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Lab18 – Troubleshooting an issue with Network Policy

In this exercise, you will create a network policy allowing the web-app to query its database. The application stack consists of a web application implemented using node.js, and a MySQL database. The web application connects to the database upon requesting its endpoint. Web application and MySQL database run in a Pod. Both Pods have been exposed by a Service. The Service for the web application Pod is of type 'NodePort'. The Service for the MySQL database is of type 'ClusterIP'. By default, all ingress and egress traffic is not allowed in this namespace.



1. Create a new namespace named `network`. Within the namespace, setup the configuration `kubectl -n network apply -f setup.yaml`.

```
brahim@Training:~/lab18-troubleshooting-network-policy$ kubectl create ns network
namespace/network created
brahim@Training:~/lab18-troubleshooting-network-policy$
brahim@Training:~/lab18-troubleshooting-network-policy$ kubectl apply -f setup.yaml -n network
networkpolicy.networking.k8s.io/default-deny created
pod/mysql-db created
service/mysql-service created
pod/web-app created
service/web-app-service created
brahim@Training:~/lab18-troubleshooting-network-policy$
brahim@Training:~/lab18-troubleshooting-network-policy$ kubectl get all -n network
              READY
                                           RESTARTS
                      STATUS
                                                      AGE
pod/mysql-db
                       ContainerCreating
                                                      38s
               0/1
pod/web-app
              0/1
                       ContainerCreating
                                                      37s
                          TYPE
                                      CLUSTER-IP
                                                       EXTERNAL-IP
                                                                     PORT(S)
                                                                                       AGE
service/mysql-service
                          ClusterIP
                                      10.104.234.172
                                                                     3306/TCP
                                                                                       385
                                                       <none>
service/web-app-service
                          NodePort
                                      10.100.53.97
                                                                     3000:30506/TCP
                                                                                       37s
                                                        <none>
brahim@Training:~/lab18-troubleshooting-network-policy$
```

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2. The Pod running web application exposes the container port 3000. From your machine, use your browser or execute `curl` or `wget` to access the application through the Service endpoint from outside of the cluster. A successful response should render `Successfully connected to database!`, a failure response should render `Failed to connect to database: <error message>`.



3. Add a new NetworkPolicy allowing web-app to connect to mysql-db only on port 3306.

```
apiVersion: networking.k?
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
   name: default-deny
spec:
   podSelector:
        app: mysql-service
ingress:
   - from:
        - podSelector:
        matchLabels:
        app: web-app
   ports:
        - port: 3306
```

```
brahim@Training:~/lab17$ vim setup.yaml
brahim@Training:~/lab17$ kubectl apply -f setup.yaml -n network
networkpolicy.networking.k8s.io/default-deny configured
Warning: Detected changes to resource mysql-db which is currently being deleted.
pod/mysql-db configured
service/mysql-service configured
pod/web-app configured
service/web-app-service configured
brahim@Training:~/lab17$
brahim@Training:~/lab17$
```

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4. Use your browser or `curl` or `wget` command should now render the message `Successfully connected to database!`.



5. Delete the namespace `network`.