

7.2C: Interacting with Kubernetes

In this task I am going to demonstrate how I created Kubernetes dashboard and show its interaction with my application.

Work done in brief -

- I. First I created the dashboard on my existing welcome application which was a basic node js application
- II. I checked the dashboard state for the exiting application
- III. Then I edited the node js application to incorporate a new image in it as required in the task
- IV. I observed the subsequent changes picked up in the dashboard

(elaborated in detail in the walkthrough)

Instructions –

1. Import the 7.1P folder in Visual Studio Code
2. Get the bearer token for login
Command → `kubectl -n kubernetes-dashboard create token admin-user`
3. Access the dashboard at <http://localhost:8001/api/v1/namespaces/kubernetes-dashboard/services/https:kubernetes-dashboard:/proxy/#/log/default/welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8/pod?namespace=default&container=welcomemicroservice>
4. Enter the generated token to login

(For any further exploration in the code, the below Walkthrough section will demonstrate the steps)

Detailed walkthrough for the task below -

1. CREATING THE DASHBOARD

- With my existing node.js application, I first checked the status of my application.

Commands used → 'kubectl get services', and 'kubectl get pods'

The highlighted output is for my microservice which is a simple 'Welcome to the microservice' application.

```
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prepo\7.1P> kubectl get services
NAME                                TYPE        CLUSTER-IP    EXTERNAL-IP  PORT(S)          AGE
kubernetes                         ClusterIP   10.96.0.1     <none>       443/TCP          6d6h
welcomemicroservice-service        LoadBalancer 10.102.181.6  localhost    3000:31724/TCP   5d
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prepo\7.1P> kubectl get pods
NAME                                READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
hellomicroservice-684c768597-jjglg  1/1     Running   1 (6m22s ago)  5d22h
welcomemicroservice-6dbb75857-rvzr9  1/1     Running   1 (6m22s ago)  5d
```

- I made sure to check the docker image. Welcome_image is the one being used in this scenario

```
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prepo\7.1P> docker images | select
-string welcome

welcome_image
1025b7cb5ca6 5 days ago 917MB latest
gcr.io/sit737-23t1-gujral-6790fc3/welcome_image latest
1025b7cb5ca6 5 days ago 917MB
```

- Now a crucial step, deploying the dashboard ui (Source - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/access-application-cluster/web-ui-dashboard/>)

Since, the Dashboard UI is not deployed by default, I used the below command to deploy it –

kubectl apply -f

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes/dashboard/v2.7.0/aio/deploy/recommended.yaml>

```
PS C:\Users\glkar> kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes/dashboard/v2.7.0/aio/deploy/recommended.yaml
namespace/kubernetes-dashboard created
serviceaccount/kubernetes-dashboard created
service/kubernetes-dashboard created
secret/kubernetes-dashboard-certs created
secret/kubernetes-dashboard-csrf created
secret/kubernetes-dashboard-key-holder created
configmap/kubernetes-dashboard-settings created
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kubernetes-dashboard created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kubernetes-dashboard created
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kubernetes-dashboard created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/kubernetes-dashboard created
deployment.apps/kubernetes-dashboard created
service/dashboard-metrics-scraper created
deployment.apps/dashboard-metrics-scraper created
PS C:\Users\glkar>
```

It created all the 14 objects that can be seen in the above screenshot. The yaml of the 14 objects can be seen at -

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes/dashboard/v2.7.0/aio/deploy/recommended.yaml>

- Referring the above yaml, I came to know that the kubernetes-dashboard object is in the namespace Kubernetes-dashboard.
- An attempt to check all the namespaces -

```
PS C:\Users\glkar> kubectl get namespace
NAME                STATUS   AGE
default             Active  6d6h
kube-node-lease     Active  6d6h
kube-public         Active  6d6h
kube-system         Active  6d6h
kubernetes-dashboard Active  4m46s
```

- To check whether all the 14 objects required for the Kubernetes dashboard are in 'running' state, I checked kubectl with get all and specifying the namespace as Kubernetes-dashboard
Command → kubectl get all -n Kubernetes-dashboard

We can observe the deployment object and the service object here among others

```
PS C:\Users\glkar> kubectl get all -n kubernetes-dashboard
```

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
pod/dashboard-metrics-scraper-8c47d4b5d-2z7fp	1/1	Running	0	6m39s
pod/kubernetes-dashboard-67bd8fc546-7rnc9	1/1	Running	0	6m39s

NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
service/dashboard-metrics-scraper	ClusterIP	10.108.16.125	<none>	8000/TCP	6m39s
service/kubernetes-dashboard	ClusterIP	10.97.86.195	<none>	443/TCP	6m39s

NAME	READY	UP-TO-DATE	AVAILABLE	AGE
deployment.apps/dashboard-metrics-scraper	1/1	1	1	6m39s
deployment.apps/kubernetes-dashboard	1/1	1	1	6m39s

NAME	DESIRED	CURRENT	READY	AGE
replicaset.apps/dashboard-metrics-scraper-8c47d4b5d	1	1	1	6m39s
replicaset.apps/kubernetes-dashboard-67bd8fc546	1	1	1	6m39s

2. Creating a user to access dashboard UI

(Source: <https://github.com/kubernetes/dashboard/blob/master/docs/user/access-control/creating-sample-user.md>)

- The objective here was that in order to access the dashboard, I created a new user, gave it the kind 'ServiceAccount' and granted it admin permissions. This user will then need a bearer token tied to itself and then it can access the dashboard.
- Created Service Account in the code project as a yaml file service-account.yaml with the name admin-user in the namespace kubernetes-dashboard with the lines -

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
  name: admin-user
  namespace: kubernetes-dashboard
```

- Then checked the ClusterRoleBinding for the ServiceAccount which did not exist as checked below -

```
PS C:\Users\glkar> kubectl get ClusterRoleBinding | select-string admin-user
PS C:\Users\glkar>
```

- So, created the new ClusterRoleBinding admin-user under the project as a new yaml file cluster-role-binding.yaml and granted the privileges. Code -

```
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
metadata:
  name: admin-user
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: cluster-admin
subjects:
- kind: ServiceAccount
  name: admin-user
  namespace: kubernetes-dashboard
```

- Now running kubectl apply on both the yaml files –

```
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prepo\7.1P\kubernetes-dashboard> kubectl apply
-f .\service-account.yaml
serviceaccount/admin-user created
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prepo\7.1P\kubernetes-dashboard> kubectl apply
-f .\cluster-role-binding.yaml
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/admin-user created
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prepo\7.1P\kubernetes-dashboard>
```

3. Getting bearer token for admin-user

[Source : <https://github.com/kubernetes/dashboard/blob/master/docs/user/access-control/creating-sample-user.md>]

The bearer token needed for login is created as -

Command → `kubectl -n kubernetes-dashboard create token admin-user`

It takes into account that the admin-user is in namespace kubernetes-dashboard, indicated with -n namespace

[illegible]

- In my case, the token was –

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR0cCI6Ikd4SjY1wVZkMmWlUZHFlakJXOGdiZjdVVM5
CZlkifQ.eyJhdWQiOiJsiaHR0cHM6Ly9rdWJlcm5ldGVzLmRlZmF1bHQuc3ZjLmNsdXNOZXlibG9jYWwiX
SwiZXhwIjojNgzMzc3Mzc3LCJpYXQiOjE2ODMzNmM3NmMsImZcyLmhmOdHBzOi8va3ViZXJuZXRlcyc5k
ZWZhZDx0LnN2Yy5jbHVzdGVyLmxvY2Fsiwia3ViZXJuZXRlcyc5pbyl6eyJuYW1lc3BhY2UiOiJrdWJlcm5l
dGVzLWRhc2hib2FyZCIsbnNlcnZpY2VhY2NvdW50Ijp7Im5hbWUiOiJhZG11bi1lc2VyliwidWklloiZjI4
MTRmMmMtZTVmZi00MjYwLWlyYTgtMTThkZWZjYjQ1YzFkln19LCJuYmYiOiJE2ODMzNmM3NmMsInN1
Yil6InN5c3RibTpzXjI2aWNlYWNjb3VudDprdwJlcm5ldGVzLWRhc2hib2FyZDphZG11bi1lc2Vyln0.SQ
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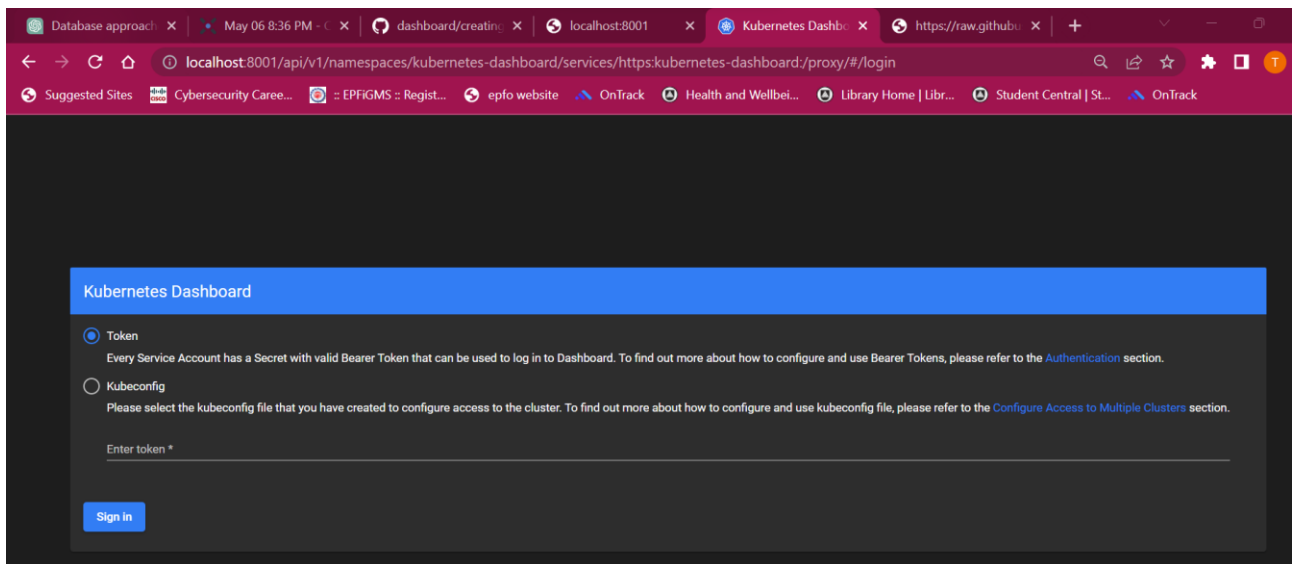
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lhbcJQxeV5_JdaouVBarO4e68qCdpNafRdk-m-IsVFQ

4. Getting access to the Dashboard

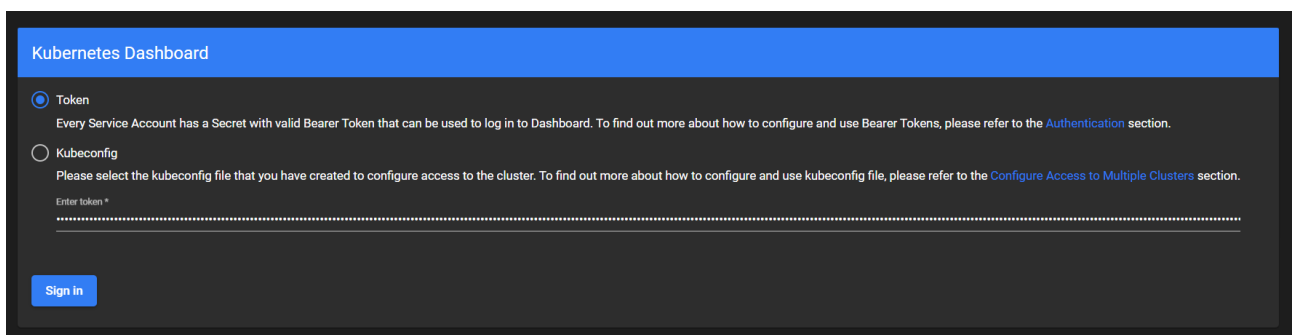
- Command needed was – `kubectl proxy` to enable access to the dashboard

```
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prep\7.1P\kubernetes-dashboard> kubectl proxy
Starting to serve on 127.0.0.1:8001
```

- Dashboard url was hit - <http://localhost:8001/api/v1/namespaces/kubernetes-dashboard/services/https:kubernetes-dashboard:/proxy/#/log/default/welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8/pod?namespace=default&container=welcomemicroservice>

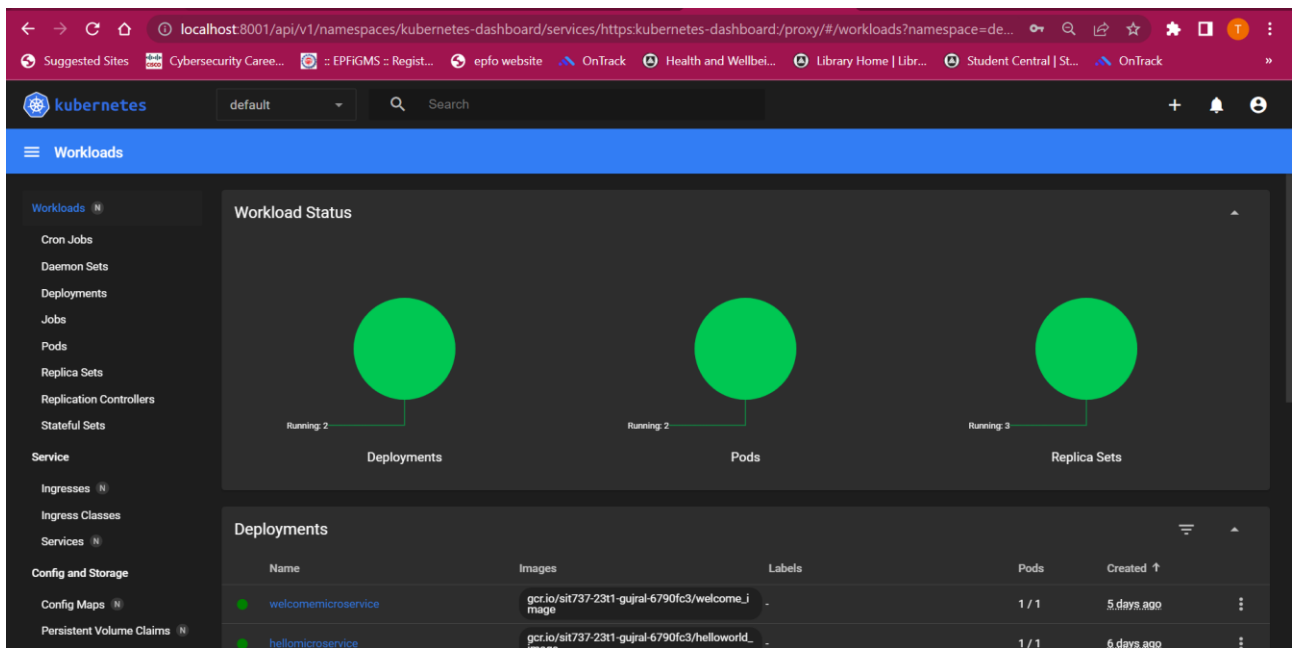


- Token was pasted and sign in was clicked -

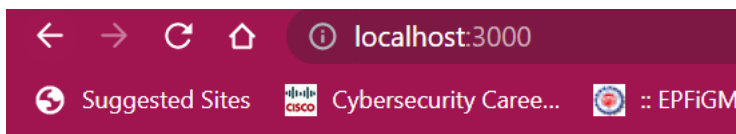


- Below observation about the dashboard -

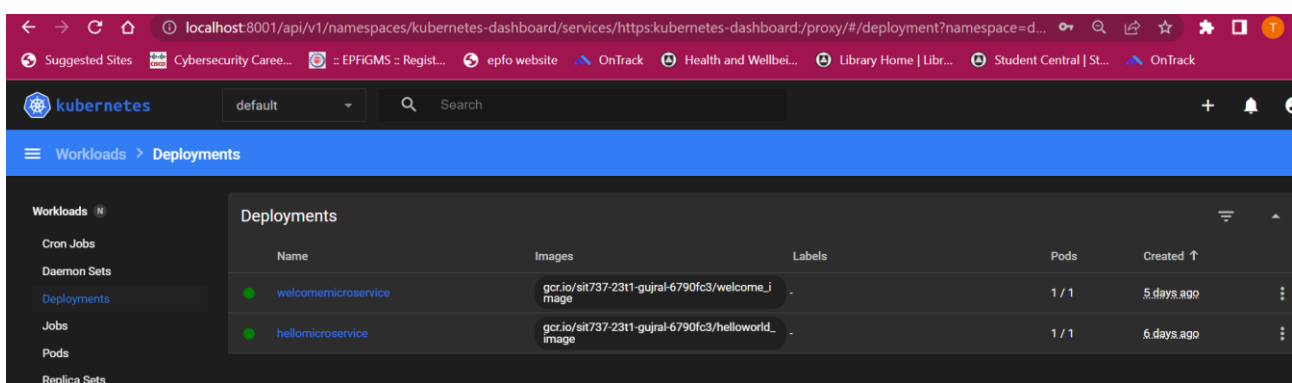
Workloads page of the dashboard showing the ‘welcomeservice’



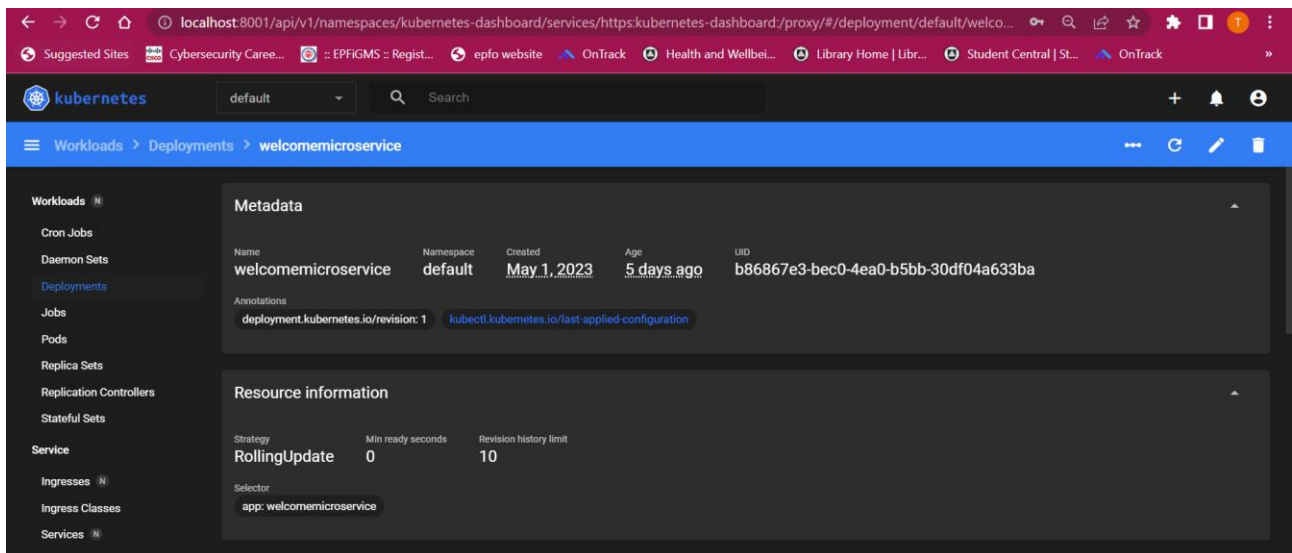
Launched the application / a running view of the old container. The message ‘Welcome to the microservice’ can be seen –



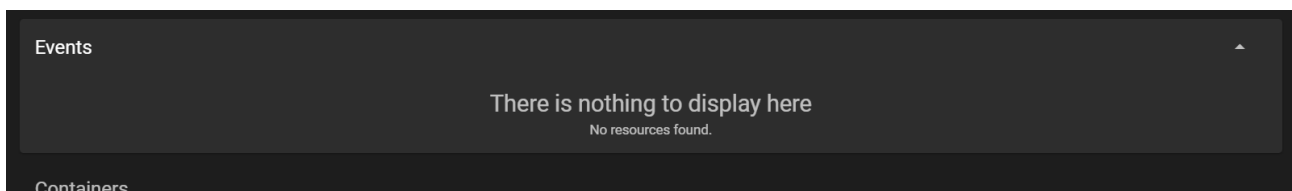
- The ‘Deployments’ view on the Dashboard shows the welcomemicroservice again -



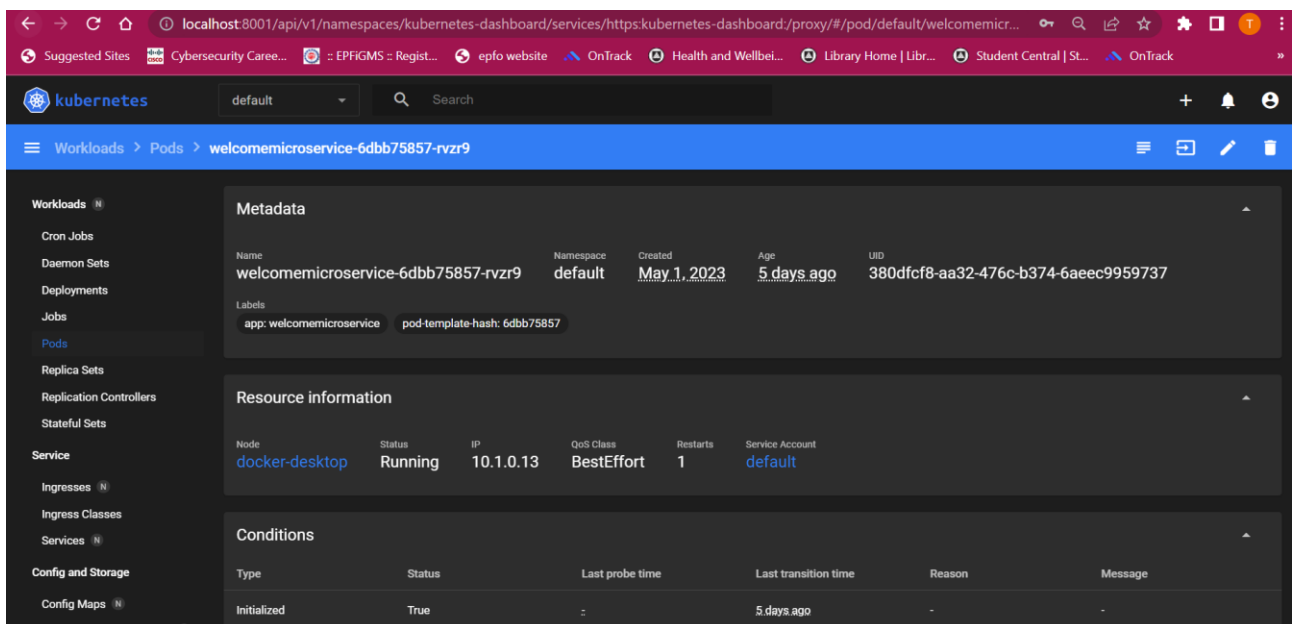
-Under Deployments > welcomemicroservice shows the following -



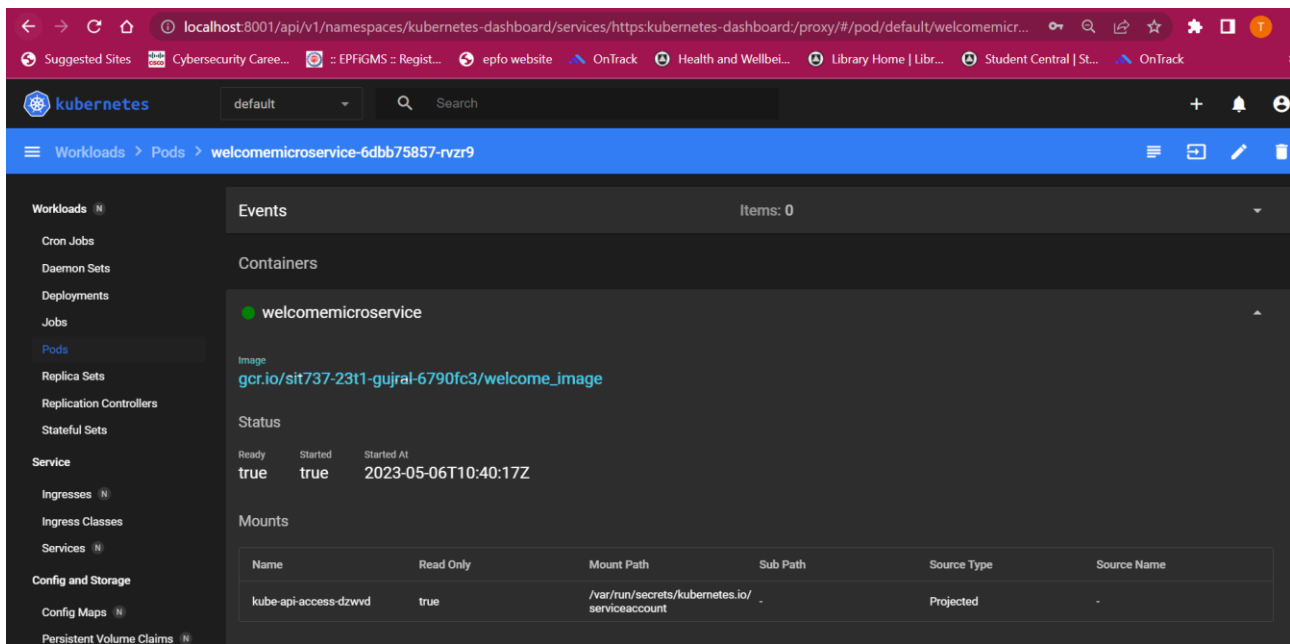
It shows no events. (This will change when I deploy the new image) -



- The 'Pods' view shows the pod for the welcomemicroservice as below -



- It show the old image which was on GCR -



5. Created new image –

As required in the task to create new image, I changed the code in index.js with two altered string messages highlighted as below -

```
! service-account.yaml ! cluster-role-binding.yaml JS index.js X ! service.yaml
JS index.js > app.get('/') callback
6   const PORT = 3000;
7   const HOST = '0.0.0.0';
8
9   // Home page request
10  app.get('/', (req, res) => {
11    res.send("Welcome to the microservice - enabled with dashboard");
12  });
13
14  //app.listen(3000, () => {
15  //  console.log('Server is listening on port 3000');
16  //});
17
18  app.listen(PORT, HOST, () => {
19    console.log('Running on http://${HOST}:${PORT}');
20    console.log('New image for dashboard');
21  });
```

Res.send is updated to give the message “Welcome to the microservice - **enabled with dashboard**”

And

Console.log has an additional message “**New image for dashboard**”

We will notice these on the dashboard soon.

- Gave the new image name as - welcome_dashboard_image and built it -

Command → docker build -t welcome_dashboard_image .

```
=> => exporting layers 0.1s
=> => writing image sha256:fbdfd166362911bc3843e7b3d2d3d90c1af1856ba01023c681c4f911725804d5 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/welcome_dashboard_image 0.0s

Use 'docker scan' to run Snyk tests against images to find vulnerabilities and learn how to fix them
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```

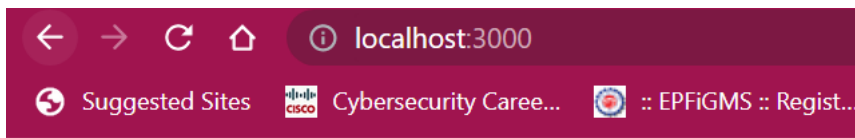
- Changed the deployment configuration file to contain the new image name as 'welcome_dashboard_image'
- For this, in the project, Edited Kubernetes> deployment.yaml configuration file with the new image as below -

```
kubernetes > ! deployment.yaml > {} spec > {} template > {} spec > [ ] containers > {} 0 > image
4   name: welcomemicroservice
5   spec:
6     selector:
7       matchLabels:
8         app: welcomemicroservice
9     replicas: 1
10    template:
11      metadata:
12        labels:
13          app: welcomemicroservice
14      spec:
15        containers:
16          - name: welcomemicroservice
17            image: welcome_dashboard_image
18            ports:
19              - containerPort: 3000
20            imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
```

- Then did kubectl apply with the altered deployment configuration file. The kubectl get pods returned the new one marked 41 seconds ago -

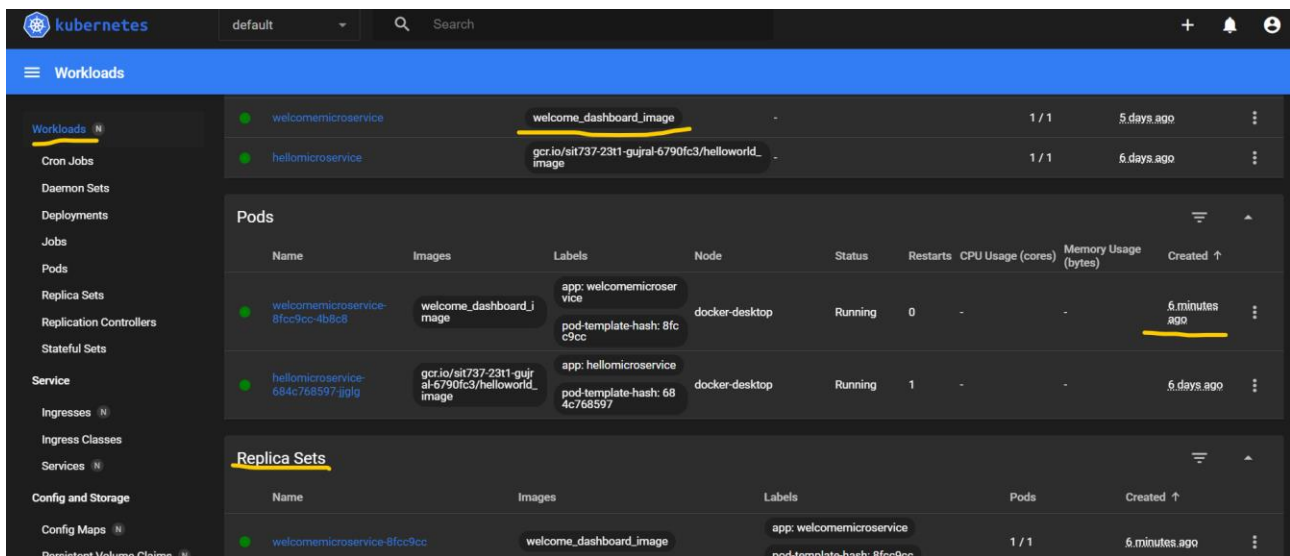
```
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prepo\7.1P\kubernetes> kubectl
apply -f .\deployment.yaml
deployment.apps/welcomemicroservice configured
PS C:\Tanya\DEAKIN\T1 2023\SIT737 Cloud Native Application Development\tasks\7.1P - Copy\7.1Prepo\7.1P\kubernetes> kubectl
get pods
NAME                                READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
hellomicroservice-684c768597-jjglg  1/1     Running   1 (106m ago)  6d
welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8    1/1     Running   0           41s
```

- Hit the browser to see the changed message as below -

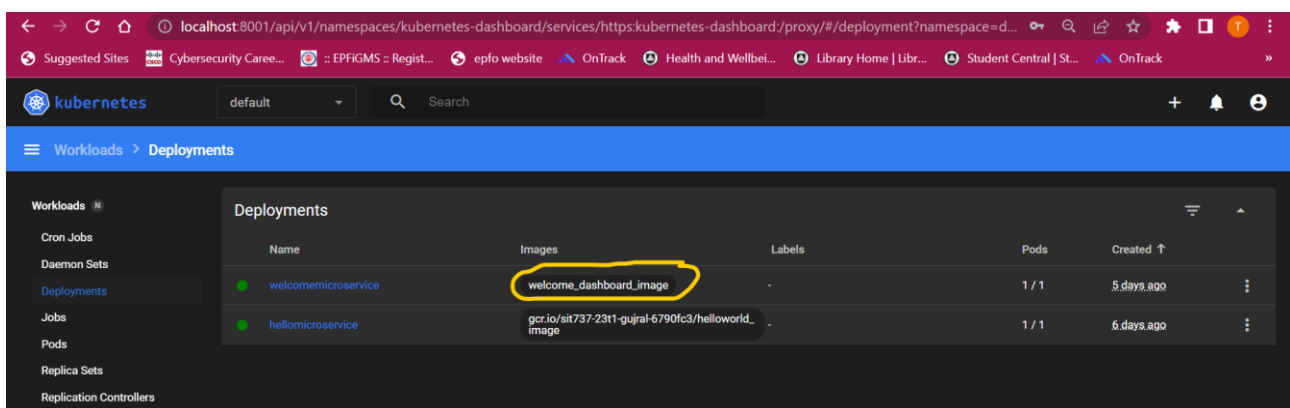


Welcome to the microservice - **enabled with dashboard**

- Launched the dashboard again at - <http://localhost:8001/api/v1/namespaces/kubernetes-dashboard/services/https:kubernetes-dashboard:/proxy/#/log/default/welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8/pod?namespace=default&container=welcomemicroservice>
- The changes can be seen in all the layouts – Workloads, Deployment, Pods, Logs of the pod as highlighted in the below screenshots –
- Workloads show the new image name 'welcome_dashboard_image' -



- Deployments shows the new image name -



- Events can be seen updated as scaled down replica set and scaled up replica set -

The screenshot shows the Kubernetes dashboard for the 'welcomemicroservice' deployment. The 'Events' section displays the following data:

Name	Reason	Message	Source	Sub-object	Count	First Seen	Last Seen
welcomemicroservice-175	ScalingReplic	Scaled down replica set welcomemicroservice-6dbb75857 to 0	deployment-controller	-	1	8 minutes ago	8 minutes ago
welcomemicroservice-175	ScalingReplic	Scaled up replica set welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc to 1	deployment-controller	-	1	8 minutes ago	8 minutes ago

- Pods events also reflect the change of the image from old to new -

The screenshot shows the Kubernetes dashboard for the 'welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8' pod. The 'Events' section displays the following data:

Name	Reason	Message	Source	Sub-object	Count	First Seen	Last Seen
welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8.175c8d8536001aff	Pulled	Container image "welcome_dashboard_image" already present on machine	kubelet docker-desktop	spec.containers(welcomemik	1	10 minutes ago	10 minutes ago
welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8.175c8d853a2332ca	Created	Created container welcomemicroservice	kubelet docker-desktop	spec.containers(welcomemik	1	10 minutes ago	10 minutes ago
welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8.175c8d8547f0e29d	Started	Started container welcomemicroservice	kubelet docker-desktop	spec.containers(welcomemik	1	10 minutes ago	10 minutes ago
welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8.175c8d84da15e8f4	Scheduled	Successfully assigned default/welcomemicroservice-8fcc9cc-4b8c8 to docker-desktop	-	-	0	10 minutes ago	10 minutes ago

The 'Containers' section shows the following information for the 'welcomemicroservice' container:

- Image: welcome_dashboard_image
- Status:

Ready	Started	Started At
true	true	2023-05-06T12:26:04Z

- New log for the new pod records the console.log message added 'New image for dashboard' –

