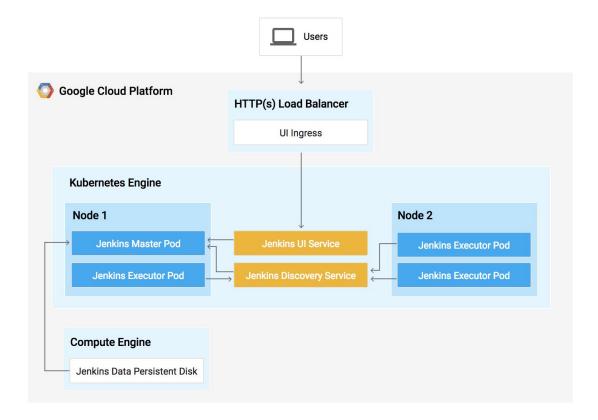
Continuous Deployment with Jenkins

Overview

In this lab, you will learn how to set up a continuous delivery pipeline with Jenkinson Kubernetes engine. Jenkins is the go-to automation server used by developers who frequently integrate their code in a shared repository. The solution you'll build in this lab will be similar to the following diagram:



You can find more details about running Jenkins on Kubernetes here.

What you'll do

In this lab, you will complete the following tasks:

- Provision a Jenkins application into a Kubernetes Engine Cluster
- Set up your Jenkins application using Helm Package Manager
- Explore the features of a Jenkins application
- Create and exercise a Jenkins pipeline

Prerequisites

This is an **expert level** lab. Before taking it, you should be comfortable with at least the basics of shell programming, Kubernetes, and Jenkins. Here are some Qwiklabs that can get you up to speed:

- Introduction to Docker
- Hello Node Kubernetes
- Managing Deployments Using Kubernetes Engine
- Setting up Jenkins on Kubernetes Engine

Once your prepared, scroll down to learn more about Kubernetes, Jenkins, and Continuous Delivery.

What is Kubernetes Engine?

Kubernetes Engine is GCP's hosted version of Kubernetes - a powerful cluster manager and orchestration system for containers. Kubernetes is an open source project that can run on many different environments—from laptops to high-availability multi-node clusters; from virtual machines to bare metal. As mentioned before, Kubernetes apps are built on Containers - these are lightweight applications bundled with all the necessary dependencies and libraries to run them. This underlying structure makes Kubernetes applications

highly available, secure, and quick to deploy—an ideal framework for cloud developers.

What is Jenkins?

<u>Jenkins</u> is an open-source automation server that lets you flexibly orchestrate your build, test, and deployment pipelines. Jenkins allows developers to iterate quickly on projects without worrying about overhead issues that can stem from continuous delivery.

What is Continuous Delivery / Continuous Deployment?

When you need to set up a continuous delivery (CD) pipeline, deploying

Jenkins on Kubernetes Engine provides important benefits over a standard

VM-based deployment.

When your build process uses containers, one virtual host can run jobs on multiple operating systems. Kubernetes Engine provides ephemeral build

executors — these are only utilized when builds are actively running, which leaves resources for other cluster tasks such as batch processing jobs.

Another benefit of ephemeral build executors is *speed* — they launch in a matter of seconds.

Kubernetes Engine also comes pre-equipped with Google's global load balancer, which you can use to automate web traffic routing to your instance(s). The load balancer handles SSL termination and utilizes a global IP address that's configured with Google's backbone network—coupled with your web front, this load balancer will always set your users on the fastest possible path to an application instance.

Now that we've learned a little bit about Kubernetes, Jenkins, and how the two interact in a CD pipeline, let's go build one.

Setup

What you'll need

To complete this lab, you'll need:

- Access to a standard internet browser (Chrome browser recommended).
- Time. Note the lab's Completion time in Qwiklabs. This is an estimate of
 the time it should take to complete all steps. Plan your schedule so you
 have time to complete the lab. Once you start the lab, you will not be

- able to pause and return later (you begin at step 1 every time you start a lab).
- The lab's Access time is how long your lab resources will be available. If you finish your lab with access time still available, you will be able to explore the Google Cloud Platform or work on any section of the lab that was marked "if you have time". Once the Access time runs out, your lab will end and all resources will terminate.
- You DO NOT need a Google Cloud Platform account or project. An
 account, project and associated resources are provided to you as part
 of this lab.
- If you already have your own GCP account, make sure you do not use it for this lab.
- If your lab prompts you to log into the console, use only the student account provided to you by the lab. This prevents you from incurring charges for lab activities in your personal GCP account.

Start your lab

When you are ready, click **Start Lab**. You can track your lab's progress with the status bar at the top of your screen.

Important What is happening during this time? Your lab is spinning up GCP resources for you behind the scenes, including an account, a project, resources within the project, and permission for you to control the resources needed to run the lab. This means that instead of spending time manually setting up a project and building resources from scratch as part of your lab, you can begin learning more quickly.

Find Your Lab's GCP Username and Password

To access the resources and console for this lab, locate the Connection

Details panel in Qwiklabs. Here you will find the account ID and password for
the account you will use to log in to the Google Cloud Platform:



If your lab provides other resource identifiers or connection-related information, it will appear on this panel as well.

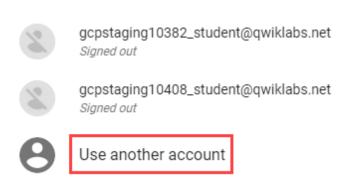
Log in to Google Cloud Console

Using the Qwiklabs browser tab/window or the separate browser you are using for the Qwiklabs session, copy the Username from the Connection Details panel and click the **Open Google Console** button.

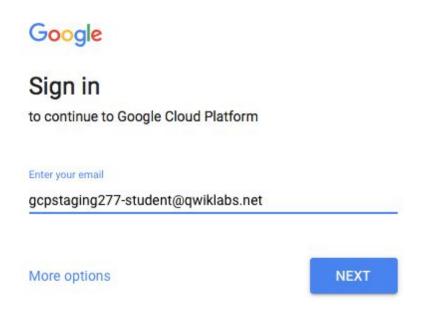
You'll be asked to Choose an account. Click **Use another account**.



Choose an account



Paste in the Username, and then the Password as prompted:

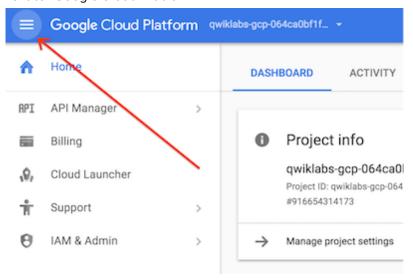


Accept the terms and conditions.

Since this is a temporary account, which you will only have to access for this one lab:

- Do not add recovery options
- Do not sign up for free trials

Note: You can view the list of services by clicking the GCP Navigation menu button at the top-left next to "Google Cloud Platform".



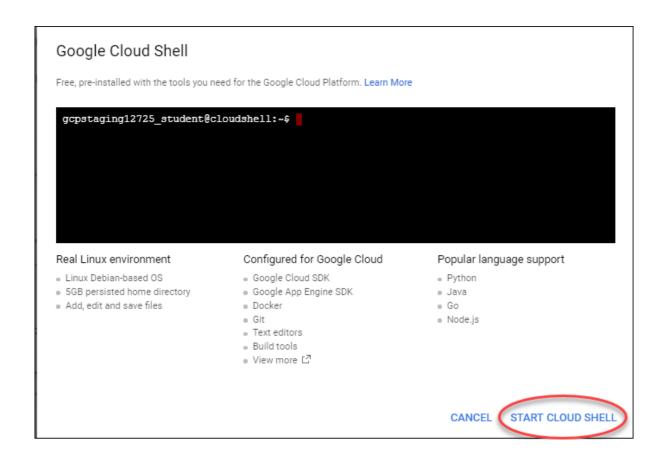
Activate Google Cloud Shell

Google Cloud Shell provides command-line access to your GCP resources.

From the GCP Console click the **Cloud Shell** icon on the top right toolbar:



Then click START CLOUD SHELL:



You can click **START CLOUD SHELL** immediately when the dialog comes up instead of waiting in the dialog until the Cloud Shell provisions.

It takes a few moments to provision and connects to the environment:



The Cloud Shell is a virtual machine loaded with all the development tools you'll need. It offers a persistent 5GB home directory, and runs on the Google Cloud, greatly enhancing network performance and authentication.

Once connected to the cloud shell, you'll see that you are already authenticated and the project is set to your *PROJECT_ID*:

gcloud auth list

Output:

Credentialed accounts:

- <myaccount>@<mydomain>.com (active)

Note: gcloud is the powerful and unified command-line tool for Google Cloud Platform. Full documentation is available on <u>Google Cloud gcloud Overview</u>. It comes pre-installed on Cloud Shell and supports tab-completion.

gcloud config list project

Output:

[core]

project = <PROJECT_ID>

Clone Repository

Let's get set up. You'll first set your zone and then clone the lab's sample code into your Cloud Shell:

gcloud config set compute/zone us-central1-f

git clone

https://github.com/GoogleCloudPlatform/continuous-deployment-on-kubernetes.

qit

cd continuous-deployment-on-kubernetes

The Git repository contains Kubernetes manifests that you'll use to deploy Jenkins. The manifests and their settings are described in <u>Configuring Jenkins</u> for Kubernetes Engine.

Provisioning Jenkins

Creating a Kubernetes cluster

Now, run the following command to provision a Kubernetes cluster:

```
gcloud container clusters create jenkins-cd \
--num-nodes 2 \
--machine-type n1-standard-2 \
--scopes "https://www.googleapis.com/auth/projecthosting,cloud-platform"
```

This step can take up to several minutes to complete. The extra scopes enable Jenkins to access Cloud Source Repositories and Google Container Registry.

Before continuing, confirm that your cluster is running by running the following command:

gcloud container clusters list

Now, get the credentials for your cluster:

gcloud container clusters get-credentials jenkins-cd

Kubernetes Engine uses these credentials to access your newly provisioned cluster—confirm that you can connect to it by running the following command:

kubectl cluster-info

Install Helm

In this lab, you will use Helm to install Jenkins from the Charts repository.

Helm is a package manager that makes it easy to configure and deploy

Kubernetes applications. Once you have Jenkins installed, you'll be able to set

up your CI/CD pipeline.

1. Download and install the helm binary:

wget

https://storage.googleapis.com/kubernetes-helm/helm-v2.9.1-linux-amd64.tar.

gz

1. Unzip the file in Cloud Shell:

tar zxfv helm-v2.9.1-linux-amd64.tar.gz

cp linux-amd64/helm .

1. Add yourself as a cluster administrator in the cluster's RBAC so that you can give Jenkins permissions in the cluster:

kubectl create clusterrolebinding cluster-admin-binding

--clusterrole=cluster-admin --user=\$(gcloud config get-value account)

1. Grant Tiller, the server side of Helm, the cluster-admin role in your cluster:

kubectl create serviceaccount tiller --namespace kube-system

kubectl create clusterrolebinding tiller-admin-binding

--clusterrole=cluster-admin --serviceaccount=kube-system:tiller

 Initialize Helm. This ensures that the server side of Helm (Tiller) is properly installed in your cluster.

./helm init --service-account=tiller

./helm update

Ensure Helm is properly installed by running the following command.
 You should see versions appear for both the server and the client of v2.9.1:

./helm version

Example Output (do not copy):

Client: &version.Version{SemVer:"v2.9.1",

GitCommit:"20adb27c7c5868466912eebdf6664e7390ebe710", GitTreeState:"clean"}

Server: &version.Version{SemVer:"v2.9.1",

GitCommit:"20adb27c7c5868466912eebdf6664e7390ebe710", GitTreeState:"clean"}

Configure and Install Jenkins

You will use a custom values file to add the GCP specific plugin necessary to use service account credentials to reach your Cloud Source Repository.

1. Use the Helm CLI to deploy the chart with your configuration settings:

./helm install -n cd stable/jenkins -f jenkins/values.yaml --version 0.16.6

 Once that command completes ensure the Jenkins pod goes to the Running state and the container is in the READY state:

kubectl get pods

Example Output (do not copy):

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
cd-jenkins-7c786475dd-vbhg4	1/1	Running	0	1m

 Run the following command to setup port forwarding to the Jenkins UI from the Cloud Shell:

```
export POD_NAME=$(kubectl get pods -l "component=cd-jenkins-master" -o
jsonpath="{.items[0].metadata.name}")
kubectl port-forward $POD_NAME 8080:8080 >> /dev/null &
```

1. Now, check that the Jenkins Service was created properly:

kubectl get svc

Example Output (do not copy):

NAME	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
cd-jenkins	10.35.249.67	<none></none>	8080/TCP	3h
cd-jenkins-agent	10.35.248.1	<none></none>	50000/TCP	3h
kubernetes	10.35.240.1	<none></none>	443/TCP	9h

We are using the <u>Kubernetes Plugin</u> so that our builder nodes will be automatically launched as necessary when the Jenkins master requests them. Upon completion of their work, they will automatically be turned down and their resources added back to the clusters resource pool.

Notice that this service exposes ports 8080 and 50000 for any pods that match the selector. This will expose the Jenkins web UI and builder/agent registration ports within the Kubernetes cluster. Additionally, the jenkins-ui

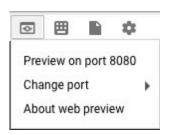
services are exposed using a ClusterIP so that it is not accessible from outside the cluster.

Connect to Jenkins

The Jenkins chart will automatically create an admin password for you.
 To retrieve it, run:

```
printf $(kubectl get secret cd-jenkins -o
jsonpath="{.data.jenkins-admin-password}" | base64 --decode);echo
```

1. To get to the Jenkins user interface, click on the **Web Preview** button in cloud shell, then click **Preview on port 8080**.



1. You should now be able to log in with username admin and your auto-generated password.

You now have Jenkins set up in your Kubernetes cluster! Jenkins will drive your automated CI/CD pipelines in the next sections.

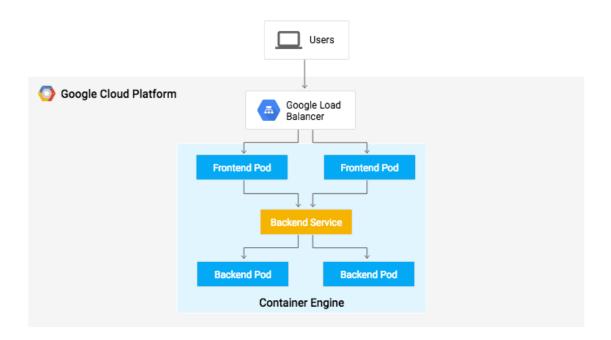
Understanding the Application

You'll deploy the sample application, gceme, in your continuous deployment pipeline. The application is written in the Go language and is located in the repo's sample-app directory. When you run the gceme binary on a Compute Engine instance, the app displays the instance's metadata in an info card.

Name	gke-junkyard-default-pool-76087c0a-txu0
ID	9185001295255472551
Hostname	gke-junkyard-default-pool-76087c0a-txu0.c
Zone	us-west1-a
Project	
Internal IP	10.240.0.15
External IP	104.198.102.151

The application mimics a microservice by supporting two operation modes.

- In backend mode: gceme listens on port 8080 and returns Compute
 Engine instance metadata in JSON format.
- In **frontend mode**: gceme queries the backend gceme service and renders the resulting JSON in the user interface.



Deploying the Application

You will deploy the application into two different environments:

• **Production**: The live site that your users access.

 Canary: A smaller-capacity site that receives only a percentage of your user traffic. Use this environment to validate your software with live traffic before it's released to all of your users.

In Google Cloud Shell, navigate to the sample application directory:

cd sample-app

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Create the Kubernetes namespace to logically isolate the deployment:

kubectl create ns production

Create the production and canary deployments, and the services using the kubectl apply commands:

kubectl apply -f k8s/production -n production

kubectl apply -f k8s/canary -n production

kubectl apply -f k8s/services -n production

By default, only one replica of the frontend is deployed. Use the kubect1 scalecommand to ensure that there are at least 4 replicas running at all times.

Scale up the production environment frontends by running the following command:

kubectl scale deployment gceme-frontend-production -n production --replicas

Now confirm that you have 5 pods running for the frontend, 4 for production traffic and 1 for canary releases (changes to the canary release will only affect 1 out of 5 (20%) of users):

```
kubectl get pods -n production -l app=gceme -l role=frontend
```

Also confirm that you have 2 pods for the backend, 1 for production and 1 for canary:

```
kubectl get pods -n production -l app=gceme -l role=backend
```

Retrieve the external IP for the production services:

```
kubectl get service gceme-frontend -n production
```

It can take several minutes before you see the load balancer external IP address.

Example output (do not copy):

NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
gceme-frontend	LoadBalancer	10.79.241.131	104.196.110.46	80/TCP	5h

Paste **External IP** into a browser to see the info card displayed on a card—you should get a similar page:

Jackerie	I that serviced this request
Name	gke-jenkins-cd-default-pool-aa8d46af-pgt0
Version	1.0.0
ID	3539491858067761855
Hostname	gke-jenkins-cd-default-pool-aa8d46af-pgt0.c.qwiklabs-gcp-847acff74b55abb2.internal
Zone	us-central1-f
Project	qwiklabs-gcp-847acff74b55abb2
Internal IP	10.128.0.5
External IP	104.197.237.15

Now, store the *frontend service* load balancer IP in an environment variable for use later:

```
export FRONTEND_SERVICE_IP=$(kubectl get -o
jsonpath="{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0].ip}" --namespace=production
services gceme-frontend)
```

Confirm that both services are working by opening the frontend external IP address in your browser. Check the version output of the service by running the following command (it should read 1.0.0):

curl http://\$FRONTEND_SERVICE_IP/version

You have successfully deployed the sample application! Next, you will set up a pipeline for deploying your changes continuously and reliably.

Creating the Jenkins Pipeline

Creating a repository to host the sample app source code

Let's create a copy of the gceme sample app and push it to a <u>Cloud Source</u>

<u>Repository</u>:

gcloud alpha source repos create default

You can ignore the warning, you will not be billed for this repository.

git init

Initialize the sample-app directory as its own Git repository:

git config credential.helper gcloud.sh

Run the following command:

git remote add origin

https://source.developers.google.com/p/\$DEVSHELL_PROJECT_ID/r/default

Set the username and email address for your Git commits. Replace

[EMAIL_ADDRESS] with your Git email address and [USERNAME] with your Git username:

```
git config --global user.email "[EMAIL_ADDRESS]"

git config --global user.name "[USERNAME]"

Add, commit, and push the files:

git add .

git commit -m "Initial commit"

git push origin master
```

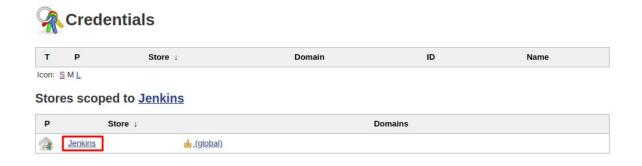
Adding your service account credentials

Configure your credentials to allow Jenkins to access the code repository.

Jenkins will use your cluster's service account credentials in order to download code from the Cloud Source Repositories.

Step 1: In the Jenkins user interface, click Credentials in the left navigation.

Step 2: Click Jenkins

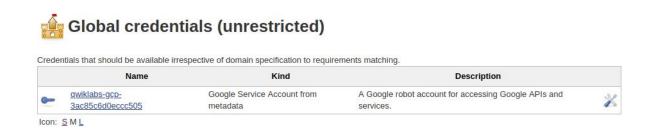


Step 3: Click Global credentials (unrestricted).

Step 4: Click **Add Credentials** in the left navigation.

Step 5: Select **Google Service Account from metadata** from the **Kind** drop-down and click **OK**.

The global credentials has been added. The name of the credential is the GCP Project ID found in the CONNECTION DETAILS section of the lab.



Creating the Jenkins job

Navigate to your Jenkins user interface and follow these steps to configure a Pipeline job.

Step 1: Click **Jenkins** > **New Item** in the left navigation:



Step 2: Name the project **sample-app**, then choose the **Multibranch Pipeline** option and click **OK**.

Step 3: On the next page, in the **Branch Sources** section, click **Add Source** and select **git**.

Step 4: Paste the **HTTPS clone URL** of your sample-app repo in Cloud Source Repositories into the **Project Repository** field. Replace [PROJECT_ID] with your **GCP Project ID**:

https://source.developers.google.com/p/[PROJECT_ID]/r/default

Step 5: From the **Credentials** drop-down, select the name of the credentials you created when adding your service account in the previous steps.

Step 6: Under **Scan Multibranch Pipeline Triggers** section, check the **Periodically if not otherwise run** box and set the **Interval** value to 1 minute.

Step 7: Your job configuration should look like this:

Name	sample-app	
Display Name		
Description		
		//

Git		
Project Repository	https://source.developers.google.com/p/qwiklabs-gcp-84a008cfcfbe1998/r/gceme	
Credentials	qwiklabs-gcp-84a008cfcfbe1998 service account ▼	
Behaviours	Discover branches	X
	Add ▼	
Property strategy	All branches get the same properties	
	Add property 🕶	



Step 8: Click **Save** leaving all other options with their defaults.

After you complete these steps, a job named "Branch indexing" runs. This meta-job identifies the branches in your repository and ensures changes haven't occurred in existing branches. If you click sample-app in the top left, the master job should be seen.

The first run of the master job might fail until you make a few code changes in the next step.

You have successfully created a Jenkins pipeline! Next, you'll create the development environment for continuous integration.

Creating the Development Environment

Development branches are a set of environments your developers use to test their code changes before submitting them for integration into the live site.

These environments are scaled-down versions of your application, but need to be deployed using the same mechanisms as the live environment.

Creating a development branch

To create a development environment from a feature branch, you can push the branch to the Git server and let Jenkins deploy your environment.

Create a development branch and push it to the Git server:

git checkout -b new-feature

Modifying the pipeline definition

The Jenkinsfile that defines that pipeline is written using the <u>Jenkins</u>

<u>Pipeline Groovy syntax</u>. Using a Jenkinsfile allows an entire build pipeline to be expressed in a single file that lives alongside your source code. Pipelines support powerful features like parallelization and require manual user approval.

In order for the pipeline to work as expected, you need to modify the Jenkinsfile to set your project ID.

Open the Jenkinsfile in your terminal editor, for example vi:

vi Jenkinsfile

Start the editor:

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Add your PROJECT_ID to the PROJECT_ID value. (Your PROJECT_ID is your GCP Project ID found in the CONNECTION DETAILS section of the lab—you can also run gcloud config get-value project) to find it:

```
def project = 'PROJECT_ID'
def appName = 'gceme'
def feSvcName = "${appName}-frontend"
```

def imageTag = "gcr.io/\${project}/\${appName}:\${env.BRANCH_NAME}.\${env.BUILD_NUMBER}" Save the Jenkinsfile file: hit **Esc** then (for vi users): :wq Modify the site To demonstrate changing the application, we will change the gceme cards from **blue**to **orange**. Open html.go: vi html.go Start the editor: i Change the two instances of <div class="card blue"> with following: <div class="card orange"> Save the html.go file: hit **Esc** then: :wq Open main.go:

vi main.go

Start the editor:

i

The version is defined in this line:

const version string = "1.0.0"

Update it to the following:

const version string = "2.0.0"

Save the main.go file one more time: **Esc** then:

:wq

Kick off Deployment

Commit and push your changes:

git add Jenkinsfile html.go main.go

git commit -m "Version 2.0.0"

git push origin new-feature

This will kick off a build of your development environment.

After the change is pushed to the Git repository, navigate to the Jenkins user interface where you can see that your build started for the new-feature branch. It can take up to a minute for the changes to be picked up.



After the build is running, click the down arrow next to the build in the left navigation and select **Console output**:



Track the output of the build for a few minutes and watch for the kubect1
--namespace=new-feature apply... messages to begin. Your new-feature branch will now be deployed to your cluster.

In a development scenario, you wouldn't use a public-facing load balancer. To help secure your application, you can use <u>kubectl proxy</u>. The proxy authenticates itself with the Kubernetes API and proxies requests from your local machine to the service in the cluster without exposing your service to the Internet.

If you didn't see anything in Build Executor, not to worry. Just go to the Jenkins homepage --> sample app. Verify that the new-feature pipeline has been created.

Once that's all taken care of, start the proxy in the background:

kubectl proxy &

If it stalls, hit Ctrl + X to exit out. Verify that your application is accessible by sending a request to localhost and letting kubectl proxy forward it to your service:

http://localhost:8001/api/v1/proxy/namespaces/new-feature/services/gceme-fr ontend:80/version

You should see it respond with 2.0.0, which is the version that is now running.

You have set up the development environment! Next, you will build on what you learned in the previous module by deploying a canary release to test out a new feature.

Deploying a Canary Release

You have verified that your app is running the latest code in the development environment, so let's deploy that code to the canary environment.

Create a canary branch and push it to the Git server:

git checkout -b canary

git push origin canary

In Jenkins, you should see the canary pipeline has kicked off. Once complete, you can check the service URL to ensure that some of the traffic is being served by your new version. You should see about 1 in 5 requests (in no particular order) returning version 2.0.0.

```
export FRONTEND_SERVICE_IP=$(kubectl get -o \
```

jsonpath="{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0].ip}" --namespace=production
services gceme-frontend)

while true; do curl http://\$FRONTEND_SERVICE_IP/version; sleep 1; done

If you keep seeing 1.0.0, try running the above commands again. Once you've verified that the above works, end the command with **Ctrl+C**.

That's it! You have deployed a canary release. Next, you will deploy the new version to production.

Deploying to production

Now that our canary release was successful and we haven't heard any customer complaints, deploy to the rest of your production fleet.

Create a canary branch and push it to the Git server:

git checkout master

git merge canary

git push origin master

In Jenkins, you should see the master pipeline has kicked off. Once complete, you can check the service URL to ensure that all of the traffic is being served by your new version, 2.0.0.

```
export FRONTEND_SERVICE_IP=$(kubectl get -o \
jsonpath="{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0].ip}" --namespace=production
services gceme-frontend)
```

```
while true; do curl http://$FRONTEND_SERVICE_IP/version; sleep 1; done
```

Once again, if you see instances of 1.0.0 try running the above commands again. You can stop this command by pressing **Ctrl+C**.

Example output (do not copy):

```
gcpstaging9854_student@qwiklabs-gcp-df93aba9e6ea114a:~/continuous-deploymen
t-on-kubernetes/sample-app$ while true; do curl
http://$FRONTEND_SERVICE_IP/version; sleep 1; done
2.0.0
2.0.0
2.0.0
2.0.0
2.0.0
2.0.0
2.0.0
```

You can also navigate to the site on which the gceme application displays the info cards. The card color changed from blue to orange. Here's the command again to get the external IP address so you can check it out:

kubectl get service gceme-frontend -n production

Example Output:

Name	gke-jenkins-cd-default-pool-c7fed012-3qb7
Version	2.0.0
ID	396367411415644538
Hostname	gke-jenkins-cd-default-pool-c7fed012-3qb7.c.qwiklabs-gcp-3ac85c6d0eccc505.internal
Zone	us-central1-f
Project	qwiklabs-gcp-3ac85c6d0eccc505
Internal IP	10.128.0.2
External IP	35.224.235.170

You're done!

Awesome job, you have successfully deployed your application to production!

Congratulations!

This concludes this hands-on lab deploying and working with Jenkins in Kubernetes Engine to enable a Continuous Delivery / Continuous Deployment pipeline. You've had the opportunity to deploy a **significant** DevOps tool in Kubernetes Engine and configure it for production use. You've worked with the kubectl command-line tool and deployment configurations in YAML files, and have learned a bit about setting up Jenkins pipelines for a development / deployment process. With this practical hands-on experience, you should feel comfortable applying these tools in your own DevOps shop.



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