

#Amazon EKS

⇒ Amazon EKS:- AWS EKS is a managed Kubernetes service by AWS that simplifies running Kubernetes clusters in the cloud and on-premises.

EKS features:

- ⇒ Kubernetes control plane management
- ⇒ Cluster scaling
- ⇒ Upgrades and patching
- ⇒ Security integration

Note! Use when you need scalable, secure and production-grade Kubernetes without managing it yourself.

What is Kubernetes?

An open-source platform for automating the deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications.

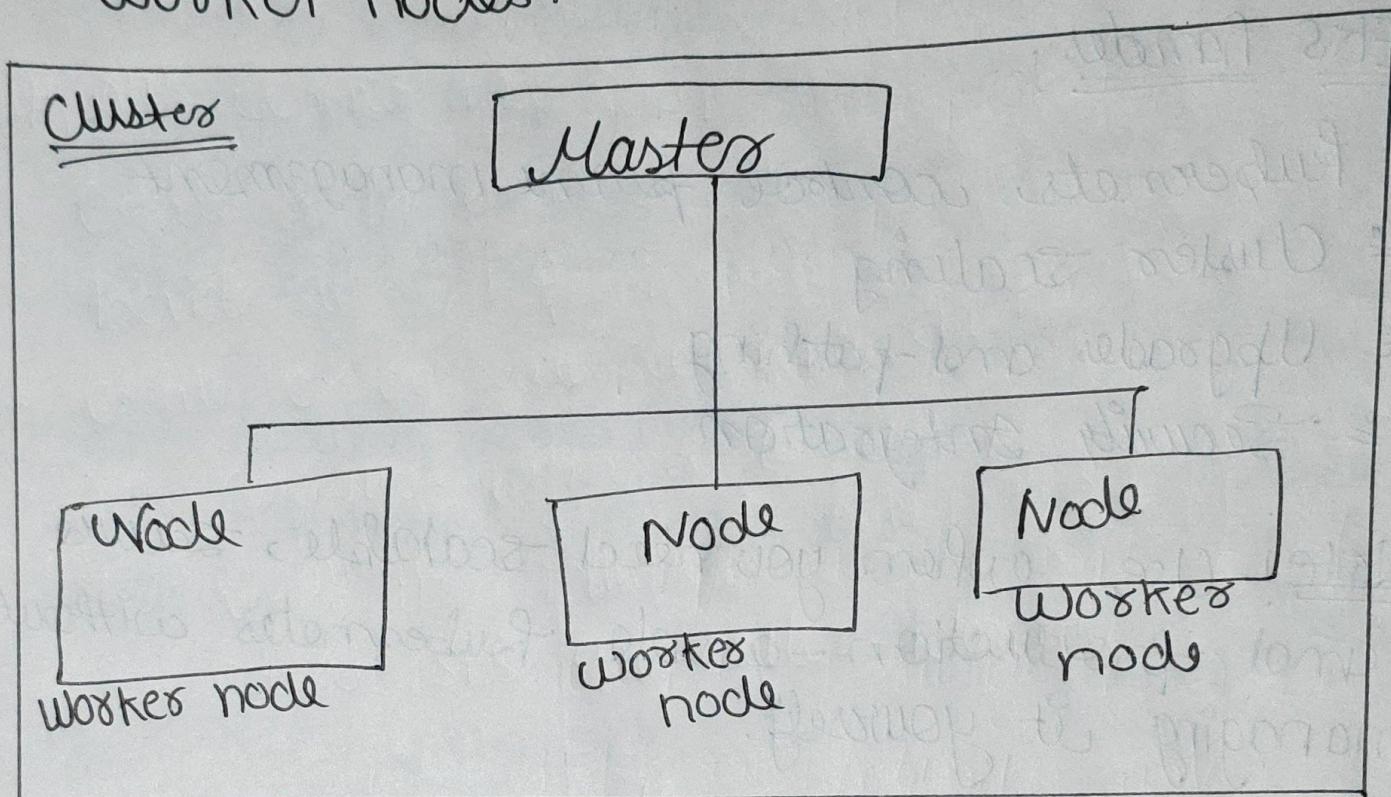
- Automating Deployment
- Management of Containerized apps
- Scaling

Kubernetes

When you deploy Kubernetes, you get a cluster.

Two important parts are:

- Master (control plane) &
- Worker nodes.

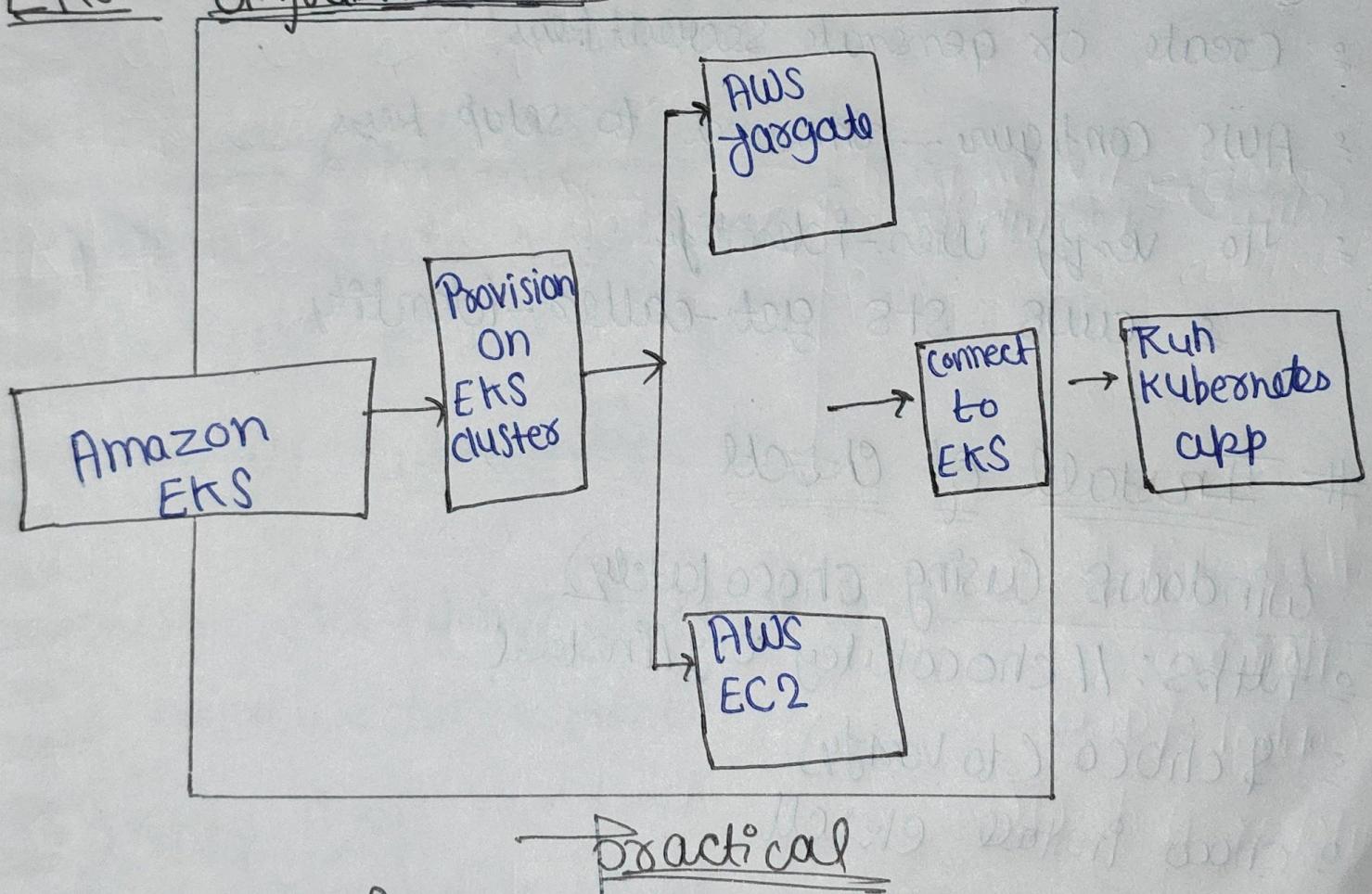


Core Components of EKS

- (i) Control Plane: managed by AWS. Includes API Server, etcd, scheduler, and controller manager.
- (ii) Workers Nodes: EC2 instances or AWS fargate to run your containers / pods.
- (iii) EKS Cluster: logical grouping of control planes and nodes.

- # Node Group - Group of EC2 worker nodes managed together.
- # Fargate profiles - Use Serverless containers AWS provisions infrastructure.
- # kubeconfig - Config file for kubectl to access your cluster securely.

EKS Infrastructure



Prerequisites

Before you begin, ensure you have the following prerequisites set up to use Amazon EKS.

Installation of AWS CLI

- ⇒ <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/>
- ⇒ Windows - Install using msi
- ⇒ Mac - Install using pkg
- ⇒ Verify using : aws --version

AWS Credential Setup

- ⇒ Create a IAM user
- ⇒ Provide sufficient permissions.
- ⇒ Create or generate Secret keys
- ⇒ AWS config - command to setup keys
- ⇒ To verify user-identity.
 - ⇒ aws sts get-caller-identity.

Install of eksctl

- ⇒ windows (using chocolatey)
- ⇒ <https://chocolatey.org/install>
- ⇒ \$ choco (to verify)
- ⇒ choco install eksctl

⇒ mac (using homebrew)

- ⇒ <https://brew.sh/>
- ⇒ brew tap weaveworks/tap
- ⇒ brew install weaveworks/tap/eksctl

Installation of kubectl

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/tools/>

- Mac - brew install kubectl

- Windows - choco install kubernetes-cli

EKS setup steps

(1) Create EKS cluster

- Use AWS Console, CLI(eksctl), or Terraform.

- Define VPC, subnets, cluster name, IAM roles.

(2) Launch worker Nodes

- Create node group (EC2) or configure Fargate profile.

(3) Update kubeconfig

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aws eks update-kubeconfig --region <region>  
--name <cluster-name>
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(4) Deploy Apps

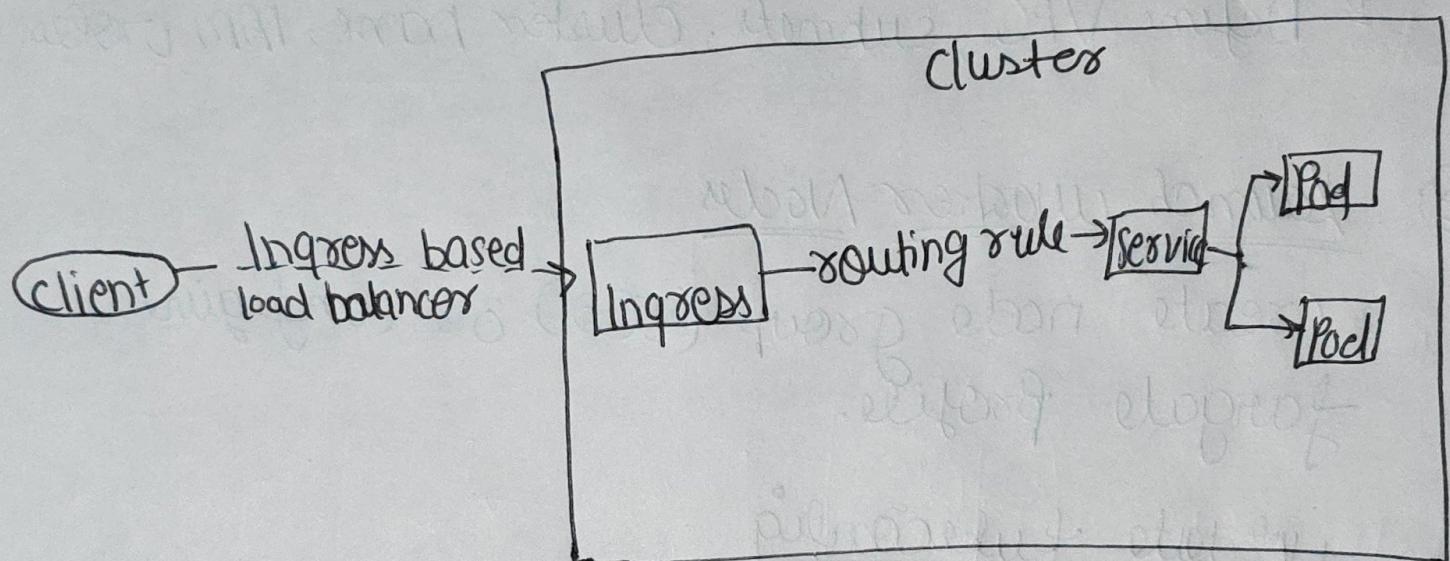
Use standard kubectl commands

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kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
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Ingress + Ingress exposes HTTP & HTTPS routes from outside the cluster to services within the cluster.

→ Traffic routing is controlled by rules defined on the Ingress resources.

Here is a simple example where an Ingress sends all its traffic to one Service:



EKS Pricing

Items

Control panel

Worker Nodes (EC2)

Gateways

Load balancers

CloudWatch Logs

Price

~ \$74/month per cluster

Billed separately based on instance type

charged per vCPU & GiB used

Additional cost (ALB/NLB)

Cost based on usage, volume.

Pros & Cons

Pros:-

- = Fully managed Kubernetes.
- = Integrated with AWS ecosystem.
- = Secure & Scalable
- = Can Use ECS or Fargate.
- = Production-grade resilience

Cons :-

- = Costly for small apps
- = Requires Kubernetes expertise
- = Slower to provision than Lambda / App Runner
- = Limited free-tier usage.

Alternatives to EKS

Use Case	Better Alternative
Simple web app	AWS App Runner
Serverless workloads	AWS Lambda
Basic container hosting	AWS Fargate (without EKS)
Cost-efficient VM	AWS Lightsail
High control with K8s	Self-managed K8s on EC2