ADVANCE DEVOPS CASESTUDY

Aim

The objective of this project is to set up a Kubernetes cluster on AWS using the AWS Cloud9 IDE, deploy a sample Nginx application using kubectl, and verify its deployment by accessing it through a LoadBalancer or NodePort.

Theory

1. Kubernetes

Kubernetes is an open-source platform that automates the deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications. It helps ensure that the application remains available even in cases of system failure, making it an essential tool for managing large-scale applications.

Advantages of Kubernetes:

- Scalability: Automates the scaling of applications.
- Fault Tolerance: Automatically replaces or restarts failed containers.
- Portability: Applications can be run consistently across different environments.
- Efficiency: Optimizes resource utilization by distributing workloads dynamically.

2. Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS)

Amazon EKS is a managed Kubernetes service that simplifies running Kubernetes clusters on AWS. It automates much of the operational overhead, allowing developers to focus on deploying their applications instead of managing the underlying infrastructure.

Advantages of EKS:

- Managed Service: Reduces the need to manage Kubernetes control plane and nodes manually.
- AWS Integration: Seamlessly integrates with AWS services like IAM, CloudWatch, and load balancers.
- High Availability: Offers reliability through AWS's scalable and secure infrastructure.

3. Nginx

Nginx is a popular, high-performance web server commonly used for serving web pages, load balancing, and acting as a reverse proxy. In this case, we will use Nginx as a sample application to deploy on the Kubernetes cluster.

Advantages of Nginx:

- High Performance: Known for efficiently handling large numbers of concurrent connections.
- Flexibility: Can be used for load balancing, caching, and reverse proxying.
- Lightweight: Requires minimal resources while handling large-scale traffic efficiently.

Why Use Kubernetes to Deploy Nginx on EKS?

- Automation: You can automate the deployment, scaling, and management of Nginx instances across multiple servers, ensuring high availability and performance.
- Load Balancing: Kubernetes' built-in service features, like the LoadBalancer, allow you to automatically distribute traffic among Nginx instances.
- Portability and Flexibility: Kubernetes can run the same Nginx container on any environment (local, cloud, hybrid), making deployments consistent and portable.

Advantages of Using Kubernetes and EKS for this Deployment:

- Simplified Management: EKS manages the Kubernetes control plane, while you focus on deploying Nginx and other applications.
- Scalability: With a few commands, you can scale Nginx across multiple servers to handle increased traffic.
- Automated Failover: Kubernetes ensures that your application remains available, even
 if some nodes fail.
- Cost Efficiency: By automatically scaling down when traffic is low, Kubernetes can help reduce costs on cloud resources.

In this casestudy we are following the below procedure to deploy simple nginx application:

- 1. Access AWS CloudShell: Log in to the AWS Management Console and open CloudShell to use AWS's command-line interface.
- 2. Install Kubernetes CLI (kubectl):Download and install kubectl in CloudShell, which lets you control and manage Kubernetes clusters.
- 3. Configure AWS CLI: Set up AWS CLI with your credentials, which allows you to communicate with AWS services.
- 4. Create a Kubernetes Cluster:Use the eksctl tool to create a Kubernetes cluster on AWS with two worker nodes. This cluster is where your applications will run.
- 5. Deploy Nginx: Create a YAML file defining the Nginx deployment, specifying how many replicas (instances) you want and their configuration.
- 6. Expose Nginx with LoadBalancer: Use a LoadBalancer service to expose the Nginx application to the internet, allowing you to access it through an external IP address.

Implementation:

Step 1: Setting Up kubectl in AWS CloudShell

1. Accessing CloudShell

Log into the AWS Management Console and click the CloudShell icon, which appears on the top-right corner. This opens a terminal interface directly within the browser, offering a secure environment to execute commands.

2. Downloading kubectl

Execute the following command to download the latest version of kubectl, the command-line tool for Kubernetes management:

curl -LO "https://storage.googleapis.com/kubernetes-release/release/\$(curl -s https://storage.googleapis.com/kubernetes-release/release/stable.txt)/bin/linux/amd64/kubectl

3. Making kubectl Executable, moving it to the system path And veryfying

Write following commands to modify the permissions to make kubectl executable:

chmod +x ./kubectl

Move the binary to a directory included in your system's path to make it accessible from anywhere:

sudo mv ./kubectl /usr/local/bin/kubectl

Verify the successful installation of kubectl:

kubectl version --client

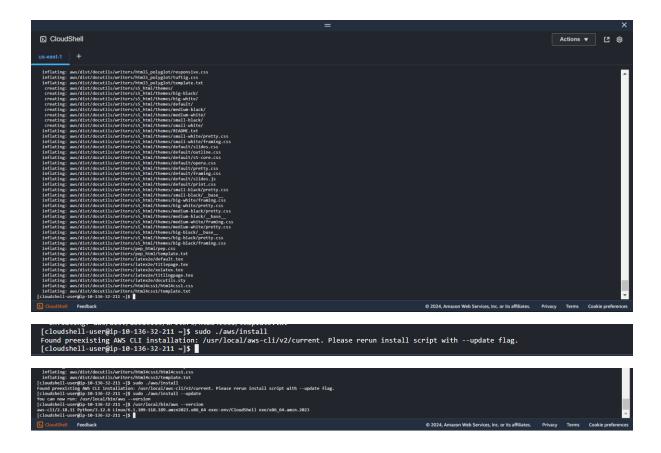
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[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ chmod +x ./kubectl
[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ sudo mv ./kubectl /usr/local/bin/kubectl
[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ kubectl version --client
Client Version: v1.31.0
Kustomize Version: v5.4.2
[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$
```

Step 2: Configuring AWS CLI

1. Installing AWS CLI

If the AWS CLI isn't already installed in CloudShell, install it by running:

- curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/awscli-exe-linux-x86_64.zip" -o "awscliv2.zip" unzip awscliv2.zip
- sudo ./aws/install



2. Setting Up AWS CLI

After installation, configure the CLI by providing AWS credentials:

aws configure

enter:

- 1. AWS Access Key ID
- 2. AWS Secret Access Key
- 3. Default region (e.g., us-west-2)
- 4. Output format (e.g., json)

To Create Access Keys in AWS Management Console:

Navigate to IAM:

In the search bar, type "IAM" and select IAM (Identity & Access Management) from the services.

• Create a New IAM User:

On the left sidebar, click on Users.

Click on Add users.

Set User Details:

Username: Enter a name for your new user (e.g., Cloudshell-admin). Access Type: Select Programmatic access (this creates an access key ID and secret

access key for the AWS CLI and SDKs).

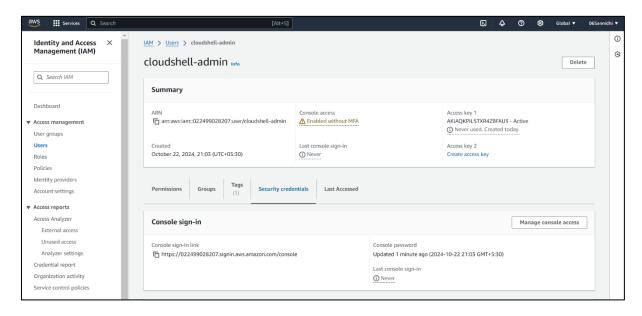
Attach Permissions:

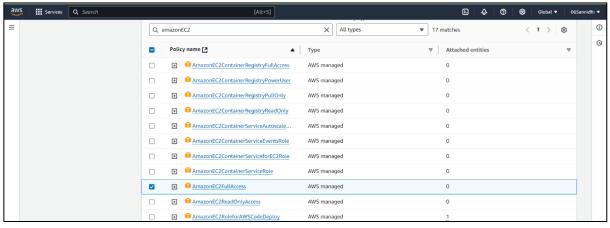
On the next screen, choose Attach existing policies directly. Select AdministratorAccess to give the user full access to AWS services.

Complete the Setup:

Continue through the steps and create the user.

After the user is created, you will see the Access Key ID and Secret Access Key. Download these credentials or save them securely.





Step 3: Create an Amazon EKS Cluster

1. Installing eksctl

Install eksctl, the CLI tool used to interact with Amazon EKS:

- curl --silent --location https://github.com/weaveworks/eksctl/releases/latest/download/eksctl_\$(uname -s)_amd64.tar.gz" | tar xz -C /tmp
- sudo mv /tmp/eksctl /usr/local/bin/eksctl

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[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ curl --silent --location "https://github.com/weaveworks/eksctl/releases/latest/download/eksctl_$(uname -s)_amd64.tar.gz" | tar xz -C /tmp [cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ sudo mv /tmp/eksctl /usr/local/bin/eksctl [cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ sudo mv /tmp/eksctl /usr/local/bin/eksctl
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2. Creating a Kubernetes Cluster

Use eksctl to create a cluster with two worker nodes:

• eksctl create cluster --name my-new-cluster --region us-west-2 --nodegroup-name standard-workers --node-type t2.medium --nodes 2

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3. Verifying the Cluster

Once the cluster is created, verify that it's up and running by listing the available nodes:

kubectl get nodes

Step 4: Deploying Nginx Application

1. Creating a Deployment YAML

Create a YAML file that defines the Nginx deployment. In CloudShell, use a text editor such as nano to create the file:

- nano nginx-deployment.yaml
- Paste the following content into the file:

```
yaml
Copy code
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: nginx-deployment
spec:
 replicas: 2
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   app: nginx
 template:
  metadata:
   labels:
    app: nginx
  spec:
   containers:
   - name: nginx
     image: nginx:1.14.2
    ports:
    - containerPort: 80
```

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cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ nano nginx-deployment.yaml
[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ ☐
```

2. Deploying the Application

Apply the configuration to deploy Nginx:

kubectl apply -f nginx-deployment.yaml

3. Verifying the Deployment

Ensure the Nginx deployment was created successfully:

kubectl get deployments

Use the describe command to view details:

kubectl describe deployment nginx-deployment

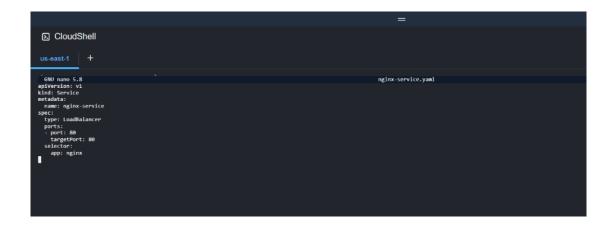
Step 5: Exposing the Nginx Application Using a LoadBalancer

1. Creating a Service YAML

Now create another YAML file to expose the Nginx deployment via a LoadBalancer service:

- nano nginx-service.yaml
- Paste this configuration:

```
yaml
Copy code
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
name: nginx-service
spec:
type: LoadBalancer
ports:
- port: 80
targetPort: 80
selector:
app: nginx
```



2. Applying the Service

Apply the LoadBalancer service:

• kubectl apply -f nginx-service.yaml

3. Retrieving the External IP

To access the application, retrieve the external IP assigned to the LoadBalancer:

kubectl get services –watch

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[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ nano nginx-service.yaml
[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ kubectl apply -f nginx-service.yaml
service/nginx-service created
[cloudshell-user@ip-10-136-32-211 ~]$ kubectl get services --watch
NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP
Kubernetes ClusterIP 10.180-0.1 (none>
443/TCP 15m
nginx-service LoadBalancer 10.180-247.48 adf153701b6f944ad900d7cd71058590-1346418627.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com 80:31770/TCP 15s
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It may take a few minutes for the IP address to become available. Once assigned, access the Nginx application by entering the external IP into your web browser.



Conclusion

Through this experiment, we successfully set up a Kubernetes cluster on AWS and deployed a simple Nginx application. The application was exposed to the internet using a LoadBalancer, allowing us to access it via a web browser. This experiment demonstrated the practical use of Kubernetes in managing containerized applications and how managed services like Amazon EKS simplify Kubernetes cluster management.

Challenges Faced

- While creating the Kubernetes cluster, one of the difficulties encountered was configuring the eksctl tool, as it requires appropriate permissions and a well-defined IAM role in AWS.
- The process of obtaining the external IP address for the LoadBalancer took more time than expected due to AWS's dynamic provisioning of resources.