

# 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:        
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
```