Key Helm Commands: A Quick Reference for Kubernetes Developers

Adds a new chart repository to your Helm environment:

helm repo add <repo-name> <repo-url>

Updates the chart repositories to fetch the latest versions:

helm repo update

Deploy a Helm chart into your Kubernetes cluster:

helm install <release-name> <chart-name>

Deploys a release with custom configuration from a YAML file:

helm install <release-name> <chart-name> -f <values-file.yaml>

Displays all deployed Helm releases in the current namespace:

helm list -A

Useful when working in multi-namespace setups:

helm list --all-namespaces

Updates an existing release with new chart values or configurations:

helm upgrade <release-name> <chart-name>

A life saver command, Automatically rollbacks to the previous version if the upgrade fails:

helm upgrade <release-name> <chart-name> -atomic

Reverts a release to a previous revision:

helm rollback <release-name> <revision>

Simulates an installation without actually deploying it, helpful for debugging:

helm install <release-name> <chart-name> --dry-run --debug

Lists the revision history of a release, useful for rollbacks:

helm history <release-name>

Shows the user-defined values of a release:

helm get values <release-name>

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Validate the chart syntax before installation:

helm lint <chart-name>

Removes a release from the Kubernetes cluster:

helm uninstall <release-name>

Creates a .tgz package for your custom chart, making it ready for deployment:

helm package <chart-directory>

Searches for Helm charts in your configured repositories:

helm search repo <keyword>

Displays the default values of a Helm chart:

helm show values <chart-name>

Renders Helm templates to generate YAML files for Kubernetes without deploying them:

helm template [NAME] [CHART] [flags]