Chapter 9

Volumes and Data



9.1 Labs

Exercise 9.1: Create a ConfigMap

Overview

Container files are ephemeral, which can be problematic for some applications. Should a container be restarted the files will be lost. In addition, we need a method to share files between containers inside a Pod.

A Volume is a directory accessible to containers in a Pod. Cloud providers offer volumes which persist further than the life of the Pod, such that AWS or GCE volumes could be pre-populated and offered to Pods, or transferred from one Pod to another. **Ceph** is also another popular solution for dynamic, persistent volumes.

Unlike current **Docker** volumes a Kubernetes volume has the lifetime of the Pod, not the containers within. You can also use different types of volumes in the same Pod simultaneously, but Volumes cannot mount in a nested fashion. Each must have their own mount point. Volumes are declared with spec.volumes and mount points with spec.containers.volumeMounts parameters. Each particular volume type, 24 currently, may have other restrictions. https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/volumes/#types-of-volumes

We will also work with a ConfigMap, which is basically a set of key-value pairs. This data can be made available so that a Pod can read the data as environment variables or configuration data. A ConfigMap is similar to a Secret, except they are not base64 byte encoded arrays. They are stored as strings and can be read in serialized form.

Create a ConfigMap

There are three different ways a ConfigMap can ingest data, from a literal value, from a file or from a directory of files.

1. We will create a ConfigMap containing primary colors. We will create a series of files to ingest into the ConfigMap. First, we create a directory primary and populate it with four files. Then we create a file in our home directory with our favorite color.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ mkdir primary
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ echo c > primary/cyan
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ echo m > primary/magenta
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ echo y > primary/yellow
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ echo k > primary/black
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ echo "known as key" >> primary/black
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ echo blue > favorite
```

2. Now we will create the ConfigMap and populate it with the files we created as well as a literal value from the command line.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create configmap colors \
     --from-literal=text=black \
     --from-file=./favorite \
     --from-file=./primary/
configmap "colors" created
```

3. View how the data is organized inside the cluster.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get configmap colors
NAME
         DATA
                    AGE
colors
          6
                    30s
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get configmap colors -o yaml
apiVersion: v1
data:
 black: |
    known as key
 cyan: |
  favorite: |
   blue
 magenta: |
  text: black
  yellow: |
kind: ConfigMap
<output_omitted>
```

4. Now we can create a Pod to use the ConfigMap. In this case a particular parameter is being defined as an environment variable.

```
student@lfs458-node-1aOa:~$ vim simpleshell.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
   name: shell-demo
spec:
   containers:
   - name: nginx
   image: nginx
   env:
```



```
- name: ilike
  valueFrom:
    configMapKeyRef:
    name: colors
    key: favorite
```

5. Create the Pod and view the environmental variable. After you view the parameter, exit out and delete the pod.

6. All variables from a file can be included as environment variables as well. Comment out the previous env: stanza and add a slightly different envFrom to the file. Having new and old code at the same time can be helpful to see and understand the differences. Recreate the Pod, check all variables and delete the pod again. They can be found spread throughout the environment variable output.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim simpleshell.yaml
<output_omitted>
   image: nginx
    env:
     - name: ilike
       valueFrom:
        configMapKeyRef:
#
          name: colors
          key: favorite
    envFrom:
    - configMapRef:
        name: colors
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f simpleshell.yaml
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl exec -it shell-demo \
           -- /bin/bash -c 'env'
HOSTNAME=shell-demo
NJS_VERSION=1.13.6.0.1.14-1~stretch
NGINX_VERSION=1.13.6-1~stretch
black=k
know as key
favorite=blue
<output_omitted>
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete pod shell-demo
pod "shell-demo" deleted
```

7. A ConfigMap can also be created from a YAML file. Create one with a few parameters to describe a car.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim car-map.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
   name: fast-car
   namespace: default
```



```
data:
    car.make: Ford
    car.model: Mustang
    car.trim: Shelby
```

8. Create the ConfigMap and verify the settings.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f car-map.yaml
configmap "fast-car" created

student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get configmap fast-car -o yaml
apiVersion: v1
data:
    car.make: Ford
    car.model: Mustang
    car.trim: Shelby
kind: ConfigMap
<output_omitted>
```

9. We will now make the ConfigMap available to a Pod as a mounted volume. You can again comment out the previous environmental settings and add the following new stanza. The containers: and volumes: entries are indented the same number of spaces.

```
student@lfs458-node-1aOa:~$ vim simpleshell.yaml
<output_omitted>
spec:
    containers:
        - name: nginx
        image: nginx
        volumeMounts:
        - name: car-vol
            mountPath: /etc/cars

volumes:
        - name: car-vol
        configMap:
            name: fast-car
```

10. Create the Pod again. Verify the volume exists and the contents of a file within. Due to the lack of a carriage return in the file your next prompt may be on the same line as the output, Shelby.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f simpleshell.yaml
pod "shell-demo" created
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl exec -it shell-demo -- \
     /bin/bash -c 'df -h'
Filesystem
             Size Used Avail Use% Mounted on
none
               20G 1.8G 18G 10% /
                    0 3.9G
               3.9G
                                0% /dev
tmpfs
             3.9G
                       0 3.9G
                                 0% /sys/fs/cgroup
tmpfs
               20G 1.8G
                         18G 10% /etc/cars
/dev/xvda1
<output_omitted>
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl exec -it shell-demo -- \
    /bin/bash -c 'cat /etc/cars/car.trim'
Shelby
```

11. Delete the Pod and ConfigMaps we were using.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete pods shell-demo
pod "shell-demo" deleted
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete configmap fast-car colors
```



```
configmap "fast-car" deleted
configmap "colors" deleted
```

Exercise 9.2: Creating a Persistent NFS Volume (PV)

We will first deploy an NFS server. Once tested we will create a persistent NFS volume for containers to claim.

1. Install the software on your master node.

2. Make and populate a directory to be shared. Also give it similar permissions to /tmp/

3. Edit the NFS server file to share out the newly created directory. In this case we will share the directory with all. You can always **snoop** to see the inbound request in a later step and update the file to be more narrow.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ sudo vim /etc/exports
/opt/sfw/ *(rw,sync,no_root_squash,subtree_check)
```

4. Cause /etc/exports to be re-read:

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ sudo exportfs -ra
```

5. Test by mounting the resource from your **second** node.

```
student@lfs458-node-2b2b:~$ sudo apt-get -y install nfs-common
<output_omitted>

student@lfs458-node-2b2b:~$ showmount -e lfs458-node-1a0a
Export list for lfs458-node-1a0a:
/opt/sfw *

student@lfs458-node-2b2b:~$ sudo mount 10.128.0.3:/opt/sfw /mnt

student@lfs458-node-2b2b:~$ ls -l /mnt
total 4
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9 Sep 28 17:55 hello.txt
```

6. Return to the master node and create a YAML file for the object with kind, PersistentVolume. Use the hostname of the master server and the directory you created in the previous step. Only syntax is checked, an incorrect name or directory will not generate an error, but a Pod using the resource will not start. Note that the accessModes do not currently affect actual access and are typically used as labels instead.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim PVol.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
   name: pvvol-1
spec:
   capacity:
```

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```
storage: 1Gi
accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: Retain
nfs:
    path: /opt/sfw
    server: lfs458-node-1a0a #<-- Edit to match master node
    readOnly: false</pre>
```

7. Create the persistent volume, then verify its creation.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f PVol.yaml
persistentvolume "pvvol-1" created

student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get pv

NAME CAPACITY ACCESSMODES RECLAIMPOLICY STATUS
CLAIM STORAGECLASS REASON AGE
pvvol-1 1Gi RWX Retain Available 4s
```

Exercise 9.3: Creating a Persistent Volume Claim (PVC)

Before Pods can take advantage of the new PV we need to create a Persistent Volume Claim (PVC).

1. Begin by determining if any currently exist.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get pvc
No resources found.
```

2. Create a YAML file for the new pvc.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim pvc.yaml

apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
   name: pvc-one
spec:
   accessModes:
   - ReadWriteMany
   resources:
        requests:
        storage: 200Mi
```

3. Create and verify the new pvc is bound. Note that the size is 1Gi, even though 200Mi was suggested. Only a volume of at least that size could be used.

4. Look at the status of the pv again, to determine if it is in use. It should show a status of Bound.

```
student@lfs458-node-laOa:~$ kubectl get pv

NAME CAPACITY ACCESSMODES RECLAIMPOLICY STATUS CLAIM STORAGECLASS REASON AGE
pvvol-1 1Gi RWX Retain Bound default/pvc-one 5m
```



5. Create a new deployment to use the pvc. We will copy and edit an existing deployment yaml file. We will change the deployment name then add a volumeMounts section under containers and volumes section to the general spec. The name used must match in both places, whatever name you use. The claimName must match an existing pvc. As shown in the following example.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ cp first.yaml nfs-pod.yaml
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim nfs-pod.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1beta1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 annotations:
   deployment.kubernetes.io/revision: "1"
 generation: 1
 labels:
   run: nginx
 name: nginx-nfs
 namespace: default
 resourceVersion: "1411"
spec:
 replicas: 1
 selector:
   matchLabels:
     run: nginx
 strategy:
   rollingUpdate:
     maxSurge: 1
     maxUnavailable: 1
   type: RollingUpdate
  template:
   metadata:
      creationTimestamp: null
      labels:
       run: nginx
    spec:
      containers:
      - image: nginx
        imagePullPolicy: Always
        name: nginx
        volumeMounts:
         - name: nfs-vol
         mountPath: /opt
        ports:
        - containerPort: 80
         protocol: TCP
        resources: {}
        terminationMessagePath: /dev/termination-log
        terminationMessagePolicy: File
                                         #<<-- These four lines
      volumes:
      - name: nfs-vol
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: pvc-one
      dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
      restartPolicy: Always
      schedulerName: default-scheduler
      securityContext: {}
      terminationGracePeriodSeconds: 30
```

6. Create the pod using the newly edited file.

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student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~\$ kubectl create -f nfs-pod.yaml



7. Look at the details of the pod.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get pods
                             READY
                                        STATUS
                                                  RESTARTS
                                                             AGE
nginx-nfs-1054709768-s8g28
                             1/1
                                        Running
                                                              3m
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl describe pod nginx-nfs-1054709768-s8g28
                     nginx-nfs-1054709768-s8g28
Namespace:
                  default
Node:
                     lfs458-node-2b2b/10.128.0.5
<output_omitted>
    Mounts:
      /opt from nfs-vol (rw)
<output_omitted>
Volumes:
  nfs-vol:
    Type:
                 PersistentVolumeClaim (a reference to a PersistentV...
    ClaimName:
                     pvc-one
    ReadOnly:
                     false
<output_omitted>
```

8. View the status of the PVC. It should show as bound.

Exercise 9.4: Using a ResourceQuota to Limit PVC Count and Usage

The flexibility of cloud-based storage often requires limiting consumption among users. We will use the ResourceQuota object to both limit the total consumption as well as the number of persistent volume claims.

1. Begin by deleting the deployment we had created to use NFS, the pv and the pvc.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete deploy nginx-nfs deployment "nginx-nfs" deleted

student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete pvc pvc-one persistentvolumeclaim "pvc-one" deleted

student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete pv pvvol-1 persistentvolume "pvvol-1" deleted
```

 $2. \ \, \text{Create a yamI file for the } \underline{\text{ResourceQuota object.}} \, \, \text{Set the storage limit to ten claims with a total usage of } 500 \text{Mi.}$

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim storage-quota.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: ResourceQuota
metadata:
   name: storagequota
spec:
   hard:
    persistentvolumeclaims: "10"
    requests.storage: "500Mi"
```



3. Create a new namespace called small. View the namespace information prior to the new quota. Either the long name with double dashes --namespace or the nickname ns work for the resource.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create --namespace small
namespace "small" created

student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl describe ns small
Name: small
Labels: <none>
Annotations: <none>
Status: Active

No resource quota.
```

4. Create a new pv and pvc in the small namespace.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f PVol.yaml -n small
persistentvolume "pvvol-1" created
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f pvc.yaml -n small
persistentvolumeclaim "pvc-one" created
```

5. Create the new resource quota, placing this object into the low-usage-limit namespace.

```
student@1fs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f storage-quota.yaml \
    -n small
resourcequota "storagequota" created
```

6. Verify the small namespace has quotas. Compare the output to the same command above.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl describe ns small
Name:
            small
Labels:
             <none>
Annotations: <none>
Status:
             Active
Resource Quotas
Name:
                        storagequota
Resource
                        Used Hard
 persistentvolumeclaims 1
                               10
                        200Mi 500Mi
 requests.storage
No resource limits.
```

7. Remove the namespace line from the nfs-pod.yaml file. Should be around line 11 or so. This will allow us to pass other namespaces on the command line.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim nfs-pod.yaml
```

8. Create the container again.

9. Determine if the deployment has a running pod.



10. Look to see if the pods are ready.

```
      student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get po --namespace=small

      NAME
      READY
      STATUS
      RESTARTS
      AGE

      nginx-nfs-2854978848-g3khf
      1/1
      Running
      0
      37s
```

11. Ensure the Pod is running and is using the NFS mounted volume.

12. View the quota usage of the namespace

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl describe ns small
<output_omitted>

Resource Quotas
Name: storagequota
Resource Used Hard
-------
persistentvolumeclaims 1 10
requests.storage 200Mi 500Mi
No resource limits.
```

13. Create a 300M file inside of the /opt/sfw directory on the host and view the quota usage again. Note that with NFS the size of the share is not counted against the deployment.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ sudo dd if=/dev/zero \
       of=/opt/sfw/bigfile bs=1M count=300
300+0 records in
300+0 records out
314572800 bytes (315 MB, 300 MiB) copied, 0.196794 s, 1.6 GB/s
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl describe ns small
<output_omitted>
Resource Quotas
Name:
                              storagequota
Resource
                         Used
                                     Hard
persistentvolumeclaims
                                        10
requests.storage
                         200Mi
                                      500Mi
<output_omitted>
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ du -h /opt/
            /opt/sfw
301M
           /opt/cni/bin
41M
41M
           /opt/cni
341M
            /opt/
```



14. Now let us illustrate what happens when a deployment requests more than the quota. Begin by shutting down the existing deployment.

15. Once the Pod has shut down view the resource usage of the namespace again. Note the storage did not get cleaned up when the pod was shut down.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl describe ns small
<output_omitted>
Resource Quotas
Name: storagequota
Resource Used Hard
-----
persistentvolumeclaims 1 10
requests.storage 200Mi 500Mi
```

16. Remove the pvc then view the pv it was using. Note the RECLAIM POLICY and STATUS.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get pvc -n small
NAME
         STATUS
                   VOLUME
                             CAPACITY ACCESSMODES
                                                     STORAGECLASS
                                                                    AGE.
pvc-one
         Bound
                   pvvol-1
                                       R.WX
                                                                    19m
                             1Gi
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete pvc pvc-one -n small
persistentvolumeclaim "pvc-one" deleted
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get pv -n small
        CAPACITY ACCESSMODES RECLAIMPOLICY
                                                STATUS
                                                            CLAIM
STORAGECLASS REASON
                      AGE
pvvol-1 1Gi RWX
                    Retain
                             Released
                                        small/pvc-one 44m
```

17. Dynamically provisioned storage uses the ReclaimPolicy of the StorageClass which could be Delete, Retain, or some types allow Recycle. Manually created persistent volumes default to Retain unless set otherwise at creation. The default storage policy is to retain the storage to allow recovery of any data. To change this begin by viewing the yaml output.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get pv/pvvol-1 -o yaml
....
  path: /opt/sfw
    server: lfs458-node-1a0a
  persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: Retain
status:
  phase: Released
```

18. Currently we will need to delete and re-create the object. Future development on a deleter plugin is planned. We will re-create the volume and allow it to use the Retain policy, then change it once running.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete pv/pvvol-1
persistentvolume "pvvol-1" deleted

student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ grep Retain PVol.yaml
   persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: Retain

student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f PVol.yaml
persistentvolume "pvvol-1" created
```

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19. We will use kubect1 patch to change the retention policy to Delete. The yaml output from before can be helpful in getting the correct syntax.

20. View the current quota settings.

21. Create the pvc again. Even with no pods running, note the resource usage.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f pvc.yaml -n small
persistentvolumeclaim "pvc-one" created

student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl describe ns small
.
    requests.storage 200Mi 500Mi
```

22. Remove the existing quota from the namespace.

23. Edit the storagequota.yaml file and lower the capacity to 100Mi.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim storage-quota.yaml
.
   requests.storage: "100Mi"
```

24. Create and verify the new storage quota. Note the hard limit has already been exceeded.

25. Create the deployment again. View the deployment. Note there are no errors seen.



26. Examine the pods to see if they are actually running.

```
      student@1fs458-node-1a0a: ** kubectl get po -n small

      NAME
      READY
      STATUS
      RESTARTS
      AGE

      nginx-nfs-2854978848-vb6bh
      1/1
      Running
      0
      58s
```

27. As we were able to deploy more pods even with apparent hard quota set, let us test to see if the reclaim of storage takes place. Remove the deployment and the persistent volume claim.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete deploy nginx-nfs -n small
deployment "nginx-nfs" deleted
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete pvc/pvc-one -n small
persistentvolumeclaim "pvc-one" deleted
```

28. View if the persistent volume exists. You will see it attempted a removal, but failed. If you look closer you will find the error has to do with the lack of a deleter volume plugin for NFS. Other storage protocols have a plugin.

29. Ensure the deployment, pvc and pv are all removed.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete pv/pvvol-1 persistentvolume "pvvol-1" deleted
```

30. Edit the persistent volume YAML file and change the persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: to Recycle.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ vim PVol.yaml
....
persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: Recycle
```

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31. Add a LimitRange to the namespace and attempt to create the persistent volume and persistent volume claim again. We can use the LimitRange we used earlier.

32. View the settings for the namespace. Both quotas and resource limits should be seen.



33. Create the persistent volume again. View the resource. Note the Reclaim Policy is Recycle.

34. Attempt to create the persistent volume claim again. The quota only takes effect if there is also a resource limit in effect.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f pvc.yaml -n small Error from server (Forbidden): error when creating "pvc.yaml": persistentvolumeclaims "pvc-one" is forbidden: exceeded quota: storagequota, requested: requests.storage=200Mi, used: requests.storage=0, limited: requests.storage=100Mi
```

35. Edit the resourcequota to increase the requests.storage to 500mi.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl edit resourcequota -n small
....
spec:
   hard:
    persistentvolumeclaims: "10"
   requests.storage: 500Mi
status:
   hard:
   persistentvolumeclaims: "10"
```

36. Create the pvc again. It should work this time. Then create the deployment again.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f pvc.yaml -n small
persistentvolumeclaim "pvc-one" created
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl create -f nfs-pod.yaml -n small
deployment "nginx-nfs" created
```

37. View the namespace settings.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl describe ns small
<output_omitted>
```

38. Delete the deployment. View the status of the pv and pvc.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl delete deploy nginx-nfs -n small
deployment "nginx-nfs" deleted
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get pvc -n small
         STATUS
                   VOLUME
                             CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
                                                       STORAGECLASS
                                                                      AGE
NAME
        Bound
                   pvvol-1
                             1Gi
                                        RWX
pvc-one
                                                                      7m
student@lfs458-node-1a0a:~$ kubectl get pv -n small
     CAPACITY ACCESS MODES RECLAIM POLICY STATUS
                                                    CLAIM STORA...
pvvol-1 1Gi
                       Recycle Bound small/pvc-one
                RWX
```

39. Delete the pvc and check the status of the pv. It should show as Available.

```
student@lfs458-node-1a0a: $ kubectl delete pvc pvc-one -n small persistentvolumeclaim "pvc-one" deleted

student@lfs458-node-1a0a: $ kubectl get pv -n small

NAME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES RECLAIM POLICY STATUS CLAIM STORA...

pvvol-1 1Gi RWX Recycle Available ...
```



40. Remove the pv and any other resources created during this lab.

 $\label{thm:condition} $$ tudent@lfs458-node-1a0a: $$ kubectl delete pv pvvol-1 persistentvolume "pvvol-1" deleted$



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