

# Node Agent – kubelet

The **kubelet** is an agent running on each node and **communicates** with the **control plane** components from the **master node**. It receives Pod definitions, primarily from the API Server, and interacts with the container runtime on the node to run containers associated with the Pod. It also monitors the health and resources of Pods running containers.

The kubelet connects to container runtimes through a plugin based interface – the **Container Runtime Interface (CRI)**.

