

Lab Exercise13-Managing Namespaces in Kubernetes

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Step 1: Understand Namespaces

Namespaces provide a mechanism for scoping resources in a cluster. Namespaces can be used to:

- Create environments for different applications or teams.
- Apply policies like resource quotas or network policies on a per-namespace basis.
- Separate operational environments (like development and production).

Step 2: List Existing Namespaces

To list all the namespaces in your Kubernetes cluster:

```
kubectl get namespaces
```

You will typically see default namespaces like default, kube-system, and kube-public.

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl get namespaces
NAME                STATUS    AGE
default             Active    16m
kube-node-lease     Active    16m
kube-public         Active    16m
kube-system         Active    16m
kubernetes-dashboard Active    12m
```

Step 3: Create a Namespace

You can create a namespace using a YAML file or directly with the kubectl command.

Using YAML File

Create a file named my-namespace.yaml with the following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  name: my-namespace
```

Apply this YAML to create the namespace:

```
kubectl apply -f my-namespace.yaml
```

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl apply -f my-namespace.yaml
namespace/my-namespace created
```

Using kubectl Command

Alternatively, create a namespace using the kubectl command:

```
kubectl create namespace my-namespace
```

Verify that the namespace is created:

```
kubectl get namespaces
```

You should see my-namespace listed in the output.

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl create namespace my-namespace
Error from server (AlreadyExists): namespaces "my-namespace" already exists
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl get namespaces
NAME                STATUS   AGE
default             Active   18m
kube-node-lease     Active   18m
kube-public         Active   18m
kube-system         Active   18m
kubernetes-dashboard Active   15m
my-namespace        Active   48s
```

Step 4: Deploy Resources in a Namespace

Create resources such as Pods, Services, or Deployments within the new namespace.

Deploy a Pod in the Namespace

Create a YAML file named `nginx-pod.yaml` with the following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: nginx-pod
  namespace: my-namespace
spec:
  containers:
  - name: nginx
    image: nginx:latest
  ports:
  - containerPort: 80
```

Apply this YAML to create the Pod:

```
kubectl apply -f nginx-pod.yaml
```

Check the status of the Pod within the namespace:

```
kubectl get pods -n my-namespace
```

To describe the Pod and see detailed information:

```
kubectl describe pod nginx-pod -n my-namespace
```

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl apply -f nginx-pod.yaml
pod/nginx-pod created
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl get pods -n my-namespace
NAME          READY   STATUS             RESTARTS   AGE
nginx-pod     0/1     ContainerCreating   0           12s
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl describe pod nginx-pod -n my-namespace
Name:          nginx-pod
Namespace:     my-namespace
Priority:       0
Service Account: default
Node:          docker-desktop/192.168.65.3
```

Create a Service in the Namespace

Create a YAML file named **nginx-service.yaml** with the following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: nginx-service
  namespace: my-namespace
spec:
```

```
selector:
  app: nginx-pod
ports:
- protocol: TCP
  port: 80
  targetPort: 80
type: ClusterIP
```

Apply this YAML to create the Service:

```
kubectl apply -f nginx-service.yaml
```

Check the status of the Service within the namespace:

```
kubectl get services -n my-namespace
```

To describe the Service and see detailed information:

```
kubectl describe service nginx-service -n my-namespace
```

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl apply -f nginx-service.yaml
service/nginx-service created
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl get services -n my-namespace
NAME                TYPE        CLUSTER-IP    EXTERNAL-IP  PORT(S)    AGE
nginx-service       ClusterIP   10.101.11.222 <none>       80/TCP     9s
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl describe service nginx-service -n my-namespace
Name:                nginx-service
Namespace:           my-namespace
Labels:              <none>
Annotations:         <none>
Selector:             app=nginx-pod
Type:                ClusterIP
IP Family Policy:    SingleStack
IP Families:         IPv4
IP:                  10.101.11.222
IPs:                 10.101.11.222
Port:                <unset> 80/TCP
TargetPort:          80/TCP
Endpoints:           <none>
Session Affinity:    None
Internal Traffic Policy: Cluster
Events:              <none>
```

Step 5: Switching Context Between Namespaces

When working with multiple namespaces, you can specify the namespace in kubectl commands or switch the default context.

Specify Namespace in Commands

You can specify the namespace directly in kubectl commands using the `-n` or `--namespace` flag:

```
kubectl get pods -n my-namespace
```

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl get pods -n my-namespace
NAME      READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
nginx-pod  1/1     Running   0           2m4s
```

Set Default Namespace for kubectl Commands

To avoid specifying the namespace every time, you can set the default namespace for the current context:

```
kubectl config set-context --current --namespace=my-namespace
```

Verify the current context's namespace:

```
kubectl config view --minify | grep namespace
```

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl config set-context --current --namespace=my-namespace
Context "docker-desktop" modified.
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl config view --minify | grep namespace
namespace: my-namespace
```

Step 6: Clean Up Resources

To delete the resources and the namespace you created:

```
kubectl delete -f nginx-pod.yaml
```

```
kubectl delete -f nginx-service.yaml  
kubectl delete namespace my-namespace
```

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl delete -f nginx-pod.yaml  
pod "nginx-pod" deleted from my-namespace namespace  
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl delete -f nginx-service.yaml  
service "nginx-service" deleted from my-namespace namespace  
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl delete namespace my-namespace  
namespace "my-namespace" deleted
```

Ensure that the namespace and all its resources are deleted:

```
kubectl get namespaces
```

```
PS C:\Users\LENOVO\Ex8> kubectl get namespaces  
NAME                STATUS    AGE  
default              Active    22m  
kube-node-lease      Active    22m  
kube-public          Active    22m  
kube-system          Active    22m  
kubernetes-dashboard Active    19m
```