow [ECR] \rightarrow api repository
 - Get the Image URI
- get the registry password

```
$ aws ecr get-login
docker login -u AWS -p <PASSWORD> -e none https://***.dkr.ecr.eu-west-3.amazonaws.com
```

• create a secret using it

```
$ kubectl delete secret ecr-registry-secret
$ kubectl create secret docker-registry ecr-registry-secret --docker-username="AWS" --docker-password="<PASSWORD>"
--docker-server="***.dkr.ecr.eu-west-3.amazonaws.com" --docker-email="my.email@my-provider.com"
```

Now we can update the file and deploy it.

4.3.2. File

```
# api (back-end) service and deployement
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
 name: adx-api
 labels:
   app: api
   tier: backend
   group: adx
spec:
  ports:
    - port: 8080 # External port
     targetPort: http # Port exposed by the pod/container from the deployment
  selector:
   app: api
   group: adx
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: api-dpl
 labels:
   app: api
   tier: backend
   group: adx
  replicas: 1
  template:
   metadata:
     labels:
       app: api
        tier: backend
       group: adx
    spec:
     # initContainers:
     # - name: "sysctl"
     # image: "busybox"
           imagePullPolicy: "IfNotPresent"
     #
           command: ["curl", "-XGET", "http://elasticsearch:9200/_cluster/health?pretty=true"]
     containers:
      - name: api
        image: ***.dkr.ecr.eu-west-3.amazonaws.com/adx/adx-api:develop
        ports:
        - containerPort: 8080
        name: http
        env:
        - name: ELASTICSEARCH_REST_URIS
        value: http://elasticsearch:9200
        imagePullPolicy: Always
      imagePullSecrets:
      - name: ecr-registry-secret
```

4.3.3. Commands

```
$ kubectl apply -f adx.api.svc-dpl.yml
```

4.4. Client / frontend

4.4.1. Prerequisites

Same as Api module.

4.4.2. File

```
# client (front-end) service and deployement
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
 name: client
 labels:
   app: client
   tier: frontend
   group: adx
spec:
 type: LoadBalancer # Make the service visible to the world
   - port: 10080 # External port
     targetPort: http # Port exposed by the pod/container from the deployment
   app: client
   group: adx
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: client-dpl
 labels:
   app: client
   tier: frontend
   group: adx
spec:
  replicas: 1
  template:
   metadata:
     labels:
       app: client
       tier: frontend
       group: adx
   spec:
     containers:
      - name: client
       image: ***.dkr.ecr.eu-west-3.amazonaws.com/adx/adx-client:develop
        ports:
       - containerPort: 80
        name: http
       imagePullPolicy: Always
      imagePullSecrets:
      - name: ecr-registry-secret
```

4.4.3. Commands

```
$ kubectl apply -f adx.client.svc-dpl.yml
```

4.4.4. Access the frontend in a browser

• Get the host/port

```
$ get services -o wide
          TYPE
AGE
NAME
                                 CLUSTER-IP
                                                    EXTERNAL-IP
PORT(S) AGE SELECTION
adx-api ClusterIP 10.100.78.159 <none>
8080/TCP 2h app=api,group=adx
client LoadBalancer 10.100.145.183 <host>.us-east-2.elb.amazonaws.com 10080:30587/TCP 2h
PORT(S)
                              SELECTOR
                                                                                                                           арр
elasticsearch ClusterIP 10.100.15.82
                                                    <none>
9200/TCP
                 23h
                              app=db,group=adx
                 ClusterIP
                              10.100.114.147 <none>
kibana
5601/TCP
                 23h
                              app=kibana,group=adx
```

• Go to http://<host>.us-east-2.elb.amazonaws.com:10080